

Lone gunman storms university, singles out women, kills fourteen

MONTREAL (AP) — A young rifleman invaded the University of Montreal engineering school on Wednesday and singled out females for his targets, killing 14 women and wounding 12 people before committing suicide, police said.

Montreal Police Director Claude St. Laurent said the killer, clad in a hunting outfit, rushed into a packed classroom on the second floor and yelled in French, "You're all a bunch of feminists!" before beginning his murderous rampage.

Witnesses said the man divided the students in the classroom by sex and sent the men into the corridor before opening fire on the women.

Six women were shot dead in that room, and a seventh in another room. Then the man, carrying what looked like a .22 caliber rifle, left in search of more victims, St. Laurent said.

The gunman prowled the halls, killing three women in the cafeteria and four more women in the corridor of the third floor, where he then shot himself.

One police officer called to the scene found his daughter was among the dead.

St. Laurent at one point told reporters police were looking for two accomplices but said later he was mistaken and the man acted alone.

The injured, several in critical condition, were taken to four hospitals.

Frenzied parents rushed to the university and were told to gather at a central location.

"I saw death close up and I shook," said student Vanthona Ouy, 22.

Witnesses told police the gunman entered the classroom at about 5:20 p.m. EST.

Students said the man emerged from the classroom, fired three or four shots at a group of people and ran up a flight of stairs.

"I saw the bodies of the people who were slain — they were all women," said Louis Courville, director of the engineering school, his voice shaking.

One student said a bullet passed his leg and he brought his hands up in a pleading gesture. The gunman left him alone.

"He was clearly gunning for the women," the student said.

"All I know is that a crazy guy came in here and began shooting at anything that moved," Dominique Berube, 22, one of scores of terrified students who ran from the building, said.

"It's our friends who have been killed."

She said some people threw themselves on the floor while others stood paralyzed.

Some witnesses told police one of the gunmen entered a classroom on the second floor of the building at about 4:20 p.m. and divided the stu-

dents by sex.

They said he ordered the men out of the classroom and then fired a number of rounds.

It was not clear how many women in the classroom may have been shot.

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Bordeleau told police he had to drag people by the collar to keep them from going in the man's direction.

He said he heard 20 to 30 shots and the man appeared to be aiming mainly at women.

"I heard the gunman say: 'I want the women,'" Bordeleau said.

Several other witnesses confirmed that the gunman said that.

Student Eric Chavarie said, "And then when we looked at him we thought it was a joke, but he fired a shot in the air and separated us into two groups, the guys in one corner and the girls in (another) corner."

"When that was done he asked the guys to leave, he left the girls in there. We got outside in the hallway and for a couple of minutes he stayed in there and when he got out, he leveled his gun at a group of people who were there, and he shot three or four shots."

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Environmentalists tackle variety of issues

By Pam Mooman
Of The Battalion Staff

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on environmental groups. Today's story focuses on some groups' activities and goals.

The activities of environmental groups are as individual as their members. But, as in Michelle Chase's case, individuals not affiliated with any group can be active with envi-

ronmental issues, too.

"Basically I'm one of these awful people who read their junk mail," Chase, a Texas A&M senior psychol-

ogy major, said. When she receives donation requests in the mail, she said, she gives money to environmental groups she thinks make a difference.

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- A&M HILLEL:** will have Shabbat services followed by a Hanukkah party at the Hillel Jewish Student Center on Friday at 8 p.m.
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Police Beat

- The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between Nov. 27 and Dec. 1:
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
- A student admitted to the incident two weeks ago that killed grass on the MSC grounds. He said he used table salt to spell out "UT #1, love." He agreed to make restitution and charges were not filed.
 - Graffiti stating, "A woman's place is in the university," was found on the sidewalk by the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue.
 - A window was broken on the southeast side of the Systems Administration Building.
 - A sliding glass window was broken in the Academic Building.
 - A car parked in Area 20 was scratched and a glue-like substance was in the door and trunk locks.
 - A motorcycle was removed from Parking Area 5 and found in a mall area near the Engineering Physics Building.
 - A passenger's window was broken out of a car parked on Lewis Street.
 - Someone attempted to enter G. Rollie White Coliseum by breaking the locks with a pair of scissors.
 - Entrance gates to Parking Area 34 on Spence Street and Lamar Street were found to be damaged.
- ASSAULT:**
- A student accused of tailgating a man as they both traveled southbound on Bizzell Street claimed that when he stopped at an intersection, the man he allegedly was following too closely exited his vehicle and approached the student yelling obscenities.
 - The man opened the driver's door and pulled the student out of the car, placing him in a headlock. The student was released after a passenger in the accused's car called for him to stop. No complaint was filed.
- PROHIBITED WEAPON:**
- A homemade explosive device was found outside an Aston Hall resident's door. Two individuals were seen running from the area.
- MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
- Ten dollars was removed from a wallet in Heldenfels Hall.
 - One dollar, a 12th Man towel and an A&M Arkansas football ticket were stolen from a purse at the Smith Tennis Center.
 - A pink Minnie Princess child's bicycle was reported stolen from outside an apartment on Front Street.
 - Sixty dollars was removed from a wallet in an office in the Academic Building.
 - Five unattended backpacks were stolen from the Commons Dining Area.
 - A woman reported that \$150 was removed from her wallet in the Academic Building.
 - A mathematics textbook was stolen from Duncan Dining Hall.
 - Textbooks were stolen from various locations on campus.
 - An unattended backpack was stolen from underneath Mount Aggie.
 - The front windshield, black front dressing and gas tank were removed from a motorcycle parked in Parking Area 30.
 - An A&M ID card was removed from the reception desk at DeWare Field House.
 - A seat was stolen off a bicycle parked on the east side of Sterling C. Evans Library.
 - Six bicycles were stolen on campus.
 - A student reported that someone removed a knee brace from a moped that was parked near the Langford Architecture Building.
 - Four corner posts and 11 line posts were removed from the Nutrition Field Laboratory Complex.
 - A traffic sign was stolen from Houston Street.
- HARASSMENT:**
- Students in Dorm 1 reported they have been receiving annoying telephone calls from an unknown individual who breathes heavily into the receiver.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT:**
- A woman in the Commons Lobby reported that a group of males yelled an obscenity at her after she had asked them to turn down the volume of their music.
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:**
- A purse was stolen from a car parked at Pearce Pavilion.
 - Someone tried unsuccessfully to remove a stereo and speakers from a car parked in Parking Area 60, but did succeed in stealing a radar detector.
 - Someone removed a stereo, speakers and headset tape player from a car parked in Parking Area 20.
- RECKLESS DAMAGE:**
- Twenty-five feet of guardrail were damaged on Fish Tank Road.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:**
- Fifteen dollars was stolen from a file cabinet in the Cotton Research Laboratory.
 - A brass banker's lamp and a glass coffee pot were stolen from the Biological Sciences West Building.
 - Two vending machines on the first floor of the Engineering Physics Building were found damaged.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION:**
- Students reported that someone ransacked their room in Underwood Hall and stole \$240, a Visa credit card and a MasterCard credit card.
 - Someone stole a gold chain and diamond pendant necklace from a room in Underwood Hall.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT:**
- A man exposed his buttocks to a woman from the second floor hallway window of Ramp 7, Law Hall.
- POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY:**
- A vehicle parked in Parking Area 5 was found displaying a stolen TAMU parking permit and was towed away until the owner was contacted.
 - Two separate incidents of students in possession of stolen TAMU parking permits were reported.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:**
- A driver found to be intoxicated was jailed and charged with DWI.
- FELONY THEFT:**
- A moped was stolen from the west side of Heaton Hall.
 - Nine rolls of wire were stolen from building 5A of the USDA Toxicology Complex.
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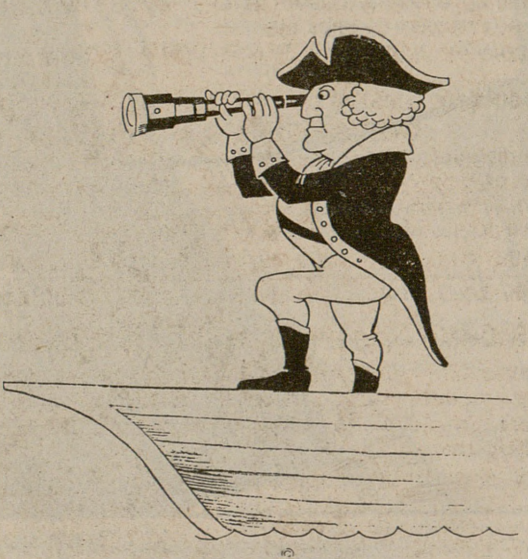
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