

EDITORIALS

A time to weep

In wake of tragedy, it's too early to accuse school

Night hadn't even fallen in Blacksburg Monday when the accusations started coming.

Thirty-two innocent people died on the Virginia Tech campus in the worst shooting in American history, and critics were quick to say that the university's delay in notifying students about the shooter—who eventually took his own life—cost lives in Norris Hall.

Such a debate could be healthy, but this isn't the time for it. Students and the Virginia Tech family need time to process what happened at their school.

The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time to weep. This is that time.

Save the public discussions for later — after the final victim has been officially identified, after the vigils and services, after classes have resumed.

Now is the time to renew our daily prayers for safety. It's the time to pray for the survivors of this tragedy, who undoubtedly have a long journey ahead as they try to put this behind them.

Now is the time to weep.
