

Virginia Tech to build new memorial

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BLACKSBURG, Va. - An "intermediate" memorial to the 32 slain Virginia Tech students will replace the temporary version near Burruss Hall in Blacksburg.

Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger said the intermediate memorial will reflect the arc contained in the temporary version in front of the Drillfield viewing stand, the Lynchburg (Va.) News and Advance said Thursday.

"The university community, and particularly the students, has become attached to this location," Steger said. "It seems only appropriate that we continue this tradition with something more substantive while we begin the process of looking elsewhere on campus for a permanent and fitting memorial to honor the memory and lives of our fallen students and faculty."

The memorial will consist of small upright Hokie Stones etched with the names of each deceased victim, embedded in an arc of crushed gravel.

The stones will remain in place until a permanent memorial is erected elsewhere, the newspaper said.

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