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'While they send out that e-mail, 20 more people got killed.'

JASON PIATT, VIRGINIA TECH STUDENT ON THE WARNING SENT BY ADMINISTRATORS TO STUDENTS



Some of those wounded in the bloody rampage at Virginia Tech are carried out of Norris Hall. A gunman opened fire in a dorm and later in a Norris Hall classroom. At the end of the day, 33 were dead, including the gunman.

Rampage leaves 33 dead

Va. Tech gunman ranges across campus in slaughter

THIRTY-THREE people were killed Monday on the campus of Virginia Tech in what appears to be the deadliest shooting rampage in American history, according to federal law enforcement officials. Many of the victims were students shot in a dorm and a classroom building.

Monday, April 16
About 7:15 a.m. ET
West Ambler Johnston co-ed dormitory, houses 895 students
Two killed
About 9:15 a.m. ET
Norris Hall engineering building
At least 31 people killed, including the shooter
9:25 a.m. ET
First university e-mail alert: A shooting incident occurred at West Ambler Johnston earlier this morning. Police are on the scene and are investigating...

Sites of college shootings

Where the shootings on the Virginia Tech campus in rural Blacksburg, Va., claimed at least 33 lives.



'Enormous hammer' noise, screams shatter morning

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The first crackle of gunfire shattered the Monday morning calm. It was 7:15 on the campus of Virginia Tech, and an epic killing spree had just begun.

Stare was swirling on the windy April day, and classes had not yet started when a murderous rampage that would shake the nation started in a co-ed dormitory, West Ambler Johnston Hall, home to 895 people.

MASS KILLINGS AT COLLEGES

Oct. 28, 2002, in Tucson, Ariz.: A nursing student and 28 other victims were killed in a shooting spree in a nursing classroom and in a hallway.

July 12, 1970, in Fullerton, Calif.: Edward Charles Ramirez, a custodian in the library of California State University Fullerton, fatally shot seven fellow employees and wounded two others. He was found innocent by reason of insanity.

Aug. 1, 1966, in Austin, Texas: Charles Whitman points a rifle from the observation deck of the University of Texas Tower and begins shooting in a homicidal rampage that goes on for 96 minutes. Sixteen people are killed and 31 wounded.

Iraq casualty Rodriguez is laid to rest

By Carol Ann Albano
Tucson, Ariz. — Then soldier Damian Lopez Rodriguez, who was born in Mexico, volunteered for the U.S. Army and died in combat while awaiting American citizenship, was laid to rest in Tucson on Monday under the flag of his homeland and his adopted country.

A son of Stars and Stripes was pronounced by a lone Mexican flag as the coffin of the private first class was lowered into his grave at Evergreen Cemetery. Earlier, a soloist sang "America the Beautiful" as the casket was carried out of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on the South Side.

Rodriguez, 16, a native of Nogales, Sonora, died "a national hero," said Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, top commander at Fort Huachuca, southeast of Tucson, who spoke on behalf of the Army.

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