

Murderer says he falsely confessed

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 GEORGETOWN — Confessed killer Henry Lee Lucas testified Tuesday he falsely confessed to a 1979 Williamson County murder because he wanted to commit "legal suicide" as penance for killing his 15-year-old common law wife. Lucas made the statement

during a hearing in which District Court Judge John Carter granted a defense motion to have Lucas' murder trial moved from Georgetown because of pre-trial publicity. Lucas, a former mental patient convicted in 1960 of murdering his mother, has been charged with capital murder in

the death of an unidentified female hitchhiker who was found on Halloween night 1979 near Interstate 35. Carter said he would announce a new site for the trial in about a week. He set a March 12 trial date. During testimony at the pre-trial hearing, Lucas surprised

prosecutors by saying three confessions he gave in the slaying of the unidentified hitchhiker were voluntary, yet they were lies. "I just told them what they wanted to hear," Lucas said of his conversations with Williamson County authorities. Lucas' attorneys are trying to have his confessions ruled inadmissible on the grounds they were given after Lucas was arrested illegally in Montague County for a firearms violation. Lucas said he made the confessions because he wanted to "make legal suicide" after being convicted of stabbing and dismembering Frieda "Becky" Powell, his common law wife. "I was in love with her — I loved Becky," Lucas said. Lucas said he learned details of the Williamson County crime by reading a police bulletin while held in the Montague County jail. Lucas also said one of the confessions he gave Williamson County Sheriff Jim Boutwell was made while he was under the influence of the drug thora-

zine, and another confession was given just hours after he had received a life sentence for Ms. Powell's murder. Lucas also has been sentenced to 75 years in prison for the slaying of an elderly Ringgold woman who had befriended him. In the Williamson County case, Lucas, 47, is charged with kidnapping, sexually abusing and murdering the young woman. He faces the death penalty or life imprisonment on the charge. In all, he and Otis Elwood Toole, the Florida inmate who was Lucas' homosexual lover and frequent traveling companion, have claimed responsibility for more than 200 killings. Georgetown attorneys Don Higginbotham and Parker McCullough, Lucas' defense team, said their client could not get a fair trial in Georgetown because of extensive media publicity had prejudged potential jurors. Prosecutor Ed Walsh did not contest their request, but did say he thought it would have been possible to select a jury.

What's up

WEDNESDAY

A&M CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: An AMCF rally will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry. The film "The Second American Revolution" will be shown. For more information, contact Mike Garrett at 846-6294 or Tom George at 696-1487.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: A meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in 145 of the MSC. Jim Pettibone, assistant head football coach, will speak. For more information, call Jeff Paine at 260-3462.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: "Summer of '42" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder Tower. Tickets are \$1.50 with a TAMU ID.

METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT: A lunch and Bible study will be conducted at noon in the Wesley Foundation (behind Pizza Hut). Bring lunch or \$1 for sandwiches. Another lunch and Bible study will be conducted Thursday at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 846-4701.

OPERATION: MOP-UP: A fund-raiser, aimed at compensating those on-campus students who suffered water damage during the freeze, will continue through the week. Collection points are set up at: Shiba, the MSC, and the Commons. For more information, call 260-3588.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: A meeting to discuss the plans for the regional conference (Feb. 25) will be held at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder Tower.

SPORTS CAR CLUB: A meeting will be held in Rudder Tower. A car show will be held at Rudder Tower from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Krista at 764-7889 or Donna at 846-6866.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Registration for the 2nd Annual Run for the Arts will continue through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC Hall. The run will be March 3 and the registration fee is \$6. Contact Mark Eddy at 696-3683 for more information.

TEXAS AGGIE MOTORCYCLE CLUB: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Dudley's to discuss upcoming club activities. For more information, contact Bonnie Gilmore at 779-6645.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: An "Aggie Supper" will be held at 6 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$1. Contact Mike Miller at 846-1221 for more information.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: A candlelight communion service will be conducted at 10 p.m. in the Chapel. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

THURSDAY

ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROJECT: A lunchtime seminar will be at noon in 120A G. Rollie White. The new Texas drinking and driving laws will be discussed. For more information, call 845-0596.

INSIGHT: A student-faculty discussion will be held at 12:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower. The topic is "Weapons, Welfare, & Wealth-Federal Deficit: How Should it be Handled?" For more information, contact Kathleen at 764-1129.

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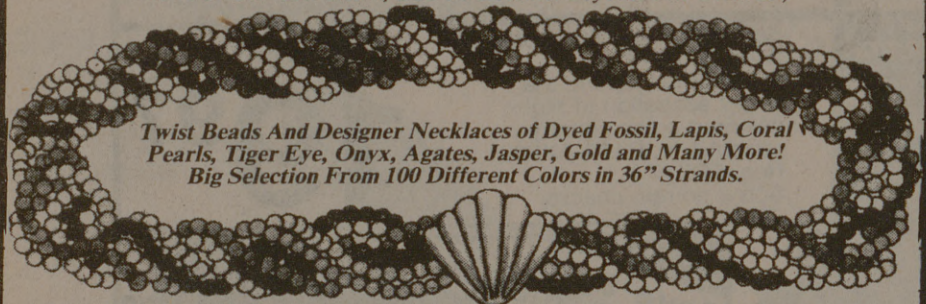
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Women's chorus will be touring England, Wales

By HELEN DE LA ROSA
 Reporter

The Texas A&M Women's Chorus is going to Europe.

Patricia Fleitas, assistant vocal music coordinator, says Texas A&M officials decided last week that the chorus will be able to tour England and Wales in May.

Fleitas submitted an audition packet of video and cassette tapes, copies of concert programs, background literature and photographs of the Women's Chorus to the Friendship Ambassadors, a non-profit or-

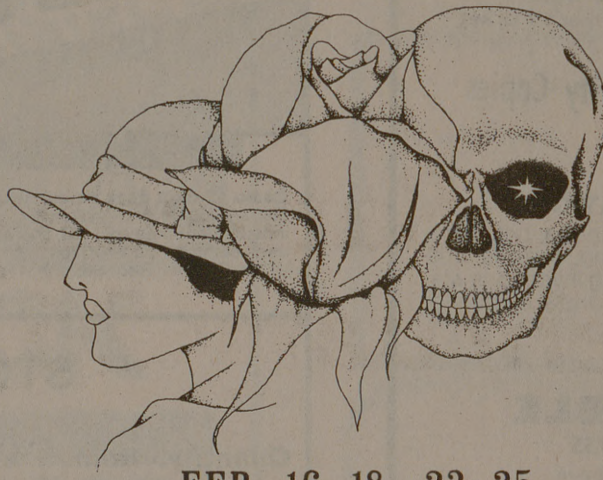
ganization that sponsors music tour groups.

Friendship Ambassadors recommended the TAMU Women's Chorus tour England and Wales under the theme of "Music is the Medium — Friendship is the Message."

Fleitas said all 53 Women's Chorus members and two sponsors plan to participate in a 10-day trip. The group will probably give four or five performances and while visiting London, Oxford, Canterbury, Cambridge, Bass, Bristol and Cheddar Village.

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Bubble boy David now on critical list

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HOUSTON — David, the 12-year-old boy born without any infection-fighting cells, took a turn for the worse Tuesday and was listed in critical condition because fluids were accumulating around his heart and lungs.

David, who suffers from Severe Combined Immunity Deficiency which stripped his body at birth of any disease fighting cells, still is plagued with internal bleeding, which also is being treated, said his physician Dr. William T. Shearer.

David's condition was changed from serious — where it had been for the last week — to critical early Tuesday after the fluids began developing inside his body Monday and Tuesday.

"Fluid accumulated in the pericardial sac which surrounds the heart Monday and was successfully drained. Fluids developed in the lungs (Tuesday) and have been drained," Shearer said. He said the fluids did not reoccur after they were drained.

David, who had never been sick since birth because he lived in a sterile environment inside plastic bubbles or a specially equipped room at Texas Children's Hospital, is receiving intensive care for the most recent complication as well as intestinal bleeding and a stomach ulcer.

The boy's last name is a self-guarded secret to protect the family from publicity.

A hospital spokeswoman said David, who was said to be mentally alert and with his parents still receiving steroids and antibiotics to prevent infection, medications for the stomach ulcer.

Officials said they are conducting tests to determine cause of the fluid accumulations.

David was removed from protective bubble on Feb. 7 after he developed graft-versus-host disease, a reaction which occurred following a bone marrow transplant operation. Doctors said they could not properly treat the boy inside the bubble and permanently moved him from the sterile environment.

On Oct. 21, he underwent the transplant and received a small amount of marrow from his 15-year-old sister Kathleen which was injected into his body. The procedure was designed to give David the disease-fighting cells that he lacks.

Doctors consider graft-versus-host reaction serious when newly grafted cells attack surrounding tissue.

The appearance of the reaction puzzled doctors because it mysteriously emerged more than three months after transplant.

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