

# Director says TDC a 'growth industry'

**United Press International**  
**HOUSTON** — The director of the nation's largest prison system says he has "the only growth industry in Texas" and a surge in the state's crime rate indicates the trend will continue.

W.J. "Jim" Estelle Jr., director of the Texas Department of Corrections, said Friday he was not optimistic the state prison population would decrease anytime soon, based on the in-

creased number of crimes being committed daily.

"I've got the only growth industry in Texas, but until there are significant changes made there will not be any relief in sight," he said.

The TDC houses 35,740 inmates in 23 prison buildings, including a hospital facility in Galveston. It is the largest prison system in the country.

Estelle said the economy was not to blame for the surge of crimes.

"I'm not going to buy off on the economic explanation for crime," Estelle told Houston Chamber of Commerce crime control committee members.

"We have advanced so rapidly in so many areas, but we have declined in social values. Not

many people would argue that," he said.

He urged the businessmen to support increased state appropriations for the penal system.

For fiscal year 1984, Estelle said he planned to seek \$997.7 million, which would also cover the cost of several new prison facilities and pay the salaries of about 1,500 new employees, as required by a federal judge. In fiscal year 1985, \$529.7 million will be requested.

He acknowledged legislators have priorities, "but from time to time fiscal priorities change. I would hope the prison system priority has moved up two or three steps.

"You are going to see a budget from the prison system that will knock you off your chairs," he said.

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# What's Up at Texas A&M

## Monday

**TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATIONS:**Attention: Liberal Arts students! Nominations for teaching excellence awards will be accepted Nov. 15 through December 6. Nomination forms can be obtained at the Academic and A&A Buildings — 1st floor. Let your voice be heard!

**MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION:**Sign up in 216 MSC for Thanksgiving trips: backpacking - Caney Creek Wilderness, Ark. and rafting - Big Bend National Park.

**STUDENT PUBLICATIONS:**Juniors, Seniors Grad and Vet. Med students may have your pictures taken between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Yearbook Associates at 1700 Puryear Dr. For more information, call 693-6756 or 845-2611. The final deadline for pictures is Dec. 17. No make-ups will be allowed after this date.

**TYLER HOMETOWN CLUB:**The group will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the MSC Lobby to have AggieLand pictures taken.

**CARP:**"Which Way, America? — Problems in the Middle East", will be presented in a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder Tower. An open discussion on Israeli-Arab strife, with an emphasis on the United States' role as arbitrator, will be held.

**TAMU ONE-WHEELERS:**A meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Grove. The results of the Navasota ride and a parade in December will be discussed.

**THE MSC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** The Annual Holiday Fashion Show will be held Wed., Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC Ballroom. Refreshments will be served and tickets will be 75 cents, sold at the door.

**LEGETT:**A CPR demonstration will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Legett Lounge.

**TAMU SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB:**Election of officers will be held in a meeting Wed., Nov. 17 at 8:30 p.m. in 305 A&B Rudder. Important — All members must stop by the Parachute Club cubicle before Wednesday.

**TAMU BAHAI COLLEGE CLUB:**A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 305 A&B Rudder Tower. All interested persons are welcome.

**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:**Class dances will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Club dances will be held from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in 263 G. Rollie White Coliseum. Also, Class and Club pictures will be taken at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC Main Lounge. Wear your dress if you have one.

**DELTA Y:**A free jitterbug lesson for all fish (freshmen) will be held from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 212 MSC.

## Tuesday

**BETA BETA BETA (BIOLOGICAL HONOR SOCIETY):**The group will meet at 6 p.m. in the MSC Main Lounge to have the AggieLand pictures taken.

**SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB:**Jim Eller from the Granda Corporation will be the guest speaker in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

**HILLEL CLUB:**Rabbi Ken Kanter presents an evening of songs composed by Jewish writers at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Student Center. The public is invited.

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:**AggieLand group pictures will be taken at 6:15 p.m. in the MSC Main Lounge.

**MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY:**A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Biological Sciences Building East (BSBE). The speaker will be announced in upcoming posters. Refreshments will be provided.

**PI SIGMA ALPHA (POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY):**Yearbook pictures will be taken and a party will be discussed in a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Everyone is welcome to attend.

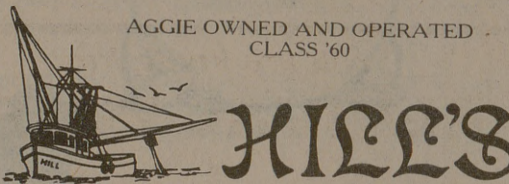
**CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:**Paul Gils will speak in a meeting at 7 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

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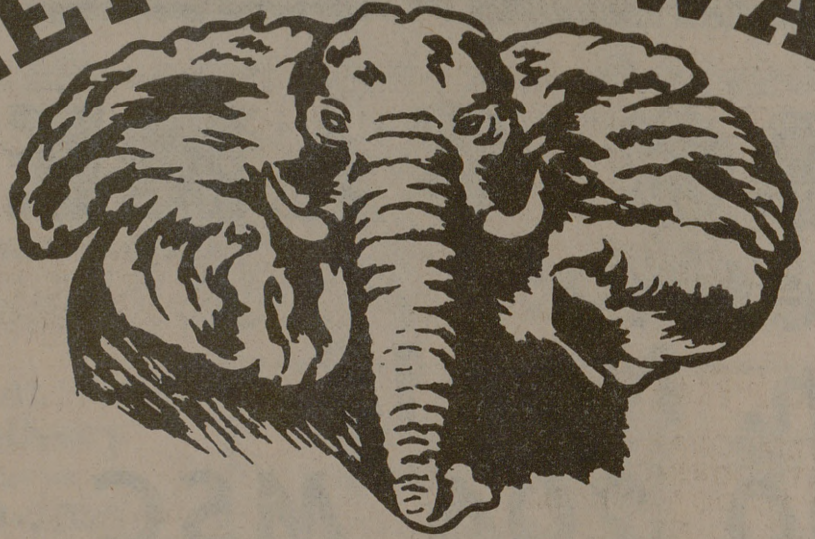
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