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A police officer stands guard near Norris Hall on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., where 32 people were killed and more were injured yesterday. JASON ARTHURS | RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER/RET

UK evaluates emergency procedures in wake of attack

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The deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history ended with 33 dead at Virginia Tech University yesterday and prompted UK to examine its campus-wide emergency protocol.

"We're just bridging emergency preparedness at the level it needs to be addressed," said Christy Giles, a UK emergency management coordinator. "The biggest problem we have is means of communication to students, faculty and staff."

UK's Emergency Management Department was formed in 2004. Before its creation, several departments on campus developed their own emergency plans, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"We are in the process now of reviewing those and working to integrate them into the larger campus-wide emergency plan," he said. "We've already begun, in the wake of this terrible tragedy, looking at our policies and procedures and trying to learn from what happened."

Public safety leaders on campus met yesterday and began reviewing what happened at Virginia Tech, examining UK's current process and discussing how UK will coordinate with Lexington officials, city police and the public school system during emergencies, Blanton said.

The Emergency Management Department organized a response plan about a year and a half ago that outlines who is contacted in the case of an emergency and has been updating it since then, said UK interim police chief Maj. Joe Monroe.

The plan is not open to the public, and Blanton could not provide details on the procedures. The secrecy is because of security concerns, he said.

Under the current system, the Emergency Management Department and UK public relations work together to inform the UK community and its 24,000 students of crises through e-mails, the UK Web site, campus safety alerts and mass media.

While UK has a system of communication established, Blanton said it is still looking for the "most expeditious way to alert people of safety measures" in the case of a lockdown or evacuation.

"We're addressing some of these things," Giles said. "There's just nothing solid in place."
The university is looking into faculty and staff training that would help

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Gunman kills 32 and himself in worst shooting attack in nation's history

By Ian Shapiro and Tom Jackman
THE WASHINGTON POST

BLACKSBURG, Va. — An outburst of gunfire at a Virginia Tech dormitory, followed two hours later by a ruthless rampage at a classroom building, killed 32 students, faculty and staff and injured about 30 others yesterday in the deadliest shooting attack in the nation's history.

The shooter, whose name was not released last night, carried two 9mm semiautomatic handguns and wore blue jeans, a blue jacket and a vest that carried additional ammunition, law enforcement officials and witnesses said. Witnesses described the shooter as a young man of Asian descent — a silent killer who was calm and showed no expression as he pursued and shot his victims. He killed himself as police closed in.

He had left two dead at the dormitory and 30 more at a science and engineering building, where he executed people taking and teaching classes and even shot at a custodian who was helping a victim. Witnesses described scenes of chaos and grief, with students jumping from windows to escape gunfire and others blocking

their classroom doors to keep the gunman away.

Even before anyone knew who the gunman was or why he did what he did, the campus community in Southwest Virginia began questioning whether most of the deaths could have been prevented. They wondered why the campus was not shut down after the first shooting, in which two people were killed.

The enormity of the event brought almost immediate expressions of condolences from President Bush, both houses of Congress and across the world.

"I'm really at a loss for words to explain or to understand the carnage that has visited our campus," said Charles W. Steger, Virginia Tech's president.

The rampage began as much of the campus was just waking up. A man walked into a freshman coed dorm at 7:15 a.m. and fatally shot a young woman and a resident adviser.

Based on witness interviews, police believed it was an isolated domestic case and chose not to take any drastic security measures, university officials said. But about 9:45 a.m., a man entered a classroom building,

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Virginia Tech timeline

What is known so far about events on Monday, April 16, when the largest mass shooting in U.S. history claimed 33 lives.

7:15 a.m. Gunfire reported in West Ambler Johnston dorm, male and female found dead

8:00 a.m. Dorm locked down; police believe double homicide is isolated incident

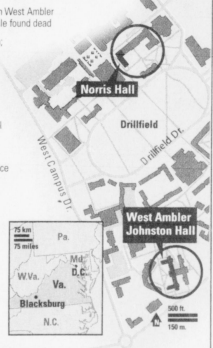
8:25 a.m. Campus officials meet to assess murder investigation

9:26 a.m. Campuswide email alerts students to incident at dorm, caution urged

9:45 a.m. 911 call alerts police to gunfire at Norris Hall; police find 31 dead including gunman

9:50 a.m. Campus email says gunman loose on campus, warns students to stay inside

Source: Virginia Tech, McClatchy Washington Bureau, Maine Virginia, Julia Hedrick © 2007 MCT



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Mock primary to be held on campus

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Students will be able to vote for the new governor tomorrow at a mock voting booth in the White Hall Classroom Building. The votes won't really count toward the May primary election, but Les Fugate, deputy assistant secretary of state, said this event will help simplify the procedures of voting for college students.

"There is a need to demystify the voting process," Fugate said. "It is a way of taking away any intimidation."

The increased number of mock elections are to register voters, remind students about the absentee ballot and show them how to use new voting machines, Fugate said.

"We want to raise awareness of the May 22nd primary and educate voters about the absentee ballot," Fugate said. "We're doing this to show that there are officials who care about young people and their opinions."

The mock election was timed so that students can still register to vote before the deadline, Fugate said.

There will be only one machine on the first floor of the Classroom Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, but Fugate said one will be enough and assured students that it

won't take much time to participate.

"There is only the governor's race on the ballot, so it won't take ten seconds to complete," Fugate said. "This is the new machine that is used in Fayette County."

Brent Burchett, president of the College Republicans, said many college students don't even know there is a primary election coming up.

"I don't know if students are aware that there is an election," Burchett said. "Any student pays attention to the presidential race but most have no clue about state politics."

The increased number of candidates in primaries makes students' votes count even more, Burchett said. "More now than ever their votes will count in this election," Burchett said. "Students can see how many candidates are on the ballot and see that they can make a big impact."

While the mock election is a good idea, Burchett said, there is only so much that can be done to encourage students.

"We can do our job to educate them and then hopefully they will take the initiative to get out and vote," Burchett said. "After this, at least students will have heard of the candidates and maybe even do some research."

Robert Kahne, president of the College Democrats, said he has high expectations for the event.

"We realistically expect lots of students to come out and participate," Kahne said. "The fact that the vote doesn't actually count might be a deterrent, but we have high hopes."

The absentee ballot is a voting tool that needs to be explained to college students, Kahne said.

"Students away at college have so many obstacles that keep them from voting," he said. "College students understand the value of the vote, but it can be difficult."

The booth will offer a way for students to familiarize themselves with the process, Kahne said.

"It is a chance to use an actual booth with an actual ballot," Kahne said. "It's good practice, and this exercise will be really valuable."

The results will be released to media throughout the state, Fugate said, and could be helpful to the candidates as well as students.

"The results will show who college students prefer in the race," Fugate said. "That candidate can say that young people really care about his vision. It's a way for students to say, 'This is who we want, and this is what we care about.'"

VP candidate says top-20 goal needs 'massive effort'

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The Top 20 Business Plan will be a challenging goal, said the fourth and final candidate for the new vice president for research position.

"I think it's realistic, but not all realistic plans get done in the time frame that's projected or in the manner that's projected," said Theodore S. Widlanski of Indiana University. Widlanski will be at UK today and tomorrow. He will participate in a public forum today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 101 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building. Students, faculty and staff may attend to learn about Widlanski's background and ask questions.

The Top 20 Business Plan calls for increasing research funding from \$300 to over \$750 million per year.

As part of the plan, UK will raise 40 percent of the money, about \$438 million, through endowments, private fundraising, research and cost cutting. The other 60 percent will come from state funding and student tuition, according to the business plan.

"It's built on certain assumptions

and those assumptions have to hold true," Widlanski said.

The funding provided by the state will have to meet the plan's needs for UK to achieve its Top 20 goal, Widlanski said. Because funds given to UK can fluctuate as federal and state agencies change, he said UK achieving Top 20 status will require "massive effort" from the university.

"All of this is predicated on things that UK can't control and the state legislature can't control," Widlanski said.

"The kinds of issues you can deal with, you do deal with," he said. "The kinds of issues you can't deal with, you don't."

To prepare for his interview, Widlanski said he had gathered information on UK's research program and the Top 20 Business Plan. However, Widlanski said he did not want to discuss changes to the research program before visiting campus.

"It would be really presumptuous to say I want to change something after reading about it online," Widlanski said.

"Those changes affect real people,"

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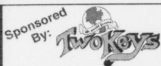
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The tent is down... Let the Patio Party Begin



Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 9 — Continue to speak decisively. Others depend upon your sense of certainty now. Luckily, for you, this is not a problem.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 5 — The good news is that the work you're doing is increasing your reserves. The bad news is that you have to hustle more than you find comfortable. You'll survive.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — Let people know you appreciate their advice, but don't follow it all. Check it out with your partner first. The best schemes will meet with approval, the reckless

ones won't.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 9 — Follow orders, and also use your own imagination. It's OK if superiors don't know that you ever make mistakes. Produce results and smile, as you accept the kudos.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — You're still lucky, and you're starting to get a little more sensible. Don't depend too heavily on a flaky assistant. Make sure the job gets done right.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — You can put away money for the future by letting a client pay later. Only do this for somebody you're certain can be trusted.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — Don't let your partner spend all the money. There's a great temptation to simply have somebody else make all the decisions. That's not a good idea.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 9 — You'll have time to relax later, after your associate is trained.

Don't have a helper in training? Get on that right away.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — You're slightly more interested in settling down to work. This is good, but don't go exactly by the book. The latest theory does not apply well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — Suddenly, it all makes sense. In the next moment, you wonder why you worried. After that, you can forget all about it, and get onto the next question.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — Your research is producing results, or it will, if you keep at it. Don't schedule anything demanding for tonight. You'll want to mull things over.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 9 — Make sure everybody knows who's in charge of your production. It's you, of course. Taking full responsibility makes the job easier.

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LOVE LIVES Nicole & Keith's Easter Down Under!

THE DISH
Nicole Kidman may be shooting down recent reports that she is pregnant, but she did have family on her mind Easter weekend. The star and husband Keith Urban, both 39, jetted to her native Sydney, Australia, on April 8 to meet her 2-week-old niece, Sybella (her sister Antonia's fourth child), and share a holiday dinner with her folks.

But the trip was a short one. Two days after arriving, Kidman was due to start work on her 2008 epic Australia with Hugh Jackman, while Urban is gearing up for the Euro-pean tour he kicks off April 19. Will work preclude starting a family? No way, says Urban. "I am looking forward to fatherhood," he told Sydney's Daily Telegraph. "I have always wanted to be a good dad."

I lost it! After four months apart, she says she's just looking forward to spending time together. Until then, they have made do with racy pics. "We do send dirty pictures, but it's only a little butt cheek here, a little cleavage there," she says. "I'll have him send some abs this way!"

Karina in love?

Ever since they teamed up on season three, Mario Lopez, 33, and Karina Smirnoff, 29, have been boogying together off camera as well. "She's a great girl," the 2006 runner-up tells Us. "We get along great." So are he and Smirnoff (now paired with Billy Ray Cyrus) officially a couple? "I'm single," he insists. "I don't have any rings!"

Today's Tiki Barber Meet My Wife!

He may have left the New York Giants, but as Tiki Barber gears up for his April 16 start as a Today correspondent, he tells Us he still has team support — from his family. "My wife's been great," Barber, 32, gushes about his love of 12 years, Ginny, 31, and the coaching she's giving him during the career change. "She dresses me," confesses the recently retired running back, who has been practicing for the show in the NYC apartment they share with her parents and the couple's two sons, A.J., 4, and Chason, 3. "When I get up in the morning, my clothes are laid out like a 10-year-old's. . . . She makes me look good." So will he miss the football field? "The only thing I'll miss is hanging out with the guys," he says. "We had a little fraternity."

New York & Tango — head into the sunset!

"I know I made the right choice," Tiffany "New York" Pollard tells Us of picking Patrick "Tango" Hunter, 26, out of the 20 guys who battled for her heart in the VH1 reality hit I Love New York. "He seemed a little bit more level-headed and well-rounded."

Still, she admits the record label owner's surprise proposal threw her. "Marriage wasn't even remotely close to being on my mind," the two-time Flavor of Love alum, 25, admits, adding that she lost the ring the same night on it, and it didn't even shine, so maybe that's why

Laila Ali's summer wedding

"In between dances and makeup," Dancing With the Stars' Laila Ali tells Us, "I'm on the phone with my wedding coordinator!" And the boxer, 29, is leaving the details of the July vows to the pros. "As long as it's beautiful, I will be happy." Still, there is one must for the California event: "She said, 'You know we're going to have to dance for the wedding, right?'" says her fiancé, ex-NFL pro Curtis Conway, 36, who adds that Maksim Chmerkovskiy, Ali's DWTS partner, can expect a call. "I'm going to have to hire Max," he says. "I'm really bad!"

Hayden holds on to Stephen

Heroes star Hayden Panettiere hit the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards in L.A. solo on March 31, but not because there was any trouble with her honey, Stephen Colletti. "He's at home watching the UCLA game," the star, 17 (who just started filming the 2008 drama Fireflies in the Garden with Julia Roberts in Texas), told Us about the One Tree Hill actor, 21. "He's like, 'Up-uh, babe, I'm not going out. I'm watching the game!'"

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Patchwork offensive line adjusting to problems

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The UK football team lost several key players on the offensive line to graduation last season, and many returning members of the unit have missed time because of personal and academic issues and injuries this spring.

This has prompted many younger players to step up into unfamiliar roles. Although the consistency hasn't been there, the coaches and players on the team see the turnover as a positive.

"Even though it seems like we're down in numbers, we're still getting better," said offensive line coach Jimmy Heggins. "And we have a lot of guys getting better."

The Cats have had several holes to fill.

Seniors Matt McCutchan, Hayden Lane, Michael Atchison and Trai Williams are gone from last season's 8-5 team.

Garry Williams and Christian Johnson are returning starters from a year ago, but both were suspended before the spring for academic issues. Williams has since been reinstated, but Johnson has not. Head coach Rich Brooks said Johnson was suspended because "he needed to take care of business, and so far he hasn't taken care of business."

"We only have five (practices) left, and I haven't seen anything to get me excited," Brooks said.

On top of that, six other offensive linemen have missed at least one practice during the spring.

Even with all of the absences, offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said not much is different.

"These guys are down, so other guys have to step up," Phillips said. "We're still trying to do the same thing we've been doing if they were healthy."

The coaches are hoping to improve the offensive line that allowed 39 sacks last season, the most in the Southeastern Conference, but lineup changes have



UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips talks to his unit during practice yesterday at the Nutter Training Facility. The offensive line has had to adjust this spring because of graduation, suspensions, and personal and academic issues. Even though several young players have been forced into action, offensive line coach Jimmy Heggins said, "We're still getting better."

slightly complicated the effort.

In addition to Williams and Johnson, Jason Leger and Justin Jeffries will both miss the entire spring because of off-season shoulder surgeries. Leger and Jeffries, who both played significant downs on the offensive line in 2006, can only participate in non-contact drills.

Junior college transfers Jess Beets and Josh Winchell have both missed practice time due to injuries. Winchell missed last week, but Brooks said he should return this week. Beets is out for

the rest of the spring after having minor knee surgery on Thursday.

Eric Scott, a probable starter on the offensive line in 2007, missed two practices because of a hyper-extended elbow, and Sefo Malau Blaylock just returned after being suspended for violating team rules.

This has forced players that don't normally play the position to shift to the line.

Former tight end Zipp Duncan switched to offensive guard. So far, the switch has been ef-

fective. "Zipp has done a great job this spring accepting his role," Phillips said. "He's battled his tail off and taken advantage of those reps."

Phillips said Duncan's switch was supposed to be a gradual process, but because of the depletion, Duncan has been rushed into the role.

"Zipp has proven to us that he can play guard in this league," Phillips said. "He needs to gain 15 or 20 pounds and give himself a chance to hold up

in there." Redshirt freshman Marcus Davis and sophomore Zach Hennis — who has played through shoulder problems — have also stepped up for the Cats this spring.

"Hennis has looked pretty good in the reps he's had," Brooks said. "Davis is making enough progress that he should be in the mix next year for playing time."

With only two practices remaining before Saturday's spring game, the Cats don't

have much time left to determine who will be at the top of the depth chart this fall.

But that's not a disadvantage, Phillips said, and neither is the amount of playing time that several young reserves have gotten this spring.

"It's an advantage for the guys who are practicing," he said. "The guys who are practicing and getting reps, when the other guys come back, it's just going to give us depth."

Assistants hired by Gillispie yesterday excited to be at UK

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Cox



Cyprien

Jeremy Cox was watching recruiting tapes last week in College Station, Texas, when UK head basketball coach Billy Gillispie called and told him to get to Houston.

When he asked Gillispie why he needed to get to Houston, Gillispie told Cox he would be flying to Lexington.

Cox, who was still at the Texas A&M basketball facility, started celebrating immediately.

"There was an usher at the top of the stairs and I gave her a big hug," Cox said. "She said, 'What was that for?' and I said, 'I'm going to Kentucky,' and that was all that needed to be said."

Cox, who started working at UK soon after the phone conversation with Gillispie, was officially

named an assistant coach at a news conference yesterday, along with Glynn Cyprien. Both said the decision to come to UK was an easy one.

"I've always been a huge Kentucky fan, ever since I was a kid," Cox said. "... I couldn't imagine a better place to coach."

"Both Jeremy and Glynn are great people and great coaches," Gillispie said in a statement. "They are outstanding at developing relationships, with both current players and prospective students."

Cox coached with Gillispie at Texas A&M last season. Before that, he spent three seasons at Arkansas-Fort Smith Junior College. In 2006, he won the national junior college championship and was named the NCAAA coach of the year.

Growing up in northern Wyoming, Cox said he learned

how to be a hard worker, which is something he plans on continuing at UK.

"I hope I'm the grunt guy," Cox said. "(I hope) that I'll work harder and will do anything and do it longer and harder than anybody. ... I'm not the smartest guy in the world, and I didn't play high major Division I basketball, but I'm going to be here before anybody and leave after."

"I'll roll up my sleeves, get muddy and get dirty," he added. "That's the only thing I know."

Cyprien has experience both in Kentucky and in the Southeastern Conference. He was an assistant coach at Arkansas under Stan Heath last season, and he was an assistant at Western Kentucky in 1995. He has also worked at UNLV, Lamar, Jacksonville State, Oklahoma State and Texas San Antonio.

Cyprien was head coach at Louisiana-Lafayette for just over two months in 2004, but he was fired after the university learned that he did not have a degree from an accredited university like his resume said.

Both Cyprien and Cox are know-around college basketball as ace recruiters, and less than a day after being named assistant coaches, both were eager to talk about their plans for the program.

"I think we'd like to get another guard, and obviously we feel like we need to get another big guy," Cyprien said, perhaps alluding to UK prospects Jai Lucas and Patrick Patterson. "Those are our emphasis right now, and hopefully we can get those two guys here."

Cyprien has a previous tie to Lucas. While at Oklahoma State from 2001-04, Cyprien helped recruit

John Lucas. Jai's older brother, John Lucas helped lead the Cowboys to the Final Four in 2004. Cyprien described his history with the Lucas family as a "pretty good relationship."

Cyprien's dedication to recruiting future players has kept him from meeting the current UK players.

"I probably won't meet them for a couple weeks," Cyprien said. "I'm hitting the road running today, and until the last day of recruiting, I won't be back."

For Cyprien and Cox, the hard work that comes with coaching is worth it if they bring UK back to the top, they said.

"The first thing Coach Gillispie said to me was, 'We're going to win national championships,'" Cyprien said. "I said, 'Don't have to tell me twice.'"

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SHOOTINGS

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chained some of the doors shut behind him, then started walking into classrooms and shooting faculty and students with the two handguns, causing some to leap out of second-story windows and others to lie on the floor and bar their doors to keep the shooter from entering, Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum said investigators were still not certain that the same man committed both shootings. But several law enforcement sources said it was the same person.

As police entered Norris Hall, an engineering and science building, shortly before 10 a.m., the man shot and killed himself before officers could confront him. He had killed 30 people in that building. One witness said the gunman was "around 19" and was "very serious but (with) a very calm look on his face."

"He knew exactly what he was doing," the witness, Trey Perkins, 20, of Yorktown, Va., said. He said he watched the man enter his classroom and shoot Perkins' professor in the head. "I have no idea why he did what he decided to do. I just can't say how lucky I am to have made it."

The university canceled classes yesterday and today and set up counseling for the grief-stricken campus. Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D), who had just arrived in Japan on a trade mission, immediately flew back to Virginia. He was expected to attend a vigil today.

"We've been devastated as the death toll has been rising," said Payton Baran, 20, of Bethesda, Md., who is a junior majoring in finance. "I've been calling everyone I know, and everyone I talk to is pretty much in tears. It's really, really depressing."

None of the victims' names was released yesterday, pending notification of their families.

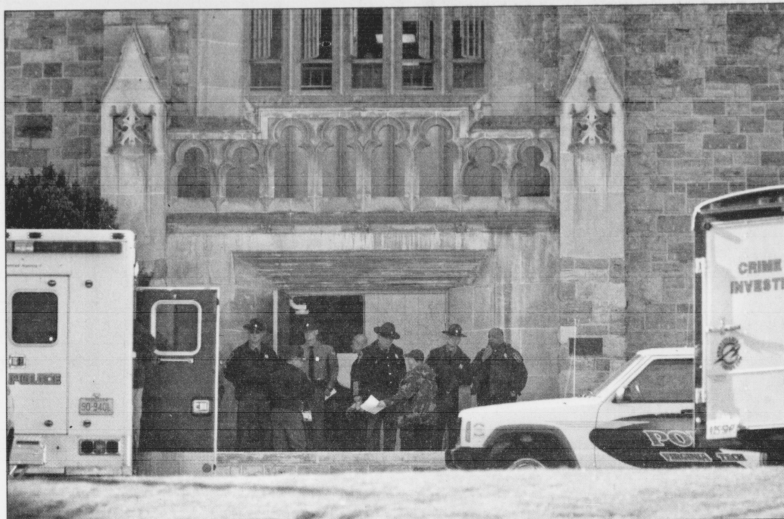
Initial reports from the campus raised the specter of "another Columbine," in which two teen-agers in Littleton, Colo., killed 13 people inside a high school in 1999 before killing themselves. But soon the Virginia Tech rampage dwarfed Columbine, to become the biggest mass shooting in U.S. history.

Students and parents launched a frenzied round of phone calls and text messages yesterday morning, monitoring news reports and waiting for information. And the shootings prompted intense questioning of Steger and Flinchum from a community still reeling from the fatal shootings of a security guard and a sheriff's deputy near campus in August and the arrest of the suspect on the edge of campus on the first day of classes.

Although the gunman in the dormitory was at large, no warning was issued to the tens of thousands of students and staff at Virginia Tech until 9:26 a.m., more than two hours later.

"We concluded it was domestic in nature," Flinchum said. "We had reason to believe the shooter had left campus and may have left the state." He declined to elaborate. But several law enforcement sources said investigators thought the shooter might have intended to kill a girl and her boyfriend yesterday in what one of them described as a "lover's dispute." It was unclear whether the girl killed at the dorm was the intended target, they said.

Students who lived in the dorm said they received knocks on the door telling them to stay in their rooms but nothing else. Shortly before 9:30 a.m., the university sent out this e-mail: "A shooting incident occurred at West Amber Johnston (dorm) earlier this morning. Police are on the



Police officers stand outside of Virginia Tech's Norris Hall where 31 people were killed and more were injured yesterday.

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scene and are investigating.

"The university community is urged to be cautious and are asked to contact Virginia Tech Police if you observe anything suspicious or with information on the case."

Steger said that, even though the gunman was at large, "we had no reason to suspect any other incident was going to occur." He said 9,000 students live on campus and 14,000 live off-campus, and "it's extremely difficult if not impossible to get the word out spontaneously."

Students on campus and parents were angry. When Blake Harrison, 21, of Leesburg, Va., learned of the shootings, he said, called an administrative help line and was told "to proceed with caution to classes." He said: "I'm beyond upset. I'm enraged."

Yesterday, as officials began to sort out the shootings, tales of the horror began to emerge.

Alec Calhoun, a junior, was in Room 204 in Norris. When the shootings began, people suddenly pulled off screens and pushed out windows. "Then people started jumping," Calhoun said. "I didn't just leap. I hung from the ledge and dropped. Anybody who made it out was fine. I fell and I hit a bush to cushion my fall. It knocked the wind out of me. I don't remember running."

About 9:50 a.m., Jamal Albarghouthi was walking toward Norris Hall for a meeting with his adviser in civil engineering "to review my thesis. As I was walking, about 300 feet away, I started hearing people shouting, telling me to run or clear."

He started to move away, but he also pulled

out his cellphone, which has video-recording capability, and he began filming. His video, which he later shipped to CNN, captures officers running toward the brown three-story building, a couple of flashes from the second floor and 27 gunshots.

The video soon became the defining image of the rampage. "I just didn't think I was in great danger," Albarghouthi said later.

In a German class in Room 207, Perkins was seated in the back with about 15 fellow students. The gunman barged in with two guns, shot the professor in the head, then started shooting students, Perkins said.

"Everyone hit the floor at that moment," Perkins said. "And the shots seemed like it lasted forever."

The gunman left Room 207 and tried to return several minutes later, but Perkins and two other students had blocked the door with their feet. He shot through the door.

The last time anyone spoke with Kristina Heeger, she was headed for a 9 a.m. French class in Norris. Within an hour, the sophomore from Vienna had been shot in the back. But she survived.

It was a story that played out across campus, and far beyond, with so many injured, so many dead. "She's doing better," said a friend, Eric Anderson, last night after seeing her. "She's recovering. We're praying for her right now. She couldn't talk to them yet, or anyone, and they didn't know any details about what happened."

Tucker Armstrong, 19, a freshman from Stephens City, Va., passed in front of Norris as he

headed to a 10 a.m. class. He said in an e-mail that he "noticed several kids hanging and jumping from the second floor windows trying to land in bushes."

Armstrong said he heard repeated bangs. He went to help the people who had leapt from the building, but they yelled at him: "Get out of here, run! At that point I realized they were shots and they just kept going and going."

Police and ambulances poured into the area. Dustin Lynch, 19, a sophomore from Churchville, Md., watched from the nearby Drillfield, as unresponsive students were carried out of Norris Hall.

"I saw police officers literally carrying kids out," Lynch said. "It basically looked like they were carrying bodies."

Parents arrived at the Inn at Virginia Tech to meet with other grieving families and were distraught at the university's management of the incident. "I think they should have closed the whole campus. Do something about it. You've got a crazy man on campus. Do something about it," said Hoda Bizri of Princeton, W.Va., who was visiting her daughter Siwar, a graduate student.

Bret Hudner, 23, communications major from Vienna, Va., was heading toward one of the dining halls and suddenly a scum of police cars came racing by. "The scary thing is I know I'm going to go into classes, and there's going to be empty spaces," Hudner said.

The Bizris, meanwhile, were waiting for news about a friend whom they could not locate. They think she was inside Norris Hall.

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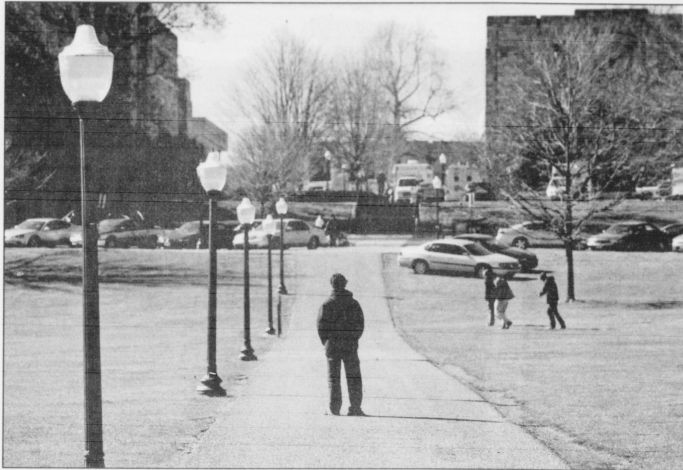
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Virginia Tech freshman Kevin Murphy stands in front of Norris Hall where 31 people were killed and more were injured yesterday. He said he spent most of the day in the dorm but wanted to come down and see the scene for himself. "Stuff like this isn't supposed to happen around here," he said.

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PLAN

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them respond most effectively during crises, Blanton said.

Residence Life employees do not specifically train for incidents of violence, but they prepare for situations like natural disasters and fires, Blanton said.

"The training they get deals with a number of different areas," he said. "It does get into dealing with confrontational people."

UK is also investigating Web-based systems that could send text messages to students, faculty and staff to alert them of emergency situations.

While UK lacks emergency training for faculty and staff, UK police are regularly trained in crisis control.

The police department drills for shooters on campus once a year and has a special response team that trains four to five times a year. UK police train with Lexington police, public school security and the sheriff's office to strengthen cooperation between agencies during a crisis.

In the case of a shooter on campus, the first four officers to reach the scene form a contact team. This team is responsible for securing the shooter. A response team follows to rescue any wounded.

This sort of emergency training is stan-

dard practice for law enforcement departments across the nation, said Capt. Kevin Franklin.

Most UKPD officers have the necessary equipment, like sniper rifles, to handle a situation like this at all times, Franklin said, which helps speed the response process.

"We have been prepared for this," he said. "We have been training since Columbine."

UK police will look at the "after-action report" that Virginia Tech will issue to help evaluate their procedures, Monroe said.

"We can learn from the tragedy up there to see what we can do to improve safety on campus," he said.

Monroe drafted a letter yesterday to UK President Lee Todd requesting a task force to handle emergency situations.

"Basically, it's a letter on behalf of public safety leaders on campus saying how we can work with other administrators, tap into different resources and look at what other campuses are doing," Monroe said.

Gail Minger, chair of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Task Force on Campus Safety, said college campuses should have permanent safety commissions in place.

"The evacuation plans on all of the campuses need attention," Minger said. "The schools think they have a plan in place, but they need a much more stringent plan than what is in place now."

The task force is visiting Kentucky's

public colleges and has been assessing safety infrastructure and procedures since November. It visited UK's campus yesterday, but the visit was not prompted by the shooting. The task force will issue a final report to the governor by July 1.

UK will use the Virginia Tech incident to examine and modify the current emergency response plan.

"We need to improve on our standard protocol for the university to respond to these situations, not just a police force," Monroe said.

Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry has contacted UK about conducting a comprehensive review of the communication process among city police, UK campus police and public school systems, Blanton said.

UK has not seen many violent incidents on campus, said Franklin, who has worked for UK police since 1984.

A shooting occurred at the Frank Peterson Service Building on South Limestone Street in 1986. Former UK custodian Ulysses S. Davis fired several rounds, injuring two people. He kept the police at bay and held hostages for two hours.


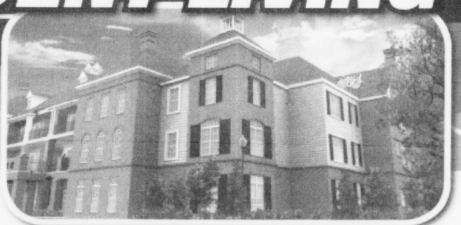
More recently, an unknown gunman fired six shots outside Kirwan Tower on April 2, 2006. No one was injured, and police never identified the gunman in that case but were on the scene when it happened.

TIMELINE OF CAMPUS VIOLENCE

- 1965** **Aug. 1, 1966**
Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, pointed a rifle from the observation deck of Austin Tower at the University of Texas and opened fire for 96 minutes, killing 13 people and wounding 31 others.
- 1970** **May 4, 1970**
Members of the Ohio National Guard fired shots at a group of nearly 2,000 students protesting the American invasion of Cambodia at Kent State University. Four students were killed and nine were wounded.
- 1985** **Dec. 10, 1986**
Ulysses S. Davis, 25, a former custodian at UK, barricaded himself inside the Frank Peterson Service Building for 11 hours. He shot and injured two people and held a former supervisor hostage for two hours before police overpowered him.
- 1990** **Nov. 1, 1991**
Gang Lu, 28, a graduate physics student at the University of Iowa opened fire in two classroom buildings, killing five employees, including four from the physics department, and wounding two other people before he killed himself. Lu was upset about being passed over for an academic honor.
- 1995** **Aug. 15, 1996**
Frederick Martin Davidson, 36, a graduate engineering student at San Diego State University shot and killed three professors with a handgun while defending his thesis before a faculty committee.
- 2000** **Aug. 28, 2000**
James Easton Kelly, 36, was found shot to death with English professor John Locke, 67, at the University of Arkansas in what was determined to be a murder-suicide. Kelly had been dropped from the doctoral program and Locke was the professor overseeing his work.
- 2007** **Jan. 16, 2002**
Peter Odighizuwa, 42, returned to Virginia's Appalachian School of Law and killed the dean, a professor and a student after being dismissed from the graduate program. Three other students were injured before Odighizuwa was tackled and brought down by a group of students.
- Oct. 28, 2002**
Robert Flores, 40, a University of Arizona nursing student who was failing, killed an instructor in her office and then entered a nursing classroom armed with five guns and killed two more professors before shooting himself.
- Sept. 2, 2006**
Douglas W. Pennington, 49, killed himself and his two sons Logan Pennington, 26, and Benjamin Pennington, 24, during a campus visit to Shepherd University in West Virginia.
- April 2, 2007**
Jonathan Rowan, 41, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Rebecca Griego, 26, in her office at the University of Washington before killing himself.
- April 16, 2007**
A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dorm and then two hours later in a campus classroom building, killing 32 people before taking his own life in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

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Should Va. Tech campus have been closed after 1st shooting?

By Alec MacGillis and Adam Kilgore
The Washington Post

A single question stood out yesterday at Virginia Tech: Would more students be alive if the university in Blacksburg, Va., had not allowed them to go to class after a shooting had occurred in a campus dorm?

The first campus shooting was reported at 7:15 a.m. in a dormitory, where police found two people fatally shot. But the first e-mail message to students from the Virginia Tech administration did not go out until more than two hours later, at 9:26 a.m., stating that a shooting had occurred but with no mention of staying indoors or staying off-campus or canceling classes.

Sometime after 9:30, the second shooting began in Norris Hall, a classroom building on the other end of the sprawling campus. Police said the gunman killed 30 people at Norris and wounded 15 before killing himself.

"I don't know why they let people stay in classrooms," said Sean Glennon, a junior from Centerville, Va., and the quarterback on the Hokie football team. "A lot of people are angry that campus wasn't evacuated a little earlier."

The university president and campus police chief said they decided not to cancel classes after the first shooting because the initial indication at the dorm, based on interviews with witnesses, was that the attack might have been domestic and that the shooter probably had fled the campus.

"We were acting on the best information we had at the time," said Wendell Flinchum, the campus police chief. "We felt that this incident was isolated to that dormitory."

University President Charles Steger said officials also were unsure what the alternative would be to allowing classes to proceed. More than 14,000 of the university's 26,000 full-time students live off campus and, with some classes starting at 8 a.m., many of them were on route when officials were having to decide, he said. The university and police decided that students would be safer in their classrooms than milling around the campus or in their dorms, he said.

"The question is, (where) do you keep them that is more safe?" Steger said. He added: "We concluded that it was best, once they got in their classrooms ... to lock them down"

there. Officials characterized the response as a "lockdown" in classrooms, but with the first e-mail alert not going out until 9:26, most students were oblivious to any trouble.

Dustin Lynch, 19, a sophomore from Churchville, Md., said he was out on the Drillfield, a large oval lawn on campus, at the time of the Norris Hall shootings, raising money for charity with other members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. It was only when he saw a swarm of police cruisers racing to Norris Hall that he knew something was amiss.

University officials said classroom buildings are open at all times except late at night. The university could have restricted access to the building using an electronic key-card system built into many doorways, according to a law enforcement source, but authorities investigating the shootings think the shooter might have been a student with a key card that would have given him access to the buildings despite the lockdown.

"The question everyone is asking is how can you have two hours between the shootings and the place not be locked down?" said the source, who was given an intelligence briefing yesterday but was not authorized to speak publicly.

The university was aware of the challenges involved in reaching students during a crisis, even during an age when it seems that everyone is wired. In August, on the first day of classes, an inmate escaped from jail.

fatally shot a hospital guard and a sheriff's deputy and then hid on campus, setting off a manhunt that shut down campus. The university posted updates on its Web site that day and sent out e-mails, but it took longer for the news to reach students who were commuting to school and were not online.

A campus spokesman said earlier this semester that the university was working with a company to provide a service that would send out text-message alerts to students' cell-phones. The university was considering requiring students to give their cellphone numbers when they register for classes, he said.

Monday, Steger said the university would review its emergency response policies again in light of the shootings but that only so much could be done to prepare for unforeseen disasters.

"It's very difficult. This is an open society and an open campus with 26,000 people, and we can't have armed guards in front of every classroom every day of the year," he said. "It was one of those things no one anticipated."

"Honestly, every situation we face is different."

It was not until 9:50 a.m., after the Norris Hall shootings, that a stronger e-mail warning from the university reached students: "A gunman is loose on campus. Stay in buildings until further notice. Stay away from all windows."

A third e-mail went out at 10:16, canceling classes and asking students to stay put. And it was 10:52, more than an hour after the Norris Hall shootings, that an e-mail went out stating that the attack had occurred.

Justin Born, a junior from Centerville, Va., had left for his 10:10 class after checking his e-mail and seeing the first 9:27 notice about being "cautious."

"I was like, 'all right.' I decided to go to class, because I didn't think it was that big of a deal," he said.

After parking on campus and walking to class, he saw everyone running to cars and away from the campus, shouting about the second shooting. It was only after he got home that he received the e-mail about classes being canceled.

"I don't know how to describe it," he said. "It just seems, I don't know, immature. I don't if immature is the right word, but it doesn't seem like Virginia Tech did the right thing by not canceling class after a shooting. It was ridiculous."

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The scene in Norris Hall yesterday

By Michael E. Ruane and Lisa Antonio Vargas
THE WASHINGTON POST

Yesterday morning, Second floor, Norris Hall. In Room 207, Mr. Bishop's German class is under way. A few doors down, Prof. Librescu is posting slides for his engineering students in 204. Outside, the Virginia Tech campus is gray and chilly, but pretty normal for a Monday.

"It couldn't have been much more normal," said Richard Mallalieu, one of Liviu Librescu's students.

Suddenly, sometime after 9 a.m., a young man walked into the German class with two handguns and shot instructor Christopher James Bishop in the head.

Then he began firing at the students. Shot after shot, "some 30 shots in all," said Trey Perkins, who was seated in the back of the German class. There were about 15 students, and Perkins said the relentless gunman had a "very serious but very calm look on his face."

"Everyone hit the floor at that moment," said Perkins, 20, of Yorktown, Va., a sophomore studying mechanical engineering. "And the shots seemed like it lasted forever."

The gunman left, and Perkins, sounding shaken in a telephone interview yesterday, said "three or four" students appeared to be dead.

In 204, the engineering students were watching Librescu's slides on the subject of virtual work when they began to hear shots from what sounded like an adjacent classroom, said Mallalieu, 23, an engineering student from Laray, Va.

"At first I tried to convince myself they weren't gunshots, that if anything, maybe a presentation was going on, to try to convince myself it wasn't," Mallalieu said in a telephone interview from his Blacksburg apartment. "It became evident pretty quick what was going on."

Plus, he said, "There were a few screams." At first, he got down and hid behind a desk as Librescu held the classroom door closed. Then the students went to the windows.

As they pondered whether to jump, the gunshots went on. "A steady pop, pop, pop, pop," Mallalieu said. The gunfire was "more or less continuous." He said he heard 20 to 30 shots as he and other students noticed there was grass below and decided it was time to jump. "It was scary," he said, "but it wasn't as panicked as you might think it was."

The engineering students pushed open the windows and started to jump.

Back in 207, Perkins, another student named

Derek and a female student headed toward the heavy wooden classroom door and held it shut with their feet.

Other students were crying. One vomited. Two minutes later, Perkins said, the gunman came back. But now he couldn't get in. So he started shooting through the door, Perkins said, before leaving again. "Fortunately, we were lying down and weren't in front of the door," he said.

Whispering and trying to compose himself, Perkins, an Eagle Scout, said he told Derek and the female student to keep their feet on the door in case the gunman returned.

Perkins said he went around the room, tending to the injured students. A student named Garrett was shot in both legs. Perkins wrapped his gray pullover sweater around Garrett's right leg.

Perkins used Garrett's tank top to wrap the other leg. A female student was shot in the mouth, he said. Perkins saw a sweatshirt on a desk and covered her mouth with it.

"He knew exactly what he was doing," Perkins said of the gunman. "I have no idea why he did what he decided to do. I just can't say how lucky I am to have made it."

In 204, the students had opened the windows and were jumping for their lives.

"It's kind of hard to believe that something like this would happen," Mallalieu said. "You hear things about Columbine ... But you never think you'd be involved in that. But at that point I realized it was really happening."

Mallalieu, the son of a chemist, said he climbed out, hung for a moment from the ledge, looked down and let go. "I kind of tried to roll when I landed," he said.

He suffered some scratches. He's not sure everybody got out. Those who did ran for a nearby campus building. As they did, Mallalieu said it sounded as though the gunshots, and the screams, were now coming from 204. He said he heard about 40 shots in all.

There was little conversation as the students fled. "At that point it was just, get away," he said. "I think everybody kind of had the same feeling about what was going on. We didn't really need to talk about it."

"I don't think it's settled in yet," he said. "I haven't heard how my other classmates who I think were still left behind, you know, what happened to them, be it good or bad."

A man identifying himself as one of Bishop's relatives said the family had no comment. Monday night, a woman who answered the phone at Librescu's home and identified herself as his wife said she did not know whether he had survived.

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Activist calls on all to end child labor

By Kenny Colston
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For activist Kailash Satyarthi child labor is a global phenomenon of the present, not an issue for the history books.

"Slavery is not just history," Satyarthi said. "But it's very much present."

Satyarthi — who has worked as a human rights activist for 26 years — brought his message of ending child labor to campus last night in a speech sponsored by Global Gain and UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce.

Satyarthi confronted the audience with questions presented to him by four different children rescued from child enslavement from parts of the world: "Why didn't you come earlier, and am I responsible for my poverty?" Then he confronted the audience with questions of his own.

"What stops us from helping these children," Satyarthi asked. "Who will stop (child labor)?"

Satyarthi decided to answer his own question moments later.

"You have the power of information to stop this," Satyarthi said. "You can at least raise awareness through e-mail."

The most important issue Satyarthi pressed was that child labor is not just a regional issue.

"Child labor workers is not just one country's issue," Satyarthi said. "It's a global issue."

The solution to the problem is a quadrangular paradigm consisting of four issues — child labor, poverty alleviation, education for all and global peace, Satyarthi said.

"Poverty causes child labor and vice versa," Satyarthi said. "And education is the best way to peace. None of these issues can be solved in isolation of each other."

Seventy one percent of Afghanistan children have never been to school, Satyarthi said, which is why it's no surprise that terrorist activity resides there. Satyarthi also said that in India alone, there are 65 million adults with jobs, yet 60 million children have full-time jobs, and jobless adults are often parents of working children.

"(Children) are the cheapest labor or sometimes even free labor," Satyarthi said. "And the adult jobs are often the parents of working children."

Satyarthi's message seemed to reach out to the 40 people in attendance.

"It's a nice surprise to hear about something we don't see everyday," said Lauren Estes, a junior ISC major. "I was very shocked at the numbers, it's really a global issue."

Brandon Absher, a philosophy graduate student, agreed that child labor is a real problem.

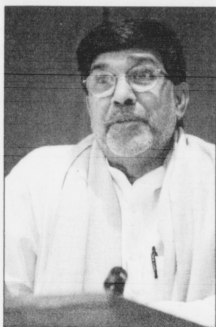
"It's very alarming," Absher said. "A terrible problem."

Absher wasn't surprised at the idea of so many children being enslaved.

"If you look at the causes, historically and globally, it's no surprise," Absher said.

"The current state of global debt and the demand of consumers who purchase these goods enforce slave conditions."

With all the concern about the large number of children working, Satyarthi ended by showing that work is being accom-



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Human rights activist Kailash Satyarthi speaks about child labor yesterday evening at the WT Young Library Auditorium. Global Gain and UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce sponsored the speech.

plished in the fight against child labor.

"In 2000, 246 million children had full-time jobs," Satyarthi said. "In 2004, the numbers dropped to 218 million."

"If one child is a slave, soldier or prostitute, it's a shame on the face of the world."

Annual Derby fest starts Wednesday

By Paul Rehr
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Raining ping pong balls, racing hot air balloons and a roasting barbecue pit.

These are just a few of the events UK will see later this week.

From Wednesday to Saturday, Student Activities Board is hosting the Little Kentucky Derby in various locations across campus.

The event will kick off with tomorrow's Ping Pong Ball Drop, where over 1,000 balls will be dropped off the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower at noon.

The tradition is one of the oldest and most popular in the Little Kentucky Derby's history, said Erika Reitano, Director of Campus Life and event coordinator. Participants will compete to find specially marked balls that can be redeemed for prizes like T-shirts and gift certificates.

"I think people should come to this event because it'll be a really fun way to end the semester," Reitano said. "It's an exciting kick off to summer."

Matt Wertz and Dave Barnes will top off Wednesday night with a concert at the Student Center Grand Ballroom at 8. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for general admission and \$10 at the door.

Free food will be available at the Student Center Patio around noon on Thursday. Students will also be able to make molds of their hands out of col-

orful wax. Later that night, students can use the meal plan and plus account for a barbecue at the Kirwan-Blanding complex from 5 to 7 p.m. Glow-in-the-dark frisbees and yo-yos will be given away to promote Friday's Balloon Glow.

All the events are designed to bring "the spirit of the Kentucky Derby to campus," said Steve Hoffman, executive director of promotions of SAB.

"I enjoy it because it's such a long standing UK tradition, and spring semester should be celebrated with plenty of outdoor events, which is what this is about," Hoffman said.

The Little Kentucky Derby began in the early 1940s and continued until the '90s. Some called it "The Greatest College Weekend in the South," according to its Web site. Four straight years of bad weather caused the event to be canceled in 1993. SAB brought the event back in 2006 after a 13-year hiatus.

On Friday there will be a Golf Scramble at Picadome Golf Course. Students can pay \$50 to register for a chance to win \$800 worth of gear donated by Pro Golf.

The finale of the festival is the Balloon Field Glow party at E.S. Good Barn Field. The balloon glow will feature 15 hot air balloons grounded from 7 to 10 p.m. and a concert by the band Digby. The next day, Students will also be able to make molds of their hands out of col-

Panel weighs affirmative action arguments

By Azra Drjevic
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Every student should know about affirmative action, but that's not the case, said Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, director of Student Diversity Engagement.

"A lot of students and faculty are unsure of what affirmative action is," Rafiuddin said. "The dialogue is to explain it."

The Diversity Dialogue Series, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs, has its final dialogue of the semester tonight at 7:30 in the Lexmark room of the Main Building. The discussion is titled "Picking up the Pieces of Affirmative

Action: What's Your Misconception?"

Affirmative action is a system of incorporating diversity in institutions by ensuring that minorities are represented. Supporters of affirmative action say it reverses past racism and is a method for uplifting minorities. Opponents say it carries innate prejudice by using race as a factor for decisions.

The discussion will open with a panel composed of people in support of and in

opposition to affirmative action.

The panel will include political science professor Stephen Voss, lawyer and Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission William Wharton, graduate student Jonathan Goodan, and undergraduate students Justin Gaddis and Anita Thompson.

Co-moderators Nabeel Jawahir and Jesline Chandrakumar will supervise the panel, Rafiuddin said.

"We're presenting this panel with both points of

views," Rafiuddin said.

The panel will also discuss university policies regarding scholarships, including the William C. Parker Scholarship.

"The William C. Parker Scholarship is a scholarship for minority students and students of color," Rafiuddin said. "It used to be for African-American students, but recently it's been opened to all minority students."

The Diversity Dialogues have had turnouts from 80 to 150 people, Rafiuddin said.

"One reason for the discussion is because the response it received at other universities," Rafiuddin said. "We're hoping for a great turnout."

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MAHJABEEN RAFIUDDIN
Student Diversity Engagement director

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he said. "You don't rush those kind of changes."

The four final candidates for the vice president for research position — Widlanski, Craig L. Nessler, James W. Tracy and James R. Halpert — were chosen after submitting applications and participating in initial interviews. UK hopes to have the position filled for the fall semester, said Provost Kumble Subbaswamy in an e-

mail to the Kernel.

"I think all the candidates that we selected to reach this stage are talented individuals who have a history of getting research dollars," said Willie J. Craft, the student representative on the 13-member search committee and a first-year medical student. "That's exactly what we need and that's exactly what we got."

"Whoever we choose among that list will be very qualified and I think they will be a great asset to the university," Craft said.



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Barnhart delivered under pressure with Gillispie hire

UK basketball — and its massive fan base — demands greatness. And with the hiring of Billy Gillispie as the university's fifth men's basketball coach since the legendary Adolph Rupp, it's looking like the storied program will once again rise to where it belongs — among the ranks of the nation's elite basketball programs.

The bread and butter of college basketball is recruiting. And in the week and a half since his hiring, Gillispie has been working tirelessly toward that end. He's already secured his first commitment to UK — McKinney, Texas sophomore point guard G.J. Vilarino, already a top 25 prospect in the 2009 class.

He's also made his rounds on the road, visiting this year's Kentucky Mr. Basketball, Stephon Pettigrew of Elizabethtown on Sunday and Huntington, W. Va., star forward Patrick Patterson yesterday.

It was also refreshing to hear Gillispie's comments regarding playing style at his press conference two Fridays ago. "I like to run at every opportunity, miss and makes," he said. "I like to cause points off the defense with an aggressive style of play."

But, Gillispie also warned, "We are not going to play any particular style, just for style's sake."

"We are going to play the style that gives us the best chance to win," he said.

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It's that willingness to adapt playing style based on the players on the roster that UK basketball has been missing for the last several seasons. Based on Gillispie's comments, that shouldn't be a problem under his tenure as UK's men's basketball coach.

It's a testament to Mitch Barnhart's abilities as athletics director that UK had its coach hired fewer than 24 hours after Billy Donovan announced he'd be staying at Florida.

And it shouldn't alarm UK fans that the university hired its apparent second choice for head coach. Fans would do well to remember that Rick Pitino was the third choice of former Athletics Director C.M. Newton — Seton Hall's then-head coach P.J. Carlesimo was the first choice and Arizona head coach Lute Olsen was Newton's plan B.

It would certainly appear the vast majority of UK fans approve of the hire. In last week's unscientific online Kernel poll, 88 percent of respondents said UK made the right choice by hiring Gillispie.

Barnhart should be commended for his efforts in hiring UK's new coach. This amounts to the biggest hire in Barnhart's career to this point, and we believe that it was a good one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preachers should read Bible before condemning others

According to the men outside the Student Center last week, I am going to hell, along with everyone else on campus.

Apparently only they and everyone who boasts the same warped theology will be in attendance when "the roll is called up yonder."

These men wore shirts emblazoned with phrases like "All homos go to hell" and preach that God does not love everyone. They speak of Jesus as a Supreme Judge. It is true that He is a judge, but He is also a Savior.

I seriously doubt these men know the true nature of God. He calls all men to repentance, yet did not come to condemn those who were in sin, but to deliver them from their sin. Not all who heard Jesus speak followed Him, but Jesus never pushed His ideology down the throats of the "unchurched."

Instead, He directed His comments at the Pharisees, those who knew the law. Jesus never demands perfection; He meets you where you are. He doesn't ask for what you can give Him; He simply says, "Come" and He will by no means turn you away (John 6:37).

It upsets me that these men feel they have license to judge others, and by doing so give all followers of Christ a bad name. The vast majority of Christians are not like them. They are here to win an argument, not a soul.

The Gospel is a message of hope and love, not condemnation. I am not saying that you are free to do whatever you want and still go to heaven, but I know that you cannot force someone into salvation. It's about following God, not living a perfect life.

Nor is it about condemning others to hell, as these men seem to think. Either follow God or don't. It's your choice. I would also like to suggest that everyone read the Bible more closely before making assumptions about its content.

Jessica Tessman
Biology sophomore

Unfortunate oversight limits students' birth control choices

Like most of America, I was appalled to hear the insensitive, racist and sexist remarks of CBS Radio and MSNBC host Don Imus.

However, I was equally shocked to hear the stereotypical remarks made on ESPN's "Rome is Burning" on Thursday, April 12.

One of the guest analysts accompanying Rome following the interview with Billy Gillispie crossed the proverbial line. I was offended at a level comparable to that of the Rutgers women's basketball team that Imus insulted.

One of the analysts spoke stereotypically of Kentucky fans as "Billy Joe Bob from Hazard." The analysts seemed to systematically undermine and disrespect the tradition of Kentucky basketball and the fan base as a whole.

As a resident of Whitesburg, only 30 miles or so from Hazard, I can debate this point. I do not know anyone named Billy Joe Bob, nor do I know of any fans recommending fourth graders for recruitment to the program.

While I understand the need for colorful and entertaining programming, I do not condone it at the expense of others.

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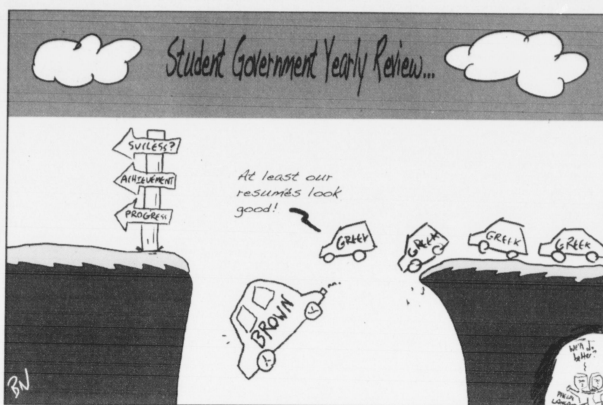
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Should UK spend \$100 per clock to replace each of the 1,000 clocks on campus in order to ensure that they are synchronized?

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BRETT NOLAN, Kernel cartoonist

Research is important, but don't forget the undergrads

If you are not familiar with the University of Kentucky's quest to become a "Top-20 Institution" by now,



CHAD REESE
Kernel columnist

you are either a freshman, a recent transfer student or engaged in a blissful ignorance to the activities of the university around you (for your mental health, I recommend everyone exercise the latter option every couple of semesters).

All jokes aside, however, there is certainly merit and worth to the idea of any organization seeking to improve itself — so long as it does so properly.

To be fair, most of the university's improvements over the last few years have been sorely needed and well executed, but many have been significantly misplaced. While it is perfectly understandable that a \$30 million dollar athletic practice facility, for instance, is very beneficial to the campus (and was badly needed), the university has yet to significantly renew the aging Student Center or build a new one in its place.

This, however, is merely a symptom of the more significant problem: UK is undervaluing the worth of its undergraduate students, and that sentiment is reflected in the lack of priority placed on improving the "average" UK student's college experience.

Apart from the lack of an updated Student Center that could serve as a

nucleus for campus activity and foster a more tightly-knit community, the educational structure of the university leaves its undergrads at a significant disadvantage, specifically in regards to the use of teaching assistants.

While TAs can be incredibly helpful in offering a more approachable personality to students, they are not as highly qualified as their professor counterparts.

This does not mean that TAs should not be utilized. On the contrary, offering graduate students the opportunity to gain teaching experience under the supervision of an experienced instructor can be invaluable, but giving non-professors a "solo" role in classroom instruction is cheating students out of their justified expectations. In particular, foreign language and math classes (often the most difficult lower level courses that many students have to take) frequently place one or two instructors in charge of dozens of class sections with a TA responsible for everyday instruction. Most students in these classes never even see the professor who is actually "in charge" of their class.

If UK truly wants to be one of the top universities in the country, it should begin by providing the best education possible for its students. I may not be the most observant guy in the world, but wasn't the point of colleges back in the day to actually "teach" their students? Maybe I'm just getting senile.

Furthermore, the university has neglected its student body by underfunding the Mental Health Clinic. Students frequently become frustrated by

the need to wait a week (or sometimes more) to schedule an appointment once they call the clinic. With the stress of college life, as well as the nature of mental illness itself, appointments made to the Mental Health Clinic can often be very serious in nature, and students may not feel comfortable seeing a medical doctor in the case of an emergency. A more fully funded Mental Health Clinic would be able to obtain the staff necessary to meet the demands of a large university like UK.

All in all, there is certainly value in the emphasis UK places on research on this campus. The work done by professors and graduate students here helps put Kentucky on the map, and their work should be applauded.

All too often, however, the world of academia can forget that the ability for the pure and applied sciences to flourish in a university environment does not come cheaply. This is not 19th century Europe, and wealthy aristocrats no longer hire court scientists for their own amusement and status.

Instead, the research done on this campus is possible only because of the more than \$200 million dollars in tuition and fees collected by the university each year. Bottom line: undergraduate students need research on campus to provide future opportunities, and research depends upon the money from undergraduate students. This is a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship, and it's time this university treated it as one.

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I hate to admit it, but hateful preachers have free speech, too

Last week, many of you probably noticed the preachers in the free speech area wearing T-shirts that said, "All homos go to hell."



TARA BONISTALL
Kernel columnist

"All homos go to hell." When I walked by them on my way to class, I experienced a range of emotions. I disagree with every single word that came out of their mouths, and their very presence made me so angry that I told one of them that he would probably

join the "homos" he was condemning in hell.

Someone sitting listening told me that he was having a good laugh, but that it was difficult for him because he believed that homosexuality was wrong but interpreted the Bible as saying, "Hate the sin, love the sinner." I informed him that individuals make their own lifestyle choices, and I wondered who he was that he was special enough to condemn others.

The very presence of these individuals started to change the tone of my whole day. What was previously a sunny, somewhat warm, uneventful day became one in which almost everyone was talking about the riot these individuals were causing.

What right did they have to come onto my campus and cause such an up-

roar with their ignorant and discriminatory words?

That's when it hit me. They did in fact, have a right to be there. Their right to free speech, the very right I feel that I often fight to protect, was allowing them to come to our campus with their hateful words. The same freedom that allows me to research reproductive rights or write opinion columns full of "liberal crap" (in the words of my loving friend Kyle), is what was protecting his ability to yell whatever he wanted, even at the expense of seriously injuring some UK students. How could this be?

Until recently, I would have gladly fought for your right to speak your mind. Imagining a world without freedom of speech is downright scary. What if your speech is being used only to hurt another individual? Time and again, the Supreme Court has ruled that for the most part, freedom of speech stands. The issue of censorship is now being brought to light as Internet blogs, television shows and radio programs are becoming more and more regulated.

Take the example of Don Imus, who was fired last week for making extremely racist remarks about the Rutgers women's basketball team. Technically, his freedom of speech is overruled because broadcast companies are privately owned. Even if that wasn't the case however, should Imus be allowed to make racist, sexist or otherwise degrading remarks?

Saying what I am about to say

feels like getting a tooth pulled, but there's no way around it. Freedom of speech is freedom of speech. If I don't want my basic right of expression limited, then I can't ask others to regulate their thoughts, no matter how inappropriate I think they are.

Without this freedom, our society as we know it would completely fall apart. Getting into the business of regulating what speech is acceptable and what isn't is a slippery slope that will get out of control in all of two seconds. Like it or not, everyone, even those who disagree with me, has the right to voice their opinion.

Freedom of speech is something that needs to be used with care, however. Appreciate this freedom for what it's worth, and don't abuse it. Don't use this freedom to further marginalize a group that is already discriminated against. If your words will do nothing but spark hate or anger, perhaps they are better left unsaid.

Remember your grandmother's advice: If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Name-calling does sting, rejecting someone's lifestyle is hurtful and inciting hate can lead to violent acts.

The method of preaching used last week is judgmental, hurtful and downright evil. While I most definitely do not agree with what these individuals were preaching in the free speech area last week, I concede their right to say it — grudgingly.

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Dangers of drowsiness no longer drawing yawns

By Barbara Isaacs
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Most Americans pay little attention to their chronic sleep deficits—until there's a tragedy.

Lack of sleep is a safety concern that's gotten some attention recently, whether it's airline pilots, truckers, medical residents or even just everyday people driving drowsy.

Last week, unions representing pilots and air traffic controllers said that lack of sleep was probably a factor in the crash of Comair Flight 5191, which took off from the wrong runway in pre-dawn darkness at Lexington, Ky.'s Blue Grass Airport. The captain, co-pilot and air traffic controller all had an inadequate amount of sleep leading up to the Aug. 27 crash, according to a study commissioned by the Air Line Pilots Association.

"It happens on a daily basis," said Fred Turek, director of the Center for Sleep & Circadian Biology at Northwestern University. "It only makes the news if there's a major loss of life."

Circadian rhythms govern our body's natural sleep-wake cycles. It's why we feel sleepy at night—especially during the hours between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m.—and it makes it difficult to sleep during most daylight hours, unless you're sleep-deprived.

"They are such a part of everyday life that we take it for granted," Turek said of sleep-wake cycles. "What people don't recognize are the consequences. All it takes is for you to close your eyes for a microsecond." Turek said most people realize they are alert at certain times of the day, sleepy at others.

The Comair crash brought sleep deprivation to the front page, but past research has frequently found safety issues for pilots when sleep is limited.

A 2003 article in the Journal of Safety Research included an FAA analysis that

found an increased probability of airline accidents as duty time increased for pilots. The article, by FAA economist Jeffrey Goode, said that most scientists think pilots need eight hours of sleep in a rest period and current regulations don't ensure this. According to federal rules, pilots can fly for only eight out of every 24 hours, but that doesn't include "duty" time, which includes standby time and time used for pre-flight preparations.

Turek said that while the major airlines have built in enough rest hours for pilots, they can't enforce how pilots use them. "There's 12 hours between flights, but they may only spend a few of them on sleeping," he said.

In the early days after the Comair crash, sleep groups, such as the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, issued statements of concern about sleep deprivation, particularly related to the air traffic controller on duty, who had only about two hours of sleep in the day before the early-morning crash. The plane took off just after 6 a.m.

And it's not just airline pilots who are sometimes sleepy behind the wheel.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that more than 100,000 vehicle crashes each year are due to drowsy drivers, and studies have found that people who are sleep-deprived are as dangerous behind the wheel as those who are legally drunk. About 1,550 people each year die in car crashes related to drowsy driving.

Research has found that circadian biology also affects vehicle crashes; wrecks linked to drowsiness are common late at night or in the early morning hours. There's also another circadian dip in the mid-afternoon, with a spike in related accidents. In 2003, New Jersey became the first state to enact a tough law against drowsy driving—sleep-deprived people who cause fatal accidents can be jailed for up to 10 years.

Turek said being a sleep specialist who is up on circadian rhythms has altered his patterns. He never drives between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. He's worried not only that he might fall asleep at the wheel, but that other drivers on the road could as well. However, Turek said he believes the risk of an airline crash is so remote that he doesn't avoid flying in the early morning or late at night.

Kathryn Hansen, director of the Sleep Wellness Center at St. Joseph Hospital, said that most people don't value sleep as much as they should.

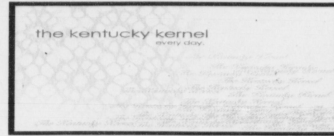
"Sleep has often been underrated in our society," she said, adding that many Americans are so chronically sleep-deprived that they don't have any idea what normal functioning and rest patterns feel like. Sleep deprivation is cumulative, meaning that adults who don't get the recommended seven to eight hours a night build a "sleep debt." That can't be repaid in any way but sleeping more, say during a vacation, or by devoting more daily hours to sleep.

But millions of people—especially night workers and people who switch shifts on a regular basis, such as pilots—are so far behind that they can't catch up. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine estimates that about 20 million Americans work rotating shifts that put them at risk for sleep-deprivation-related accidents and illnesses.

Hansen said sleep deprivation also is linked to a host of health problems that can shorten one's life span—not just in accidents. Sleep deprivation is linked to high blood pressure, depression, weight gain, increased blood sugar levels and lowered immune function, among other problems.

Turek said that while people want to believe that they can function well on less than seven or eight hours of sleep, research shows otherwise.

"There's no substitute for sleep," Turek said.



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Animal hoarder found with 40 dogs in her car

By Deanna Boyd
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

FORT WORTH, Texas—Four weeks of investigation sparked by neighbors' complaints led animal control officers to a woman found in her car with 40 dogs, including about 35 Chihuahuas. A search of her home turned up more dogs and other animals, as well as about a dozen animal carcasses in her freezer, officials said Friday.

The couple who raised the pets are animal hoarders, authorities say.

"They have this compulsive behavior with animals," said Dave Fulbright, animal control supervisor for Fort Worth. "They see them as their children, and they see them (themselves) as the animals' savior—their protector. They will keep them out of harm's way."

Each animal had a name and got expen-

sive pet food. Some of the Chihuahuas even slept in their own baby cribs, complete with heating pads, food and water containers, tucked inside the master bedroom.

The discoveries began Thursday morning when animal control officers armed with a search warrant went to the home in Fort Worth, where they found several animals inside and outside the home.

"She had sometime in the recent past secured a U-Haul trailer, loaded it with dogs, as was witnessed by the neighbors, and took off somewhere," Fulbright said.

Assisted by Fort Worth police, he found the woman in her Buick at a local gas station.

Also in the car were 40 dogs, including 35 Chihuahuas.

The woman agreed to turn them over to

animal control officers. In all, 57 dogs, seven cats, five birds, four rabbits, two ferrets and one guinea pig were seized.

Fulbright said he sees four to five animal hoarder cases a year in Fort Worth.

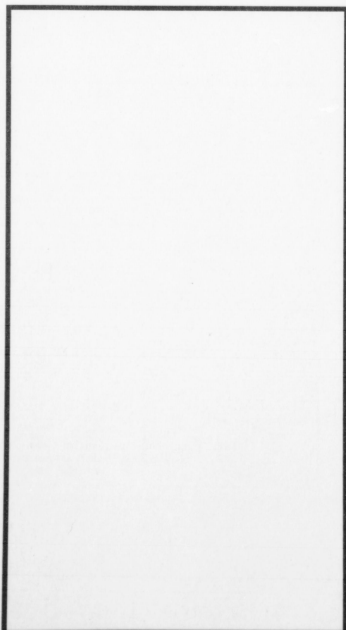
As is routine, Fulbright said, investigators searched closets and cabinets for any small animals that may have been hidden.

"In doing so, we also look inside things like refrigerators and freezers. Upon opening one of the freezer units located in the kitchen, we removed 10 dog carcasses, one rabbit and one cat carcass," Fulbright said.

The woman "was very disturbed about the fact that I had removed the animals from the freezer, because she was planning to have them cremated," Fulbright said. "By all indications, these animals had been there a long, long time."

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