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**By Lauren Frey**

AUSTIN — A student wielding an AK-47 fired shots outside the Perry-Castaneda Library Tuesday morning at the University of Texas at Austin before killing himself inside the library.

The shooter was Colton Tooley, 19, a sophomore mathematics major at the university, Thunder Valley police department communications coordinator for university operations, said.

Tooley fired shots near Littlefield Fountain at about 8:10 a.m. Thunder Valley police immediately spotted the gunman on 21st Street and chased him into the sixth floor of the library, where he took his own life. No one else was injured in the shooting.

“Police officers were cut to the heart and the students were pointing the way to the shooter,” Weldon said.

“I don’t know how many darts he fired, but he was wearing all black and a black balaclava and was carrying an AK-47,” Frey, communications coordinator for university operations, said.

The university was placed on lockdown and students were told to lock doors and not to leave their buildings. All classes for the day were cancelled. The university has since lifted the lockdown but confirmed that the gunman, said Frey. The Perry-Castaneda Library is closed for investigation.

UT junior Gwendolyn Wilkerson said she was the shooter while he was studying in the library.

“I heard some commotion, it sounded like a security guard, and I thought there was a shooter, “ said Wilkerson.

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**Suicide prompts mixed emotions**

By Debra Dean

Editor in Chief

Austin — What woke up students across the UT Austin campus Tuesday morning?


University of Texas at Austin freshman Courtney Weir and Riane Yates woke up Tuesday morning to unfamiliar sounds that would set the tone for the rest of the day.

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Schools should teach students, not preach

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Waco poverty rate climbs to 36.5 percent, 5th highest in Texas

BY CARMEN GAYLORD

Graduate students from the School of Social Work are partner- ing with the city of Waco to fight against poverty. The initiative comes as the Census Bureau announced an 11 percent increase in the number of people living in poverty in Texas this year.

Waco has attained a 26.5 per- cent critical poverty rate, making it the fifth highest poverty rate among cities in Texas. Waco City Council recently adopted a formal resolution to support the Department of Housing and Community Develop- ment and the university’s attempt to formulate a plan to reduce the poverty rate in Waco over the next few years, said Jeff Wall, director of housing and community develop- ment for the city of Waco.

"There's a poverty solutions group that has been meeting for about a year and a half in Waco, and it's made up of about 10 or 15 people including some city staff, and we've been meeting and dis- cussing poverty to come up with some issues and areas of concern to delve into, and part of that was getting City Council to formally adopt poverty as a concern and if they would work with us to help reduce it,” Wall said.

"We actually presented poverty and asked for a formal resolution, and also with that we are working with the School of Social Work ab- sional practice class,”

Taught by Dr. Gaynor Yancey, professor of social work and asso- ciate dean for baccalaureate stud- ents at Baylor University, advanced practice is a class made up of 17 graduate students who focus on community practice.

To assist the city, the students will discover different ways to re- duce poverty by researching what other communities are doing, find- ing the best practices in other cities and identifying the available com- munity resources.

"The research will help the city establish committees for the vari- ous issues concerning poverty, such as economic development and education.

Two additional graduate stu- dents from the School of Social Work will also serve as interns for the Department of Housing and Community Development in order to work directly with Wall and his col- leagues.

"The class is basically going to do research and learn how to work within the city and with all sorts of various voices," Yancey said.

"They will be gathering infor- mation through interviews and the Web and they will be having con- versations and putting all that to- gether, and the students will form themselves together as teams. They will be projects that will be the various banks of their grade.”

Baylor Mayor Jim Bush fully supports the initiative and its mis- sion.

"I think it's something that gets you to get organized and get a foothold so that people have a central entity to address the poverty issue,” Bush said.

This isn’t the city and univer- sity’s first partnership to act upon a community concern.

Baylor also worked with the city to formulate Waco’s 10-year Plan To End Chronic Homeless- ness, designed to reduce homeless- ness in Waco over the course of 10 years, which was researched and created by one of Yancey’s former students.

The plan was implemented in 2007 and is now 80 percent com- plete as the city has now perma- nently housed more than 40 home- lesis citizens.

Wall is grateful to the univer- sity and to Yancey for the support of the initiative and in looking for- ward to working with students in the future.

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Founding fathers' religious views varied, but fidelity to country remained a commitment rather than discord

By Samreen Hooda

The Baylor Graduate School has recently subscribed to a new website that students interested in finding a doctoral program can use.

PhD-connect allows students to research professors and find information on the programs offered, including programs offered online, nation and regional research and publications.

That’s what PhD-connect aims to do.

"The grad school at Baylor is trying to replace faculty, we're trying to help students find professors from all universities that have a program who work on that specific field," Lovett Tylor, a graduate student in Baylor's psychiatry program, said.

"That's what PhD-connect aims to do."

"Because any PhD program is not going to be interested in the professors if you don't have a good faculty there. Regardless of where you apply for a PhD in psychology, if you're trying to replace faculty, we're trying to provide information," said Joseph J. Jooma, a master student in psychology.

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"[The Fall Fitness Challenge] is a great experience, " Cobb said. "I met a lot of people last year and this year I'm not even a sophomore."

"It's great for students to compete," said Fine, "and for businesses to provide students with a healthy competition."
Tragedy at Austin

Photos by Daniel Cernero | Photo Editor

(Above) Police pursued 19-year-old Colton Tooley, sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, Tuesday morning after he opened fire near Littlefield Fountain. They chased him into the Perry-Castaneda Library, where Tooley took his own life.

(Left) UT junior Grant Glenewinkel describes to students the scene in the Perry-Castaneda Library after witnessing the shooter run into the library.

(Bottom Left) Police enforce boundaries around the Perry-Castaneda Library, after officers declared it an official crime scene.

(Bottom) Police patrol UT’s campus, investigating the possibility of a second suspect. Later reports said there was no second suspect.
Baylor Theatre to debut season with Gypsy

By Kyle Beam

Tonight Baylor Theatre will open the musical "Gypsy" that explores the dark side of show business. The show, set during the 1920s and 1930s, is about celebrity obsession and loss of innocence.

“Rose is a mother who has alkalosis because her name changes to Louise essentially begins to live for things in order to either get money or fame,” said Dr. Marion Castleberry, a graduate professor of theater arts. “At the beginning she is a little girl, who is just too young, but very dedicated to her family, and at the end, she is a beautiful, talented, successful woman who has a change of heart because her name changes to Louise. Louise is actually the title character because her name changes to Gypsy Rose Lee as she matures. "This show has been really interesting experience for me because I've never had to portray a character that goes through such a drastic change from the beginning to the end," Smith said. "Gypsy" will be Smith's fourth musical production at Baylor and she explained that it has been the most interesting in her career thus far.

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BU gets breather with non-ranked opponent

By Rachel Roach
Sports Writer

After playing three of the top 10 teams in the Big 12, Baylor volleyball player Texas Tech tonight at Lubbock.

In 2009 the Bears dominated in both matches against the Red Raiders. But except those during the last two matches of the season.

Despite a 10-match winning streak against Texas Tech, the Bears intend to win the game tonight.

“We just want to go in and play our game,” senior outside hitter Ashley Christiansen said.

Mind ready for Bates says no team can be taken lightly in the Bears’ conference.

“Every Big 12 team is good, so we need to go up there and prove ourselves,” she said.

Other than going in with the right mentality, the Bears have book preparation to play tough against what Bates calls “one of the better players in the league,” junior middle blocker and outside hitter Amanda Dryboll. With 159 kills, Dryboll has been an offensive threat all year for Texas Tech.

“A lot of the time we need to anticipate and make sure we know where she is on the court,” Bates said.

Christiansen says the Red Raiders, however, have experience playing accomplished players so far this season. The team has learned about its strength and weaknesses after its victories against Texas, Iowa State and Nebraska.

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Lent stressed that although Tooley was shy, he was always friendly and helpful to others.

“I called my best friend, who was a sophomore, and we knew him, and she said, ‘I can’t believe it. I don’t know how it happened.’”

“So we were shocked because you think bad for his family. You feel bad because it is someone you know and someone who was so nice. When you find out that they did something like that — it is just unfathomable.”

Tooley and Murphy played soccer together in high school, and Murphy credits Tooley with helping him along.

“He helped me study for tests and all that. It was just school stuff when he helped me with that. But he chose not to. Maybe it was his own situation, something going wrong in his life.”

All three students agree that although Tooley was an intelligent student, he was never into guns in high school.

“We definitely agreed that no one else knew about. “

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