

# SG bill would redefine what committee considers 'minority group'

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A bill redefining the mission of the Multicultural Affairs Committee and clarifying what the committee considers a "minority group" will come to the floor of student senate today for a final vote.

The bill, proposed by President Pro Tem Leigh-Anne Travers and Sen. John Tidikis, would give the committee a clearer mission and define a "minority group" as "any group needing special consideration, which includes (but is not limited to) blacks, Hispanics, in-

ternational students and handicapped students."

"I think this just facilitates the influence of the Multicultural Affairs Committee," Travers said.

"It helps better define what it is to be a minority at USC," Tidikis said.

The bill replaced an earlier move by Travers and Tidikis to merge Multicultural Affairs with the Community Outreach Committee in an attempt to reduce the number of committees.

Travers said they proposed the legislation "because if we had all these different committees, the committees would get too small."

After talking to Sen. Jotaka Eaddy, though, they decided to take a different course.

They proposed legislation disbanding the Outreach Committee, followed by legislation recreating it as a sub-committee. Then they proposed the current legislation.

"We decided that what we needed to do is redefine the role of Multicultural Affairs in Student Government," said Eaddy, who strongly supports the legislation.

Under the bill, the committee's new duties would include holding an annual racial forum, which Travers said was

"a spawn off of the Multicultural Presidential panel." She said she believes the forum could, among other things, "just get some opinions out in the air."

The committee would also help with Black History Month, Hispanic History Month and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Now, through this bill ... we're giving [the committee] real duties," Travers said.

The senators said the bill would help Multicultural Affairs better achieve its ultimate goals.

"Student Government should take the active role and lead the way in promoting diversity," Eaddy said.

"In my opinion, Multicultural Affairs should help bridge that gap between all ethnic groups and all ethnic backgrounds," Tidikis said.

As far as the list of minority groups is concerned, Travers and Tidikis said the term "international students" would cover all international students, including white students, such as British and Canadians.

"Technically, if you look at it, these people are a minority at the University of South Carolina," Tidikis said.

"This isn't the Multiracial Committee, this is the Multicultural Committee," Travers said. If it were the Multiracial Committee, she said, "we would have just said red, black and purple people."

Travers said she had "no doubt" the bill would pass.

"This isn't something that's really controversial," she said.

"This could have a really positive and profound impact on diversity at the University of South Carolina," Tidikis said.

## Investigation continues in Littleton massacre

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LITTLETON, Colo. — Radios and televisions fell silent across the Denver area at 11:21 a.m. today, one week to the minute after the eruption of gunfire at Columbine High School was first reported.

Church bells tolled 15 times, one for each person killed, including the gunmen, and television news broadcasts showed a blue Columbine memorial ribbon while observing the moment of silence.

Earlier, authorities said the 18-year-old girlfriend of gunman Dylan Klebold had purchased at least two of the weapons used in the attack.

The *Denver Post* reported today that investigators believe the girlfriend bought three weapons not long after her 18th birthday in November. The *Denver Rocky Mountain News* said the young woman, identified as Robyn K. Anderson, was believed to have bought two guns.

Investigators also discounted a report from a Colorado Springs gun dealer that the other gunman, Eric Harris, was among five teens who tried to buy a machine gun and another weapon last month. The dealer said the aborted transaction was videotaped.

But Larry Bettendorf, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the videotapes had nothing to do with the massacre.

"Our agents have reviewed the videotape or tapes, and they did not find any evidence of the suspects or their associates in there," he said.

Harris, 18, and Klebold, 17, committed suicide after bursting into Columbine High with guns and bombs a week ago today, killing 12 fellow stu-

dents and one teacher. Four guns were found in the school.

Ms. Anderson was questioned Monday, and authorities describe her as a witness, not a suspect. District Attorney Dave Thomas said she was cooperating with investigators.

Prosecutors said the weapons might have been purchased legally.

"We think three of them were provided by the girlfriend of Klebold," Mark Paulter, a Jefferson County chief district attorney, told the *Post*. "She bought them because she was older. She was 18 at the time. She bought them in November or December."

"We're not sure she committed a crime under Colorado statute. If you provide a handgun to a person under 18, that's a violation of the statute. If you provide a shotgun or a rifle, that's not a violation."

Prosecutors said Ms. Anderson bought two shotguns and a rifle. Sheriff John Stone acknowledged it was possible that she did know how Klebold and Harris planned to use the guns.

"She's not going to use those for pheasant hunting," Stone told the *News*. A man who was at Ms. Anderson's home declined to comment, saying the family was terrorized by reporters, the *Post* said.

Investigators still believe that someone other than Klebold and Harris was aware of their plans in the days and weeks leading up to the attack.

"There's a lot of munitions there," Stone said. "Either somebody else brought it in or they brought it in and stored it. ... It's hard to get that in under your raincoat and not be noticed."

Stone said three boys who were arrested near Columbine on the day of the attack have not been cleared in the case.

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"I'm suspicious of their story," Stone said. "They are not out of the woods in this one yet."

Also Monday, authorities said Klebold and Harris had aimed for an even bigger bloodbath, plotting to kill hundreds of students, and then to hijack a plane and crash it into New York City. Investigators cited a diary they found that was kept by Harris.

The attack's bold, bizarre nature led to speculation that the gunmen might have been taking drugs, but toxicology tests revealed no drugs or alcohol in their bodies, the coroner's office said.

"It makes it a little more frightening to me that they were of sound mind and not under the influence of alcohol and drugs," prosecutor Thomas told MSNBC.

Columbine's campus remained closed to everyone except bomb squads and investigators. Columbine teachers reported for duty today at an undisclosed location. Columbine's students will begin classes at nearby Chatfield High School next Monday, four days later than planned, school officials decided today.

Teachers haven't been allowed to pick up their books and other belongings since the bloodshed at Columbine.

"If they need anything and we can find it, we'll get it for them," sheriff's

Sgt. Jim Parr said Monday. "But I think they're going to be operating on a shoestring for a while."

Chatfield Principal Sally Blanchard said her staff would try to make Columbine teachers feel welcome on campus as they prepare their lessons in hopes of finishing out the school year.

"We want them to feel honored. We want them to feel safe," she said.

Funerals were held Monday for three students and Dave Sanders, the only teacher killed in the rampage.

Mourners, including students by the hundreds, also turned out Monday to remember Lauren Townsend, an 18-year-old honor student and captain of the girls' volleyball team; Daniel Rohrbough, the 15-year-old boy shot while holding an exit door open for fleeing students; and Cassie Bernall, the 17-year-old girl who professed her love of God just before she was shot.

"Cassie died a martyr's death," Pastor George Kirsten told mourners. "She went to the martyrs' hall of fame."

## Egg donation subject of discussion at USC

by Ann Marie Miani  
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Students have different ways of looking at the idea of egg donation, an issue that has recently surfaced in the media.

Several students approve of egg donation and say they think it will help couples who are having trouble conceiving children.

"I think that egg donation is a good idea for people who can't have children because they have more than one option," advertising freshman Sharon Wilson said.

Applied professions junior Brian Vaughan agreed.

"I think it's a great idea. It expands options for women who are having trouble conceiving children," he said.

Some USC students think a woman's freedom of choice should be a major factor in the issue.

"It is up to the person. It is an individual choice. I can't tell anyone what to do," graduate student Karen Carter said.

"If a woman is willing to give up her eggs, there is nothing wrong with

another woman or couple utilizing them. I would do it," Wilson said.

The process of egg donation takes weeks of preparation, both mental and physical. A woman must take medicine to stimulate the maturation of more than a dozen eggs. After ovulation, she must take a drug to desensitize the ovaries. During menstruation, she is examined for ovarian cysts and makes an appointment to have the eggs retrieved.

The extraction procedure takes a total of 30 minutes and a day and half. After this, the patient can return to normal activity. A woman is paid \$1,500 for the process. Clinics where a woman can go to donate eggs in South Carolina include the Greenville Hospital System Center for Women's Health and Southeastern Fertility Center in Mount Pleasant.

The Gamecock wishes everyone good luck on exams and a fun summer!

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