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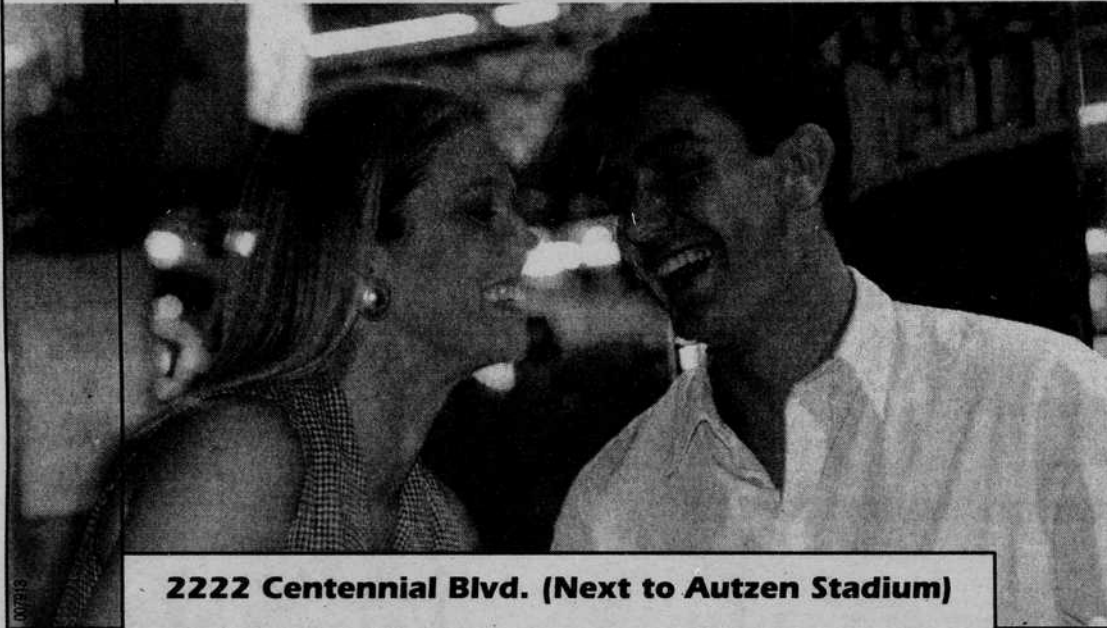
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Kip Kinkel

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witness, Thurston High School shooting victims took the chance to tell Kinkel exactly what they thought of him. Almost every victim asked that Kinkel be given a maximum sentence. Kinkel listened attentively to the victims' statements and looked at them when asked.

"I was shot at school, the one place I'm supposed to be safe," said Elizabeth McKenzie, who was shot in the left thigh. "I am not a victim, I am a survivor, and I am a person."

McKenzie said the choice Kinkel made to enter the cafeteria and embark on the shooting spree on May 21, 1998, took away the choices of all the victims.

"I didn't deserve it. No one deserves to go through what we have gone through," she said.

Teresa Miltonberger, who was shot in the forehead, said if she were the judge she would not let Kinkel out of prison. She addressed her comments to Kinkel and said, "Murdering people is not going to get you anywhere. It doesn't work like that."

She asked Kinkel to think about the victims' families' feelings. Miltonberger's father, Bill, said Kinkel put his family through "hell on earth." He said his daughter's physical scars are covered, but the emotional scars are not so well hidden.

"The community is forever changed," he said.

Jake and Josh Ryker, two of the boys who tackled Kinkel in the Thurston cafeteria and thereby ended the shooting spree, also offered statements in court, both directly addressing Kinkel.

"I don't care if you're sick, insane, crazy ... I don't care," Jake Ryker said. "I think life in prison

is too good for you."

He continued, "I think the victims should get to do to you what you did to them ... You don't deserve to live, you don't deserve to breathe ... I can't stand here and look at you without wanting to kill you."

But Josh Ryker did not echo his brother's sentiments. He instead said he wants Kinkel to stay alive for a long time to remember all the faces and suffering of the victims.

"What you did to me and all my friends you can never take back," he said.

Amber Ramsey, who has known Kinkel since the fourth grade, was shot in the right hip. She said Kinkel always had a temper, even when he was younger, and he was voted the "most likely person to start World War III."

She said she wants Kinkel to "sit and think about what he has done to us every day." Ramsey said she believes everyone should be forgiven, but it will take her a long time to forgive Kinkel for his actions.

Kyle Howes, who suffered a broken tibia and lacerated thigh during the shootings, said he is not angry with Kinkel and doesn't hate him. He said Kinkel needs to have hope that his sanity and clarity of life will return.

"I can and really do forgive you," he said. "I feel sorry for you. May God have mercy on your soul."

Springfield Police Detective Alan Worthen also spoke for the prosecution. Kinkel attempted to stab Worthen after he was arrested. He said there are many faceless and nameless victims of the shooting and that Kinkel's behavior has affected many lives in the community.

"He should never walk free in society again," Worthen said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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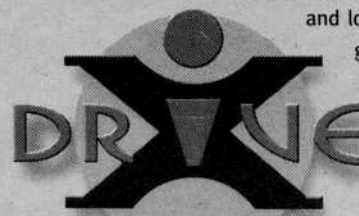
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