A Campus Conversation about Campus Shootings

Campus shootings are happening everywhere:

- Virginia Tech – 32 dead, numerous injured
- Northern Illinois University – six dead, 21 injured
- Louisiana Technical College – 2 females shot by a female classmate
- Red Lake Falls, MN – 10 dead, 15 injured (185 miles away)
- NDSU, Fargo, ND – person walked into building with a pellet gun (2/26/08)
- Ferrum College, Virginia – student brought a shotgun in to a dorm, threatened custodian (2/26/08)

If there is an active shooter on campus here are some simple instructions:

- Try to stay calm
- Call 911 and report where the shots were fired
- Take shelter or if clear, evacuate to designated area
- Wait until the police give an all-clear

Methods to protect yourself

- Find shelter
- Move away from the area calmly
- Hide behind desk, table, or chair
- Use your books or book-bag as protection
- Hide in a closet, classroom, office
- Confine the situation, close and lock the classroom door... move out of sight
- Know where the exits are
- Alert 911 immediately

In any emergency, VCSU would like people to remember the acronym of RACE:

- R-RECEIVE – Receive, retrieve, relay and react to the emergency message or alarm. Contact the Power House, 3-7214, if you discover the situation.
- A-ALERT – Alert others and assist those in need. Use fire alarm ONLY during a fire. (Cry wolf – overuse when popcorn burns in dorm)
- C-CONFINE – Confine the situation by closing all doors and windows.
- E-EVACUATE – Evacuate everyone to a designated location if instructed. Area emergency services will arrive shortly.

This campus conversation is to inform the campus community how to protect themselves in an active shooter / armed intruder situation. No campus can prevent these cases from happening. The Valley City Police Department and VCSU work together to provide a safe campus. VCPD Officers have received extensive training in active shooter scenarios.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities - Employees

- Pass on information
  - Includes telling visitors and students where exits are
• Know where exits are
• Pay attention to emergency messages
• Follow procedures
  o Do not interfere with emergency services – don’t be the hero
• Assist those in need
• Remain calm

Responsibilities - Students
• Know where exits are
• Pay attention to emergency messages
• Follow procedures
  o Do not interfere with emergency services – don’t be the hero
• Remain calm

Responsibilities - Campus
• Provide a safe environment
• Counseling
• Information
• Alerts

Responsibilities – Law enforcement
• Fast response
• Eliminate threat
  o The police department and other law enforcement will remove the threat first. After the threat is contained, then emergency services will assist the injured.

Emergency notification
Emergency notification system is coming soon. This system is designed to reach you in an emergency, not who to contact. VCSU will be testing NotiFind within the next two weeks. The North Dakota University System policy will require all faculty and staff to register the work phone and email, cell phone, and home phone. Faculty will be required to have one form of communication (email, cell phone) available during class.

Safety policy statement
Valley City State University places the safety and well being of its students, faculty, staff and visitors above all other considerations. It is the policy of VCSU to provide and maintain safe and healthful working conditions. All faculty, supervisors, staff and other persons in authority are enjoined in the prevention of accidents and reduction of claims in the environment and operations under their control. Valley City State University subscribes to the recognized national standards of safety as defined in published materials of the North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance Risk Management, the State Fire Laws, and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). The Safety Officer and Facilities Services Director have been assigned the responsibility of administering the University's Safety and Risk Management Program.

More information is available online at http://www.vcsu.edu/safety or in the public Facilities Services folder on the shared drive.
VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY – BUILDING EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS

Facilities Services will coordinate evacuations according to the situation.

Allen Memorial Library .................................................. Foss Hall
Carpenter Shop ............................................................ Facilities Services
Ceramics Building ......................................................... McCarthy
College Garage ............................................................ W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse
Facilities Services ....................................................... Power House
Foss Hall ........................................................................ Graichen Gym
Graichen Gym .............................................................. Foss Hall
Kolstoe ........................................................................... Student Center
Married Housing ............................................................ Student Center
McCarthy ....................................................................... Science Center
McCoy ........................................................................... Student Center
McFarland East .............................................................. Science
McFarland West ............................................................. Graichen Gym
Metals Lab .................................................................... Power House
Mythaler ........................................................................ Student Center
Power house ................................................................. Facilities Services
President’s House Guest Inn ............................................. Student Center
Rhoades Science Center .................................................. Graichen Gym
Robertson ....................................................................... Student Center
Snoeyenbos ................................................................... Student Center
Stadium ........................................................................... W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse
Student Center ............................................................... Graichen Gym
Vangstad ........................................................................ Graichen Gym
W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse ................................................... Garage or church parking lot