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'College Columbine'



Virginia Tech students sing "Amazing Grace" at the conclusion of a candle light vigil on the drill field Tuesday, April 17, 2007, in Blacksburg, Va. AP Photo

Powell: Race not reason to hate

By JULIA HUNTER
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The recent shootings at Virginia Tech have been in the forefront of many people's minds during the days following the massacre.

With racial stereotypes already stirring only days after the shootings, General Colin Powell stood up against such thinking during a visit to Evansville on Tuesday, April 17.

"[The shooter], in fact, is an American that happened to be a Korean student," Powell said. "This man - Mr. Cho - was a depressed, mad person and he killed another Korean."

Powell also cited Cho Seung-Hui's murder of a Holocaust survivor and a professor of Indian origin.

Powell said he hoped this shooting doesn't affect the choice of students from other countries to study within the United States, which seemed to happen after 9/11.

"I find that foreign students don't want to come to this country anymore because of the difficulty they are facing with getting a visa," Powell said.

During Powell's speech at The Centre, which was the first in the series of Evansville's Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series, he prompted people to embrace diversity, in cases such as the Virginia Tech shootings, instead of claim its "adverse effects."

"Let's not confuse our minds," Powell said. "Let's not think there is something wrong with diversity. It is our greatest strength."

Web allows the world to grieve with victims

By LEAH BARR
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Monday's massacre of 32 Virginia Tech students and faculty members left the world in shock. It also has proven a powerful testimony to the Internet's function as a gathering ground for people worldwide to share information and feeling as a community.

Within minutes of Virginia Tech senior Cho Seung-Hui's attack, members of the online news community Fark.com were buzzing about the news. Several Virginia Tech members posted real-time updates on the discussion board.

"There's cops at the drill field, running their cars up onto the sidewalk, hopping out of their cars with guns drawn and low-ready," a Virginia Tech student using the screen name XiaoDown posted on Fark at 9:54 a.m.

"I'm in Pritchard Hall, no more than 400 feet away from West Ambler Johnston. It's crazy here. We heard gunshots a few hours ago and assumed it was noise from a construction site, or a dumpster floor slamming shut. Police everywhere, guns drawn... not sure what to make of this," Fark member "Wahoo237" reported.

Not yet knowing the magnitude of the

tragedy, Farkers shared rumors and well-wishes, trying to lift the mood with gal-lows humor.

"Holy crap, dude. Stay the fark away from windows, lock the doors and be safe. And hide your bong," Fark member "Doctor Funkenstein" told Virginia Tech students as they posted their updates.

The final death toll sent a shockwave through the community.

"I think I'm going to be sick," said a member posting with the screen name Blanhm.

"When something tragic like this happens, it's natural to grieve in real life, and now it's become natural to grieve online as well," said associate professor Chad Tew, who teaches online journalism at USI.

Tew said Internet users have been setting up online memorials for deceased loved ones for years. "Besides the cemetery, these people also have a place to connect with each other online."

A Virginia Tech student's cell phone video of SWAT team members rushing into a building amid gunshots received 11,396 views on YouTube by 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Tew said blogging hit its stride post-9/11 as Internet users wrestled to find a way to deal with and communicate their

feelings about the events.

The blogger community is also wildly active in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shooting. According to blog search engine Technorati.com, "Virginia Tech" was the No. 1 search term entered and had over 200 related posts in less than a day.

"Cho Seung-Hui" was the second-most popular search term. A roundup of students' blog posts is being maintained at Washingtonpost.com.

A Virginia Tech student and Livejournal user, "Nicoofool" posted updates throughout the day. His words have so far been featured in national newspapers including the Washington Post, Boston Herald and Los Angeles Times.

"Despite my attempts at not hearing the details, a friend told me the guy chained the doors to Norris Hall. I can only portray pigs in a slaughterhouse - I cannot begin to even imagine," he said.

Hundreds of comments offering prayers and condolences poured in from over 14 countries including France, Spain, Mexico, Tunisia, Lebanon and Australia, and from all over the United States.

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Facebook event



Today, we are all Hokies

If you participate...

What: Wear VT's orange & maroon
When: Monday, April 23
Where: Any campus

'For those who can't be there with them, show them you remember'

Event: In remembrance and prayer

Gunman's writings raised concern

(AP) - The gunman in the Virginia Tech massacre was a sullen loner who alarmed professors and classmates with his twisted, violence-drenched creative writing and left a rambling note raging against religion and rich kids.

A chilling picture emerged Tuesday of Cho Seung-Hui - a 23-year-old senior majoring in English - a day after the bloodbath that left 33 people dead, including Cho, who killed himself as police closed in.

News reports said that he may have been taking medication for depression and that he was becoming increasingly violent and erratic.

Despite the many warning signs that came to light in the bloody aftermath, police and

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In case of shootings, campus would wait

By JAIME HESS
The Shield staff

Five days before the eight-year anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre that stole the lives of 13 people, students at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., experienced the same fear.

In what many are already calling the "College Columbine", Cho Seung-Hui, 23, a senior English major at Virginia Tech, shot and killed 32 students and faculty in about two hours on Monday. Then he killed himself.

It was the deadliest mass shooting

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- Kathy Funke
director of News and Information

in U.S. history. "Every university in the country is asking themselves this question today, and every university is probably giving the same answer," said Mark Rozewski, vice president for Business Affairs. "That

being, we think we're doing enough, but we're going to enhance our training and we're going to review our resources.

"There is always room for enhanced training and drills. We're open to that and we're look-

ing into it."

In an interview earlier in the year, Barry Hart, director of campus security, said USI security, which is not an armed, sworn police department, has an emergency plan in the event of such a tragedy.

"Our officers are trained to limit access to the danger zone and to give medical assistance to the injured," he said. "Our security officers will call 911 for backup."

Security is working very closely with Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and Perry Township Fire Department to learn

quicker ways to respond.

"In such an instance," said Kathy Funke, director of News and Information Services, "USI security would be waiting on the police force to arrive."

Sgt. James Vancleave, who teaches "Introduction to Criminal Justice" at USI and is a member of the third-shift East patrol division, said, when police are called into a situation like a shooting, they will rush in, talk to security and look at video surveillance to get the best plan of action.

"Cops will go in and take action with an active shooter and try to

isolate the shooter from the rest of the students," he said.

Students at USI were shocked to hear about the shootings and watched television reports in disbelief.

"I think it was unfortunate. It seems that security could have been tighter. It made me think," said freshman psychology major Roneshia Clark.

"It scares me because USI is what I consider an open campus. Anyone can just walk in here."

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Shooting touches USI



Flags fly at half-staff at USI on Tuesday, April 17 after a declaration issued by President Bush on Monday. Education majors Laura Litwiler, Kyla Hopf and Jenna Betz sit under the flags studying together in wake of the Virginia Tech shootings.

Photo by Anthony Pate

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One student in particular found news of the shootings especially frightening. Ceslie Stringfellow, a senior radiology major at USI, has a friend, Betsy Dale, who is a junior at Virginia Tech. Dale was OK, but one of her friends was the only student who walked out of one classroom without a wound.

Everyone else was injured or killed. "I was just hoping the whole time that she was OK," said Stringfellow.

Funke said students would be informed of any shootings by e-mail to the USI Eagles account, the USI Web site would be updated, campus televisions would show news bulletins, and alerts would be posted on doors.

"We know not everyone would receive the e-mails or check the Web site, but that's why we would try the monitors, because they're in public spaces and people would be telling other people about the incident," she said.

The flat screens are part of an emergency system to provide information to students.

"The emergency plan was the largest reason the flat screens were installed," Rozewski said.

USI will review policies and procedures and make sure that the crisis management is where it is supposed to be, said Jeff Clark, president of the Student Government Association. RAs have already been reminded of procedures and also that they are here for the students.

President Bush said in a press conference Monday that a school should be a place of safety, sanctuary and learning. "When that sanctuary is violated, the impact is felt in every American classroom, in every American community."

He has ordered all U.S. flags to be flown at half staff until Sunday evening in memory of those killed and wounded at Virginia Tech.

In a statement issued Monday, President H. Ray Hoops said, "We offer our sincere condolences to those affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech."

"Universities are close communities where we trust one another and enjoy many freedoms. When someone violates that trust and acts against any one in our communities, it hurts us all."

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Membership in the Virginia Tech Livejournal community jumped as LJ users flocked to post their words of support.

"Before, you might have sent flowers or a note, locally. Now people can come together worldwide in the face of grief," Tew said.

Swift535, another Virginia Tech student, wrote in his Livejournal, "I know a lot of you guys are religious, I'd just ask that you pray for the families and students of the school and also for the faculty here and the administration... And also like someone else said, even for the family of the shooter. They lost a son

"Why did all those...people have to die?"

On Secondlife.com, a virtual memorial stone has been set up. Community members can lay flowers, notes, candles and other items at the memorial. The Second Life group "VA Tech: In Memoriam," set up by user "Ozzy Boyd," continues to gain membership. And Second Life merchant "Alma Matters" is offering free Virginia Tech T-shirts for users' avatars.

A blog geared toward Virginia Tech students, PlanetBlacksburg.com, fea-

tures a community wall where those affected can post their thoughts and feelings. Regular updates continue on the blog and on the Web site of Virginia Tech's student newspaper, collegiatetimes.com.

"It's tragic for everyone, but university communities are especially affected because you can identify with the students involved," Tew said. "You can relate to dorm life and classes and the day-to-day activities that these students go through."

At Facebook.com, over 500 memorial communities have been created. "For today, we are all Hokies" is their rallying phrase.

The largest Facebook group is "A tribute to those who passed at the Virginia Tech shooting" with over 218,000 members, at the time of publication. Numerous other groups exceed 5,000 to 10,000 members.

Nationwide and at USI, an event invitation is spreading with the instruction to wear Virginia Tech orange and maroon on Monday, April 23, in support of the grieving community. At last count, the event at USI had 393 confirmed participants.

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university officials offered no clues as to exactly what set Cho off on the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history. "He was a loner, and we're having difficulty finding information about him," school spokesman Larry Hincker said.

A student who attended Virginia Tech last fall provided obscenity- and violence-laced screenplays that he said Cho wrote as part of a playwriting class they both took.

One was about a fight between a stepson and his stepfather, and involved throwing of hammers and attacks with a chainsaw. Another was about students fantasizing about stalking and killing a teacher who sexually molested them.

"When we read Cho's plays, it was like something out of a nightmare.

The plays had really twisted, macabre violence that used weapons I wouldn't have even thought of," former classmate Ian MacFarlane, now an AOL employee, wrote in a blog posted on an AOL Web site.

He said he and other students "were talking to each other with serious worry about whether he could be a school shooter."

"We always joked we were just waiting for him to do something, waiting to hear about something he did," said another classmate, Stephanie Derry. "But when I got the call it was Cho who had done this, I started crying, bawling."

Professor Carolyn Rude, chairwoman of the university's English department, said Cho's writing was so disturbing that he had been referred to the university's counseling service.

"Sometimes, in creative writing, people reveal things and you never know if it's creative or if they're describing things, if they're imagining things or just how real it might be," Rude said. "But we're all alert to not ignore things like this."

She said she did not know when he was referred for counseling, or what the outcome was. Rude refused to release any of his writings or his grades, citing privacy laws. The counseling service refused to comment.

Jim McGarrah, instructor of English at USI, has never had to refer anyone to counseling in his years of teaching creative writing classes.

"I've never had a violent or aggressive student," McGarrah said.

However, he said, just because someone writes something violent, does not



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- Jim McGarrah
Instructor of English

mean they are a violent person.

"We deal with products of the imagination when you ask kids to write fiction," McGarrah said.

Cho - who arrived in the United States as boy from South Korea in 1992 and was raised in suburban Washington, D.C., where his parents worked at a dry cleaners - left a note that was found after the bloodbath.

A law enforcement official who read Cho's note described it Tuesday as a typed, eight-page rant against rich kids and religion. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

"You caused me to do this," the official quoted the note as saying.

Cho indicated in his letter that the end was near and that there was a deed to be done, the official said. He also expressed disappointment in his own religion, and made several references to Christianity, the official said.

The official said the letter was either found in Cho's dorm room or in his backpack. The backpack was found in the hallway of the classroom building where the shootings happened, and contained several rounds of ammunition, the official said.

Col. Steve Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police, said authorities were going through a considerable number of writings.

Citing unidentified sources, the Chicago Tribune reported Cho had recently set a fire in a dorm room and had stalked some women.

Monday's rampage consisted of two attacks, more than two hours apart - first at a dormitory, where two people were

killed, then inside a classroom building, where 31 people, including Cho, died. Two handguns - a 9 mm and a .22-caliber - were found in the classroom building.

The Washington Post quoted law enforcement sources as saying Cho died with the words "Ismail Ax" in red ink on one of his arms, but they were not sure what that meant.

According to court papers, police found a "bomb threat" note - directed at engineering school buildings - near the victims in the classroom building. In the past three weeks, Virginia Tech was hit with two other bomb threats. Investigators have not connected those earlier threats to Cho.

Cho graduated from Westfield High School in Chantilly, Va., in 2003. His family lived in an off-white, two-story townhouse in Centreville, Va.

Jeff Han, president of the League of Korean Americans in Virginia, said Cho's parents "share a heartfelt sincerity and condolences for the families and Virginia Tech community." They were grieving and not speaking with the media, he said.

At least one of those killed in the rampage, Reema Samaha, graduated from Westfield High in 2006. But there was no immediate word from authorities on whether Cho knew the young woman and singled her out.

"He was very quiet, always by himself," neighbor Abdul Shash said. Shash said Cho spent a lot of his free time playing basketball and would not respond if someone greeted him.

Classmates painted a similar picture. Some said that on the first day of a British literature class last year, the 30 or so stu-

dents went around and introduced themselves. When it was Cho's turn, he didn't speak.

On the sign-in sheet where everyone else had written their names, Cho had written a question mark. "Is your name, 'Question mark?'" classmate Julie Poole recalled the professor asking. The young man offered little response.

Cho spent much of that class sitting in the back of the room, wearing a hat and seldom participating. In a small department, Cho distinguished himself for being anonymous.

"He didn't reach out to anyone. He never talked," Poole said.

"We just really knew him as the question mark kid," Poole said.

One law enforcement official said Cho's backpack contained a receipt for a March purchase of a Glock 9 mm pistol. Cho held a green card, meaning he was a legal, permanent resident.

That meant he was eligible to buy a handgun unless he had been convicted of a felony.

Roanoke Firearms owner John Markell said his shop sold the Glock and a box of practice ammo to Cho 36 days ago for \$571.

"He was a nice, clean-cut college kid. We won't sell a gun if we have any idea at all that a purchase is suspicious," Markell said.

Investigators stopped short of saying Cho carried out both attacks. But State Police ballistics tests showed one gun was used in both.

And two law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information had not been announced, said Cho's fingerprints were on both guns, whose serial numbers had been filed off.

Gov. Tim Kaine said he will appoint a panel at the university's request to review authorities' handling of the disaster.

Parents and students bitterly complained that the university should have locked down the campus immediately after the first burst of gunfire and did not do enough to warn people.

Kaine warned against making snap judgments and said he had "nothing but loathing" for those who take the tragedy and "make it their political hobby horse to ride."

On Tuesday afternoon, thousands of people gathered in the basketball arena for a memorial service for the victims, with

an overflow crowd of thousands watching on a jumbo TV screen in the football stadium. President Bush and the first lady attended.

"As you draw closer to your families in the coming days, I ask you to reach out to those who ache for sons and daughters who are never coming home," Bush said.

Virginia Tech President Charles Steger received a 30-second standing ovation, despite the criticism of the school administration.

With classes canceled for the rest of the week, many students left town in a hurry, lugging pillows, sleeping bags and backpacks down the sidewalks.

Jessie Ferguson, 19, a freshman from Arlington, headed for her car with tears streaming down her cheeks.

"I'm still kind of shaky," she said. "I had to pump myself up just to kind of come out of the building. I was going to come out, but it took a little bit of 'OK, it's going to be all right. There's lots of cops around.'"

She added: "I just don't want to be on campus."

Stories of heroism and ingenuity emerged Tuesday.

Liviu Librescu, an Israeli engineering and math lecturer, was killed after he was said to have protected his students' lives by blocking the doorway of his classroom from the gunman. And one student, an Eagle Scout, probably saved his own life by using an electrical cord as a tourniquet around his bleeding thigh, a doctor reported.

On Tuesday night as darkness fell, thousands of Virginia Tech students, faculty and area residents poured into the center of campus to grieve together.

They held thousands of candles aloft as speakers urged them to find solace in one another.

Most of the vigil was devoted to silence and quiet reflection. As the silence spread across the grassy bowl of the drill field, a pair of trumpets began to play taps. A few in the crowd began to sing Amazing Grace.

"We will move on from this. But it will take the strength of each other to do that," said Zenobia Hikes, vice president for student affairs. "We want the world to know we are Virginia Tech, we will recover, we will survive with your prayers."

Julia Hunter contributed to this story.

Indiana colleges prepared, but safety can't be guaranteed

(AP) — The shooting of 32 people at Virginia Tech sent a shudder through college campuses in Indiana and left officials and students here wondering if any school can truly prepare to prevent such a massacre.

"In light of the horror of the situation, I don't think anyone can brag that we're prepared," said Dick McKaig, dean of students at Indiana University in Bloomington. "I don't think you're ever prepared for that kind of tragedy."

The deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history ended Monday with the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33. Investigators gave no motive for the attack.

On Tuesday, officials identified the shooter as Cho Seung-Hui, 23, a Virginia Tech senior from South Korea.

The Blacksburg, Va., university was faced with difficult questions about its handling of the emergency and whether it did enough to warn students and protect them after the first burst of gunfire that killed two people at a dormitory. The second shooting two hours later killed 30 people locked inside a classroom building.

Indiana colleges prepare for similar events, but officials acknowledge there is no way to know whether their efforts would be enough.

"There's always apprehension that something unexpected could happen. You worry that some completely, out of the ordinary, bizarre incident could happen," said Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne Chancellor Michael Wartell.

"When you think about it, there isn't a way to completely prevent things from happening. You simply do the best you can."

For students, too, safety was a relative thing.

"I feel fairly safe," said Ball State freshman Jackie Haviland, of Shirley. "As safe as you can feel. You always have to watch your back anywhere you are at."

Most large campuses have their own police force. IPFW has more than 200 cameras that monitor the campus, which is common for most schools. Some campuses have emergency phones, and Indiana Tech has plans to install illuminated safety posts, where students press a button that lights up when they are in danger.

Indiana University has contingency plans for if something like Monday's shootings should occur, said spokesman Larry McIntyre, in part because the campus has been a site of fatal shootings.

In 1992, a shooting in Eigenmann Hall left a graduate student and the gunman dead, and in 1999, student and white supremacist Benjamin Smith shot and killed fellow student Won-Joon Yoon outside a church adjacent to the campus.

"We recognize that these senseless acts of violence can happen anywhere because it happened here," McIntyre said.

IU doesn't discuss specifics of its emergency plans, he said.

At Ball State in Muncie, all campus police officers are trained how to respond to gunmen, a tactic called active shooter response, said campus Police Chief Gene Burton. The first responding officers would secure the area as best as possible and identify, find and initiate contact with the shooter, he said.

Purdue University has a similar policy, according to campus police Capt. John Cox.

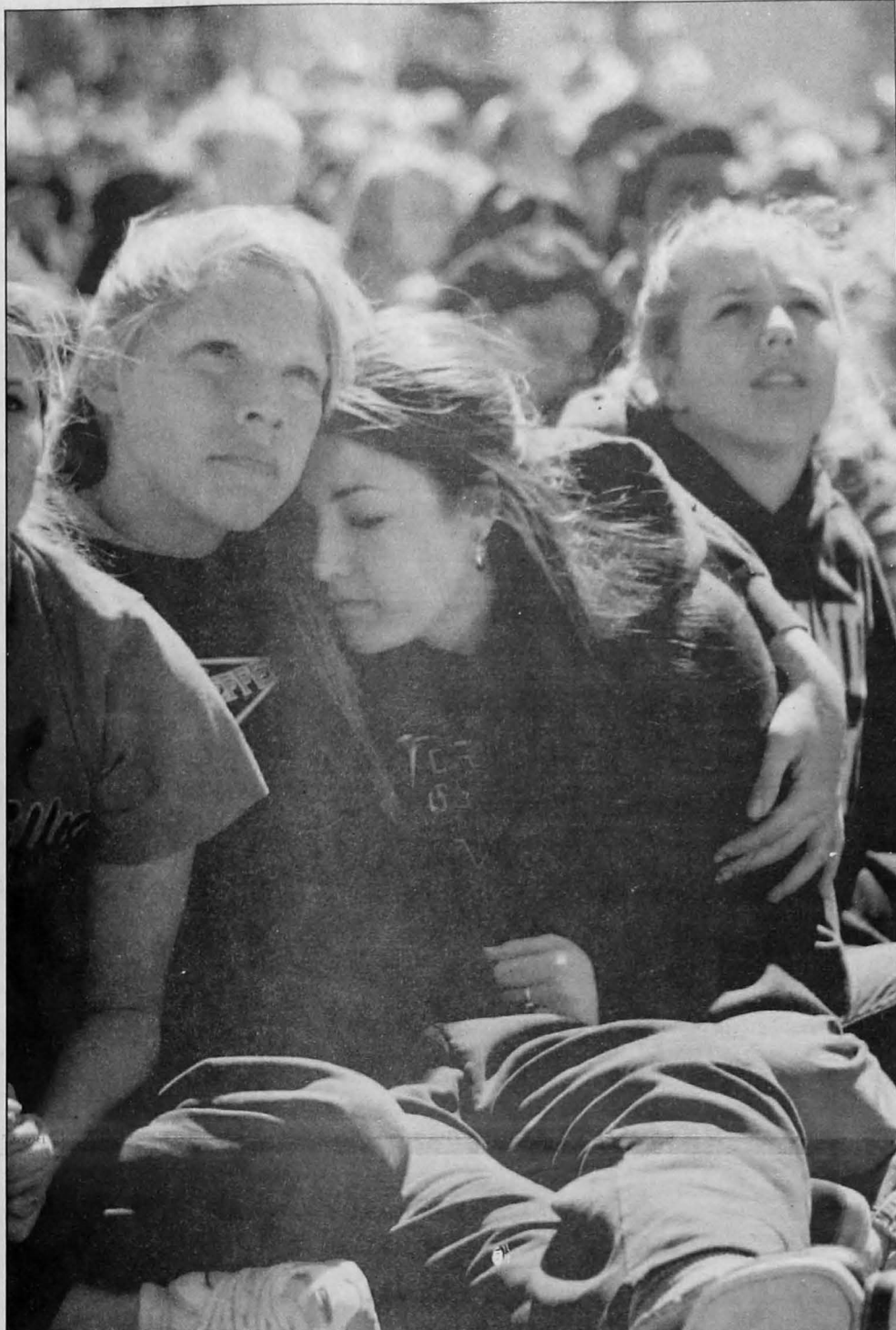
How to warn thousands of students spread across campus is another dilemma. Most classrooms and dormitories do not have public-address systems, and e-mail is only immediately effective if students are sitting in front of a computer, Burton said.

Ball State would likely send out warning e-mails — as Virginia Tech did — and contact residence hall assistants, academic department heads and other campus leaders to spread the word verbally, Burton said.

Purdue spokeswoman Jeanne Norberg said sending e-mails to all 38,000 students in West Lafayette could be too slow, so university officials instead established a system in which they would e-mail deputies at all buildings who can then warn others inside.

In the future, the school hopes to create a database with cell phone numbers of students and use it to send text messages to a large number of people at once.

"Students don't use their land lines anymore," Norberg said. "It's a challenge to reach them."



Theresa Dunn of Atlanta, Ga., consoles Kristyn Heise, of Ashburn, Va., as they listen to the words of President Bush during a convocation service at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

AP Photo

Virginia Tech students react to shootings

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Only in her worst nightmares could Nicole Shyti have anticipated the carnage transpiring as she slept on the fifth floor of West Ambler Johnston dormitory Monday morning. One floor beneath her, two Virginia Tech University students had been murdered by a gunman who was still at large.

It wasn't until 9:30 a.m., when a friend called her to make sure she was safe, that she learned about the killings.

Shyti said she heard the sounds of siren after siren outside her dorm room. It was at that point, she said, that she knew something serious had happened.

"I saw people running across the lawn outside, and it was just a lot of commotion," Shyti said.

The shootings, which eventually left 33 dead, instantly transformed the Virginia Tech campus into a worldwide epicenter of tragedy and confusion.

The campus was left nearly deserted as the university went on lockdown. An impromptu vigil on the Drill Field Monday evening captured the intensity of emotion. Students locked arms — some crying — still waiting to find out whether friends had made it out alive.

Virginia Tech student George Lane-Roberts said the rapid escalation of casualties left him "dumbfounded and shocked."

As students spent the day within the familiar walls of their dorms, press outlets from around the world descended on Blacksburg, Va., to report the greatest tragedy to hit an American college campus.

That blanket of media coverage provided many Tech students, hunkered around televisions, with their primary window into the events of the day. Tech student Joseph Chapman said he first found out about the shootings on TV before reading official e-mails from the university.

Some have criticized Tech's response to the initial shooting as too little too late, saying that an earlier lockdown of campus could have prevented 30 deaths. The initial e-mail from the university came almost two hours after the first shooting occurred. Lane-Roberts recalled a shooting in Blacksburg on the first day of classes last August. He said he remembered that the entire campus had been locked down, even though no students were casualties of that shooting.

Members of the media may be coming to their own conclusions, but students at Tech are still more confused than angered by the administration's response.

Nathan Carter, who is still waiting to find out whether three of his friends are all right, said he doesn't blame the administration for its handling of the shootings.

"Hindsight is 20/20," he said, adding that what Virginia Tech officials thought they had on their hands with the Ambler Johnston incident was a domestic dispute gone wrong.

Freshman student Holly Faust said she was leaving campus, on her way to Radford University with a friend.

By late afternoon, she said half of the students in her dorm had already left. Faust, who lives on the top floor of Slusher dormitory, one of the tallest buildings near Norris Hall, said a number of stu-

dents went up to the top floor to observe clumps of police. Despite being within eye shot of the center of events, Faust said she also relied on television news reports for information about the unfolding events.

Faust said she received the first official e-mail informing students of the shooting at about 9:30 a.m. and decided not to go to class.

Many students first heard about the massacre not from the Virginia Tech e-mails, but through calls, e-mails and instant messages from friends and concerned family members.

A resident advisor in Payne dormitory, who has chosen to remain anonymous, said he found out about the incident through an instant message from a friend.

To notify his residents, the RA said he posted notices in stairwells and alerted students leaving the building to be cautious.

He said RAs are trained extensively to handle serious situations such as this. Most of his duties Monday included dispelling rumors and providing his residents with as much information as was available, he said.

Carter described how the lack of solid information added to the confusion surrounding the events, saying the rumors ranged from gang-member involvement to "ridiculous" reports that the shooter was eight feet tall.

Some may have falsely assumed that the shooter was lurking nearby, even after he had killed himself — fears that were heightened by the saturation of gun-toting police who were sweeping the campus for any suspicious activity.

Lane-Roberts said he and other

Shooting rampage on Virginia Tech campus deadliest in history

Fatal shootings at U.S. colleges or universities in recent years 1 death



SOURCE: AP research

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students watched from a window as two police officers with assault rifles "tackled" a black student. The officers were "shouting" at students to close the blinds and "get in our rooms," he said.

Chapman said RAs played a major role in communicating the lockdown to students.

Virginia Tech freshman Margaret Hatcher said she never left her room because she had been advised to stay there and distance herself from the windows; however, her roommate had to find shelter in an academic building.

"My roommate was actually in class this morning, and actually she was in the building next door to Norris," Hatcher said. "They took them all into the basement for a few hours" and around 12:30 p.m. told them to leave campus immediately.

Sophomore Erik Stange said he lives off campus and learned of the situation when his parents

called him around 11 a.m. Stange said he later learned from friends that a friend of his who was an RA in West Ambler Johnston had been shot.

"He got shot in the leg, [so] hopefully he'll be OK," Stange said.

Hours later, Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Finchum confirmed that an RA in West Ambler Johnston had died.

Stange is just one of many students forced to cope with uncertainties about Monday's events. "At this point, there are still a lot of questions and not answers," Shyti said. "We're in a fearful environment right now, [and] I think what contributes to the fear is that people don't know what's safe."

As the community looks to begin the healing process, Virginia Tech has organized a memorial service in Cassell Coliseum, the basketball stadium, to be held

Monday at 2 p.m. Freshman Elizabeth Rogers said she plans to attend the service.

"Even though I don't know anyone directly who [has] been harmed, I just feel that as a university we need to band together ... and try to find the best way to be there for everyone in this time of need," Rogers said.

Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said the university is starting a "long, difficult road" to recovery from the massacre. As the initial shock turns into a quest for answers, students at Virginia Tech are finding that the first step on that road is coming to terms with the magnitude of what has occurred.

As one RA said, "Most of us are just kind of sitting here wondering when we're going to wake up, because it feels like a dream."

E-Mails Sent by Virginia Tech

Monday, April 16, 2007

9:26 a.m.

From: Unirel@vt.edu
Date: April 16, 2007 9:26:24 AM EDT
To: Multiple recipients
Subject: *Shooting on campus.*
 A shooting incident occurred at West Amber Johnston earlier this morning. Police are on the 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. Contact Virginia Tech Police at 231-6411. Stay attuned to the www.vt.edu. We will post as soon as we have more information.

9:50 a.m.

From: Unirel@vt.edu
Date: April 16, 2007 9:50:07 AM EDT
To: Multiple recipients
Subject: *Please stay put*
 A gunman is loose on campus. Stay in buildings until further notice. Stay away from all windows

10:52 a.m.

From: Unirel@vt.edu
Date: April 16, 2007 10:52:45 AM EDT
To: Multiple recipients
Subject: *Second Shooting Reported; Police have one gunman in custody*
 In addition to an earlier shooting today in West Amber Johnston, there has been multiple shooting with multiple victims in Norris Hall. Police and EMS are on the scene. Police have one shooter in custody as part of a routine police procedure, they continue to search for a second shooter. All people in university buildings are required to stay inside until further notice. All entrances to campus are closed.

Officials at the university informed students and faculty of the events as they were unfolding via e-mail.

E-mail sent on Sunday, April 15, the day previous to the shooting, concerning a bomb threat.

From: Unirel@vt.edu
Date: April 15, 2007 4:01:48 PM EDT
To: Multiple recipients
Subject: *Engineering Buildings to Reopen Monday*
 To The University Community
 Three university buildings, Torgersen, Durham, and Whittemore Halls, have been closed since Friday because of a bomb threat. Police have swept the buildings with search teams and deemed the buildings suitable for use beginning 7 a.m. Monday, 16 April.

Map outlining Virginia Tech campus shooting

A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dormitory and classroom building Monday, killing 32 people before committing suicide in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

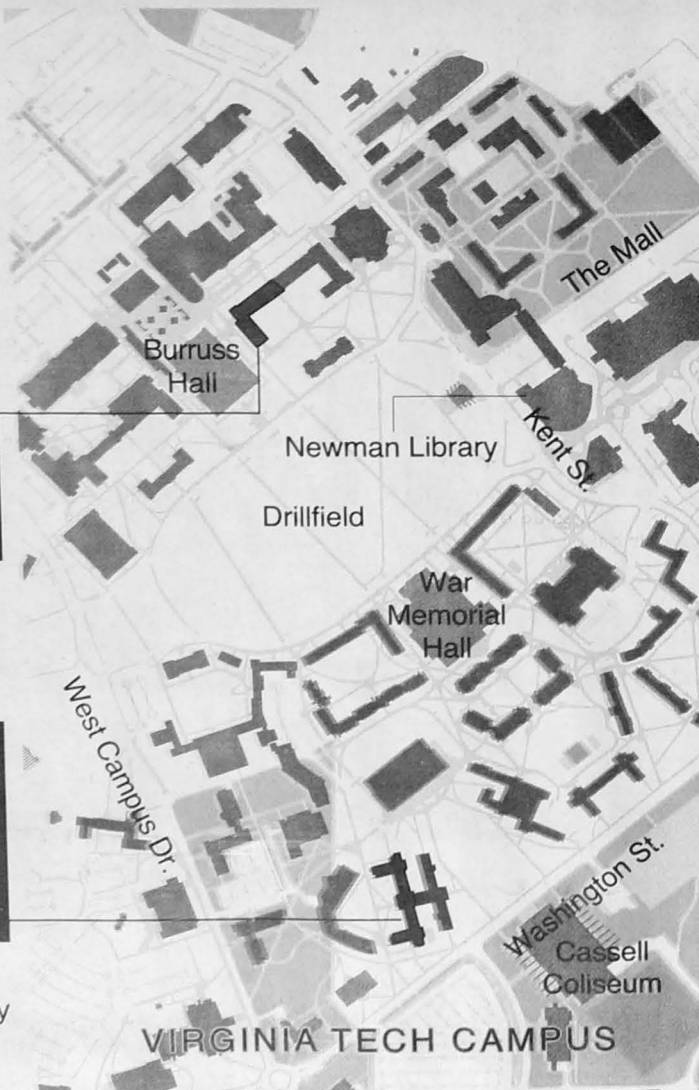
Appx. 9:15 a.m.
Norris Hall
 31 killed including the gunman

0 App. 500 feet

All times Eastern (local)

Appx. 7:15 a.m.
West Amber Johnston Hall
 Two people killed in the dormitory

Residential/dining facility
 Academic building



April 16th

7:15 a.m.: A 911 emergency call to Virginia Tech Police reports a shooting at West Amber Johnston Hall, leaving one person dead and one injured. The second victim died soon after.
7:30 a.m.: Investigators were following up on leads concerning a person of interest in relation to the double homicide. Investigators from VT PD and Blacksburg PD were actively following up on various leads. Meanwhile, Cho returns to his dorm room to re-load and leave a "disturbing note."
8:00 a.m.: Classes begin.
8:25 a.m.: Virginia Tech leadership team meets to develop a plan on how to notify students of the homicide. Meanwhile, police stop the unidentified "person of interest" in a vehicle off-campus and detain him for questioning.
9:05 a.m.: Cho seen in Norris Hall, an Engineering building. Cho chains the doors shut from the inside to prevent escape.
9:26 a.m.: E-mails go out to campus staff, faculty, and students saying there has been a shooting on campus (in reference to the Dorm shooting).
9:45 a.m.: Students in the engineering building Norris Hall call police to report more shots have been fired. Cho kills 30 more people before turning the gun on himself. Police have breached the barricaded doors, but the shooter is dead before police arrive.
9:50 a.m.: A second e-mail announcing: "A gunman is loose on campus. Stay in buildings until further notice; Stay away from all windows" is sent to all Virginia Tech email addresses. Loudspeakers broadcast a similar message.
12:00 p.m.: At a press conference, authorities said there may have been more than 21 people killed and 28 injured.
4:01 p.m.: President Bush speaks from the White House regarding the shooting.
April 17th
9:15 a.m.: Virginia Tech Police Department releases name of shooter as Cho Seung-Hui and confirms the death toll of 33.
9:30 a.m.: Virginia Tech announces that classes would be canceled "for the remainder of the week to allow students the time they need to grieve and seek assistance as needed."

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Powell well received at The Centre

by JULIA HUNTER
Editor-in-chief

Colin Powell said he wasn't running for president, but the former secretary of state could have gotten about 2,500 votes from the crowd who heard him speak at The Centre Tuesday night.

"If something comes along where I can serve the country again – not in elected politics – I would certainly consider it," Powell said during the first

speech of Evansville's Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series. He is, however, still serving – especially when it comes to education.

Powell was founding chairman of America's Promise, an organization that works closely with members of communities across the country to ensure the success of America's children.

"We have some of the greatest universities in the world, and we have some of the best graduates

coming out of these universities," Powell said. "That's not the problem. The problem is K through 12."

Powell, who still works closely with America's Promise and organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, spoke Tuesday about the importance of preparing the nation's children for school.

"If a 5-year-old or a 6-year-old shows up at kindergarten or first grade and this child has not had a

lot of laptop time – and I don't mean on the computer – his eyes are blazing, but he hasn't been prepared for it," Powell said. "After a few years, he just loses it."

Powell, who attended the City College of New York, spoke about the importance of creating places where children can receive a quality education – children who may not have otherwise had the opportunity.

CCNY was created to educate

the poor and the New York immigrants, Powell said.

Powell is also the honorary chairman of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall education center. The center is designed to educate people about the men and women whose names are on the wall.

"We want to make sure the names engraved in the wall will never become anonymous, will never become faceless," Powell said.



Photo by Julia Hunter

Evansville Steps It Up



Top: Members of the community rally around the Four Freedoms monument Saturday, April 14 in downtown Evansville to protest Vectren's plans to build a coal fired power plant in Edwardsport, Ind.

Left: Washington Middle School student Kyler Smith, dressed as the grim reaper, holds a sign that reads Stop Global Warming during the protest Saturday.

Above: USI student Jessica Jones makes a sign in preparation for Saturday's rally.

Photos by Jared Kinkade

USI community rallies to cut carbon

By JENNIFER GOFF
Special to The Shield

More than 150 people joined together at the Four Freedoms monument on Saturday, April 14 to say, "Step It Up Congress! Cut Carbon 80 percent by 2050."

Saturday was considered to be, "A National Day of Climate Action," as about 1,400 events occurred nationwide.

Evansville's rally was one of fifteen that took place in Indiana.

Vectren was a target for the protest because of plans to build a new coal fired power plant in Edwardsport, Ind., which is an hour and a half drive from Evansville.

The rally began with a welcome and introduction by John Blair, a journalism instructor at USI and president of Valley Watch, Inc., which was created in 1981 to, "protect the public health and environment of the lower Ohio River Valley."

After speaking to the crowd, John Blair introduced speakers: Grant Smith, executive director of Citizens Action Coalition, Samuel LaBuddle,

"To see such a turnout, in such miserable weather was very impressive to say the least, and speaks highly of young people"

— Joe Renow
Valley Watch member
USI alumni

an environmentalist and biologist from Evansville, Wendy Knipe Bredhold, organizer of Step It Up Evansville and writer for the Office of News and Information at USI, and Dr. Peter Fritz of the Hoosier Sierra Club.

The speakers, along with discussing the dangers of burning coal for energy, made suggestions about what small actions could be taken to help lower the levels of coal fueled energy used daily, such as solar paneling, wind power or just switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs.

The group then formed a parade behind the Step It Up Congress banner, where they marched down River-

side Drive to Vectren's main office.

Battle cries of, "Cut Carbon Now, No New Coal" could be heard echoing off the Casino Aztar building as the group surrounded Vectren, holding hands or clapping.

According to Step It Up Evansville's MySpace.com page, there are, "already 17 coal plants within a 62-mile radius of Evansville including Duke Energy's Gibson Station – the largest coal plant in the U.S."

This is a concern for many because, "Indiana is the largest emitter of carbon dioxide, the principal gas known to cause global warming, from coal burning."

"I was thrilled with the turnout, Bredhold said. "It was cold, misty, and windy, and to get that amount of people to show up in Evansville made me very hopeful."

Bredhold has been involved in many environmental causes over the years but officially became a member of Valley Watch this year.

The group then reorganized before the front entrance of the building where John Blair took a group photo to post on the Step It Up 2007 national website.

All actions were encouraged to submit photos to stepitup2007.org so that a slideshow could be made and copies could be sent to Congress.

The group dispersed after the photo and the singing of "If I Had a Hammer" together.

"I was actually impressed by the demonstration, both locally and nationally," said Joe Renow, Valley Watch member and USI graduate.

"To see such a turnout, in such miserable weather was very impressive to say the least, and speaks highly of young people."

Senator opposes school funding

By LUCAS NIEKAMP
The Shield staff

With finals right around the corner for students, state legislators enter what they hope will be the last week of the 2007 session Monday, April 23.

The issues that remain unresolved for the session include property taxes, slot machines at horse tracks and the only real need for the Indiana General Assembly to meet this session – the state budget.

Different versions of the two-year budget emerged from the Democratic controlled House of Representatives 51-48 on Feb. 22 and the Republican dominated Senate April 11 by a margin of 36-13.

Sens. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, and Bob Deig, D-Mount Vernon, both voted against the Senate budget proposal.

Deig cited school funding as his main reason for opposing the budget. Under the budget, Mount Vernon, New Harmony and North Posey schools would lose anywhere between one half percent to 4 percent of state funding over the next two years.

"If you have a growing enrollment, you're going to gain money," Deig said. "I'd like to see some type of minimum guarantee in there."

Deig said Mount Vernon schools stand to lose anywhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000 the first year alone. New Harmony schools could face a 3.9 percent loss in 2007 and a 7.5 percent loss in 2008.

"Not funding the public schools, K through 12 like they have for the past two years, are going to really struggle," Deig said.

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Graduating classes growing

By JENNIFER GOFF
Special to The Shield

As the end of the semester draws near, so does the end of a college career for USI's graduating seniors.

The 1,385 degree candidates, who worry with final papers or exams, realize that commencement is right around the corner. What some might not realize, however, is that reservations are required in order to attend the spring commencement taking place on May 5 at Roberts Stadium.

"Last year was the first year we required reservations," said Senior Vice President for Advancement Sherrienne Standley.

The number of students that had already made reservations was around 500 on Tuesday, April 10 but will probably increase due to a reminder email sent out to graduating seniors.

The degree candidates who graduated in December but did not attend the fall commencement ceremony, which took place on Dec. 9, 2006 in the Physical Activities Center, are also welcome to attend.

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The schools targeted to lose money continue to face declining enrollments.

While reducing funding for schools in Deig's district and around the state, Senate Republicans proposed increasing funding for charter schools nearly \$11 million the first year and \$16 million the second. Deig said these monies would support virtual charter schools established by the General Assembly in 2005.

Virtual charter schools allow students to complete requirements for kindergarten through grades 10 or 11 online by parents' home schooling their children.

So far, two schools intend to start their online classes this fall.

One such school, Indiana Virtual Charter School (IVCS), gives their students computers, Internet access, textbooks and lessons for free.

Teachers hired by the online school communicate with their students via e-mail, telephone, videoconference and in-person meetings, according to IVCS Web site.

Deig said the idea of not physically going to a classroom, allowing students an opportunity to interact together or requiring physical education con-

cerned him.

"The problem with that is there haven't been any questions answered about these virtual schools."

The budget authored by House Democrats would ban virtual schools but it must be reconciled with Senate Republicans, some weary of changing the online school law.

Both Becker and Deig pointed to a lack of funding for USI as their concern in opposing the budget.

The Senate budget plan appropriates \$29.9 million for construction of the proposed College of Business and general classroom building. The plan also provides \$36.7 million for 2007 and nearly \$38.6 million for 2008 for USI's operating budget, but it does not include \$1.2 million worth of funding requested to operate Rice Library.

"They're not looking to put any maintenance funds so we're hoping to get that money restored," Deig said.

Legislators hope to wrap up their session by April 29 or face being called back into session by the governor if budget work remains.

Price and participation may vary.
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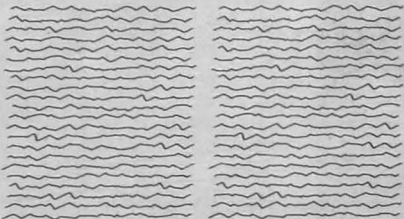
"If you add the December degree candidates (465) to the May candidates (1,385), we could have had a class of 1,850 degree candidates if we had not held a fall Commencement" Standley said.

This would have been the largest number of degree candidates graduating in one year, surpassing last

years high of 1,675.

Standley would like to remind students that, "because of the growing size of our graduating classes, those who plan to participate must make a reservation with Special Events, 464-1930."

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Can Ben Affleck be in a good movie ?

It's been 5 years since Joe Carnahan's last feature film, the gritty drug drama *Narc*. Does his latest film, *Smoking Aces*, deliver the same adrenaline shot as his previous effort and more importantly, is it worth the wait?

JUST THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW...



35% of Americans eat at least once a week at a fast food restaurant.

Only 23% of USI students believe alcohol is very important to social life on campus.

-Results from 2005 USI Assessment Test Day



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Thursday, April 19, 2007

Editorial

Collegiate Times, we salute you

Breaking news knows no deadlines. Murderers do not plan their killing spree around the schedules of newspapers.

Dedication is the first requirement of any journalist. Duty calls regardless of the time and circumstance.

Amie Steele knows this all too well. Steele is the editor-in-chief of Collegiate Times, Virginia Tech's campus newspaper.

In the wake of Monday's massacre, Steele, a 21-year-old junior, was in her third week on the job.

Despite their own personal anguish, like in the real world of journalism, Steele and her staff diligently worked throughout the night to comprise a fatal-ity list.

According to an interview conducted by Editor & Publisher, Steele said, "We had three reporters dedicated to that in the middle of the night. It was something we could figure out through the people we knew."

The staff finished the report and posted it at about 4:07 a.m.

Both The Associated Press and The New York Times have credited the fatal-ity report.

Not only was Collegiate Times the first newspaper to release an article about the identity of the victims, but the campus newspaper was also the first source to release the identity of the shooter, about one hour before it was released in a news conference. The staff has been updating the site through

blogs.

The Collegiate Times website, collegiatetimes.com, was so overwhelmed with hits that the server went down. The site is currently being hosted upon College Publisher as a public service.

The information on the Web site is remarkable.

Besides the list of confirmed deceased, the site provides a graphic map of the shootings, a photo gallery, personal accounts and interviews and related stories ranging from emerging donation details to the impact on the nearest hospital.

The staff has handled the facts correctly, but not without compassion, which is a difficult task.

The Collegiate Times editorial says,

"When considering the number of deceased victims, 32 is devastating, but those lives are not just a number, each one is a member of our community."

Journalism cannot be disregarded due to a personal tragedy, since citizens rely on journalists for information. Such journalists must remember, however, that although horrific tragedies stir media attention as sensational, there is nothing sensational about human suffering and coverage must be conducted tastefully. Well done Collegiate Times staff.

To those that believe campus newspapers are a waste of time and funding, let this tragedy serve the purpose of proving the necessity of campus newspapers nationwide.

Piracy is attacked

By KELLY SCHMIDT
The Shield staff

College students beware: the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) is coming after you.



At the beginning of March, students around the country began receiving letters accusing them of illegally downloading music from services like Limewire and Ares.

For most students facing hefty college loans, a pending lawsuit against them is not something to look forward to.

The lawsuits hit close to home, with Ohio University ranked at No. 1, followed by Purdue University as the No. 2 target in their campaign against college students.

More importantly though, it's how the RIAA got campus housing information in the first place.

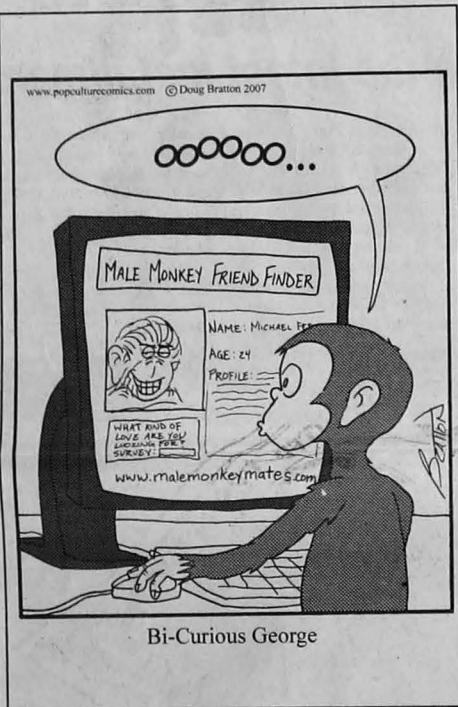
The RIAA obtains the IP addresses, then sends letters to the university instructing them to identify the students.

The universities pass along the letters encouraging the students to make quick settlements via the Web site www.p2plawsuits.com. If the student declines to settle, the RIAA will sue for \$750 per song. If the infringement is for personal financial gain, the act may be punishable by up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

Yes, it's important to respect copyright laws and give artists their well-deserved earnings, but the real problem here isn't illegally downloading music. If that were the case, popular pay sites like Napster and iTunes wouldn't survive.

Over the past decade, music sales have steadily been declining and it has nothing to do with illegal downloads and everything to do with the junk played on the radio today.

The solution is simple: when musicians start making better music, we'll start buying again.



Bi-Curious George

Free speech doesn't entitle harassment

By NICHOLAS THOMAS
The Shield staff



When my editor handed me my assignment this week, I had to laugh for two reasons: freedom of speech is a hot-button topic recently due to the infamous Imus firing; the other reason is that I've written about MySpace before and I am loathe to address it again, because inevitably I will get some moron that will write back or leave a comment saying how I'm wrong about Myspace and how it is actually a good thing.

So with that in mind, I can tell you that in February of 2006, Greencastle High School's Principal Shawn Gobert discovered something on MySpace that was very derogatory towards his character. The comments addressed the school's policy on body piercings and were written by a juvenile only known as A.B. in court records. A.B. did not make the MySpace page, but simply commented on it.

A.B. was originally placed on probation, but an appeals court in Indiana found that her free speech rights were violated by that order, and the order was lifted.

I agree and I believe this was the correct thing to do.

This could not be harassment because the offender was a juvenile.

That's all I care to say about that topic. The right thing happened. Good deal.

And now we come to the point that I've been waiting to make.

Strike up the band!

Yet more proof of what I have believed about MySpace since I learned what it was: for those people who do not know how to control themselves, it is a vehicle of embarrassing self-display and personal identity.

If you stick your hand into piranha-infested waters, you're most likely not going to pull the same hand back out of that water.

The same goes for MySpace.

If you put something out there for the whole world to see, then someone in the world will use it, and you will reap the resulting whirlwind, good or bad.

Free press is imperative

By PAUL SCHMITT JR.
Special to The Shield



If Laura Buchanan's column, "Freedom of press should not interfere with justice" had been designed as satire, I might not have been so adversely affected. But satirical pieces are supposed to contain elements of humor, no matter how dark, and there is absolutely nothing funny about this.

The writer's argument that video shot of a violent protest during the 2005 G-8 summit in San Francisco should be handed over to authorities in the name of "justice" belies the very freedom which allows her to write a misguided opinion regarding journalism and the importance of a free and independent press. My guess is that this writer is not majoring in journalism. If she is, then she must be a freshman.

Her opinion is characteristic of many Americans who fail to look beyond what is most emotionally appealing. Instead, we should be looking for what might be best for a nation that is said to be a "beacon of democracy." It makes us all warm and fuzzy, but no smarter, to take the side of the victim and to empathize and commiserate with their unfortunate set of circumstances, without making an attempt to take a wider world view.

Journalists are not agents of the government. They have the right not to participate in prosecutions or defenses. Their work should not be "given up" to help someone win an insurance settlement or to help someone get out of a legal quagmire.

When I worked in the news business, I received

a number of subpoenas requesting that our organization turn over "all" the negatives from coverage of traffic accidents. We fought every one of them. How can a free and independent press maintain any kind of credibility, not to mention freedom, if it agrees to partisan demands? How can the press maintain a check on government, industry, and all other aspects of our free society if it bows down to the state every time someone is "victimized?"

No one has a "right" to another's creative work, especially for prosecutorial purposes, just because that work exists. Journalists who believe their role in a democracy is vital have gone to jail many times to avoid turning over notes, negatives or video. They have what so many seem to neglect these days: a sense of integrity and a sense of ethical responsibility to maintain their independence and freedom.

Freedom of the press - like freedom of speech - is not, and has never been, absolute. One can't yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater and people can't publish artificial biographies on Howard Hughes, as Clifford Irving did in the 1970s. There are limits.

Like with her article the previous week which displayed a nonchalant attitude regarding the Patriot Act (which was designed to be temporary), the writer wants our lives to be protected and for all of us to be safe. I do, too. But erosion of freedoms guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution is not worth the cost.

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, and they would do well to take more political science, law and media courses and apply them to every day life. We can't always be, as one USI professor says, "on the side of the angels."

Professors are underpaid

By LAURA BUCHANAN
The Shield staff



While education is expected to be the emphasis of any university, academics are forced on the backburner as more and more institutions are relying on athletics to attract students and, in effect, make more money.

Just ask a professor what his or her salary is - then ask a coach.

According to an annual survey conducted by the American Association of University Professors, the wage gap between college faculty and coaches has reached alarming proportions.

The average salary for college professors is also lowering because more and more professors are retiring and being replaced by younger professors who earn less.

Approximately half of college professors are only employed

part-time.

USI has 557 full-time faculty and administrative staff members, 264 part-time faculty members, 334 full-time support staff members and 208 part-time staff members, not including student employees.

The average salary for full-time professors at NCAA Division 1-A schools range from \$63,030 at Marshall University to \$136,374 at Duke.

Head football coaches average more than \$900,000.

Nick Saban signed an 8-year, \$32 million contract with the University of Alabama and Bob Stoops with the University of Oklahoma is due to earn an estimated \$3.5 million - the highest of any football coach.

That's 36 times that of a full-time professor and 10 times that of Oklahoma's president.

We can expect this wage gap to broaden as long as coaches continue to use sports agents to negotiate their sky-high salaries.

The AAUP report argued that universities place higher value on athletics than education.

It's not just the university. It's all of us.

It may seem unfair that coaches' hands are crowding the cookie jar, but we're the ones who put the goodies there in the first place.

Colleges make millions of dollars with successful athletic programs.

During the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the Texas Longhorns reported a \$42 million profit while Michigan and Florida reported profits of \$37 million and \$32 million respectively.

These profits are born from television, radio and other media rights, and, of course, ticket sales - none of which would exist without Western society's obsession with athletics.

When did education become a marketing means to turn a profit? Society is placing more emphasis on a person's ability to teach students effective touchdown strategies, rather than teaching effective writing techniques.

Even in the Midwest, everyone knows that the University of Southern California had a good team last year.

Anyone know how great their math department is?

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'So it goes': A eulogy for Vonnegut



Vonnegut waves in a 2006 photo provided by his daughter, Edie. The author died Wednesday, April 11 at age 84 after suffering brain injuries from a recent fall.

AP photo

By JON WEBB
The Shield staff

Not many people witness the end of the world and keep on living. It's a crock, really. If a man sees the earth go under in a wind of flames and smells the stench of innocent people cooking—screaming—and then afterwards is told to toss the dead onto funeral pyres, well, life never looks the same. Right? I mean, what heartless soul could see the end, whistle, put his hands in his pockets and walk away?

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. witnessed the end of the world during the fire-bombing in Dresden, Germany during the waning days of World War II. He survived because he was locked underground in a meat locker making vitamin supplements with his fel-

low prisoners of war. He never walked away, and the bombing was the inspiration for his best-known (and perhaps most powerful) novel: Slaughterhouse-Five.

Vonnegut, however, survives no longer.

Listen: Kurt Vonnegut died April 11th in Manhattan after he suffered severe injuries to his brain due to a fall weeks before. Author of 14 novels, along with many shorter works, Vonnegut used science fiction and wild flights of imagination to put forth his message.

In Slaughterhouse-Five, his protagonist Billy Pilgrim becomes "unstuck in time," and floats from one life experience to the other. He sees his birth and death several times over, and even lands back behind enemy lines in World War II.

In Cat's Cradle, his narrator travels to a far off country and learns of Bokononism, a circular religion begun by the prophet Bokonon who promises at the beginning of his sacred text that "all the truths I'm about to tell you are shameless lies."

Vonnegut's work was also autobiographical, and drew on elements of his own upbringing. Born in Indianapolis, Ind. in 1922, Vonnegut eventually attended Cornell University and the Carnegie Institute of Technology. His mother committed suicide in 1944 (so it goes), and Vonnegut himself attempted it forty years later.

In a Rolling Stone profile published last year, Vonnegut mulled the possibility of suing Pall Mall cigarettes (which he chain-smoked) for failing to follow

through with their promise to kill him. In the end, however, he died with his second wife Jill Krementz at his bed-side.

His death leaves a gaping void in the world of literature and the world in general. And even though, toward the end of his life, he lamented the human race's slow murder of Earth, he had to know, somewhere under his Mark-Twain curls, that his books went to long way in opening our murderous eyes. One of Bokonon's songs best sums up his legacy:

"I wanted all things To seem to make some sense, So we all could be happy, yes, Instead of tense. And I made up lies So that they all fit nice, And I made this sad world A Par-a-dise."

Spectrum USI hosts 'Really Big Drag Show'

By GREG ASHER
The Shield staff

Kings and queens will abound at Spectrum's "Really Big Drag Show," mixing fan favorites from last year and a few new student acts.

Amateur drag king Heather James is looking forward to her first performance even though she's yet to pick out a stage name.

"The best part of dressing in drag is getting to be someone else for a day. I hope there will be more older and experienced drag queens to give some tips."

In spite of having worked behind the scenes on the drag show last year, this will also be the first time performing for Spectrum club President Misty Gillespie who has tentatively decided on the stage name Ian Loveless.

She and James plan on being part of a quartet dressed as men to add a little unexpected variety. Miss Gillespie already knew what part she was looking most forward to.

"The best part of the drag show is the audience. Without them, places like Matthew 25, Archibald's Closet (the chosen charity of last year's drag show), and TSA wouldn't be able to provide proper services," Gillespie said.

The returning host is Miss Devonna Monet who wanted to remind people that their admission would bring more than just entertainment.

"I think the show is a good way to raise money for a good cause and its also a good way to bring people together whether they're straight or gay," Monet said.

Proceeds from this year's drag show go to Mathew 25, an organi-

zation that provides free AIDS testing and counseling to people in the Tri-state. Devonna Monet is described as having "done more for Spectrum than anyone else ever" by club president Gillespie.

In spite of having such popular and proven student and alumni talent she is hoping her own performance will encourage more people to try it for the first time.

"Next year, I'm hoping for more student involvement, to really get this group out of the closet, so-to-speak, and get helping in campus activities and helping the community."

Spectrum's Advisor Brian Hinterscher said he is quite proud of this groups work.

"The advocacy part is the strong key. The students put themselves out there to educate individuals within the community on GLBT issues," Hinterscher said.

Hinterscher added that he is pleased that many of the people helping with this drag show including some performers are straight.

"Many allies are involved which shows that the organization is not just for one population. It's for everyone."

Tickets are \$5 dollars at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring single bills or change for tips to the charity during their favorite performance as in addition to being a slightly modified tradition (Campus rules forbid directly touching a performer, so a bucket will have to be used instead) that will be how the winner is decided.

USI's Really Big Drag Show is from 8 pm to 10 pm Friday April 20th in Rice Library 0017.

For more information or to reserve tickets in advance contact a Spectrum member.

'Spider-Man 3' debuts Tokyo crowd first to see the latest installment

Tokyo, Japan (AP) - "Spider-Man 3" made its global debut in Tokyo on Monday, with stars Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst taking a walk down the red carpet for the premiere, held in drizzling rain at a ritzy Tokyo arena. In this latest film, directed by Sam Raimi, Maguire's Peter Parker is juggling his photogra-

phy job, schoolwork, love life and superhero-dom. Then he gains fresh powers when his blue-and-red Spidey costume turns black and his dark side asserts itself, leaving him tangled in an inner struggle just as two new villains, Sandman (Thomas Haden Church) and Venom (Topher Grace), turn up.

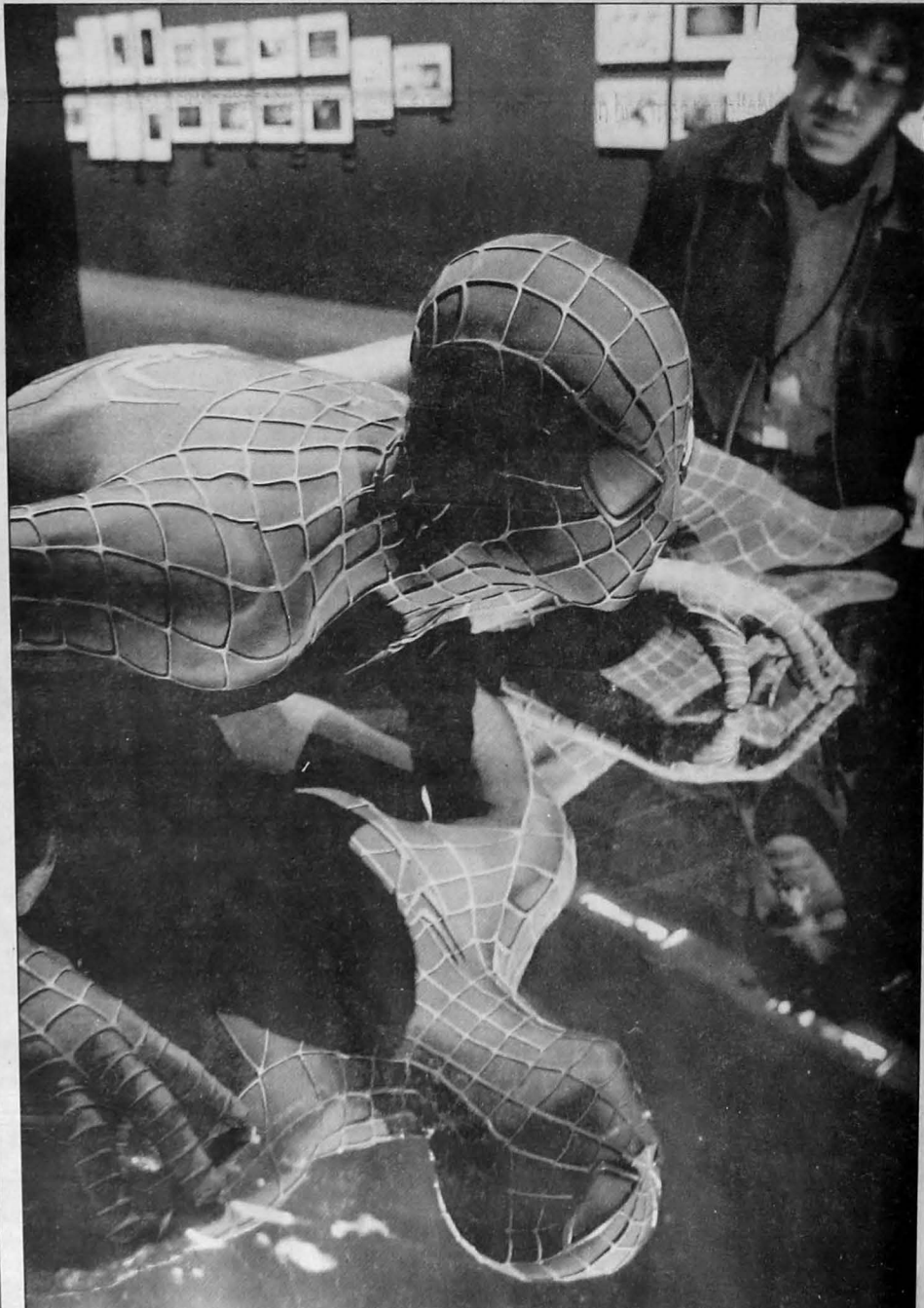
Parker also has the enmity of his former best friend, Harry

Osborn (James Franco), to deal with. Fans will remember that Parker was to blame for the death of his friend's father, who also happened to be an evil genius. Maguire has been coy about whether this is his final "Spider-Man" movie.

"It kind of feels like a natural trilogy," the 31-year-old actor said, adding that he's open to

donning the Spider-Man suit again "if a story presents itself, if we come up with something we feel deserves to be told. I'm not going to make them just because they've been successful," Maguire said.

Columbia Pictures' "Spider-Man 3" opens to general audiences May 1 in Japan and May 4 globally.



A visitor looks at a figure of Spider-Man at an exhibition prior to the World Premiere of "Spider-Man 3" in Tokyo Monday, April 16, 2007. The third installment of the blockbuster Spider-man series made its global debut in Tokyo, featuring two new villains and promising a potential gold rush for electronics and entertainment giant Sony.

AP Photo

Kappa Alpha cracks jokes for Buddy Walk

By Casandra Dodd-Deshleria
Special to The Shield

Kappa Alpha Order will be hosting a benefit improv comedy show on Thursday, April 26 at 9 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

The show will help support the Evansville Buddy Walk by Support, Management, Information, Love and Encouragement (S.M.I.L.E.) On Down Syndrome.

Tickets are on sale at the UC information desk around lunchtime. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

Kappa Alpha members will continue to sell tickets until the day of show.

Chairperson of the event Mario Reid says that 100 % of ticket sales will go to the organization. The concept of the show is to have two teams compete against each other in different games. The format is similar to the hit show "Who's Line Is It Anyway?"

The contestants will be USI stu-

dents.

"If you want to laugh and have a good time, come out," Reid said.

Reid said that the chapter hopes to make the improv comedy show an annual event.

"This year, we're hoping for 250 people to show up," he said.

Kappa Alpha of USI is hoping to raise enough money to become an official sponsor to the Buddy Walk program. The chapter helps out every year, whether donating or setting up for events and the chapter will be paying for the supplies for the comedy show.

"In the fraternity and through philanthropy, I felt like I could use my talents and skills to help," said Reid.

For more information on S.M.I.L.E., visit their Web site, smileondownsyndrome.org. For more information on Kappa Alpha's improv comedy show, contact Mario Reid at 317-509-8645.

Entertainment Briefs

Dance to the Time Warp

The College Democrats of USI will host an end-of-semester "80's time warp dance" Saturday, April 21 from 6-9 p.m. in Carter Hall. The dance is free and open to the public. Free refreshments will be served. For more information E-mail uscollegedems@gmail.com

Spring Fun Night

A night of fun at Walther's Golf-N-Fun Center will be hosted by USI Intramural Recreational Sports at 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26. Students can take a break from finals to play arcade games, mini golf, air hockey, laser tag and more. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5. For more information call 464-1904.

Designed By Grace

USI's gospel choir, Designed By Grace, will perform their seventh annual spring concert at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21 in Forum 1. For more information contact the Multicultural Center.

Earth Day garden party

Urban Sisterhood of Evansville will host an Earth Day garden party fundraiser from noon-11 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the corner of Second and Adams streets. Performers include Boom Squad, Mermaid Dance Studio, Namaste and Rhyme Rock. Food and children's activities. \$5 suggested donation. For more information call 455-0674.

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Rules: Fill the empty cells with numbers between 1 and 9. A number should appear only once in each row, column and region.

(Turn paper upside-down for solution.)

Care for the skin you live in

By JAMIE SMITH
The Shield staff



Summer will be here before you know it, and by now you are probably starting to crave glowing skin. There are many different ways to obtain a tan but are you going about it the smart, healthy way?

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, one in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. Tanning beds, ultraviolet radiation from the sun and sun lamps can all cause skin cancer.

When you are young, it is only natural to be oblivious to the risks of sun damage because being tan is what is shown all throughout the media. The young and vulnerable think of being tan as in.

It is never too late to block harmful rays. Keep your skin healthy with these tips:

-Sunscreen. Make sure you are using a water resistant SPF of at least 15 or higher.

-Hat. Unless you want to leave with a burnt scalp, then you better pack a hat in your beach bag.

-Sunglasses. Don't think you can't still be stylish while protecting yourself from sun damage. Oversized sunglasses remain in style again this year. Prolonged UV exposure can burn your eyes, just as the sun can burn your skin.

-Lip balm. Believe it or not, the lip is a common site for cancer due to extended sun exposure. Look for lip products that have SPF 15 or higher.

-Skin cancer screening. Even if you think that you don't have skin cancer, it is still a good idea to schedule an appointment at least once a year with your skin care specialist. The earlier skin cancer is spotted, the sooner treatment can begin. In general, it is a good idea to stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Three Eagles hold their own against nation's best

By LINDSEY ZILIAK
The Shield staff

Who said track and field was just about running? For the Screaming Eagles it seems that it's also about breaking records.

The track and field team was split this past weekend. Most of the team traveled to Indianapolis for the Little State Championships, while three of the athletes went to California for the Mt. SAC competition.

Junior Paul Jellema, sophomore Allison Shafer and senior Missy Burgin traveled to Walnut California last Friday to compete.

Jellema competed in the 10,000 meters and placed 12th with a time of 29 minutes 17.81 seconds.

There were mixed feelings about this. "He did move up to second all-time on USI's 10,000 meter performance list and made the provisional qualifying time for

the NCAA II championship," said head coach Mike Hillyard. "However, we were hoping that he would run in under 29 minutes because that's the Olympic trial time."

Jellema's is between two USI Hall of Fame inductees on the all-time 10,000 meter performance list.

He was named GLVC Male Track and Field Athlete of the Week for his efforts.

Jellema isn't the only one setting the bar high. Shafer finished 16th at Mt. SAC in the 10,000 meters.

With a time of 35 minutes 51.74 seconds, she received an NCAA II provisional qualifying time and broke the school record set in 2002 by Casey Schneider.

Shafer's performance helped earn her the GLVC Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week honors.

Burgin, the third person to

compete in California, also set a provisional qualifying time in the steeplechase race.

She wasn't quite satisfied with her results finishing eighth with a time of 10 minutes, 59.39 seconds.

She was dealing with stomach problems during the competition and didn't run her best race, but she did get to run against the number one runner in the country for that event.

"Without the stomach problems we know that Missy can finish in the top two in the NCAA II championship," Hillyard said.

This competition was a big opportunity for Burgin - a senior this year. Burgin has accomplished many things as a runner.

"Missy has come a long way," said Hillyard. "She was not a highly recruited athlete coming into college. Her times in high school were only average. She has improved every year. She now

holds several records at USI. She's always positive in practice. We're definitely going to miss her next year."

Those who didn't travel to California went to Indianapolis for the Little State Championships.

Hillyard said of the competition, "Had our three athletes who were in California been there, we would have probably won five more races, but some good things did come out of it."

Senior Carrie Leimberger finished fourth in the 1,500 meters. Sophomore Marcia Weflen placed third in both of her races.

"Marcia has come a long way. She ended up finishing third at Little State this year. Last year she didn't even place in the top 12," said Hillyard.

Overall, USI placed 10th out of 16 teams at Little State.

They will compete again on April 20 in the Vanderbilt Invitational.

A CLOSER LOOK...

SENIOR MISSY BURGIN



Missy Burgin is close to finishing her athletic career at USI. The senior runner has left her mark in the USI record books.

- Event
All Time Record
- Cross Country
5K - 7th
8K - 6th
- Indoor
800 Meters - 5th
1,000 Meters - 2nd
1,500 Meters - 3rd
Mile - 5th
3,000 Meters - 2nd
5,000 Meters - 3rd
Distance Medley Relay
- On all top 5 teams
- Outdoor
3,000 Meters - 5th
1,000 Meters Steeplechase - 1st
5,000 Meters - 5th
- All-GLVC
CC - 2003, 2004
Indoor
Mile - 2006, DMR - 2005
Outdoor
Steeplechase - 2006
Steeple - 2005
5,000 - 2005
- All-Region
CC - 2005
- All-American
DMR - 2005
- GLVC Freshman of the Year
Cross Country - 2005
- GLVC Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week
2007
- GLVC Cross Country Runner of the Year
2005

Women's tennis headed to GLVC Tournament

By JAMARR HENDERSON
The Shield staff

The Southern Indiana women's tennis team couldn't quite seal the last two victories of the GLVC regular season here at home.

The Lady Eagles lost 7-2 to the 30th-ranked Drury on Friday and 8-1 to Rockhurst on Saturday.

They are currently third in the GLVC West with a record of 9-7 overall and 3-2 in the GLVC.

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- Keely Porter
women's head coach

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said head coach Keely Porter.

The Lady Eagles will enter the conference tournament as the third seed from the West division.

The GLVC Tournament is in Springfield, Mo. April 20-21, with the Drury Panthers as the host team.

In the loss to Drury, freshman Kyla Dorsett was able to post USI's only singles victory with a tiebreaker win at the number five singles.

Freshman Katie Joe Clagg paired up with Dorsett to grab a win in number three doubles.

Against Rockhurst, seniors Kim Decker and Betsy Gentry recorded USI's only victory of the match with a win at the number one doubles.

The Lady Eagles will return to action this weekend in Springfield, Mo. for the two-day GLVC Tournament.

Eagles perch atop GLVC

By ERIC BREWER
The Shield staff

The USI men's baseball team has just moved into first place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, and is nationally ranked as the 29th top team in the country.

The national ranking is the first time since the '99 season that USI has been acknowledged amongst the best teams in the country.

The Eagles have a winning streak of seven games, and have only suffered a mere three losses in the past 17 games.

The team recently made ground on the former conference leader, SIUE, as they won three of four in that series.

"The series with SIUE was really a big turning point for us," said junior second baseman Darin Mastroianni.

"All season we have been lingering around that fourth or fifth place position, but haven't really been challenged by that high caliber of a team. Taking three of four from them built our team confidence and allowed us to start winning big games. Now we're first place in the conference and it's nice because everything is in our hands."



Hunter Slade

Since the wins over SIUE, the Eagles won a doubleheader against the University of Missouri St. Louis and a four game series over Lewis - including a

chance at breaking the record Tuesday against Missouri-St. Louis.

"Most of the team is returning players, and none of us expected this big of a turnaround," Mastroianni said.

"We just recently changed our team goals to winning 40 games instead of 35. Archuleta has done a great job with the team, I can't really explain it, but all three coaches [Tracy Archuleta, Joel Weaver and Dustin Murray] have just been phenomenal."

On the defensive side, the squad is holding a .956 fielding percentage while the pitching staff continues to perform well.

Adam Summers recently picked up his sixth win in the 5-0 victory over Lewis and has a 1.57 earned run average in conference play.

Adam Vetter and Jeremy Keht also picked up their fifth victories of the season with wins over Lewis, while Michael Dewey and Aaron Schmitt earned a combined victory to end the doubleheader.

The men will take their first place lead into the weekend when they travel to take on Rockhurst.

The Hawks are 11-13 in the GLVC and 18-19 overall.



USI honors the year's best



USI held its fifth annual USI All-Sports Banquet sponsored by Integra bank last Monday. Senior Melvin Hall was named the Integra/USI Male Student Athlete of the Year. Hall earned second team all-Region, second team all-GLVC and GLVC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors in his final season at USI. He also set the USI single-season record for three-point field goals with a total of 103.

Sophomore Allison Shafer received the Integra/USI Female Student Athlete of the Year award. Shafer can add the award to her already large collection. She was named GLVC Runner of the Year, all-Great Lakes Region, GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year, all-American and a two-time GLVC Runner of the Week for cross country. She has also been named an all-American in indoor track and field.

Senior Geoff Van Winkle earned the Integra/USI Screaming Eagles Spirit Award. Van Winkle finished his basketball career as the 18th Eagle to score more than 1,000 career points. He also is the USI all-time leader in career three-point field goals made. Van Winkle was part of more wins in his four-year career than any other USI basketball player.

(Above) Hall, Van Winkle and Shafer pose for pictures with Greg Pence of Integra Bank.

Photo courtesy of News and Information

What A Difference A Year Makes

2006	Team Totals	2007
18-33	Record	28-11
15-31	GLVC Record	16-7
.241	Batting Average	.308
.311	Slugging 40	.392
.326	On Base 40	.398
1541	At Bats	1226
372	Hits	377
184	Runs	269
64	Doubles	66
10	Triples	10
8	Home Runs	6
157	RBI	239
480	Total Bases	481
171	Walks	159
302	Strike Outs	221
40-68	Stolen Bases	85-102
97	Errors	63
.948	Fielding %	.956
32	Double Plays turned	33

*As of April 16th

GLVC BRIEFS

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved a proposal by Missouri-Rolla Chancellor John F. Carney to change his school's name.

Effective Jan. 1 2008, the University of Missouri-Rolla will become Missouri University of Science and Technology - or Missouri S&T.

Carney believes the name change will distinguish the school as an engineering, technology and science institution, while remaining a part of the four-campus University of Missouri.

Carney's goal is to have Missouri S&T be one of the nation's top five technological research universities by 2010.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville hired its next men's basketball coach. University of Evansville graduate Lennox Forester becomes the seventh men's basketball coach in the history of the program.

Forester spent the last five seasons as an assistant at Bradley University. He was part of the Braves' Sweet Sixteen run back in 2005-06. Bradley advanced to the second round of this year's NIT Tournament.

Forester spent 10 seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Evansville under head coach Jim Crews.

SIUE has advanced to the NCAA Tournament

in two out of the last three seasons. The Cougars won the 2005-06 GLVC Tournament on their way to a Division II Elite Eight appearance.

The Cougars will spend one more season at the Division II level before moving up to Division I in the 2008-09 season.

Drury University's women's basketball coach Nyla Milleson has accepted the head coaching position at Division I Missouri State.

Milleson coached the Lady Panthers for seven seasons, earning a 185-36 record along the way.

She guided Drury to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Elite Eight appearances.

This past season the Lady Panthers won the Great Lakes Regional before losing to the eventual national champion, Southern Connecticut State.

Milleson will not have to go far. Missouri State and Drury are both located in Springfield, Mo.

University of Missouri-St. Louis men's tennis player Francis Lam set a new school record for most career singles wins. Lam has one 52 career singles matches. He surpassed the previous record of 51 set by Matt Vaukard.

Lam is 18-9 in singles play this season and 52-31 in his career with the Rivermen.

National News and Notes

CINCINNATI (AP) - Versatile veteran Ryan Freel agreed to a \$7 million, two-year contract extension through the 2009 season with the Cincinnati Reds.

Freel will get base salaries of \$3 million next year and \$4 million in 2009, when he would have been eligible for arbitration. He is in the final year of a two-year deal that pays him \$2,325,000 this season.

NEW YORK (AP) - Keith Olbermann will return to sports for the first time in six years to join Cris Collinsworth as co-host of the pregame show for NBC's Sunday night NFL telecasts.

Olbermann, who currently hosts a prime-time newscast and opinion show called "Countdown

with Keith Olbermann" on MSNBC, will join with host Bob Costas and analysts Jerome Bettis, Tiki Barber and Peter King on NBC's "Football Night in America."

BOSTON (AP) - Robert Cheruiyot won the Boston Marathon for the third time, defending his title in the remnants of a soaking nor'easter in an unofficial time of 2 hours, 14 minutes, 13 seconds.

Cheruiyot, who also won in 2003 and set the course record last year, outkicked countryman James Kwambai as they headed into Kenmore Square with a mile to go. And the defending champion kept his feet under him as he crossed the finish line - something he had a bit of a problem with when he won in Chicago last fall.

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The only thing wrong with her is she's retiring

Standley's retirement ends an era

By ADRIAN STOICA
The Shield staff

Senior Vice President for Advancement Sherri Anne Standley will be retiring this June, ending her 31-year service at USI.

Annie Krug, who is currently vice president for advancement, will be taking her place.

"I'm going to enjoy having my calendar to myself," Standley said.

Among her plans for retirement are spending time with her 22-month-old granddaughter and doing journalistic-style writing for brochures and other small publications on a contract-style basis.

She also plans to stay in Evansville, though she would like to go visit someplace warmer.

"You couldn't blow us out of here with a stick of dynamite," Standley said. She is also hoping to travel to the British Isles, where her mother and father are from.

People within the USI community have told Standley, "We hate to see you go, but we're glad to see Annie coming back - that makes me feel good," she said.

President Hoops is also sad to see her go. He said he tried to talk her out of it, though she wouldn't be dissuaded this time.

It was one of those things that happen with the passage of time, he said.

"[Standley] has just done wonderful things for this university," Hoops said.

"There aren't many like her."

Dr. Sherri Darrel, professor of English, has had many experiences together with Standley, both at USI and off-campus, from writing documents and grants to holding wedding and baby showers.

"No, I don't want her to retire because we desperately need her, but, yes, I do want her to retire so she can enjoy Leighton and other possible grandchildren," Darrel said. "Sherianne is irreplaceable, period."

"I don't know of anybody who works harder at her job than Sherianne Standley," said Jane Davis-Brezette, Interim Dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services.

"I know she is passionate about [USI] and she is committed to excellence in her work."

Krug first came to USI in the Office of Advancement in 1989, staying for two years until she moved with her former husband to Knoxville, Tenn. There, she worked for a health care foundation.

According to Krug, it was around 1993 that she came back to work until 2001, when she went to work for Rockford College in Ill., where she served as the vice president of advancement.

In February, Krug came back to USI. She said to fill Standley's shoes, she feels, "daunted."

"[Standley] set the bar pretty high," Krug said.

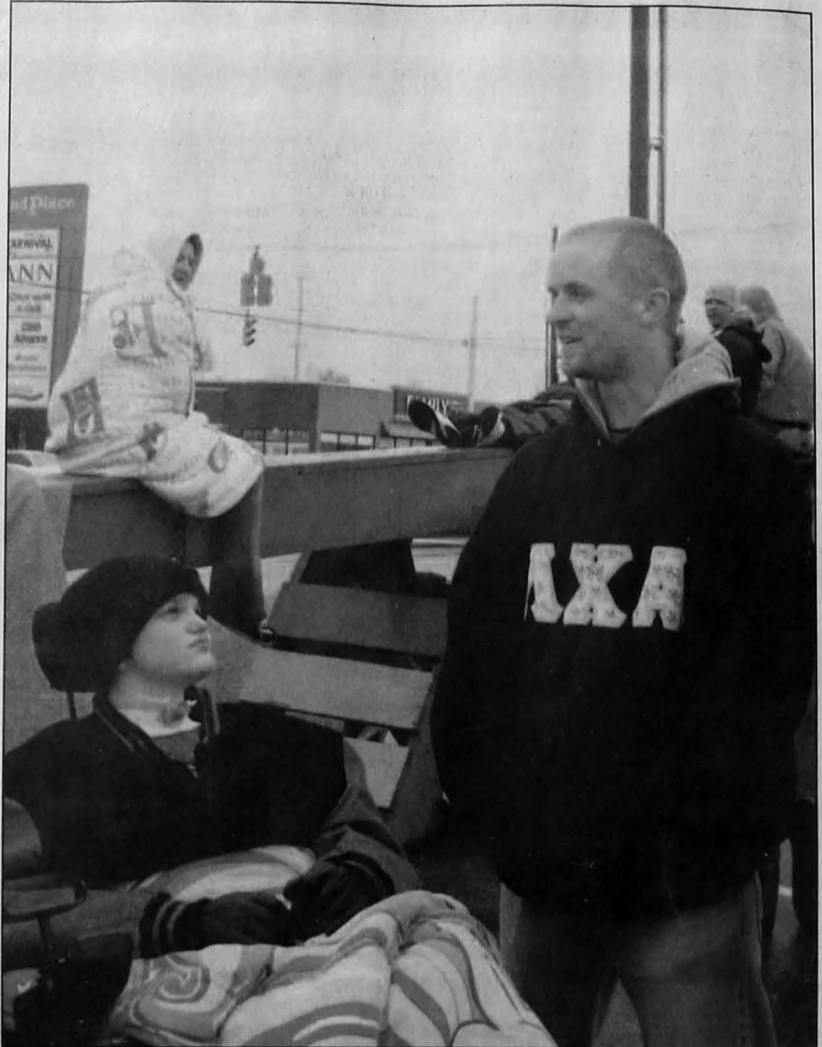
Those are big shoes to fill, she said. Although she feels daunted, it's not stopping her from being overwhelmed.

"I'm very, very excited," Krug said. "At Rockford, the advancement was in shambles - to be able to go from that to this is an amazing experience."

She also said she is excited to work with everybody in such an efficiently-run environment and looks forward to being a part of USI as it goes into the future.

"The students are the priority," Krug said.

Fraternity doesn't play around



Lambda Chi Alpha member Matt Cazeo talks to Glendale Middle School student William Pfingston during Saturday's "Teeter-Totter-A-Thon." The fraternity kept the teeter-totter moving for 48 hours to raise money for Pfingston, who fractured three vertebrae and was paralyzed from the chest down after the Nov. 6 tornado.

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