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## Student kills 3 profs, self

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### Timeline of Events

▶ **About 8:30 a.m.** Robert Stewart Flores Jr. enters the College of Nursing with five guns, proceeds to the second-floor office of Assistant Nursing Professor Robin Rogers and kills her.

▶ **8:35 a.m.** Flores arrives at a fourth-floor classroom and kills Barbara Monroe and Cheryl McGaffic, both assistant professors of nursing. He releases the students and commits suicide shortly thereafter.

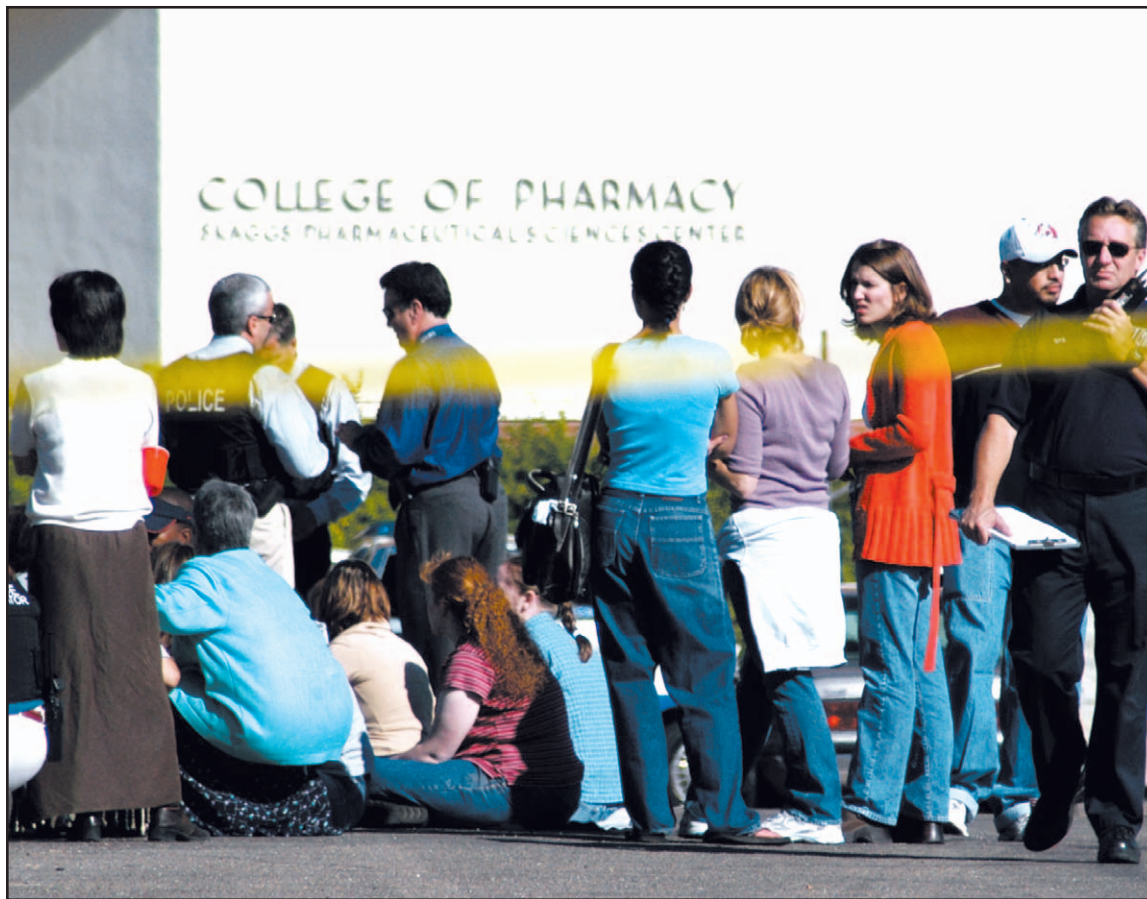
▶ **8:37 a.m.** A student in an adjacent classroom calls 911.

▶ **8:40 a.m.** UA police officers arrive at the College of Nursing.

▶ **8:46 a.m.** 33 TPD officers training at Himmel Park respond.

▶ **8:54 a.m.** Flores is confirmed dead on the fourth floor.

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Students and faculty gather near the scene of a shooting that left four people dead yesterday morning in the College of Nursing. The gunman, a struggling nursing student, shot and killed three professors before turning the gun on himself.

## Speedway divides university reaction

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When gunshots rang out in Jerrica Wesley's ears, she took off running from the CatTran shuttle stop near the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

She ran to class rather than waiting for the shuttle. "I was hella scared," said Wesley, a biology freshman. "I have never been so close to gunfire before."

Wesley, a resident of Babcock Inn Residence Hall, 1717 E. Speedway Blvd., said she was too scared to return to her room later yesterday morning.

Wesley and others who live, work and attend class

north of East Speedway Boulevard spent much of the day mourning the loss of three professors who were killed by a suicidal gunman yesterday morning. But on the main campus south of Speedway, the mood was more subdued as the news slowly permeated the UA.

At the "Swede" Johnson building and other areas north of East Speedway Boulevard, students and workers spent much of the day pooling together as

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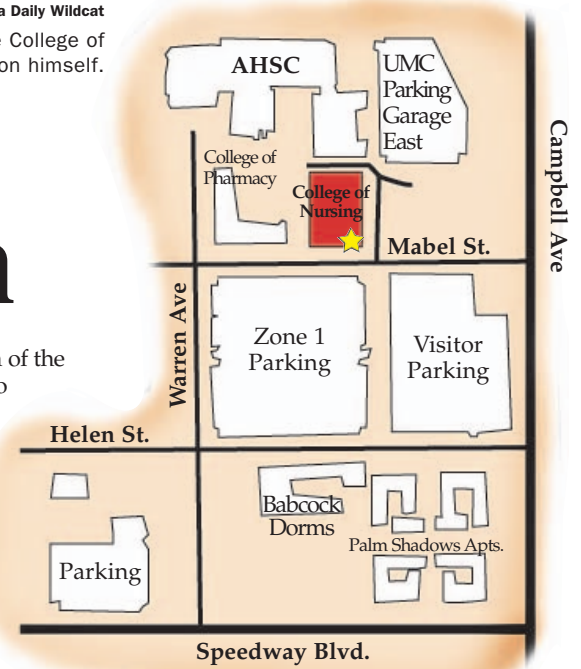
A nursing student, allegedly distraught over failing grades, methodically killed three of his professors and then himself yesterday morning, marking one of the bloodiest days in UA history.

At about 8:30 a.m., while most students in the College of Nursing were taking midterms, Robert Stewart Flores Jr., a third-semester nursing student, entered the second-floor office of Robin Rogers, an assistant professor of nursing, and shot her multiple times, killing her, Tucson Police Assistant Chief Robert Lehner said. She was 50.

Flores, 41, then moved up to the fourth floor, where a class was 40 minutes into an exam. Gena Johnson, a fourth-semester nursing student, said that he looked calm and "clean-shaven," with his backpack slung over his shoulder and the gun in his hand aimed at the second victim, Cheryl McGaffic, another assistant professor of nursing.

Some of the professors and students in the College of Nursing were wearing Halloween costumes. "When I saw him at first I thought it was some kind of joke. But

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## B-ball ticket sales incite mob

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Basketball ticket sales were delayed yesterday after a riot team of 16 police officers broke up an uncontrolled crowd of over 2,000 people who were pushing and shoving from all directions to get to the ticket booth.

The ticket office had been giving out vouchers informing people when they could return to buy tickets for over an hour before police finally intervened. Originally, the ticket office planned to start giving out line vouchers at 7 a.m., but after crowds broke police tape, security guards

entered the ticket office to hand out vouchers, leaving no crowd control.

"People were screaming. Your pelvis was against the wall. If you took your feet off the ground you were still standing. I wanted to call 911," said Kate Denevi, an undeclared sophomore.

At 5 a.m., security guards began setting up temporary barriers. By 5:20 a.m., the crowd had crossed the police tape, and the ensuing rush toppled the barriers. The line had no apparent order and each side of the crowd was pushing.

At 5:30 a.m., the ticket office opened up one-third of the booths, and the

crowd mashed inward to get vouchers. Steam emanated from the crowd as people clamored for position.

Once people received their tickets, they had difficulty getting out of the crowd. Most resorted to crowd-surfing their way out of the mob, and as each person left, people rushed to fill the hole.

Women shrieked in pain and others pleaded for everyone to get back. "Someone's under there. Move back," one person yelled out.

Though paramedics reported no serious injuries, several people

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A student crowd-surfs over a swarm of 2,000 outside the McKale Center ticket office yesterday. A riot team of 16 officers was called in to disperse the crowd.