

## Gunman kills hostage, himself at Colo. high school

BAILEY, Colo. (AP) - A gunman between 30 to 50 years old took six girls hostage at the high school in this mountain town Wednesday, using them as human shields for hours before he shot and fatally wounded a girl and then killed himself as a SWAT team moved in, authorities said.

Park County Sheriff Fred Wegener said authorities decided to enter the school to save the two remaining hostages after the man cut off negotiations and set a deadline.

The man was not immediately identified, and the sheriff was at a loss to explain a motive.

"I don't know why he wanted to do this," Wegener said, his voice breaking.

The wounded girl was taken to a Denver hospital in critical condition, but was declared dead, a hospital spokeswoman said. She did not release the girl's name.

The last hostage was unharmed and talking with authorities.

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of the Board of Regents said Wednesday. "If you think about what the market is telling us about the value it takes to pull that high quality leadership into an institutional setting, I think you can't refuse to devote the resources necessary to attract and retain high quality institutional leadership."

According to figures released by the Lawrence Journal-World last Friday, every CEO of the six major state universities received a raise of at least 4 percent in state funds. University presidents and chancellors are also allowed to supplement their income through private donations, although the amount of funds they can receive is not unlimited, but capped. Robinson was also given a raise of 4 percent, bringing his salary to \$160,000.

The biggest increases were given to the two lowest-paid presidents, Pittsburg State University's Tom Bryant and Fort Hays State University's Ed Hammond. For Bryant, the raise amounted to a \$26,000 boost in base salary, roughly a 16 percent increase from \$164,000 in fiscal year 2006, to \$190,000 in fiscal year 2007. The increase brings their base salaries in line with the base salary of newly hired Emporia State University President Michael Lane.

Lane is currently the provost of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, and will begin his duties at Emporia State on Nov. 1.

Of all the Regents school presidents, Bryant, Hammond and Lane are tied for the lowest paid, with their base salaries of \$190,000 almost \$20,000 less than the \$209,683 that Don Beggs will earn as Wichita State University's president during fiscal year 2007.

The consensus is that the presidents did not lobby for a pay increase.

Robinson says he had no part in the board's decision to raise executives' salaries. The CEO Assessment Committee made the recommendations to the board.

Regent Dick Bond, who chaired the committee, could not be reached for comment Wednesday afternoon.

Bryant says the raise is something that the board

has been discussing for a long time.

"To say that this just happened all of a sudden, or that there hadn't been dialogue about this for several years, I think that's wrong."

Bryant dismissed critical comments from state Sen. Jim Barone in Wednesday's Pittsburg Morning Sun, about the regents' decision to increase executive pay.

"To me, if anybody's got a complaint coming, it's Dr. Hammond," he said with a laugh. "He's been president for 20 years, I've only been president for seven years, and the new guy hasn't been president yet."

Faculty leaders at PSU had mixed reactions to the news of Bryant's pay increase.

Tim Bailey, associate professor of social sciences and president of the Faculty Senate, says he has not received many complaints from his constituents about the raise, even though faculty salaries at PSU were increased by just under 4 percent in August.

"I don't think there seems to be a lot of resentment," he said. "Or at least I'm not hearing it."

Bailey says he thinks any anger should be directed at state legislators, who fund higher education.

"We need to make them realize that they need to support the universities better," he said.

Bob Kehle, professor of music and president of the Pittsburg State chapter of the Kansas National Education Association, says he is disheartened by what he sees as a "double-standard."

"It's disheartening when you see the CEO get a 16 percent increase, when the people working under him are not even close to that," he said.

However, he agrees with Bailey that the Legislature should take the blame for not funding the university and its faculty and classified staff better.

"Tom Bryant did not ask for a 16 percent increase, he was given a 16 percent increase," Kehle said. "It's unfair to make him the fall guy for something he's not responsible for."

The pay increases for the university CEOs come from a block grant given to the Board of Regents and won't affect tuition rates.

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tion from international students."

Chuck Olcese, director of international programs and services, said in the Sept. 7 issue of the Collegio that PSU's lower tuition rates are also a big draw for international students.

"One thing that is attractive to students is our very affordable tuition by comparison to other schools, even though international students pay the out-of-state rate, which is about three times as high as Kansas resident students," Olcese said.

Transfer students have the second highest percent of increase in enrollment, up 13.4 percent from last year.

"There are a number of factors that account for more transfer students this year," Melinda Roelfs, associate director for admission, said. "Faculty do a tremendous job when they

meet with transfer students. They have lots of questions, and staff are always willing to spend time with them."

Roelfs says that PSU is also home to the Tau Sigma national honor society for transfer students. Roelfs says that PSU is the first four-year college in Kansas to offer the organization, which was started in 1999 at Auburn College in Auburn, Ala.

"I think it shows off the positive attitude that our transfer students bring to campus," Roelfs said.

Tom Worrell, Tau Sigma president, says he believes the organization presents a valuable resource to incoming transfer students.

"New transfer students have already been here a semester, so they're already kind of familiar with the campus, but they

may not have formed the social interactions they had at their old school," Worrell said. "Tau Sigma helps them get into the social side of PSU."

Future plans for Tau Sigma include a mentoring group for new transfer students. Existing members will take an incoming student under their wing and help them with studies and getting around the university.

Christensen says he thinks the university's high enrollment the last two years speaks well for its numbers in the future.

"It ought to be a positive thing for next year," Christensen said. "I think the trend will hold and probably increase for next year, because all our undergraduate numbers are positive, and people tend to stay once they get here."

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age on the residence halls. If we started today with a plan, it would take us about two to three years to actually process it in terms of planning and construction. We're struggling with it, to be honest, because there's not an easy answer. If there were an easy answer, we would have found it a long time ago."

Josh Dooley, Residence Hall Assembly financial coordinator, asked why the administration

didn't just renovate and reopen two unused floors in Shirk Hall, instead of building residence halls.

Patterson said the main reason is cost.

"Renovation is very expensive, too," Patterson said. "Sometimes you can build things cheaper new with new plans and everything students want but can't get in a building that's 50 years old."

While addressing the possible

closing of Joplin Street, Howard Smith, assistant to the president, summed up the importance of the day-to-day choices made by the administration.

"We make major decisions every day, and, believe it or not, not everyone is in favor of them," Smith said. "When we're gone, the university will still be here. We need to make sure we make good decisions that will continue to benefit the university."

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According to Reginald L. Robinson, president of the Kansas Board of Regents, the six state universities, along with KU Medical Center, face a backlog of \$584 million in deferred maintenance. PSU currently has \$39 million in deferred maintenance, which ranks fourth among the Regents institutions.

Howard Smith, PSU legislative liaison, says the goal of the event is to educate legislators about the specific needs for PSU's buildings and infrastructure.

"We wanted the legislators to come together and see what we see are issues right now," he said.

Paul Stewart, university architect, says the areas he would want to work on right away, if funds were available, are the buildings, walls, exterior windows, brickwork, along with utility infra-

structure.

"Without that envelope, you can't maintain the environment inside, a dry clean productive

environ-

ment."

During his presentation, Robinson said the universities need \$74 million per year to prevent further backlog.

In fiscal year 2006,

only \$15 million was available to split among the institutions.

Area legislators who followed Stewart and Smith on a walking tour of problem spots around campus, say they were surprised by some of the university's needs.

Jim George, a candidate for the Kansas House of Representa-

There's a lot that can be done here, but the \$64,000 question is 'how do we come up with the money to do it?'"

— Julie Menghini, State Representative

## Trampoline-o-thon jumps the record

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Collegio Reporter

Members of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity raised more donations through their "Trampoline-o-thon," than any previous year. More than \$600 was raised over the 72-hour event, and even though the "Jump Off" competition was canceled because of rain, the event still had a lot of contributions.

Luke Hibbs, a junior in automotive technology, attributed this year's higher donations to greater participation.

"Overall participation from students and the community was much greater," Hibbs said. "Everybody was pretty upbeat about the whole event."

One student, who did not give his name, broke the fraternity's record by jumping consecutively for 12 hours and two minutes.

"He didn't beat the record by much, but to go that long is crazy to think about," said Anthony Carver, the fraternity's philanthropy chairman. "We're going to write a check to the Special Olympics later on this week."

Along with the jumping record



Raymond Hilligas/Collegio

State rep. Julie Menghini, D-Pittsburg, right, shakes hands with Phi Sigma Kappa member Anthony Carver after she makes a donation to the fraternity's fundraiser for Special Olympics on Friday. The Phi Sigs raised over \$600 for Special Olympics with their 72-hour Trampoline-o-thon in the Oval from Wednesday, Sept. 20, to Friday, Sept. 22.

being broken, some drunken karaoke and a prize giveaway were some of the other activities of this year's event.

But Doug Wright, Phi Sigma Kappa president, says the high-

light was when an unexpected guest found time to visit and support the fraternity's cause.

"The mayor came out and did a bunch of publicity for us," he said.

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