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Abstract

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Extent

3 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

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Biographical and Historical Notes

Historical Note

Formed in 1974, the Marching Virginians are one of Virginia Tech's two university marching bands. On April 16, 2007, the Marching Virginians lost one of their baritone players and band leaders, Ryan "Stack" Clark, in an attack on the Virginia Tech campus that took the lives of 27 students and five members of the faculty and staff. In the following days and months, the Marching Virginians received an outpouring of condolence letters and items from Marching Virginian alumni and bands from various institutions expressing their sympathy and solidarity.

Biographical Note

Ryan "Stack" Christopher Clark (1984-2007) was born in Landstuhl, West Germany. He attended Virginia Tech, majoring in Psychology, Biology, and English. Clark was a member of the Marching Virginians, Virginia Tech's university band, where he played the baritone. He was also a student leader on campus and served as resident advisor in West Ambler Johnston Hall.

For more biographical information refer to the following:

<http://www.weremember.vt.edu/biographies/clark.html>

Scope and Content

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Related Materials

Virginia Tech April 16, 2007 Archives of the University Libraries, 2007-2010. Ms2008-020. [Finding aid](#) available online.

April 16, 2007, Condolence Archives. [Collection of digital images](#) available online.

Keywords

April 16, 2007 shootings

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Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

Description of Subordinate Components

Papers

Newspaper Clippings,

Unit Date 2007

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Container 1 (folder)

Memorial Service for Ryan Christopher Clark,

Unit Date 2007

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Container 2 (folder)

Alumni,

Unit Date 2007

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Army Bands,

Unit Date 2007

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Container 4 (folder)

Business,

Unit Date 2007

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

City and Community Bands,

Unit Date 2007

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Individuals and Groups of Individuals,

Unit Date 2007

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Religious Group,

Unit Date 2007

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Middle Schools,

Unit Date 2007

box-folder 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

High Schools,

Unit Date 2007
box-folder 1 (box)
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Colleges and Universities,

Unit Date 2007
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 11 (folder)

University of Minnesota Marching Band,

Unit Date 2007
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Container 12 (folder)

Artifacts

American Flag Flown Onboard the USS Constitution

box 2

United States Ship Constitution Framed Condolence Letter

box 2

Signed Wake Forest University Band Uniform

box 2

Ryan "Stack" Clark Memorial Banner

box 2

Signed Drum Head

box 3

"Friendship" Book from the Florida State Marching Chiefs,

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box 3

Scrapbook from the UVA Cavalier Marching Band

box 3

University of Minnesota Gopher Bobblehead

box 3

Signed Paper Banner from Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi, Razorback Band

box 4

Signed Poster from the Marquette University Band

box 4

Signed Posters and Oversized Condolence Cards from Various Bands

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