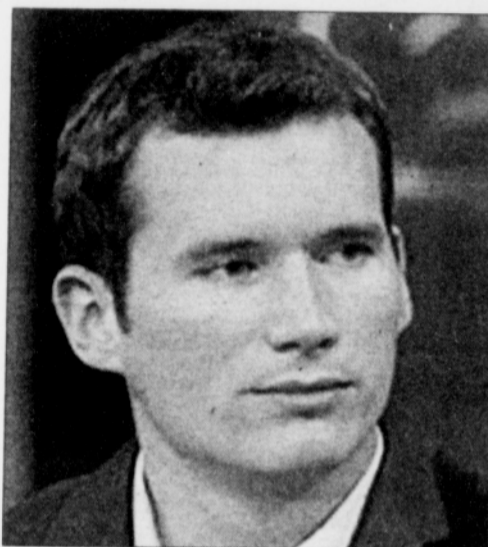


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Gun Violence Survivor Speaks Out

Former Virginia Tech student to share views, film documentary



Colin Goddard

Ceasefire Oregon is sponsoring two local events where the public is invited to watch the documentary "Living for 32" and participate in a discussion of gun violence with Colin Goddard, a shooting survivor of the Virginia Tech Massacre.

On a snowy, windy day in Blacksburg, Va., in 2007, a mentally-ill gunman locked the doors of Norris Hall at Virginia Tech University and proceeded to go room-to-room, shooting students and professors. Forty-nine people were shot. Thirty-two of them died. Then the gunman shot himself to death.

One of those wounded was a 21-year-old named Colin Goddard. Goddard played a unique role in the horrific drama that played out on that blustery April day: he was the only person within the building to call the police.

Urged by his French professor to dial 911 as the crackle of gunfire came closer to the door of their classroom, Goddard made the call, then the gunman burst into the room. Colin was shot four times and still has three of those bullets in him.

Living for 32 is a powerful and thought-provoking documentary about Goddard and his efforts to bring awareness to the issue of gun violence in America.

In the film, he examines his change in thought about guns in America as he recovered from his wounds, discusses what it is like to be a

mentally ill, can purchase a gun without even showing ID.

Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation Board Member Jason Kilgore said Goddard's activism to do something about gun violence is made all the more relevant by a pro-

posal before the Oregon Legislature to allow guns on Oregon school campuses, grade schools and universities alike.

The free screenings of the "Living for 32" documentary and subsequent discussion about gun vio-

lence and gun control with Colin Goddard will take place on Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 S.E. Stark St.; and on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave.



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