Serial killings become focus for campus safety

(CPS) - The 34th Street Lambda Phi fraternity. "We it was.

murdered five college stu- think a biker lived there or dents, an anonymous artist something and would leave painted the victims' names us alone." on a section of the wall heart was drawn under- in the slayings. neath. "We love you" and "We miss you," spray- versity of Florida students painted in yellow, has been were found strangled to the only addition to the me- death in their off-campus morial since then.

Larson, 18; Christina in connection with their Powell, 17; Christa Hoyt, deaths. 18; Tracey Inez Paules, 23; and Manuel Taboada, 23, 'Boom!' feeling," said Lt. remains today. Four were Sadie Darnell, Gainesville University of Florida stu- police spokeswoman. dents. One attended Santa Fe Community College.

in Gainesville found the first but we can make a concerted body in a string of mutilation murders that stunned the nation. The University happened in Gainesville, of Florida and the Florida. It won't happen Gainesville community are here.' That's ignorant," she prepared to remember the said. "All you can do is try to victims and to promote in- learn from it." creased campus safety at

The parents aren't the only ones worrying. Last year students flocked to stores to buy locks, guns and mace. Fear was so widespread that thousands of ing distances from bushes, students went home for a week. Some didn't return.

Many still suffer anxiety caused by the murders.

JoAnne Kaul is a senior who lived with her boyfriend in an apartment near where the first two bodies were in case of a threatening situfound last year.

"At first we got really scared. We freaked," she and other safety services. said.

Now, Kaul said she has three locks on her apartment's front door and three locks on her bedroom hand as you approach your door. She adds, "I will never car or apartment. live in a bottom floor apartment."

Kelly Burlingame, a

graffiti wall is an ever- had 10 people staying in our changing kaleidoscope of apartment and one of the colors and words - perma- guys parked his Harley nenceisunheard of. Atleast, Davidson (motorcycle) in front of our apartment door. Two weeks after a killer We thought people might

Tensions eased after the white letters on black. Ared arrests of the two suspects

Then, two female Uniapartment in June. A car-The tribute to Sonja petcleaner has been charged

"It's a complete . .

"There are no guarantees that we're not going to On Aug. 26,1990, police have more student victims, effort. There will be some people who will say, "That

Safety tips recomhome and across the nation. mended by Gainesville's Think Smart Program:

PERSONAL:

· Maintain safe walkparked cars, alleys, etc.

 Look for suspicious people when leaving a mall, bar, building, etc.

 Recognize that alcohol can cloud judgment.

 Have a plan of action ation.

• Utilize campus escort

CAR/HOME

· Always have keys in

· Park/reside in welllighted areas. · Lock car and apart-

Request solid-core ex-

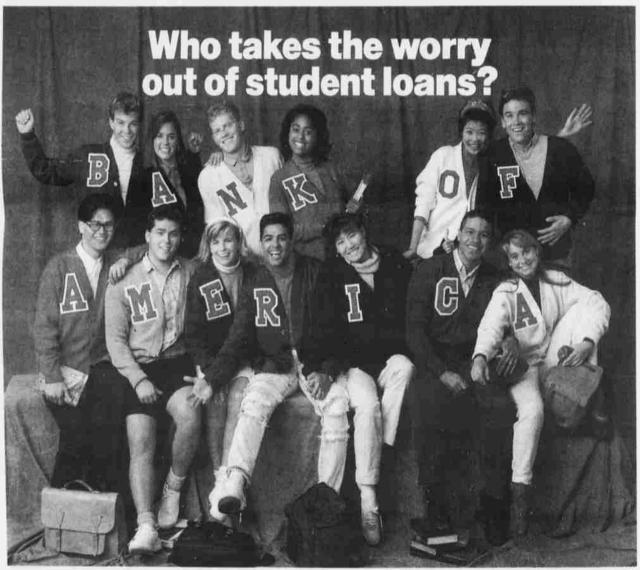
· Ask for locks to be

Use only your first

changed or re-keyed when

junior transfer student, is ment doors at all times. Make sure sliding into the moving Williamsburg Apartments glass doors have a secondwhere Powell and Larson ary lock. were killed. Remember that chain "I'm starting to be more cautious now," said locks are not considered se-Burlingame, who will live curity devices.







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with her sister and her sister's boyfriend. "I'm just going to try to make sure terior doors in apartments.

that my doors are always locked and that I'm not alone."

People living in the off- moving in. campus apartment complexes where students were murdered aren't the only initial in phone book and on ones taking greater security mailbox. measures.

"Last year we were re-· Practice the Buddy ally scared," said Jon System - alert friends of Barash, a member of Pi your whereabouts.

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