**Mourning a Tragedy**

By Simon Henry

BLACKSBURG, April 17—A sea of orange and maroon converged on Cassel Coliseum today. It overflowed from its doors, onto the sidewalks, into the streets, and sealed its way down into Virginia Tech's football stadium.

Overhead, fighter jets swept the sky. On the streets, many hundred State Police officers stood guard.

Hundreds of news cameras from around the world were fixed on the faces of the students.

"This feels like a football game," said David Cutrell, a junior from Big Stone Gap, Virginia State University, the scene of Monday's shooting.

Something big was happening on Virginia Tech's campus. But it wasn't game day in Blacksburg.

Virginia State Police guard the crime scene at Norris Hall on the Virginia Tech campus, the site of Monday's shooting.

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**College has emergency response plan in place**

By Kate Baldwin and Reid Solomonov

This week's tragedy at Virginia Tech raises the question of how our campus would react if placed in a similar situation.

Although college administrators say that you can never really be prepared for an event like Monday's shootings at Tech, there is a plan in place. And, that plan is likely to be altered in the aftermath of the incident in Blacksburg.

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**Tragedy strikes Virginia Tech**

Earlier this week, on Monday, April 16, Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old English major at Virginia Tech, opened fire on students and faculty members in a residence hall and a classroom building on the Blacksburg, Vir. campus. He killed 32 people and later committed suicide. At least 13 others were injured. The incident has been called the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history.

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**Calendar of Events**

**Saturday, April 21**

UVa-Wise 350°— Campus Preview Day

**Monday, April 23**

Intermountain Tennis Halftime Tournament, 5th floor Student Center, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 24**

Home baseball game against Milligan, 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 25**

Student-Alumni/Commuter Appreciation Picnic, Gilliam Sculpture-Garden, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Thursday, April 26**

Intermountal Doubles Tournament, 8 p.m.

**Friday, April 27**

Lambde PI Xi Induction in the Rhododendron Room, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 28**

Cavalier Try-outs in the Atheros room of the Student Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday, April 29**

Home baseball game against Bryan, noon

**Spring Formal in Greener Gymnasium, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.**

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A World of Violence and Hate

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Every Saturday after work, I am part of Tech's crew. I always get to go home knowing that I have helped them to the best of my abilities. It is such a good feeling to know that you have done something for someone else.

I cannot imagine what it was like to lose a beloved family member or a friend. I think that the biggest case of this on campus lies within our very own community. Whether it's someone you know or someone you don't, the pain is the same. We all need to come together and help each other through this dark time.

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This game will be played tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Cart-Smith Stadium. Admission is free.

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By Daniel Robinson

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