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YPSILANTI, Mich., Aug. 1— A 22-year-old college senior who likes to ride a motorcycle was charged today with the murder of an Eastern Michigan University coed.

The murder is one of seven involving young women in this area in two years. Five of the slayings have occurred since March.

The suspect, John Norman Collins, an education major at Eastern Michigan, is the nephew of a state policeman. The police said they believed the girl had been killed at the policeman's house while he was vacationing. They said they were investigating for any connection between Mr. Collins and the six other murders.

Victim Seen With Cyclist

Mr. Collins was accused of killing Karen Beineman, 18, who was last seen nine days ago with a motorcyclist. The police, armed with a description of the man, were searching for Mr. Collins late last week. He was questioned Monday and released.

But on Tuesday his uncle returned from vacation and noticed that "things in the house were not proper, not as they left them," according to the police. The nephew had



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John Norman Collins after he was arraigned yesterday.

access to the home to feed a dog.

The police examined the house and arrested Mr. Collins Tuesday night.

At noon today he was taken to the Old Quirk House, which serves as a county courthouse, in the center of Ypsilanti.

Several hundred people

watched as Mr. Collins, guarded by dozens of policemen, was led into the old sitting room that is used as a courtroom.

He stood mute when charged with murder, and the court entered a plea of not guilty for him. He was sent to the county jail to await a preliminary hearing Aug. 7.

Mr. Collins is a deeply tanned, slim, handsome man, and the police said he bore some resemblance to a sketch that had been made from witnesses' descriptions. He lives in a rambling white frame boarding house at the edge of the Eastern Michigan University campus, only a few doors away from the home of another murdered girl.

He was a member of Theta Chi fraternity until last year.

"He was a quiet guy," said Wayne Patterson, 23, one of his former fraternity brothers.

"He loved motorcycles," Mr. Patterson said, "and went out with girls but had no particular steady girl friend."

A raven-haired coed who lives

a block away called the accused a "half friend" and said he was all wrapped up in motorcycles."

"He had pictures of himself on motorcycles all around his room," she said.

According to university records, Mr. Collins was born in Windsor, Ont., across the river from Detroit, and graduated from St. Clement High School in Centerline, a Detroit suburb.

He attended Central Michigan University until the fall of 1966.

The seven murders have created a state of fear in Ypsilanti and nearby Ann Arbor. Three of the murdered women were Eastern Michigan coeds, two were from the nearby University of Michigan, one was a high school dropout and one was a junior high school student.

"We are hopeful that our crisis has passed, but until that is assured we recommend continued discretion" by coeds in their "personal actions," said Dr. Ray Loeschner, Eastern Michigan vice president.