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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Artifact.008

Unit Date

2007

Language

Materials in this collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains 32 Hokie Stone Rocks, each painted with names of April 16, 2007, victims.

Extent

1.5 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Historical Note

On the morning of April 16, 2007, 32 members of the Virginia Tech community were shot and killed in West Ambler Johnston Residence Hall and Norris Hall. The gunman, Seung-Hui Cho, then turned the gun on himself.

We continue to remember the 32 victims:

Ross A. Alameddine

Christopher James Bishop

Brian R. Bluhm

Ryan Christopher "Stack" Clark

Austin Michelle Cloyd

Jocelyne Couture-Nowak

Daniel Alejandro Perez Cueva

Kevin P. Granata

Matthew Gregory Gwaltney

Caitlin Millar Hammaren

Jeremy Michael Herbstritt

Rachael Elizabeth Hill

Emily Jane Hilscher

Jarrett Lee Lane

Matthew Joseph La Porte

Henry J. Lee Liviu

Librescu G.V. Loganathan

Partahi Mamora Halomoan Lumbantoruan

Lauren Ashley McCain

Daniel Patrick O'Neil

Juan Ramon Ortiz-Ortiz

Minal Hiralal Panchal

Erin Nicole Peterson

Michael Steven Pohle, Jr.

Julia Kathleen Pryde

Mary Karen Read

Reema Joseph Samaha

Waleed Mohamed Shaalan

Leslie Geraldine Sherman

Maxine Shelly Turner

Nicole Regina White

The night of April 16, 2007, Hokies United, a student-organized response group, set up a memorial shrine with a semicircle of stones on the Drillfield in front of Burruss Hall, the university's administration building. The next day students placed large plywood boards, painted white, on the Drillfield for people to sign and leave expressions of grief, support, etc. Other spontaneous shrines appeared on campus and in the community.

The events of April 16, 2007, received intense media coverage, and people around the world responded. Virginia Tech received over 90,000 condolence items from all 50 states and 80 countries. These items included banners, posters, books of condolences, sound materials, various media materials, poetry, correspondence, resolutions, textiles, memorabilia, ephemera, and handcrafted items, including the handpainted stones of this collection. Thousands of these items were displayed for the university community through University Unions and Student Activities' Squires Student Union.

Items continued to be received for months and years afterwards, and families of those killed were offered the option of receiving many materials directly related to their loved ones from the Office of Recovery and Support, or having them placed in storage for later retrieval.

Scope and Content

This collection contains 32 Hokie Stone Rocks, each painted with names of April 16, 2007, victims of the Virginia Tech shooting.

Related Archival Materials

See the Virginia Tech April 16, 2007 Archives of the University Libraries, Ms2008-020, also at the Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

April 16, 2007 shootings

Virginia Tech Shootings, Blacksburg, Va., 2007

University Archives

University History

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Arrangement

The stones are arranged into boxes according to the individual's last name.

Description of Subordinate Components

Individuals A-H

box 1

Individuals L-O

box 2

Individuals P-W
box 3