

Penn State Shooting

Woman known as 'Crazy Jill' opens fire on large crowd

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — A 27-year-old woman with a Mohawk haircut spread out a tarp in the middle of the Penn State University campus Tuesday and opened fire with a rifle, killing one student and wounding another before she was shot and killed while trying to reload.

William Robbins, a hunter with Army Reserve training who accounts said had a history of mental problems and was known as "Crazy Jill," was hospitalized in serious condition with a stab wound suffered in a struggle with the student who came to the rescue and knocked her down.

No immediate charges were filed against Robbins, who is a longtime resident of State College and not a student.

Police gave no motive for the shooting and said Robbins did not know her victims.

Robbins spread the tarp over grass and positioned herself in front of the student union, firing at least five shots from her rifle,

a Mauser with a telescopic sight, around 9:30 a.m., police said.

Hundreds of frightened students and teachers scattered across the lawn, one of the campus' busiest areas. One student was saved when a book in his backpack stopped a bullet.

Aerospace engineering student Brendon Malovrh, who is trained in kung fu, noticed smoke, ran over and tackled Robbins as she was putting in a second ammunition clip, police said.

As the two struggled on the lawn, Robbins pulled a knife from her purse and tried to stab Malovrh, stabbing herself in the leg instead, police said. Malovrh quickly took off his belt and fashioned a tourniquet on Robbins as students ran across the lawn carrying sheets.

In front of them lay a dead Melanie Spalla, 19, of Altoona. Nicholas Mensah, 27, of Philadelphia, had been shot once in the abdomen. He was in stable condition.

"This is a high-traffic area,

where lots of people ride their bikes. It's freaky to know this happened here. But I guess this is where you want to do it if you want to kill someone," said Jessica Ohrum, 20, of East Berlin.

Professors encouraged their students to call their parents as the local media began broadcasting about the event. Many professors canceled classes, students said.

Malovrh later said the impact of the day's events was hitting him slowly.

"The emotions start to creep in ... one thing that does come up is the face of the one girl, who was shot when I turned her over," he said.

Acquaintances who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Robbins had a history of mental problems, once spending time in a hospital. They said she had been married and divorced in the past year and had tried to commit suicide last month. Friends said she hoped to become an artist.

CHANGES

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1995. The University gave 46 percent of A&M minority students money from scholarships and 87 percent received financial aid.

Since the University can no longer use race as a factor in admissions, the \$4 million can no longer be awarded to top minority students.

Ramirez said the University cannot compete with out-of-state schools that offer more scholarship money than A&M.

"A lot of top minority students will be going out of state where it's more attractive to go," Ramirez said. "I know I would."

Laura Huerta, a junior Spanish major, said although the Hopwood case would not affect her financially, it would affect her emotionally.

"Not as many minorities at all will want to come here," Huerta said. "That projects a more conservative image of A&M. It will defer the expansion of minorities here."

Bus

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select a parking permit during pre-registration.

"If we cut it off, it will be to those who did not preregister," he said.

Plans and construction are now under way to alleviate some of the parking troubles on campus, he said.

The 1,500 spaces in the Reed Arena parking lot will be available to students on non-event days, probably beginning Summer 1997.

A West Campus garage, now being designed for construction in Parking Area 61, commonly called "fish lot," will be built if contractors' bids fall within the allotted budget, he said.

The only option for expansion on main campus is the Evans Library garage, now under construction. However, all garage parking will be for visitors paying hourly fees.

"The more parking we build, the more is used," he said. "We need to encourage students to ride the bus."

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Money matters to new Tech president

LUBBOCK (AP) — Money was on the mind of Texas Tech University President Donald R. Haragan Tuesday, his first full day on the job without the "interim" preceding his title.

"Our No. 1 priority has to be the capital campaign and getting it off to a good start," said Haragan, whose expected appointment as 12th president of the 10,000-student university came Monday.

Chancellor John T. Montford also tapped Dr. David Smith, the state's health commissioner, as the president of Tech's medical school.

Haragan stressed that university officials, particularly Montford, are concerned with stimulating the school's endowment fund. For Texas Tech to continue to compete, he said, the school roughly needs to

double its current \$125 million fund by the turn of the century.

Endowment money would pay for new academic chairs and professorships, but Haragan said his focus will be on scholarship gifts.

"We've done a really good job for scholarships for the very highest level," he said. "We haven't done as good a job for the group right below that."

Sentiment for a plump endowment appears universally favorable on the Lubbock campus.

"Obviously, the faculty is hopeful and cautiously optimistic," said Faculty Senate President John Howe

said, adding that he and other professors supported hiring Haragan from within after regents hired an outsider as chancellor.

Haragan came to Tech in 1969 as an assistant professor of geosciences. He had held a number of posts, including executive vice president and provost of Texas Tech since 1988. He was named interim president after his predecessor, Robert W. Lawless, became president of the University of Tulsa in February.

The Texas Tech board of regents created the chancellorship in April in a rearrangement of the school's hierarchy. Haragan and Smith will handle the day-to-day operations of their schools and report to Montford, a former state senator who was hired last month.

"Overall, we've got a good team," said Haragan, who added that he isn't interested in "going out and drawing turf" boundaries between himself and Montford.

Student Association President Geoff Wayne described Haragan's interim tenure as being more open to student concerns than Lawless' reign, and Wayne said he expects that will continue.

"I think it's a great step, and I think it's what most of the faculty and staff wanted," Wayne said. "It brings something to the office we haven't had in awhile."

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