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Serial killer sentenced to die by injection

CONROE (AP) — A Montgomery County jury took only 35 minutes Tuesday to sentence convicted serial killer Daniel Lee Corwin to death by lethal injection for the 1987 slayings of three women.

Corwin, 31, was convicted Friday in state District Judge James Keeshan's court, in one of the first tests of a new state law that allows capital prosecution for murders committed at different times and locations that are found to follow the same pattern.

A year ago, Corwin was serving a 99-year sentence for the 1988 attempted capital murder of a Texas A&M coed when he confessed to a Huntsville detective that he was involved in the slayings of Alice Martin, 72, of Nor-mangee; Debra Ewing, 27, of Grangerland; and Mary Risinger, 36, of Huntsville.

All three women were attacked in public places. Martin was abducted while taking a walk near her home on Feb. 13, then tied, strangled and stabbed four times in the back. Ewing was abducted at gunpoint from a Huntsville optical shop where she worked on July 10 and then was raped and stabbed twice in the chest at Lake Conroe. Risinger was stabbed in the throat at a Huntsville car wash on Halloween as her 3-year-old daughter looked on.

Sorority secures charter

Members strive to be well-known on campus

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"One sorority, founded in 1922 by seven school teachers at Butler University in Indiana, is a little different from other Greek organizations at Texas A&M: it has only five members.

The service sorority Sigma Gamma Rho is known nationally, especially in the east, but is not as popular in the southern United States, Vice President Karen Gosby said.

Gosby, a senior environmental design major, said the chapter has not had as many members as she would like because it just started this year.

She said the group received a national charter last week and has just been recognized by the University, and now it can become more involved with helping the community without the help of other charters.

"I think we have the image of being bookworms, and maybe people don't feel as comfortable being a part of our organization," she said.

Treasurer Joy Marshall, a junior biochemistry major, said they are stereotyped as an honor society type of sorority, but that the stereotype is not true.

"When we are looking for members, we look at who they are individually and are open to different types of people," Marshall said. "We look for people with differ-

ent ideas and attitudes, not just people who are all the same. We are not a superficial type of girls, just down to earth."

Gosby said they are in the process of letting other women on campus know that Sigma Gamma Rho exists.

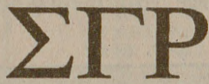
"Although this is a traditionally black sorority, we are open to any female who is interested and feels comfortable in joining," Marshall said.

Charter members also include senior environmental design major Tanya Woodside, junior chemical engineering major Murial Rhoder and junior journalism major Robin Beckham.

Gosby said they have interest meetings that are like rush parties where they discuss the activities in which they are involved and the different service projects with which they are affiliated.

"It's been hard to gain more members, but we are working hard to become well-known on campus and to let people know our purpose," Gosby said.

Some of the service activities in which they have been involved are food drives, Salvation Army service work, the Assault on Illiteracy program, March of Dimes, United Negro College Fund, Southern Christian Leadership Council, National Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and fund drives for the community.



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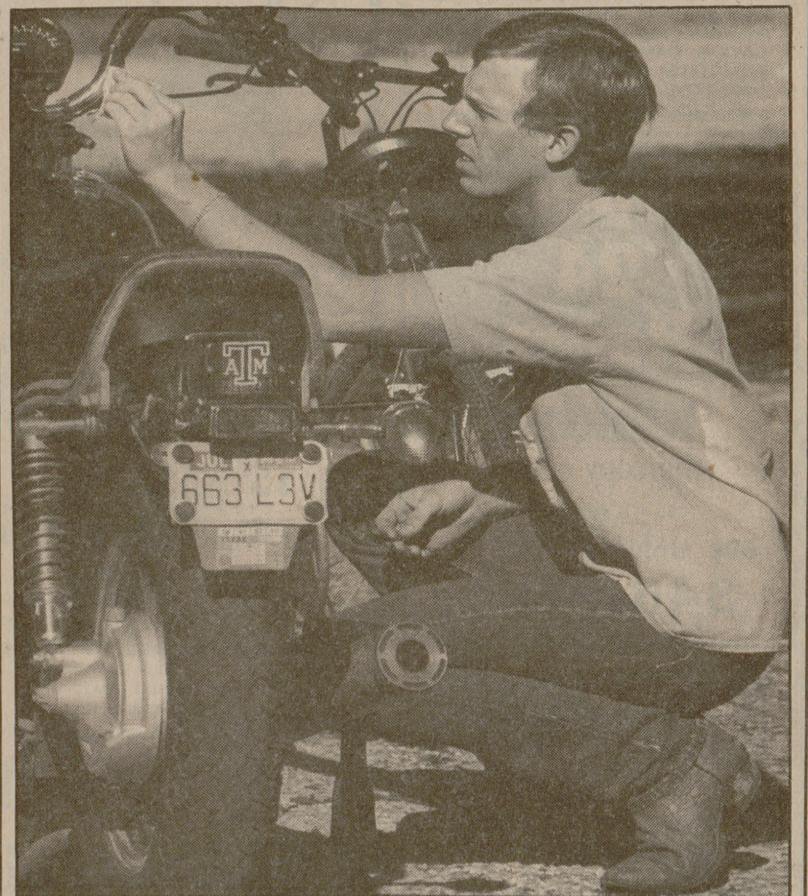


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Junior landscape horticulture major Mike Howard cleans his Yamaha Maxim 650 motorcycle Tuesday afternoon on Northside.

Student candidate forum held tonight

The Student Government Election Commission is sponsoring the Texas A&M Student Body Presidential Forum tonight at 6 in the MSC Flagroom.

Student body presidential candidates will answer questions from a

selected student panel representing eight student organizations.

All students attending will have the opportunity to express concerns and talk with the candidates during a reception after the forum in 206 MSC.

Kristin Hay, student government vice president of operations, will moderate the forum.

Candidates are Beth Ammons, junior; Ty Clevenger, junior; Russell Garrett, senior; Dan Gattis, senior; and Craig Sandlin, junior.

Computer intrusion at UT leaves no damage, puzzles officials

AUSTIN (AP) — A computer intruder detected at the University of Texas did no damage to files or programs, officials say.

Investigators late last week traced an intruder on the Internet computer network. The intruder had entered dozens of computer systems, including those at UT, Harvard, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Digital Equipment Corp. and Boston University.

Internet is a computer network that links

corporations, universities, non-classified military installations and government laboratories.

The New York Times reported that the intruder's program systematically tried to steal computer files that contained passwords to Internet. Some of the intrusions were traced to Texas and New Mexico before investigators lost the trail.

But Charles Warlick, director of UT's Computation Center, which is in charge of

the university's academic computers, said he saw no evidence that a rogue program tried to obtain passwords.

Warlick said he suspects a computer hacker tried single-handedly to enter computers at the institutions.

The university has thousands of terminals tied to its main academic computer. A separate system serves UT administrators.

Warlick said UT officials notified the Computer Emergency Response Team at

Carnegie-Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute when they detected the intrusion.

The response team is a federally funded organization that gathers information about computer break-ins.

Terry McGillen, a spokesman for the Computer Emergency Response Team in Pittsburgh, said that there was no indication that the recent computer intruder was a rogue program.

He said his organization alerted Internet members that a number of computers in the system had been invaded. McGillen said several dozen attempts to steal passwords from the system had been made Thursday and Friday.

"We don't have any evidence of damage," he said. "We just have evidence of people intruding."

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