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Staff photo by George Dolan

Jeff Perryman, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, helps publicize the Halloween Costume Dance. The dance, which is sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement, will be held tonight at 8 in 201 Memorial Student Center.

Costume bash at 8

A Halloween costume dance is scheduled at 8 p.m. to midnight tonight in room 201 of the Memorial Student Center. During the dance, which is sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in divisions including Best Man, Maid of Honor and Least Likely to Need a Mask. Music will include rock and roll, country and western and disco. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Texan gets life sentence

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PRYOR, Okla. — A Texas man has pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in exchange for a life sentence in the slaying of a Mayes County logger.

but he changed his plea to avoid the risk of getting the death penalty, officials said. He was charged with killing Billy Wayne Butler, 42, of Cedar Crest. The prosecution had alleged Butler's commonlaw wife, Wanda Cable, paid Mosier \$600 and an accomplice \$500 to kill Butler.

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3-to-a-room housing study may standardize 'triplets'

By ANN DUFFY
Battalion Reporter

Three girls in a room may not be a "temporary" situation for future dormitories if studies can prove that accommodations and personalities will allow such housing conditions.

Duane Adelson, director of student relations for Student Government, is studying the possibility of having three girls per room in the modular-type dormitories to give more girls an opportunity to live on campus.

"TCU and LSU already have three girls per room on their campuses," Adelson said. "A&M is supposed to have as many girls on campus as guys."

Including the Corps, Texas A&M University has almost 2,000 more males on campus than females, according to the Housing Office.

The new dormitory near Fowler Hall is supposed to accommodate 242 people. If one more person is added to each room it will house 363. The dormitory under construction near Aston Hall will house 270 students, and with 135 added it will accommodate 405.

"A total of 256 more people would be on-campus," Adelson said. "If both dorms were to be for girls, that's enough extra girls to make another dorm. And then, hopefully, the money would be funneled back into something else that would go toward building a new dorm."

But the Housing Office says the new dormitory near Aston will be a male dorm.

Student Government is working with the Residence Hall Association on the three-in-a-room study.

"We're trying to see if three per room is feasible and if it would work as well with upperclassmen or just freshmen," Adelson said. "Our biggest problems will be putting the three desks and beds in a room, and communication between the girls who have totally different backgrounds."

"The larger modular dorm rooms are 4 feet longer than the other rooms so they would be more practical for accommodating three," Adelson continued.

"The idea (allowing more girls on campus) is just great, but I don't think it (three-in-a-room) will get a very popular response," Hobby Hall's third floor resident adviser Nancy Montgomery said. "Everyone needs privacy, your own space, and three in a room doesn't work."

"I don't think it will go over too well, but I think it's good that it's being looked into," Montgomery said.

Joyce Sharp, Hobby Hall's second floor resident adviser said, "Personality conflicts and privacy are two big problems with the three girls situation. Several of the girls form two-to-one conflicts which really creates a bad situation."

In contrast, Adelson says that several freshmen like it. "One girl was assigned a room in the Commons area and she wanted to give it up in order to stay with her two roommates," Adelson said. "I think it would work better for freshmen since they're new and upperclassmen are already set in their ways."

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