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## HOKIES HONOR VICTIMS THROUGH UNITY

Va. Tech resilient year after tragedy

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BLACKSBURG, Va.— A Virginia flag fluttered at half-staff Wednesday as thousands of people gathered in a sea of maroon and orange on Virginia Tech's campus to remember the lives lost one year ago in the worst mass killing on a college campus in U.S. history.

Looming nearby as a silent reminder stood Norris Hall, where Seung-Hui Cho, 23, shot and killed 30 students and faculty and himself after shooting two other students in a dormitory.

The university's "Day of Remembrance" began with a midnight candle-lighting and concluded with an evening vigil at the simple yet solemn memorial.

Each engraved with a victim's name, the 32 stones form a semicircle on the Drillfield, a large open space in the center of campus.

Speaking to a crowd that included victims' families and some of the 26 injured in the shooting, Va. Tech President Charles Steger said the campus has searched for answers but instead found unity.

"We have not found all that we have sought, but at every turn, we have found each other," he said.

"Although our sadness continues to weigh upon us, the one thing we can put to rest now is any fear that we will forget those who were taken from our midst. We know now that will never be the case."

The victims' names and brief biographies were read. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine said he felt a profound sense of loss.

"The world was cheated April 16, one year ago," he said. "Cheated out of all the accomplishments that were sure to come from these extraordinary lives. Their lives were just too short for all the promise and all the good that was within them."

Students, family and community members walked slowly by each of the stones. Many placed flowers by the monuments; others stopped, touching the stones and wiping away tears.



Virginia Tech students mourn during the dedication of a memorial Wednesday on the first anniversary of the shootings. The semicircle memorial on the Drillfield honors each of the 32 victims with an engraved Hokie Stone, a traditional material used throughout campus.

"You really can't put it into words," said Lauren Faidley, a junior biology major. "You remember it every day when you walk by the memorial."

Classes were cancelled Wednesday and several activities were organized for the community to reflect. In the student center, hundreds wrote notes to be given to the victims' families, painted kites and decorated stones.

Wiping paint from their hands, students formed an oval of colorful stones on the lawn. One read: "32 of our brothers and sisters are in heaven trying to explain what a Hokie is."

Barbara Keown, whose daughter and husband both work at Va. Tech, has lived in Blacksburg for 33 years. She helped organize the art projects and watched as many stu-

dents broke down. "I think everybody has been striving to get back to normal," she said. "It's not the same normal as April 15 last year."

As the sky darkened, thousands trickled back to the Drillfield.

Tom Quigley, a fifth-year architecture student, helped pass out candles. "They call this the 'Day of Remembrance,'" he said. "None of us have forgotten."

After all the victims' names were read and the vigil was concluded, participants stood silently with candles raised. A faint voice in the crowd yelled, "Let's go!" Echoing across the field, the glowing and booming mass responded over and over: "HOKIES!"

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Virginia Tech's "Day of Remembrance" concluded with a candlelight vigil at the memorial on the Drillfield. The names and biographies of each of the victims were read aloud.

## Student officials get free tickets

Given reserved Boyz II Men seats

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Tickets are still available for next week's Boyz II Men concert. But some seats were never available to begin with.

About 250 of the 12,000 tickets available for the SpringFest concert were reserved for student organizations, such as Student Congress and the Carolina Union Activities Board, which helped plan SpringFest.

"We felt that the organizations that contributed either financially or with their time deserved block seating," said Hilary Marshall, chairwoman of the SpringFest planning committee. "We thought it would make a very small impact in terms of ticket distribution."

"There has never been a student-run concert of this size before so we felt they deserved it," she said.

It is common for organizers of events to get priority seating, though it isn't guaranteed.

"From my experience this is the first time Congress has received tickets for something," said Tim Nichols, speaker of Congress.

Most of the groups getting tickets were given seats in the first few rows of the Smith Center, though not on the floor. "We weren't trying to give them amazing seats. It was done so the organizations could sit together," Marshall said.

Those groups were unaware they would be given tickets when they decided to organize the event.

"When Congress funded this we did not expect to get any sort of special treatment," said Tyler Younts, former Congress speaker.

"I opposed funding it, but even though I opposed it, I do not believe there is any wrongdoing going on with the ticket distribution."

Student Congress approved \$20,000 to fund the event. That money comes from student fees, and the concert cost \$42,000 total.

Some students said they think organizers deserve priority seating.

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## Chancellor cabinet lacks a precedent

Unable to predict top-spot turnover

BY KEVIN KILEY  
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When UNC's next chancellor takes office in South Building, many other top positions at the school might change hands.

Or, they might not. Nobody is really sure.

During the University's history, there has been no discernible pattern of whether people will leave a top administrative position.

H. Garland Hershey, who was vice provost under chancellors Christopher Fordham, Paul Hardin and Michael Hooker, said he found no pattern in administrative change when a new chancellor comes in.

"Sometimes they may change one or two senior positions, sometimes it is considerably more, sometimes less," Hershey

said. "There's no real rule of thumb."

He said change was not significant in most cases, but there has typically been some change when a new chancellor arrives.

Moester's arrival at UNC proved to be an exceptional case.

Six of the eight top administrative offices changed hands during Moester's first two years in office.

The cabinet was restructured, combining the vice chancellor for health affairs and the provost into the position of vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Moester also made the decision to reshape the legal team, removing General Counsel Sue Ehringhaus amid controversy. However, the other openings were created by people choosing to leave.

James Ramsey, who served as vice chancellor for finance and administration during Hooker's term, was one of the top admin-

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## Construction bond money almost all spent

Future funding may be more limited

BY BRIAN AUSTIN  
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The UNC Higher Education Bond Program — a major source of funding for construction on campus — is running out.

The bond, which was approved by state referendum in 2000, allocated \$515 million of \$2.5 billion available to the UNC system to UNC-Chapel Hill. Of that, the University has dispersed 94 percent.

"We're really in an extraordinarily good position in terms of how the state legislature and the people of North Carolina have treated us," said Steve Allred, executive associate provost, adding that the project has allowed UNC vast advancement during the past seven years.

Since 2000, 49 projects have been funded at Chapel Hill with the bond. Forty have been completed, and all but one of the remaining nine have begun construction.

But as the bond comes to an end, University administrators are left to try to find alternative sources of revenue for campus construction.

Growing the campus

UNC's Master Plan reports available building space on campus, and with the injection of money from the bond, UNC was able to accomplish projects that had been neglected.

The Campus Y was down to one usable floor out of three, and Gerrard Hall stood unused and in disrepair before the bond.

Before 2000, the University gave a biannual report to the N.C. General Assembly requesting building funding, which hindered its ability to take on long-term projects.

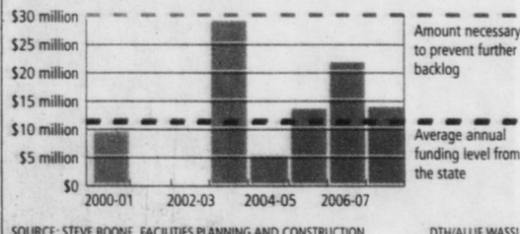
"We were never able to cobble together the money to do what we were able to do in the last seven or eight years," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction.

A study done in 1998 by higher education consultant Eva Klein identified capital needs of \$6.9 billion for the UNC system, which prompted the bond's allocation.

Before the bond, the state typically approved about two UNC projects a year, Runberg said.

### Funding facility upkeep

UNC has received more than \$160 million from the N.C. General Assembly since 1993 for facility repair and renovation, well below the amount needed.



SOURCE: STEVE BOONE, FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

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The funding has allowed the University to make huge investments in new science complexes and the Student and Academic Services Buildings, as well as to do comprehensive renovations to classrooms and lecture halls around campus.

Having the bond also gave UNC leverage with private giving. In some cases, private donations supplemented the bond as sources of revenue.

Securing the future

If there is not another bond

issued, Runberg said the University will have to return to basing its projects on yearly state funding.

Going back to this system would hinder long-term projects, as they would be funded in a piecemeal manner.

"I think the real question is if and when there will be a second bond issued," said Paul Fulton, a member of the UNC Board of Trustees.

Officials said another bond would be necessary to create more usable

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**CITY** Residents petition for a bus route between Orange and Chatham counties.

**SPORTS** The track and field and women's tennis teams prepare for ACC tournaments.

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**JUST VISITING**  
Members of UNC's Board of Visitors, a group of more than 150 alumni, will meet today and Friday to discuss University initiatives and progress.



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**POSTER CHILDREN**  
Designs by local poster artists that advertise upcoming events and performances can vary based on style and techniques for creating the works.

this day in history

**APRIL 17, 1982 ...**  
The Campus Governing Council meets to discuss the campus group budget process and allots \$246,020 to 32 campus organizations.

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