**Gunman kills 32 at Virginia Tech**

People look on as police investigate a shooting at Norris Hall on Virginia Tech's campus Monday in Blacksburg, Va.

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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 get the warning out to 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, perhaps forever.

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 14 people were injured.

Experts give speech at Poly on Robinson's legacy

The Mustang Daily presents three easy steps to hating 'Pathfinder'

**What would Cal Poly do?**

Devan McClaine
STAFF WRITER

Monday's tragedy at Virginia Tech left an abundance of questions but few answers. While most of the questions centered on the identity of the perpetrator(s) and victims, some brought under scrutiny the preparedness of university police.

Reporters dissected their tactics and failure to place the campus under lockdown after the first series of shootings in a series of press conferences.

Conversely, the preparedness of numerous universities across the country will face similar scrutiny.

Cal Poly is a similar environment to Blacksburg, a polytechnic university in a small town, where the students represent a sizeable portion of the town's population.

Like Virginia Tech, Cal Poly has its own police department. University Police Department Chief Bill Watton took time Monday night to describe the preparedness of Cal Poly in a similar situation.

Watton continually stressed that each procedure and motion would depend on the scope of the situation and those involved. For example, if a homicide occurred in the dorms, Watton said the first step would be to identify if the shooting was a domestic incident or a massacre situation and go from there.

"If there was a shooting in the dorms, we would first determine the situation; if it were a similar situation like Virginia see Poly, page 2"}

**Cab colored pink for a cause**

Cassie Gaeto
MUSTANG DAILY

Beach Cities Cab Co. Inc., the front-running cab company of San Luis Obispo, recently added a pink taxi to its fleet to crusie the streets and help raise funds for the fight against breast cancer.

The company has pledged to donate $1 every ride given by the pink cab to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research.

On average, the company gives 80 rides every day. The company stated that if customers request the cab more, they will look into adding more pink ones to the fleet.

"I think this new cab is an important way to give back to the community and a worthy cause. One dollar per ride can add up," Beach Cities Cab owner Jeff Goldenberg said.

Goldenberg originally had a pink taxi in operation in Carperteria (in Santa Barbara County) before deciding to bring a similar concept to San Luis Obispo. Goldenberg purchased another cab and pulled out the paint to recreate his idea locally.

The bubble-gum pink taxi with the breast cancer ribbon painted on the car's hood officially hit the streets of San Luis Obispo on March 30.

"So far, the response has been really great. I think the word is still getting out there on why exactly the car is see Cab, page 2

**Demand brings return of downtown security**

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MUSTANG DAILY

Private security guards will return to downtown San Luis Obispo for the first time since February, when they were removed due to lack of funding.

Brent Vanderhoof, administrative assistant for the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association, said that the decision to return private security in the area was based on the organization's member survey. He said that patrons' top priorities for the downtown area were cleanliness and safety.

He added that the $1,600 a month needed to maintain security initially came from sponsorships, however, the program will now be a part of the Downtown Association's budget.

The Downtown Association has approximately 700 members, mostly businesses within the center of San Luis Obispo.

Vanderhoof thought that the investment in private security brought benefits to downtown.

"The goal of it is to make the business owners and shoppers feel comfortable in those businesses and not feel threatened," he said.

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"It was so surreal," student said. "I felt like I was in a dream state." Students jumped from windows in panic. Young people and faculty members carried out some of the wounded, with and without waiting for ambulances to arrive. Many found themselves squeezing out 30 shots in all.

The gunman, Perkins said, first shot the professor in the head and then fired on the students. Many said they learned of the first shooting in an e-mail that arrived shortly before the gunman struck again.

"I think the universe has blood on their hands because of their lack of action after the first inci­dent," said Billy Bason, 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 handling of the tragedy, 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 notify members of the university, but with 11,000 people driving onto campus first thing in the morning, it was difficult to get the word out.

When Friedman had genuine sym­pathy for the transients, she said that thanks to the presence of the private guards, there was a sense of security in the downtown area.

"There are city ordinances enact­ed so that transients would not stay around for too long a time," Shaw said. "Those rules were put in effect so transient people would not camp out in one spot or another."

Shaw observed other issues in that downtown San Luis Obispo. "We found that there is a combina­tion of certain areas where there is an increased volume of graffiti," Shaw said. "We decided to bring in extra­eyes in the form of security to patrol the downtown area."

Some downtown customers wel­comed the change. Agricultural com­munications senior Lauren Friedman said, "I'd rather go to a store where I can do in various situations."

"I would imagine that (panhan­dlers) would be bad for businesses," Vanderhoof said that the guards, employed by Inhouse Security, will patrol downtown areas fixnin Thursday to Sunday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Although Friedman had genuine symp­athy for the transients, she said that thanks to the presence of the private guards, she would have more motivation to feel for that situation, we would be able to deploy and engage rapidly," Watson said.

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Question of the day:
In light of the Virginia Tech shootings, are you concerned about something like that happening at Cal Poly?

"Not really, we're just not that kind of school. It just wouldn't even cross my mind someone doing something like that here."
-Erich Faustman
business finance
senior

"No — the likeliness is really low. That's kind of a freak thing. We're better protected because we live in a small community."
-Cathlyn Lawton
recreation administration
senior

"It could happen anywhere. Everyone gets comfortable somewhere."
-Heather Phillips
city and regional planning
junior

"I think there's an equal opportunity for that type of thing to occur no matter what region you're in."
-Emy Pace
animal science
sophomore

"No, just because we're not near a big metropolis and that's usually where it happens. We're surrounded by a very safe neighborhood."
-Anash Shahabi
electrical engineering
freshman

Followers of radical cleric quit Iraq's Cabinet

BAGHDAD (AP) — Cabinet ministers loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr quit the government Monday, severing the powerful Shiite religious leader from the U.S.-backed prime minister and raising fears al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia might again confront American troops.

The U.S. military reported the deaths of seven more American service members: three soldiers and two Marines on Monday and two soldiers on Saturday.

In the northern city of Mosul, a university dean, a professor, a police officer's son and 13 soldiers died in attacks bearing the signs of al-Qaida in Iraq. Nationwide, at least 51 people were killed or found dead.

The political drama in Baghdad was not likely to bring down Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government, but it highlighted growing demands among Iraqi politicians and voters that a timetable be set for a U.S. troop withdrawal — the reason al-Sadr gave for the resignations.

The departure of the six ministers also was likely to feed the public perception that al-Maliki is dependent on U.S. support, a position he spent months trying to avoid. Last year he went so far as to openly defy directives from Washington about legislative and political deadlines.

In an appearance with families of military veterans, President Bush said he had spoken with al-Maliki. "He said, 'Please thank the people in the White House for their sacrifices, and we will continue to work hard to be an ally in this war on terror,'" Bush said.
‘Pathfinder’ stumbles through storyline

Director Marcus Nispel didn’t get the memo that Vikings shouldn’t make a comeback

Ryan Chartrand
MUSTANG DAILY

Director Marcus Nispel must really want people to hate him. “Pathfinder,” Nispel’s latest addition to his “how to become infamous in 10 years” project, marks the second film since his remake of “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” that has made audiences want their money back 15 minutes into the film.

Through an introduction that feels more like a trailer for the film itself, the audience learns that before Christopher Columbus arrived in America, bratty Vikings with heads that fall off too easily tried to eradicate the land of any natives. Yes, it’s historically ridiculous, but it gets worse.

One of the groups of Vikings left behind a boy who simply wasn’t into the beheading babies business. The boy, played later in man form by Karl Urban, grew up with the nearby Indians until the Vikings returned, which forced him to pick a path: return to the Vikings and return to the land of any natives. Yes, it’s historically ridiculous, but it gets worse.

Unfortunately, the film takes an unbeatably cliched path that allows it to now battle against “Premonition” and “Are We Done Yet?” in becoming the worst film of 2007.

In brighter news, Nispel and screenplay writer Lueta Kalogridis have developed a quick and easy three-step process to allow people to hate them in the most efficient method possible.

Step one: Forget character development. What good has it ever done for mankind, anyway? In fact, don’t even give any of the “characters” names. Make up one really cool name like Pathfinder and let multiple characters share it throughout the film.

Yes, it was a conscious decision meant to give some form of a point to the rest of the mess, but ultimately it’s about as pointless as basing a graphic novel off a screenplay. Oh, wait, the “Pathfinder” graphic novel did just that. Nispel and co. are on a roll so far.

Step two: Make all action sequences completely incoherent. There is no need for any of the action to make sense, as long as a head tumbles or an eye pops out at some point.

The action combined with some type of stylized directing could have saved the film from its other weaknesses, but even it fell to the clichés that have been done dozens of times in the last year alone.

Whether it’s the out-of-place marijuana references, the sleazy chase to replace the overused car chase or the meaningless love story, Nispel is embellishing all the wrong places.

Mel Gibson did it right with “Apocalypto” by creating a balance of history, Hollywood and well-filmed, creative and stylish action.

Step three: Limit all dialogue to a maximum of 12 lines per character. Has something to say, it better be worth the audience’s time. For example, if Urban is seeking a place to fight the Vikings, have him say something witty and unpredictable like “Yeah… this is where we’ll fight.”

Thanks, thankfully, the lack of dialogue serves as a small gift since hearing any “actor” speak is a horrific experience.

The voices of the Indians are either highly Americanized or extremely overdone with accents to supposedly help show that they’re the “good guys” and anything big, ugly, ferociously unstable and looking for a baby to kill should be considered a “bad guy.”

Thanks for the tough to discern distinction, Nispel.

The one positive aspect of “Pathfinder” would be the beautiful landscape shots filmed in Vancouver, making the theater itself feel like it’s on ice at times. Unfortunately, the scenery and repetitious shots get old after 45 minutes of staring at the same setting.

When it comes down to it, Nispel would have been better off releasing a 1-hour commercial for the 2007 Nissan Pathfinder. Don’t worry, Nispel; your three-step plan still applies.

“Pathfinder” ultimately never finds its way, and while the blame for the film’s inevitable downfall should fall on every individual involved with the film, Nispel’s next film, an adaptation of the video game “American McGee’s Alice,” could be his last chance to avoid seeing audiences with pitchforks outside theaters.

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Dead Science not so lifeless

Although sick, Found Sound raves over music concert

It's Monday and I'm starting to worry that I've worn my column already. My next one comes out in the morning. I'm reading undisguised by the fact that the column is only about me and how I think I'm bad at writing and not really about the concert I went to which was amazing. The problem is, I was going to write that piece because it was a week before I knew there were no shows between now and when my column is due Sunday night. The Twilight Sad show will be on my radar and I won't want to write about it late because the next column will be about the Folk Yeah festival.

So, I've basically screwed myself and run through a list of topics. It occurs to me that I never really explained how I got pneumonia before spring break and it's a really great story. So, here's the column about the Dead Science and Parenthetical Girls. A little late, but it was worth pneumonia, then hopefully it's worth being late a month after it happened.

I almost pass out dragging equipment from the station to get the Dead Science. They play the朋号 anymore. I only play songs that have their version on the new LP. And somewhere around 2 a.m. I have a shirtless Sam Mickens hoisted over my head while he yells out "I Would Die 4 U." He passes out on the floor and the whole things seems to end. However, the music kicks back and he starts singing again from the floor.

The party dies out. I get drunk and I ask if I can do public relations work for them. He tells me it's just work out fine while sipping back on my friend's house brew.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Forget Poly Reps; take the campus tour with Mike

By Chris Mueller

On a campus as large as Poly, one might sound like another "stoner." But I have a different notion of R'spect and equality, at least when it comes to drugs. Consider the case of marijuana.

I'm not saying you should smoke pot just because I think it's a good idea, but you might. Certain personal beliefs could lead to something as positive as greater happiness and relaxation to a great campus tour guide. We're all told at some point in our lives, "Exercise!" We choose to ignore that advice, but marijuana can serve legitimate purposes. It's a choice just as serious as drinking is a choice, heavy smoking is a choice and so on. If anything, marijuana is less addictive than such things as Marlboros and Jack Daniel's.

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The stereotypical stoner lifestyle isn't something that helps fellow students stuck in a drainage ditch, track marks up and down his arm. I'd like to think that the current illegality of marijuana will be looked upon in the same way by generations to follow us. It's ridiculous that a "drug" that poses no greater danger than alcohol or nicotine is still looked upon with such disdain by the general public.

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The time has come to legalize marijuana use.

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**Zito gets first 'W' with Giants, 8-0 at Rockies**

Barry Zito gave up three hits in six innings for his first victory with San Francisco, and Ray Durham and Bengie Molina hit back-to-back homers in the third as the Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 8-0 Monday night.

San Francisco hadn't played since Friday night because of rain in Pittsburgh.

**Poly's Williams chosen to coach on U.S. track team**

INDIANAPOLIS — Cal assistant track and field coach Danny Williams has been selected to serve on Team USA's track and field women's squad for the 2007 IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Osaka, Japan, USA Track & Field announced Thursday.

Williams will coach sprints and hurdles. He is in his third season as an assistant coach at Cal Poly, serving as the track and field coach since 2005.

Williams served as the USA men's manager at the Pan American Junior Championships in 2005 and was women's head coach for the 2001 World Indoor Championships. He was an assistant at the 1995 World Outdoors and head coach for the 1997 Pan Am Junior team.

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Robyn Kontr (Feb. 26), Jenna Maiden (March 26) and Emily Holley (April 9) have each captured Pitcher of the Week honors. Of the 20 possible Pitcher and Player of the Week awards that have been issued by the conference this season, a Mustang has claimed the honor eight times.

Cal Poly (32-10, 8-1) takes a break from Big West play to open a three-game series at UC Davis April 21.

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He regularly marched with King and was a major figure in the civil rights movement. Robinson retired in 1957 and took that same aggressive style that won over the baseball community and brought it to civil rights activism. He served on the board of directors for the National Association of Colored People, toured the country giving speeches in support of the NAACP and its cause and collaborated with other organizations such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Congress of Racial Equality.

Despite his impact on baseball and American society, Robinson was never fully satisfied. "He always wanted more," Tygiel said.
Thank you, Jackie

SFSU history professor and baseball historian Jules Tygiel delivered a speech Monday on the legacy of Jackie Robinson in Chumash Auditorium.

Matt Norton
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Willie Mays. Juan Marichal. Frank Robinson. Hank Aaron. All are baseball Hall of Famers and all owe a debt to one man.

Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson

Sunday signified the 60th anniversary of Robinson breaking the color barrier in professional sports and, to commemorate the historic event, Jules Tygiel traveled to Cal Poly to remember Robinson.

Tygiel, a San Francisco State history professor, is a prominent Robinson historian and presented "The Enduring Legacy of Jackie Robinson" speech Monday to a Chumash Auditorium audience so large that Cal Poly had to open the adjacent hall to a larger room to accommodate fire marshal rules.

But why was Robinson's integration so important?

Before Brown v. Board of Education, before Rosa Parks, before Martin Luther King Jr., there was Jackie.

In a post-World War II United States, the U.S. experienced an economic boom, emerged as the dominant world power and developed a society envied the world over. But stuck at the bottom of that society were African-Americans, who still felt the sting of segregation throughout that "envisaged" society.

Then Robinson stepped in.

In 1945, Robinson was the handshake selection by then-Brooklyn Dodgers club president and general manager Branch Rickey to integrate baseball. For most of the 20th century, baseball was, as Tygiel described it, "the biggest game in town" and a major change in America's pastime meant "envisioned" society.

"It joined (the U.S.) into awareness," Tygiel said.

Once Americans were aware a black man was playing with white men, there was much outcry for Robinson's removal from baseball. But there was no removing Robinson.

Tygiel captured the curiosity surrounding Robinson at the time of his integration: "Who is that player?"

Fam, both white and black, flopped to Ebbets Field to find out about "that player." Robinson's play won over fans and critics alike with his exciting, aggressive baseball style, previously seen mostly in all-black Negro leagues. In nine seasons (all with the Dodgers), he won the inaugural Rookie of the Year award in 1947.

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As a club sport, they get little money from the school; most of their support comes from players' dues, donations and fundraisers, Ramirez said. The money is used for equipment, uniforms and to pay the coaches.

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Cal Poly will play Montana at 6 p.m. Friday at Cal's Witter Rugby Field.

Cal Poly rugby club team wins league, to face Minnesota

The Mustangs open the playoffs against the Golden Gophers at Cal on noon at Friday.

Giana Magnoli
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly Rugby Football club team clinched the Southern California League Championship for the second year in a row with a 27-17 win over the University of San Diego, and is just two wins away from going to nationals.

But who was the coach?

Aaron. All are baseball Hall of Famers and all owe a debt to one man.

The Mustangs have won a league record 135-0 win over Long Beach State, a victory team junior president Thomas Ramirez partially attributed to the fact it was the alumni weekend game.

Home games have the advantage of larger crowds and less stress on the players, Ramirez said, and it shows in their record. In three of their four in-season home games, they kept opponents to single-digit points.

Their one loss, 25-24, was to San Diego State.

"I think the first half was pretty soft," Ramirez said. "Us, them (SDSU) and UCSB are usually the top teams in the league. If you don't come out playing the entire game as hard as you can, things get messed up."

Even though it is a club sport, the rugby squad has a comparable amount of players and time commitments to intercollegiate teams.

Cal Poly has two full squads with a third side for the more inexperienced, first-year players. With players on the field at a time and an allowance of seven subs per game, usually about 22 players contribute to each game, Ramirez said.

The team practices two or three times a week in addition to at least 2 9m training sessions for fitness, not including their weekend games that take them all over California.

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