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**Texas banks credit ratings are lowered**

DALLAS (AP) — Moody's Investors Service Inc. and Standard & Poor's Corp. lowered the credit ratings of several major Texas banks on Monday, citing the grim outlook for the oil-dependent state.

Moody's reduced its rating on Dallas bank companies MCorp, InterFirst Corp. and Republicbank Corp. and Houston's First City Bancorp of Texas Inc.

"The potential for those banks is negative over the next few years because of the hostile operating environment," said Don Noe, Moody's associate director for financial institutions.

S&P said it cut the rating on MCorp's senior debt to reflect expectations that the oil price decline will adversely affect MCorp.

The rating on Texas American Bancshares' senior debt was also lowered by S&P. The credit rating agency said the cut reflected the bank holding company's aggressive growth strategy.

The two banks were among six that S&P placed on a special "creditwatch" for possible downgradings. The other four placed on creditwatch on March 18 were Allied Bancshares, InterFirst, Republicbank, and Texas Commerce.

A deterioration in a company's debt rating usually makes it more expensive for the company to raise cash for capital or other projects.

Spokesmen for InterFirst and First City declined comment Monday on Moody's actions, and officials from MCorp did not return calls from The Associated Press. A spokesman for Republicbank said officials may respond later.

**Warped**

by Scott McC



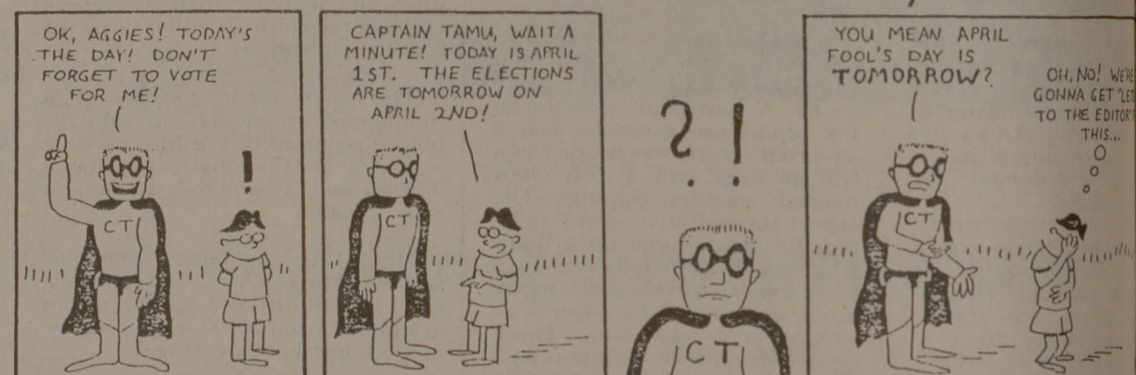
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**Student apartheid group to hold rally**

By Mona Palmer  
Staff Writer

Students Against Apartheid will hold a rally Friday in observation of National Divestiture Day and the assassination of Martin Luther King.

The rally will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the College Station City Hall. Norman Muraya, president of Students Against Apartheid, said he will speak on the divestment of Texas A&M holdings in South Africa and Carey Cauley Jr., president of the Brazos County Chapter of the NAACP, will discuss the significance of King's assassination.

After the speeches, Muraya said he will lead a freedom march from the city hall down Texas Avenue to Rudder Tower.

Speakers and supporters from several organizations will speak at Rudder Tower, including the NAACP, Amnesty International and Students Working Against Many Problems, he said.

Dr. G's nightclub will open after the rally at 8 p.m. for a "Rock Against Apartheid" featuring a reggae band, Muraya said. "They'll just be reopening for that

one night," he said. "It's been closed the rest of the time."

Muraya said SAA has been trying to get an audience with the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to discuss divestment.

But, five months after filing their Oct. 28 request, the board told the organization that it is not within the board's limits to consider University divestment, Muraya said.

"The letter from the Board states that divestment is not within the purview of the Board of Regents," Muraya said. "but I know that with the other institutions it's been an is-

sue that only the Board of Regents can legislate.

"We've been frustrated by the delay for five months, they delay us on the meeting last semester, the meeting at the beginning of semester and we were hoping to be in the one this past week."

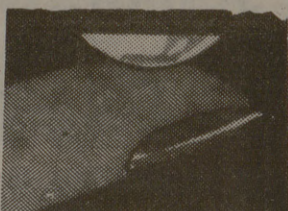
The regents met March 24-25. "During this same time, 10 institutions have divested and several corporations have withdrawn from South Africa, 700 people have been killed and thousands more detained without trial," Muraya said.

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**Seat belt law helps lower death rate: DPS**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' new seat belt law and stronger efforts to curb drunken driving contributed to the state's lowest traffic death rate since 1976, Department of Public Safety director Col. Jim Adams said Monday.

Texas traffic deaths declined by 5.9 percent last year as 3,682 people died, 231 fewer than the previous year. Adams said the death toll last year was the lowest since 1976.

The death rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled also dropped — five years ago it was 3.9, but in 1985, Adams said, the death rate was 2.6 per 100 million miles, the lowest ever recorded in Texas.

"I see two principal reasons for this saving of lives," Adams said. "When the safety belt law went into effect on Sept. 1, 1985, we began noticing a monthly drop in fatalities.

The four-month average decrease in front seat fatalities was 14 percent."

The law requires persons in the front seat of an automobile and most pickup trucks to wear a seat belt.

"Secondly, I think the continuing — and growing — emphasis on the dangers of drunken driving, coupled with strict enforcement of DWI laws by police agencies, has had a definite impact on the number of traffic deaths," Adams said.

He said that in 1985, the number of DWI-related traffic deaths in Texas fell by 60 from the previous year to 989, a 6-percent drop.

Adams noted, however, that while overall the number of traffic deaths decreased, the number of motorcycle riders killed in accidents rose 1 percent to 364.

**In Advance**  
**Student Senate to consider amendments to constitution**

The Student Senate will consider two amendments to its constitution in its final meeting Wednesday night.

Wednesday also is student election day, so voters will be choosing a new Senate, which will take over at the April 16 meeting.

One proposed amendment calls for student body presidential candidates and executive vice presidential candidates to run together on a common ticket. Currently, the student body president appoints the executive vice president.

The other proposal calls for the inclusion of an equal opportunity statement in the Student Government constitution. Judicial

Board bylaws, election regulations, the Texas A&M graduate and undergraduate catalogs, all Student Government printed or written statements and advertisements.

Constitutional amendments require the approval of both the Senate and the student body.

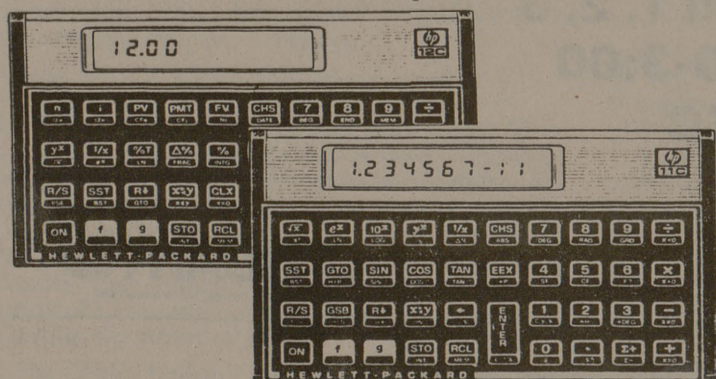
Clay Baker, Senate vice president of rules and regulations said if the Senate passes the proposals his committee will have them placed on the ballot for the student runoff election which, if necessary, will be held 9.

The Senate will meet at 8 p.m. in 204 Harrington Classroom Building.

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