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Mary Ellen Fowler hugs Tech freshman Matt Malagavi, a friend of her son Ryan. Fowler and her husband drove from Maryland to pick up Ryan, who was not injured in yesterday's shootings.

33 die in Va. Tech rampage; IDs may be known today

BY REX BOWMAN AND CARLOS SANTOS

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BLACKSBURG

Officials today expect to begin releasing the names of the 33 people killed and 15 wounded yesterday in two events two hours apart at Virginia Tech. It was the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history.

The events brought back memories of a deadly shooting near campus in August of a sheriff's deputy and a security guard.

Most of the students and faculty members killed yesterday were in Norris Hall, a building used mainly for engineering classes and laboratories. The killer had chained shut an undetermined number of doors, forcing some students to leap from second-story windows to escape.

Students first called for help at 7:15 a.m. from West Ambler Johnston Hall, when a man angrily trying to track down his girlfriend killed a male resident adviser and a female student.

It was nearly two hours before school officials notified the campus about yesterday's dorm shooting.

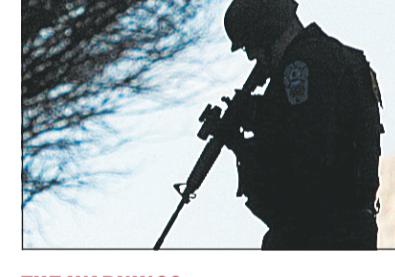
Tim Tracy, 21, of Warrenton, said he was in his fifth-floor dorm

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Blacksburg police officers ran outside Norris Hall, where more than 30 people were killed in a shooting rampage.



THE WARNINGS

2 hours passed before campus alert

Some Virginia Tech students and faculty members question why the campus was not locked down sooner. **Page A2**



THE AFTERMATH

Students left asking why

Angry, shocked, disappointed. Virginia Tech students are struggling to understand what would provoke such a horrible attack. **Page A3**

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THE FIRST VICTIMS

One from Rappahannock, one from Ga.



BY JIM NOLAN

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She came to Virginia Tech from rural Rappahannock County and was majoring in animal and poultry sciences.

He came to Blacksburg from a small town outside Augusta, Ga., and was a popular leader in the Tech marching band and a resident adviser.

This year, Emily Jane Hilscher and Ryan Clark lived next door to each other on the fourth floor of West Ambler John-

ston Hall — in rooms 4040 and 4042.

And yesterday morning, they may have been the first of more than 30 people murdered in a shooting event that is unparalleled in the history of U.S. colleges and universities.

Authorities last night were still trying to settle on a motive for the early-morning attacks, which left two dead at 7:15 a.m. on the fourth floor of the residence hall where Hilscher and Clark lived, and at least 30 others gunned down across campus in Norris Hall two hours later.

Virginia Tech officials declined to release a list of those killed and wounded until today. But by yesterday afternoon, the horrific truths of the tragedy began to surface around campus, in various Web chat rooms and in the hometowns and living rooms of victims' families.

Clark's death was confirmed by Columbia County, Ga., Coroner Vernon Collins. "It strikes home for us to know a resident of the county ended his life this

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