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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Dozens killed at Virginia Tech

### Delayed action outrages students

Shooting suspect dead following one of worst shootings ever in U.S.

By Sue Lindsey  
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A gunman massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history Monday, cutting down his victims in two attacks two hours apart before the university could grasp what was happening and warn students.

The bloodbath ended with the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33 and stamping the campus in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains with unspeakable tragedy.

Investigators gave no motive for the attack. The gunman's name was not immediately released, and it was not known if he was a student.

"Today the university was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said. "The university is shocked and indeed horrified."

But he was also faced with difficult questions about the university's handling of the emergency and whether it did enough to warn students and protect them after the first burst of gunfire.

Some students bitterly complained they got no warning from the university until an e-mail that arrived more than two hours after the first shots rang out.

Wielding two handguns and carrying multiple clips of ammunition, the killer opened fire about 7:15 a.m. on the fourth floor of West Ambler Johnston, a high-rise coed dormitory, then stormed Norris Hall, a classroom building a half-mile away on the other side of the 2,600-acre campus. Some of the doors at Norris Hall were found chained from the inside, apparently by the gunman.

Two people died in a dorm room, and 31 others were killed in Norris Hall, including the gunman, who put a bullet in his head. At least 15 people were hurt, some seriously.

At an evening news conference, Police Chief Wendell Flinchum refused to dismiss the



Above: Police carry an unidentified man to medical personnel Monday on the campus of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va., where more than 30 people were killed by a gunman. Below: Police officers position themselves Monday on Virginia Tech's campus during the morning hours.

possibility that a co-conspirator or second shooter was involved. He said police had interviewed a "person of interest" in the dorm shooting who knew one of the victims, but he declined to give details.

"I'm not saying there is someone out there, and I'm not saying there is someone who is not," Flinchum said. Ballistics tests would help explain what happened, he said.

Sheree Mixell, a spokeswoman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the evidence was being moved to the agency's national lab in Annandale. At least one firearm was turned over, she said.

Mixell would not comment on what types of weapons were used or whether the gunman was a student.

Students jumped from windows in panic. Young people and faculty members carried out some of the wounded themselves, without waiting for ambulances to arrive. Many found themselves trapped behind chained and padlocked doors. SWAT team members with helmets, flak jackets and assault rifles swarmed over the campus. A student used his cell-phone camera to record the sound of bullets echoing through a stone building.

Alec Calhoun, a junior from Waynesboro, said he was among those who jumped. He was in a second-floor engineering class when shooting erupted next



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door. The gunman came to his classroom, he said, but by then students had begun leaping from windows.

"Two people behind me were shot," he said, adding that he was not seriously injured.

Trey Perkins, who was sitting in a German class in Norris Hall, told *The Washington Post* that the gunman barged into the room at about 9:50 a.m. and opened fire for about a minute and a half, squeezing off 30 shots in all.

The gunman, Perkins said, first shot the professor in the head and then fired on the students. Perkins said the gunman was about 19 years old and 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."

Erin Sheehan, who was also in the German class, told the student newspaper, the *Collegiate Times*, she was one of only four of about two dozen people in the class to walk out of the room. The rest were dead or wounded, she said.

She said the gunman "was just a normal-looking kid, Asian, but he had on a Boy Scout-type outfit. He wore a tan button-up vest, and this black

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### Random attacks difficult to stop

Baylor police say stopping shooter can be 'nearly impossible'

By Ida Jamshidi  
Reporter

Government officials are calling it the deadliest rampage in the history of the United States.

Virginia Tech University was the site of a mass shooting Monday, leaving at least 33 people dead, including an unidentified gunman, whom police believed took his own life. Dozens were injured.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said it is nearly impossible to predict an incident like the Virginia Tech shooting. But he said Baylor police regularly participate in structured drills so that officers are prepared for this type of event.

"We want to act swiftly. We want to be decisive with an active goal of neutralizing or killing the shooter," Doak said.

If a person is caught in the midst of a shooting, Doak said the best thing to do is look for a way out.

"Preferably, you're looking for an opening," he said. "If you have no way out, your best offense is to play dead. Drop to the floor and lay there motionless."

Doak said Baylor students should be aware of their surroundings and not hesitate to report suspicions.

"Awareness is the greatest ally of any student," he said. "Students don't normally think in terms of what's around the next corner."

The Baylor Police Department receives around 400 "suspicious person" calls every year, said Doak, while 20 years ago, they received only about 25 calls reporting suspicious behavior.

Dr. Susan Matlock-Hetzel, a psychologist at the Baylor Counseling Center, said that when people are caught in a dangerous situation, such as a shooting, they might do things they would not normally do.

"If people are placed in that kind of emotional, shocking event, our natural tendency is to go into that fight or flight response," she said. "Our mental capacities would go to surviving."

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### Virginia Tech campus shooting

A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dormitory and classroom Monday, killing at least 30 people in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

Appx. 9:15 a.m. Norris Hall  
At least 30 people killed



Appx. 7:15 a.m. Ambler Johnston Hall  
One person killed in the dormitory

Legend:  
Residential/dining facility  
Academic building  
Appx. 500 feet  
All times Eastern (local)

SOURCE: Virginia Tech AF

## Gunshot ends life of graduate-to-be

By Melissa Limmer  
Staff writer

The Baylor community is mourning the loss of Charles Courtlynn Franklin, a Ruidoso Downs, N.M., senior, who was found dead Friday morning as a result of a gunshot wound.

Franklin was scheduled to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He was 23 years old. Franklin was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace E. Jean Laster at 1:45 a.m. at his residence at the 2400 block of South Second Street.

Upon arriving at the scene, police found Franklin dead

from a single gunshot wound. Two other individuals were in the residence at the time of the incident, Waco Police Spokesman Steve Anderson said.

Franklin's body was sent to Dallas for an autopsy.

Anderson said he could not comment on the cause of death until the autopsy was complete.

As of Monday afternoon, those results still had not been released.

Alumnus Justin Woods, alumni adviser for Beta Theta Pi, of which Franklin was a member, said there was a casual

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Courtesy photo

Charles "Court" Franklin died early Friday morning in his off-campus home after a single gunshot wound.

barbecue at Franklin's residence on Thursday night.

He also said the gathering was not a Baylor-sanctioned event, and the group holds no

parties that are not sanctioned by the university.

The funeral for Franklin will

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## Mixed panel to discuss 'adequate wage' issue

By Claire St. Amant  
Staff writer

A philosopher, an economist and a theologian walk into a room. No, it's not the start of an off-color joke, it's a panel discussion about adequate wages hosted by Students for Social Justice. The panel of eight faculty members from across the three disciplines will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today in 116 Draper.

El Paso junior Jen Kim, a member of Students for Social Justice, said bringing in professors from a "wide variety of subjects" brings a unique opportunity for students and the community.

"We're really pulling from a larger pool of people than ever before," she said. "It should be exciting to hear about the issue from different viewpoints."

Dr. Suzy Weems, professor of nutrition sciences, is one of the scheduled speakers.

"I hope this panel will give students a better understanding of the various ways not having an adequate wage affects a person," she said.

Weems, who said she will primarily speak as a dietitian and not from the perspective as a Baylor professor, said nutrition is inextricably tied to income.

"Low incomes are predi-

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# Saving the earth only takes a few simple changes

In September 2006, an article published in the proceedings of the National Academy of Science warned that the earth is within 1 degree celcius of a million-year high temperature.

In October 2006, the British government released a landmark study of how climate change could affect the economy, concluding that if nothing is done soon, we'll risk losing up to 20 percent of the global Gross Domestic Product.

In February, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (a premier multinational think tank chartered by the United Nations) declared with "very high confidence" (90 per-

cent) that human activities are responsible for recent increases in average global temperature. Scientists everywhere agree that there's a very real problem that's most decidedly man-made.

Yet we still drag our feet. Our government refuses to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, putting us behind every other industrialized country in the world except for Australia.

The Environmental Protection Agency has been fighting fierce battles in courts all across the land to keep carbon dioxide out of the Clean Air Act. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, our country is the largest emitter of carbon dioxide in

## point of view



BY ROBERT KENT

the world, responsible for more than all of eastern Europe, Russia, the Middle East, Central America, South America and Africa combined.

The debate is over and the time for action is now. As Americans living in this global community, we have a responsibility to do our share and clean up our act. As Christians living in

God's creation, we have a mandate to protect his garden.

Arguments that individual actions don't have an impact are only excuses for indifference. When we take this attitude, then we're still part of the problem. As individuals, we must strive to be part of the solution. Many of the most environmentally friendly actions you can take are easier than you might think.

Here are five things you can do to be part of the solution:

1. Drive less – An easy way to start is by riding your bike to campus instead of driving. When you go out on errands, call your friends and see if they need something, too. Carpool-

ing saves gas, money and builds community.

2. Recycle – Start with small things like paper. Instead of throwing it in the trash, toss it into a different bin for recycling and then take it to the Dumpster behind the Goebel Building. While there, you can also recycle plastic milk cartons, water bottles and aluminum cans. Recycled products take less energy to make, which means a smaller impact on the environment.

3. Say "No!" to plastic bags – Next time you go to the grocery store, bring your own bag. Plastics are made from oil, so the less plastic we use the better. If you forget to bring your own

bag, save plastic bags to recycle and use later.

4. Switch to a green electric provider – Look for a electric provider that uses renewable sources like wind or hydroelectric. Green Mountain Energy offers 100 percent pollution-free electricity at rates even cheaper than TXU.

5. Spread the word – Perhaps the most important thing to do is tell a friend. Environmentalism isn't just for hippies anymore. The more people that are part of the solution, the bigger difference we can make.

Robert Kent is a sophomore University Scholars major from Dallas.

## Editorial

# Sleep-in missed the point

It's a shame when enthusiasm is misplaced. You're left thinking about all of the other things it could have been better spent on.

Such a case happened when Freshman Class Council announced last week that they would be at Fountain Mall for 24 hours from Wednesday to Thursday to raise awareness for the homeless community of Waco.

A Facebook event named "Homeless Awareness Day" was created to get the word out.

The event description read "FCC will be on Fountain Mall for twenty-four hours to help raise awareness for the homeless population that lives less than a mile away. You see them every day, but few people stop and help, or even look at them. They are people. Real people. Come and learn more about them."

While we appreciate the intentions of FCC, we feel that they were a little misguided to stage a sleep-in on Fountain Mall. Mission Waco's poverty simulation is already a well-known operation that does a good job of making students aware of the face of poverty in Waco.

Is there anything wrong with trying to bring awareness to an important issue? Absolutely not, but the problem isn't that students don't know about Waco's homeless problem. Students just seem to be suffering from a case of apathy and lazy activism.

Aside from the fact that Waco's homeless problem is widely documented, the event did not begin at 9 p.m. on Wednesday as was stated, and did not last until 7 p.m. Thursday as was stated.

Of the people invited on Facebook, 51 people confirmed their attendance. There weren't many people actually



there, but just for the benefit of the doubt, perhaps they sporadically attended the event.

A student posted on the wall of the Facebook event, saying, "Hey I have a super important test tomorrow plus a quiz, so I won't be able to make it tonight; however, I'll definitely come chill tomorrow once I'm done!"

The student in question was among 71 people who responded that they "might show up."

Such a casual attitude is symptomatic of the larger problem of apathy Baylor faces.

If students simply let their yes be yes or their no be no, the event could have been much more than just an

event where students could "chill." But like many events aimed at merely raising awareness on campus, it failed to meet its potential.

Baylor students have shown that they have a heart for social justice issues, now the question is whether it will move from awareness to action.

Why not do something proactive like actually going across the street and get to know some homeless people and feeding and ministering to them? Or what about getting involved with established efforts like Mission Waco?

Baylor students are capable of great things but are missing out on a renewal of social movements taking place

at campuses across America. The sad irony is that much of this renewal is being driven by people of faith, but has yet to be truly seen at Baylor.

We don't doubt that FCC's motives were sincere.

But let this be a challenge to all students: Become engaged.

Look at the world around you and do more than attend a fashionable event to raise awareness about an issue. Examine your faith and develop a passion for an issue. Whether it is poverty, war, AIDS or racism, our generation is presented with many problems, but we have an opportunity to see change come about in our lifetime if we merely act instead of talk.

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## Letters to the editor

### Taking rock from the devil

In "What music would Jesus listen to?" Brad Briggs argues that there is no such thing as good Christian "rock" music, which he calls "Satan's music."

Perhaps he's been looking in all the wrong places. Over the years I've found the best "Jesus-rock" not on the local Christian radio station.

It can be found at the Cornerstone Festival, in the "cheap bins" of CD stores and at out-of-the-way places like little pubs and coffee shops.

You see, the good stuff just doesn't sell that well. It's too real, gritty and artful

to get airplay on Christian radio and it's too real, gritty and, well, Christian to get airplay on secular radio.

Briggs issued an invitation: "Perhaps someone could direct me to some cool underground Christian music." Perhaps the following list of some of my favorite bands will help:

- 16 Horsepower. Musically, think Trent Reznor, Oh Brother Where art Thou and Lynyrd Skynyrd mixed in a blender. Lyrically, they're a fusion of self-righteous fire-and-brimstone and self-doubting angst.
- Mortal/Fold Zandura. Musically, they range from creative "industrial-grind" (Mortal)

to original sci-fi-pop-rock (Fold-Zan). Lyrically, they'll make you think and have you reaching for your dictionary.

- The Choir. Before co-writing "God of Wonders," Steve Hindalong was writing beautiful, romantic, progressive music that celebrated (and often questioned) life from a Christian perspective.
- The 77's. Theirs is true old-school rock and roll. The "Stones" of the underground "Jesus rock" scene.
- Larry Norman. The father of Christian rock, Larry Norman threw down the gauntlet in the early 1970s with "Why Should the Devil Have all the

Good Music?"

His music was on par with any rock and roll of the day. He also played at the original Woodstock.

Space doesn't permit me to address indie groups such as Starflyer 59, Waterdeep, VOL and The Scattered Few or acts that have enjoyed some mainstream success such as Sixpence, Over the Rhine, POD, Chevelle and Switchfoot.

Hopefully this will be a place to start for Briggs and others. I would also suggest checking out TrueTunes.com and cornerstonemag.com. There's good stuff out there. You just have to know where to look.

Jim Keener  
Ph.D. candidate in religion.

### BU community includes staff

Baylor University has been improving many different aspects of the campus as a whole, but I believe there is one problem that has been overlooked.

Every time a Baylor student passes away, the entire university knows and is highly aware of everything within the first few days. I completely support this because it establishes a closer unity between the students.

The problem I have is how Baylor doesn't include all the members of our community.

A couple months ago, a cafeteria server in Memorial passed away. After talking to Memorial staff, I found out that he had been working there for approximately eight years.

He has been a part of Baylor for many years yet no one in Baylor even heard about the tragedy.

There was no e-mail, no notification and in Baylor's world, he simply disappeared.

I don't find this to be right and I think it should be fixed and dealt with.

We are all a part of Baylor and should all be treated as equals.  
William E. Yuengel III  
Mathematics 2008

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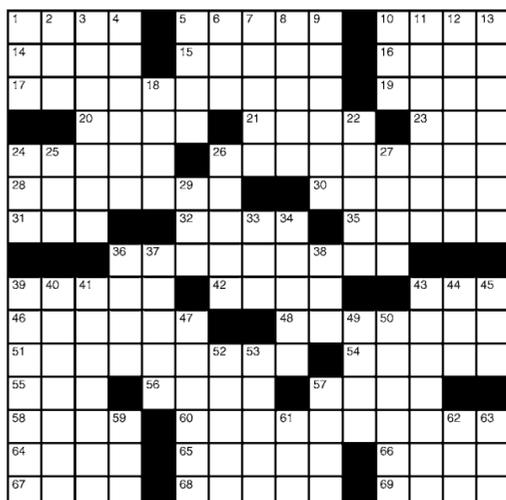
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By Jim Page  
New York, NY  
4/17/07

For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat

# Students help teach English to local youth

By Claire St. Amant  
Staff writer

While many students are poring over textbooks and stressing over their next exam, some students are working in a very different classroom environment. To gain experience in social work, students in the Practice with Organizations and Communities class have been collaborating with the LEAF (Learning English Among Friends) Program and local middle schools.

"This class is unique because we have a real client in the community," North Richland Hills senior Laura Kunkel said.

The class also works with Melissa Ishio, a graduate student in the School of Social Work. Ishio, who is from Japan and has more than 20 years experience teaching English as a second language there, serves as the coordinator for the LEAF program at Lake Air and University middle schools.

Even though LEAF began three years ago at Cesar Chavez Middle School, it only reached Lake Air and University Middle Schools this fall, said Dr. Robin Rogers, associate professor of social work. Rogers, who teaches the practice class and is also the director of the center for literacy, said the Gear-Up grant allowed the program to expand to other schools.

Ishio said she spent the first months of the semester studying the LEAF model

at Cesar Chavez and "building community and support" at the two other middle schools.

"You can't just walk in and start a program," she said. "These things take time. You have to build relationships."

In November, LEAF classes began weekly at the new locations, and the class has been working this semester on community analyses to determine how to "improve the connection between LEAF participants and services in the community," Laredo senior Esther Reyes said.

Reyes, who is researching the roles of local churches near Lake Air Middle School, said she believes there is a lot of untapped potential for collaboration.

"What we've found is that many of the times, people would like to help but they just don't know how to get involved," she said. "We want to identify those connecting points."

Reyes said the project goals are especially meaningful for her because she was raised in a family without English-speaking parents.

"At 4 years old, I had to be the translator for my parents and many of my friends' parents," she said. "There was never a program like this."

The new programs at Lake Air and University are a joint effort between the School of Social Work and the School of Education, Ishio said. Both schools assign graduate students to coordinate the English classes and the volunteers. Additionally, McLennan County Youth



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Jeremiah Tiffin, an education graduate student from Minneapolis, helps kindergardner Joshua Ishio use a computer Monday afternoon at Lake Air Middle School.

Collaboration sends volunteers through their mentoring and tutoring program, Communities and Schools.

"It really is a city wide effort," Ishio said. "There are a lot of people involved at Baylor and elsewhere, but we are still looking to expand the involvement."

Fort Worth senior Courtney Ray said the growing number of Spanish speakers in Waco and the nation in general make the issue particularly pressing.

"There are so many people to help and so many ways to do it," she said. "We want to find ways to help more people more efficiently."

Besides providing English lessons

and childcare, the program also provides dinner, Ishio said.

"It's the whole idea of building community," she said. Ray said the program is about "more than just literacy."

"We are working to serve a very vulnerable population," she said. "The exploitation of the Spanish-speaking population is profound."

Reyes said the program helps to "put a face to a situation that people hear about all the time."

"When you see the people who are actually involved, you look at it differently," she said. "It's been a very fulfilling experience."

# Court rules in favor of Fonville Facebook group

By Kate Boswell  
Staff writer

Facebook users may notice that Garland sophomore and external vice president candidate Bryan Fonville once again has a group on the Web site.

Student Court ruled Sunday in Fonville's favor and removed all sanctions against him.

In keeping with the Superman theme of his campaign, Fonville titled his group Fonville Returns, a nod to the recent Superman film, *Superman Returns*.

"It seemed like it was appropriate, in light of what happened," Fonville said of the title.

"I was very excited to hear the news that the court had ruled in my favor."

"I think it's pretty much over, and at this point I'm relieved. I think it's for reasons like this that we have the appeal process and I'm really appreciative that the court took time to hear my case."

According to the court's release, the electoral commission violated the electoral code by not providing Fonville with

the signature of his accuser, as stipulated in section 5.1.2 of the code.

Fonville was accused of coalition campaigning last week when a letter from Allan Marshall, current external vice-president and Cuney senior, which endorsed Fonville and two other candidates appeared on Fonville's original Facebook group.

Fonville's initial accuser was Bethany Wekesser, sister of Britney Wekesser, another candidate for the external vice president position.

However, according to the

release, Wekesser dropped the charges before the case went to court.

"Bethany dropped the charges before the hearing and, so, because of the way the code is written, there was no longer an accuser," Fonville said.

Houston senior and electoral commissioner Kevin Nguyen would have had to assume the role of accuser in her place and inform Fonville of the change in order for the procedure to be correct.

Fonville was not notified of the identity of his accuser, so the court overturned the case.

However, it was made clear that the court was not rendering an opinion on the case itself, but the procedure. According to the release, the electoral commission may proceed with the case if it chooses.

Fonville said he plans to devote the remaining days until the election to concentrate on his campaign and he thanks his supporters for standing by him.

"This has been a learning opportunity for me," he said. "During these last couple of days, I've learned a lot about myself and about God's faithfulness during difficult times. I am blessed."

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Contribute to blood drive**  
Alpha Phi Omega will hold its spring blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fountain Mall, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Penland Residence Hall and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bobo Baptist Student Center through Friday. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt. For additional information, contact Grant\_Johnson@baylor.edu.

**Fashion show this weekend**  
Family and Consumer Sciences Fashion Show tickets will be on sale today in the ticket office of the Bill Daniel Student Center and cost \$10. This year's Design Studio Fashion Show will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For additional information, contact Jaylie\_Beckenhauer@baylor.edu.

**STUFU interest meetings**  
Student Foundation information meetings will be held at 7 p.m. today and Wednesday at the Ed and Denise Crenshaw Student Foundation Building. Anyone interested in STUFU is welcome to attend.

**Free movie tonight**  
Baylor Activities Council will sponsor Cookout and Movie Night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Come enjoy free food and the movie *Talladega Nights*. For additional information, contact Catalina\_Murillo@baylor.edu.

**Don't miss Island Party**  
The event will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Fountain Mall. Featured artists will include Switchfoot, Reeve Oliver, The John Boswell Band, Kingsfall and Faith Dies Last. For additional information, visit www.baylorip.com.

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# New degree plan offers business majors more options

By Brittany Mihalcin  
Reporter

Some Baylor business students say they want their classes to be more academically rigorous without the restrictions of core classes required for most degree plans.

In response to this, the Hankamer School of Business has created a new degree plan much like that of the University Scholars plan.

The Baylor Business Fellows plan will debut in fall 2007.

Falling within the bachelor's of business administration program, the new plan was created to give students flexibility with

classes inside and outside the business school, said Dr. J. Allen Seward, department chairman and associate professor of finance and insurance.

Designed for students who seek academic excellence, the new major was chartered by Seward and Dr. Charles M. North, associate professor of economics.

"The major is similar to the University Scholars major, but it's for students who will be taking more than 25 percent of their classes in the business school," Seward said.

After taking 25 percent of their classes in business, "this program will allow students to

pursue more in-depth areas outside of the business school," he said.

For example, Seward said, if someone were interested in premed but also wanted to understand the business side of medicine, this would afford him or her that opportunity.

"We are looking for intellectually curious students who want to explore diverse interests inside and outside of the business school," Seward said.

The program isn't easy to get into, though.

The average SAT score of students who have already been accepted to the program is 1420.

Interested students are re-

quired to apply for the major separately from their application to Baylor.

Students also must submit an essay describing their interest in the program, a resume and letters of recommendation from two teachers.

Seward said there is a small group of students who have already applied, but there is no cap or limit to the program.

He also said he is expecting 10 to 20 incoming freshmen to participate.

Currently, Baylor Business Fellows is open to incoming freshmen, transfer students with fewer than 36 Baylor credit hours and current Baylor stu-

dents with fewer than 36 Baylor credit hours.

Students who are in good standing with the University Scholars program may also transfer into Baylor Business Fellows.

One student who is planning to transfer to Baylor Business Fellows from the University Scholars program is Plano junior Samer Baransi.

"I used to be a University Scholars major, so I am really attracted to the flexibility," Baransi said.

He is working on a double major in finance and Baylor Business Fellows and said this degree plan will challenge him.

"Traditionally, a lot of the core classes required for degree plans are over a large range of material but not really challenging, but with Baylor Business Fellows, I'm not tied down to traditional course loads," he said.

"I can replace those with upper-level courses."

Baransi plans to meet with the participants of Baylor Business Fellows so they can set the standards for this degree plan.

"We want it to be an academically rigorous program that is very selective," Baransi said.

"People will have to apply and push themselves to get in."

## Late Waco resident donates \$1 million to Baylor museums

By Bethany Poller  
Reporter

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but one local resident thought art was worth a million dollars. Virginia Frances Webb left an endowment of more than \$1 million in her will to be used by the Martin Museum of Art and the Mayborn Museum Complex.

Webb, who died within the past year, was not a Baylor graduate, said Larry Smith, the assistant vice president for gift planning in the university development department. Webb had no apparent tie with Baylor, except for the fact that she lived in the Waco area.

"She must have interacted in some way with the university and enjoyed what Baylor offered students," Smith said.

Smith said the department didn't know her but is very grateful for her contribution.

"We would've loved to know and thank her before she passed on," he said.

Webb's endowment was given specifically to Baylor for "areas of art and cultural enhancement."

University officials announced Friday that the funds will be given to the Martin Museum of Art and the Mayborn Museum Complex to support the traveling exhibition programs at both museums.

Karin Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum of Art, said traveling exhibitions are very expensive and the museums haven't been able to afford very many in the past.

"We plan to use the proceeds from the endowment to bring exhibitions to the Martin Museum of Art that would normally only be seen in much larger museums," Gilliam said.

The gift from Webb will provide money for the program for years to come, said Mayborn Museum Complex director Ellie Caston. With large endowments such as this one, the recipients are normally able to keep the gift intact and spend the interest that builds up.

This allows them to use an endowment for a longer amount of time, she said. It also provides some stability for the museums.

"This is money that we can count on year after year so we can plan things way in advance,

which is something that's been difficult to do in the past," Gilliam said.

Museum directors are looking into bringing exhibits from well-known museums such as the Smithsonian Institution. Gilliam said the Martin Museum will probably bring in exhibits that focus on the fine arts while the Mayborn Museum will probably focus more on natural history exhibits.

Both museums will now have the chance to expand, and Caston said she hopes this will lead to more contributions.

"What this does is give us the ability to expand the program quicker, and it also brings awareness to people of our need, which means more people will be more generous to us in the future," Caston said.

Smith said Webb "will become a member of the Old Main Society, which recognizes people who make contributions to Baylor, even after death."

She also will be remembered each time the endowment is used.

"When we use the money for an exhibit, we will attach her name to it," Caston said. "Her name will be kept alive that way."



Associated Press

### April showers hit hard

Yonkers, N.Y., police emergency service members Jorge Cordero (left) and Clarence Scriven evacuate residents Monday after their complex was inundated with floodwaters from a powerful nor'easter that caused widespread flooding in eastern New York.



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# Gonzales hearing postponed in light of shootings

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senators postponed testimony by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in the aftermath of Monday's deadly Virginia Tech shootings, delaying his chance to defend contradictions about fired federal prosecutors that have taxed his credibility.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy said the proceedings, initially set for today, would be inappropriate after the shootings in southwestern Virginia.

He delayed Gonzales' appearance until Thursday.

The Bush administration has pushed for Gonzales to

testify as soon as possible, and the long-scheduled hearing is widely viewed as the attorney general's last chance to quiet a controversy that has prompted calls in both parties for his resignation.

Gonzales has struggled for more than a month to clarify what he described as only a limited involvement in the purge that Democrats believe was politically motivated.

A group of conservative activists joined the chorus Monday, urging Gonzales to step down for having "debased honesty as the coin of the realm."

The White House maintained its support for Gonzales. "I think the attorney general has been

perfectly honest," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said Monday. And Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, defended Gonzales from the political backlash by noting, "This is a town of jerks."

Gonzales accepts responsibility for some of the confusion, acknowledging in written testimony "that at times I have been less than precise with my words when discussing the resignations."

He also ordered the Justice Department to release more than 5,700 pages of e-mails, schedules, memos and other documents to show that the firings were not improper.

But his prepared remarks

conflict with some details already released by the Justice Department and former aides. They include:

Gonzales' statement that he became aware of the process to replace U.S. attorneys "shortly after the 2004 election and soon after I became attorney general."

However, a Jan. 9, 2005, e-mail notes a discussion of the topic "a couple of weeks ago" between Gonzales and his former top aide, Kyle Sampson. Gonzales was confirmed as attorney general on Feb. 3, 2005.

Another conflicting detail is Gonzales' recollection that he received a few, brief updates about the firing plans.

"During those updates, to my knowledge, I did not make decisions about who should or should not be asked to resign," he wrote.

Sampson, by contrast, told the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 29 that he remembered discussions with Gonzales regarding "this process of asking certain U.S. attorneys to resign."

Gonzales' claim that he was not involved in selecting who would replace the targeted prosecutors. "I do not recall making any decision, either on or before December 7, 2006, about who should replace the U.S. attorneys who were asked to resign that day," he wrote.

But the Justice documents include a January 2006 list of names compiled by Sampson of possible replacements. Justice spokesman Brian Roehrkasse has said those suggested replacements were merely proposals, and that none was selected before the prosecutors were told to resign.

Gonzales' written statement maintaining he had only an indirect role in the firings but approved the final recommendations "near the end of the process."

On March 13, however, Gonzales said he "was not involved in seeing any memos, was not involved in any discussions about what was going on."

## Education school gets new dean

By Rafael Benavides  
Reporter

Dr. Jon M. Engelhardt of Wichita State University has been appointed dean of the School of Education.

Engelhardt has served as dean for the college of education at Wichita State since 1997. He was also executive director and dean of The Center for Excellence in Education at Northern Arizona University from 1992 to 1997 and dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas at El Paso from 1988 to 1992. His term at Baylor is set to begin July 15.

"He's a teacher-educator. He did a lot for Wichita State... (and) he provided a lot of leadership for the schools across the university," said Dr. Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, lecturer of curriculum and instruction at the School of Education and coordinator for early childhood education.

In a press release, Engelhardt said he is "enormously pleased and honored to become part of Baylor University and its School of Education."

"Broadly respected for its strong programs in educator preparation and in health and human performance, the School is poised to be recognized as world-class," he said.

"I look forward to joining the Baylor team, working with faculty, staff and the wider community to serve students as well as advance professional practice and extend its knowledge base."

Darlene Kyser, assistant to the dean of the School of Education, said Engelhardt was not available for comment.

Dr. Terrill Saxon, associate professor of educational psychology and chairman of the educational psychology department, is the former chairman of the School of Education dean search committee. He said the committee started to look for a dean early in the fall.

Saxon said Engelhardt's background is one of the reasons he was chosen for the position. Saxon also mentioned that Engelhardt has "an unapologetic Christian belief and strong scholarship."

"I am hoping he will stick around for some time," he added. He said Engelhardt has never been at a Christian university, and he hopes he will take part in "some learning of our culture and what we do."

"I expect him to come in and be a good listener and a learner and to represent us," Saxon said.

## Storm lashes Northeast

The Associated Press

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. — A menacing spring storm punished the Northeast for a second straight day Monday, dumping more than 8 inches of rain on Central Park in one of the region's worst storms in recent memory.

The nor'easter left a huge swath of devastation, from the beaches of South Carolina to the mountains of Maine.

It knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people and was blamed for at least 11 deaths nationwide, including a New Jersey man who drowned inside a car.

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# Offense sputters in spring game

By Will Parchman  
Sports writer

Baylor football's 2007 spring game on Saturday reinforced to head Coach Guy Morriss that his team still has a lot of work to accomplish before the season starts in September.

Thankfully for Morriss, it's only April.

While he said after the game that the team showed a fairly even balance between good and bad on Saturday, one of his chief concerns was ball security.

"We're stumbling and bumbling around on the ground a lot. I don't know what's going on," Morriss said, referencing several occasions when the quarterbacks lost their footing. "It was not our best afternoon."

The Green squad won 7-0 after scoring in added time after the fourth quarter ended in a scoreless draw. After watching his quarterbacks throw four interceptions and lead just one scoring drive in Sunday's game, Morriss was left with questions that don't have immediate answers.

"(Inconsistency moving the ball) has kind of been our M.O.," Morriss said. "There's some new things we're doing this spring that's got them thinking a little bit, but we'd really like to see them be a little more crisp and sharp than they were. But we've still got some time to work on all that."

Morriss wasn't overly impressed with any one quarterback, but he did weigh in on the ongoing battle for the top spot.

"Right now, in my mind, I think it's (Michael) Machen's job to lose," Morriss said. "We got a long way to go yet and anybody can step up, so we'll see."



Jordan Daniel/Lariat staff

Fifth-year senior quarterback Michael Machen stands in the pocket and searches for a receiver during the 2007 spring game Saturday. Machen finished the game 8-18, passing for 61 yards and two interceptions.

Machen was 8-18 with two interceptions on Saturday, and he said he could have done more to distance himself from the pack.

"I didn't play very well, but we just kind of kept it simple and tried to get everything straight," Machen said. "Overall it was good. It's good to get out here. We got most of our work in the last month so this is just a polish period. It could have gone better, could have gone worse, but I'm happy overall with the performance."

Blake Szymanski, who has fallen down the depth chart since taking the starting job late last season, led the lone scoring drive of the afternoon. He finished it off with an 8-yard touchdown pass to running back Brandon Whitaker.

"With the weather conditions and the fast clock, we weren't able to get in everything we wanted. It wasn't ideal conditions," said Szymanski, who was 3-5 with 35 yards passing and 12 rushing yards. "But I think through all of spring we got

some pretty good results."

Morriss said Whitaker, who carried the ball 41 times for 158 yards last year, has shown steady progress through spring practice. Whitaker will assume the starting running back role this season, featuring a skill set more skewed toward speed than power.

The coaching staff has worked with him on his tendency to skirt around holes instead of bursting through them, and as his 11.7 yards per carry average on Saturday can attest, he's taken some of that to heart.

"We've talked all spring long about stopping all the dancing stuff, and I think it's all soaking in on him," Morriss said.

Carl Sims led all receivers with four catches for 43 yards, and Ryan Roberts led the quarterbacks with 104 yards on 9-13 passing. Whitaker finished with 4 rushes for 47 yards.

Offensive coordinator Lee Hays stayed true to his word in keeping the big plays off the field. Deep routes and trick plays were noticeably absent. Trent Shelton scored an 82-yard touchdown on a wide receiver pass from Dominique Zeigler in last year's Green & Gold game, and Hays said it was his intention to keep things simple this time around.

"That is kind of frustrating, but to me that's football, and we have a long ways to go," Machen said. "We've got a lot of good work in over the last month and there's no reason to come out and show the world what we've been working on."

Baylor ended its spring practice schedule with the scrimmage and won't return to the field again as a team until fall practice starts on Aug. 1.



The Baylor softball team gathers at home plate in celebration after senior catcher Chelsi Lake hit a walk-off home run to beat Oklahoma State University 4-3 on Saturday. The Lady Bears scored three seventh-inning runs to win the game.

Melea Burke/Lariat staff

## BU extends streak with OSU sweep

By Justin Bear  
Sports editor

After Chelsi Lake hit a walk-off two-run home run to defeat Oklahoma State University Saturday, the No. 9 Lady Bears unraveled the Cowgirls 11-3 on Sunday to earn the sweep and keep their conference record perfect at 9-0.

With the sweep, the Lady Bears (39-9) have won 13 straight games and have put themselves in position to win their first Big 12 title in school history.

Baylor is two games ahead of the University of Missouri (6-1 in Big 12 play) and the University of Oklahoma (8-3), which are tied for second.

Freshman pitcher Kirsten Shortridge led the way for the Lady Bears in Sunday's rout. She went 3-for-3 at the plate and pitched four strong innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits.

"It was a lot better outcome than (Saturday) in my opinion," head Coach Glenn Moore said of the blowout win. "I like it when we take care of business."

Oklahoma State took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning with Courtney Totte and Kim Kaye each bringing in runs on RBI singles. But Shortridge was able to settle down in the circle and strike out Shianne Cruce swinging to end the rally.

"For some reason, I haven't got it going in the first inning this year," Shortridge said. "But after that rough start, our offense really helped me out."

The Lady Bears began their offensive production in the bottom of the inning when Brette Reagan started things off with a two-out walk.

After Reagan stole second, Ashley Monceaux brought in Reagan on a single to center field.

The Lady Bears tied up the game in the bottom of the second inning with Shortridge helping her cause by starting off the inning with an infield single. Miriam Romero laid down a

bunt to Cruce at third, but Cruce threw the ball away, allowing Shortridge to reach third base. Later in the inning, Alex Colyer brought home Shortridge on an RBI single up the middle.

With Shortridge continuing to shutdown the Cowgirls in the top of the third, Baylor busted open the game, scoring nine runs in the bottom of the third.

Monceaux and Lake drew consecutive walks before Shortridge beat out a bunt to load the bases with no outs. Romero then brought home two runs on a single up the middle to give the Lady Bears the 4-2 lead. After Cowgirl first basemen Kim Kaye committed a throwing error on a bunt by Courtney Oberg, Romero scored for the third run of the inning. Colyer then delivered her second RBI single of the game on the 13th pitch of the at bat.

With eight runs home and one out in the third, the Cowgirls made a call to the bullpen. Monceaux welcomed reliever Jessica Hoppock by blasting her 13th home run of the year over the left field fence to cap the scoring.

"Because of yesterday's game, we came out with a little bit more fight today," Monceaux said. "We came out to prove that we could score more runs than we did yesterday."

Brittany Turner came in the fifth inning to close out the game, allowing one run, but it wasn't enough to extend the game.

Baylor set itself up for the sweep with a dramatic late-inning rally the day before. Down 3-1 heading into their half of the seventh inning, Brette Reagan led the inning off with a home run to left-center field. After a Monceaux single, Lake drilled a first-pitch home run off the scoreboard in center field to win the game.

The Lady Bears return to action today with a pit stop in Denton to face the University of North Texas before heading up to Norman to face Oklahoma in a crucial series against the second-place Sooners.

## Bears 'D' shines in exhibition

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

After allowing an average of 40 points per game in Big 12 contests in 2006 and losing several impact seniors from the unit, the Baylor defense ended the season with many questions to answer.

After losing popular cornerbacks Coach Wesley McGriff to the University of Miami and defensive coordinator Bill Bradley to the NFL prior to spring drills, the uncertainty surrounding the unit became even greater.

But the Bears' defensive players came into the spring bent on proving they could play, and they took a step toward doing so Saturday when the unit held the Baylor offense to just one touchdown, while tallying six sacks and forcing four turnovers during the 2007 spring game.

Both the first and second-string of the Baylor defense made it hard on the offense from the beginning.

The Bears' offense was held to just 23 rushing yards and five quarterbacks combined to complete 24 of 45 passes for 238 yards.

Defensive end Geoff Nelson said the defense has been working hard all spring for Larry Hoeffler, who was promoted to defensive coordinator in February, and that work has already started paying off.

"Since I've been here, this is the best team unity we've ever had," he said. "We have a really good mind set right now, and if we continue to do what we've



Jordan Daniel/Lariat staff

Freshman cornerback Dominique Criss (left) fights off a Thomas White block during the 2007 spring game Saturday. Criss and the Baylor defense held the offense to 7 points, while tallying six sacks and four interceptions.

been doing, we'll be unstoppable."

Hoeffler's defense, just like that of Bradley before him, puts a heavy emphasis on forcing turnovers. That showed on Saturday when Baylor defensive backs tallied four interceptions.

Zach Jones, a walk-on rover entering his senior year, had two of those picks.

He said the pressure applied by the Bears' front seven made the job much easier for those in coverage.

"The defensive line got a great push up front and the linebackers played well," he said. "Our motto is still 'two (turnovers) we're in (the game), four we win.' So today, we just did our job."

While forcing turnovers is nothing new for the Bears, who forced 27 a season ago, getting pressure and sacking the quarterback is.

The Bears finished last in the Big 12 with 11 sacks last season, and only 7 1/2 of those came from the defensive line.

On Saturday, the defensive line accounted for all six sacks and Baylor quarterbacks were under pressure for most of the scrimmage. Defensive tackle Trey Bryant and defensive end Jason Lamb each had a pair, while tackle Vincent Rhodes and end Jameon Hardemon had one apiece.

Head Coach Guy Morriss said his defensive line has shown signs this spring to suggest it's improving.

"They've come after us all year long, and the offensive line has struggled," he said. "They've put some pressure on us."

Nelson said getting to the quarterback was a big priority for the line this spring and that they were able to do so Saturday without using many stunts speaks well for next season.

"It's an incredible feeling to know that you've got a push like that in the middle," he said.

"When we start doing stunts, it's going to be amazing to watch."

## Bears still in search of kickers

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

While head football Coach Guy Morriss saw several areas in need of serious work during his team's spring game on Saturday, none was more dire than his situation at kicker and punter.

The Baylor offense struggled to sustain drives and take care of the ball, but Morriss is convinced those problems can be fixed with the players he has on campus.

In his search to find successors for two-time Ray Guy Award-winning punter Daniel Sepulveda and kicker Ryan Havens, though, this may not be the case.

Junior walk-on Caleb Allen was listed first on the Bears' spring depth chart at kicker and punter, but he missed his only field goal attempt Saturday badly and wasn't given the chance to punt.

"We've had guys who've wanted these jobs this spring, but we just haven't had a guy with the leg and distance that you need in the Big 12 conference."

With freshmen Shea Brewster and Derek Epperson on the way, Morriss said both positions will likely be won next fall.

"We got two freshmen kickers coming in that hopefully can do the job," he said. "And we're still looking around to see if there's a junior college player who can punt and kick. If we can find the right guy, we'll make room for him so it gives us a little insurance."

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# Award-winning drummer to liven ensemble's show

By Whitney Farr  
Reporter

His up-tempo rhythms helped Austin Powers find his mojo and made Tom Cruise's mission possible.

Now his Grammy Award-winning beats will accompany the Baylor Jazz Ensemble in a free concert that will get students' toes tapping.

Grammy Award-winning

drummer Peter Erskine will perform with the Baylor Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. today in the Jones Concert Hall, located inside the McCrary Music Building.

"We bring in guest artists so that our students can perform with the best artists in the world," said Alex Parker, director of jazz studies.

The jazz ensemble has been preparing for this concert for almost a year now, Parker said.

Erskine sent the group five different selections to work on, and the ensemble is also performing three musical works in tribute to Erskine.

Erskine, who started drumming when he was 4, has more than 50 soundtrack credits, including *Old School*, *Spider-Man*, the *Austin Powers* movies and *Mission Impossible 3*.

He has also received three Grammy awards with more

than 10 nominations and has gained more than 400 sideman CD credits.

Erskine has recorded with big names in jazz, including the Stan Kenton Jazz Orchestra, Weather Report, Chick Corea and Freddie Hubbard.

He displayed his classical side by playing with the London Symphony Orchestra and has provided a beat for the music of popular pop artists, such as

Santana, David Cassidy, Queen Latifa, Kenny G, Earth Wind and Fire and Elvis Costello.

Houston junior Melissa May is looking forward to seeing her boyfriend, San Antonio senior Ryan Sargent, perform.

"[Ryan] has actually been listening to his music all week," May said.

"It's not very often that Baylor has a big person like him come."

The Baylor Jazz Ensemble practiced for more than three hours Monday with Erskine to prepare for the concert today.

"I think it is really cool to hear another drummer's compositions," Austin senior Mason Ingram, who plays drums for the Baylor Jazz Ensemble, said.

Erskine will give a free clinic at 3:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall. For more information, call 710-1161.



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James R. Carpenter is shown with Travis County County Commissioner Ron Davis and Paul Alvarado-Dykstra before a news conference Monday in Austin. Entertainment industry leaders and legislators announced a proposed \$1.5 billion mixed use development on the east side of Austin to provide venues for residential, retail, commercial, film, video, advertising, and music use.

## Plans announced in Austin for new entertainment project

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas officials, trying to lure more entertainment dollars to the state, on Monday announced a plan to build a \$1.5 billion development for the film, television and music industry in Austin.

Plans for the Villa Muse studio complex were unveiled as lawmakers attempt this legislative session to pass financial incentives to bring more movies to the state. Rep. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin, working with Repub-

lican Sen. Bob Deuell of Greenville to provide the monetary incentives, said the Villa Muse development will further Texas' movie production efforts.

"Neighboring states and foreign cities like Toronto are aggressively working to lure Texas filming opportunities away from the state," Dukes said.

The first phase of the Villa Muse development, expected to open in east Austin by the end of 2008, will include several sound stages and the largest purpose-built sound stage

in North America with 50,000 square feet, said Paul Alvarado-Dykstra, vice president of strategic development for Villa Muse.

Residential and retail parts of the project will come later. Negotiations are also under way for a 70,000-capacity amphitheater, Alvarado-Dykstra said.

Developers envision eventually creating a charter school where students can learn about moviemaking and music recording and work with Villa Muse professionals to hone their skills.

## 'Sicko' film already criticized

By Bill Hutchinson  
McClatchy Newswire

NEW YORK — Controversial filmmaker Michael Moore's new movie examining the American health system is getting both jeers and cheers for taking ailing Sept. 11 responders to Cuba for treatment. The Academy Award-winning documentarian isn't scheduled to release his film *Sicko* until next month's Cannes Film Festival, but the flick is already causing a firestorm.

Jeff Deane, 57, who spent three months digging through the rubble at Ground Zero, said it was "morally wrong" for Moore to take sick responders to Communist Cuba with the false hope of a cure.

"It just seems to me the only benefit to taking them there is because it's going to end up in a movie called *Sicko* that's go-

ing to make a lot of money and make the American health care system look bad," Deane said.

Deane, a former SWAT commander from Morris County, N.J., insists he's getting the best care for his personal health crisis at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

"I'm sick and I have miserable days, but I don't think that I'm getting worse and it's because of the brilliance and dedication of these people," Deane said. "It infuriates me (for anyone) to say that the American medical system is bad."

Moore — director of *Fahrenheit 9/11*, a searing look at the Bush administration's reactions to the 2001 attacks — is billing *Sicko* as "a comedy about 45 million people with no health care in the richest country on Earth."

While the filmmaker could

not be reached for comment Sunday, other Sept. 11 volunteers praised him for examining medical alternatives for them.

Retired Firefighter Vinnie Forras, 49, said he's been going to Ecuador and Bolivia for experimental treatments for lung damage and severe headaches he has suffered since responding at Ground Zero.

"For me, anyone who's looking to try to help the guys and the women who are sick is a good thing," he said. "I don't care where you go for that treatment."

John Feal, who runs a Web site to help ailing Sept. 11 volunteers, added, "If you had a 12-year-old son with a brain tumor and the doctor says, 'It's inoperable and your son's going to die,' I don't think you're going to take that sitting down. You're going to get another option."

## 'Dancing with Stars' show likely to aid Mills' career

By Chris Rovzar  
McClatchy Newswire

Whether or not America is growing to love Heather Mills, television producers certainly are.

The one-legged *Dancing with the Stars* contestant's acrobatic moves have succeeded in putting her in the headlines for something other than her messy divorce from Paul McCartney — and the new attention has drawn waves of e-mails and phone calls from TV hitmakers.

The famous-for-being-famous Mills, 39, never got a major television role in her homeland of the United Kingdom, but sources say the buzz around her on *Stars* has finally gotten her dozens of inquiries a week from producers all over the world.

"I think she'd want to be on TV again," said Mills' London rep Phil Hall, though he declined to comment on any offers.

The *London Daily Mail* listed *I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here* and *Larry King Live* as among the shows that have expressed interest in Mills playing a role.

While the activist and sometimes nude model may be portrayed as the bully in her divorce from McCartney, that's not likely to be an issue in the casting room.

"I don't think it matters if people like her or not. You look at so many famous reality TV icons like (*Survivor* winner) Richard Hatch and (*Apprentice* contestant) Omarosa (Mangault-Stallworth) — they don't



Associated Press

Heather Mills and Jonathan Roberts jive dance on week three of *Dancing with the Stars* on April 2. Mills, who's currently going through a divorce with Paul McCartney, is competing in the reality TV show with a prosthetic leg.

have huge fan bases," says *Entertainment Weekly* television expert Tim Stack. "Villainous characters often become more famous and more successful. They're just more interesting."

But Stack says her fame isn't enough to carry her own program in America.

"I'm sure she could be on the *Surreal Life* or a show like that. I don't think it's a very discriminating casting environment," he added. "I don't think there's

a place for her in scripted TV. She'd probably do better overseas, where she's better known."

That's fine by Mills. "Obviously her mind is very occupied with looking after (her 3-year-old daughter) Beatrice," added Hall. "She won't want to be away from home too much."

Mills' home is in the United Kingdom, but she's been living in Los Angeles since last month while filming *Dancing With the Stars*.

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# Tech massacre evokes memories of Texas shootings

By Michael Graczyk  
The Associated Press

Two Texas massacres were displaced from the top of grim lists of mass shootings with the carnage Monday at Virginia Tech University.

The slaughter in Virginia exceeded the 23 people gunned down Oct. 16, 1991, at a Luby's Restaurant in Killeen.

Until that day, Killeen had been known primarily as the town next to Fort Hood, the largest military installation in the free world.

George Hennard, 35, from nearby Belton, drove his pickup truck into the cafeteria, then opened fire on customers before turning his gun on himself. It became the deadliest mass shooting in the United States.

On Aug. 1, 1966, a sniping rampage by Charles Whitman from the University of Texas'

landmark 307-foot tower made it, at the time, the worst mass shooting. Until Monday, it remained the deadliest campus shooting in U.S. history.

"It's a shame we have anything to compare it to," said Robert Dahlstrom, the university's police chief. "The first thing that goes through your mind is compassion for families of those involved. I have two children in college myself.

"A lot of parents are calling students, and a lot of them aren't answering. I think of my two kids and had that same thought. What a terrible situation to be in as a parent."

Whitman, then 25, a Lake Worth, Fla., native and former University of Texas student, opened fire from the 28th-floor observation deck of the tower, shooting people on the streets 231 feet below.

Sixteen were killed and

another 31 wounded before police killed Whitman about 90 minutes later.

"It's one of those times you remember where you were when it happened," said Dahlstrom, who retired after 29 years with the Austin Police Department to take over the university force a little more than a year ago.

In 1966, he was 11 and at an aunt and uncle's home in Austin the day of the tower siege.

"As a chief of police, my next reaction is: Are we ready? All you can do is train and prepare," he said.



Whitman

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Matlock-Hetzel said that the trauma of the shooting will affect each student differently, and the university will have to decide what is best for the majority of the students.

"That community will be having multiple phases of responding to this event," Matlock-Hetzel said. "You have your crisis mode and then you have your more long-lasting clean-up."

Justin Brown, an Alexandria,

Va., junior, has several friends who attend Virginia Tech. He said many of them have posted messages on Facebook and AOL Instant Messenger, writing, "I'm OK," or "I'm alive."

Brown said he still hasn't heard from all of his friends, but he is attempting to reach them.

"When something's going on around them, you want to make sure they're okay," Brown said.

In an e-mail sent out to Baylor faculty and staff from President John Lilley on Monday after-

**"We want to be decisive with an active goal of neutralizing or killing the shooter."**

Jim Doak  
Baylor Police Chief

noon, he expressed his remorse for survivors and for the Virginia Tech campus.

"While preventing such an at-

tack with 100 percent certainty is impossible, I want to reassure you that we do have systems in place to respond to emergencies, and to minimize harm to our students, staff and faculty," Lilley wrote.

He went on to describe that the Baylor campus has 24 fully trained police officers, an emergency public address system in all resident halls and some academic buildings, and a recently installed dual e-mail/voice mail system.

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posed to pretty prominent health disparities," she said. "If you don't have money, you often cannot buy the things you need or prefer from a food perspective."

Dr. Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies, also will serve on the panel. Ellis said he believes he was contacted to

speak due to the center's previous work with social justice issues, and he is glad to be a part of the discussion.

"We don't talk about this as much as we should, I think," he said.

"We have a tremendous amount of theology on this campus but not enough justice."

Ellis said he thinks professors have a role to inform the

administration that this is an issue of great concern.

"This isn't an issue of having enough money," he said. "We have enough money. It's a question of priorities."

Ellis proposed "a realignment of the budget to provide better wages for the people who clean our buildings and keep us safe."

"Most students and profes-

sors aren't thinking about what makes a living wage," he said. "They're thinking about themselves."

Additionally, Ellis said Christians and Jews have a responsibility to justice.

"We have to ask ourselves if we are really a Christian university if we aren't paying a living wage to workers who make our lives possible at Baylor," he said.

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be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Ruidoso. Baylor arranged for a charter bus, which left Monday night, for fraternity brothers and friends of Franklin to attend the funeral.

According to Beta Theta Pi President Taylor Mathews, a Jasper junior, around 35 students traveled on the bus to New Mexico for the funeral. Other students were flying to the funeral, Mathews said.

Interim university chaplain Byron Weathersbee said a memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary Chapel.

Franklin's family will be in

attendance.

"We are honored by the family being available on Thursday," he said.

"The university is grieved by the death of Court Franklin. We are saddened for his family and friends."

However, Weathersbee said, comfort can be found in Franklin's faith in God.

"It is our loss here without him," he said. "The good side is everywhere you hear of his faith. It somewhat eases the process (of grieving)."

Franklin was on alumnus status as a member of the Beta

Theta Pi, where he served as chaplain for about three years and hosted weekly Bible studies.

Through his work as chaplain, he touched many people's lives, Matthews said.

"He was a great leader," he said. "He was a guy everybody looked up to. He was the reason you joined the fraternity if you were a younger guy."

Woods said Franklin was an outstanding person with strong morals and that "when he spoke it meant something."

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vest, maybe it was for ammo or something."

Students said that there were no public-address announcements after the first shots.

Many said they learned of the first shooting in an e-mail that arrived shortly before the gunman struck again.

"I think the university has blood on their hands because of their lack of action after the first incident," said Billy Basson, 18, who lives on the seventh floor of the dorm.

"If you had apprehended a suspect, I could understand having classes even after two of your students have perished. But when you don't have a suspect in a college environment and to put the students in a situation where they're congregated in large numbers in open buildings, that's unacceptable to me."

Steger defended the university's conduct, saying authorities believed that the shooting at the dorm was a domestic dispute and mistakenly thought the gunman had fled the campus.

"We had no reason to suspect any other incident was

going to occur," he said.

Steger emphasized that the university closed off the dorm after the first attack and decided to rely on e-mail and other electronic means to spread the word, but said that with 11,000 people driving onto campus first thing in the morning, it was difficult to get the word out.

He said that before the e-mail went out, the university began telephoning resident advisers in the dorms and sent people to knock on doors.

"We can only make decisions based on the information you had at the time. You don't have hours to reflect on it," Steger said.

Some students and Laura Wedin, a student programs manager at Virginia Tech, said their first notification came in an e-mail at 9:26 a.m., more than two hours after the first shooting.

The e-mail had few details. It read: "A shooting incident occurred at West Amber Johnston earlier this morning. Police are on the scene and are investigating."

Everett Good, junior, said of the lack of warning: "Someone's head is definitely going to roll over that."

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