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**Major crimes
in Texas rose
15% in '86**

AUSTIN (AP) — Major crimes reported in Texas increased nearly 15 percent last year, and law enforcement officials Monday said one reason for the jump is that criminals don't expect to wind up in prison.

"It appears that there are an increasing number of offenders who have no fear of the consequences of committing criminal acts," said Col. Jim Adams, director of the Department of Public Safety. "They don't expect incarceration commensurate with the crime committee."

The DPS on Monday released its statistical summary of major crime for 1986, showing a 14.9 percent increase over crimes reported in 1985.

The crime increase far outstripped the 1986 state population growth, which was 1.9 percent.

Last year, 1,235,834 serious crimes were reported to the 798 law enforcement agencies in the state. That was up from the 1,075,656 crimes reported in 1985, the DPS said.

The largest increase among the major crimes was in robberies, up by 26.3 percent. Reports of aggravated assaults increased 23.3 percent.

Burglary increased 17.9 percent, theft was up 11.6 percent, and motor vehicle theft increased 19.6 percent, the DPS reported. Adams said increased drug trafficking also was reflected in the statistics, with arrests for the sale or manufacturing of drugs up 6.7 percent.

Murder and rape showed the smallest increase of the major crimes, up 6.2 percent and 2.9 percent, respectively.

In Advance

Student Senate to conclude session

The 1986-87 Student Senate, in its last meeting this semester, will take final action on three bills Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

A bill calling the snack bar facility in the College of Veterinary Medicine inadequate for students and faculty using it, requests the college be provided with a larger lounge and dining room.

According to the bill, the present snack bar does not contain cooking facilities and only seats about 50 people, leading to long waits for a seat in the room, and forcing those using the room to bring their own lunches.

A food-service lounge would allow those who cannot leave the area to buy their meals at the primary school.

Another bill to be debated on the A&M faculty to observe the traditions of Silver Taps Muster by refraining from scheduling exams on those nights.

Since both Silver Taps Muster usually are scheduled week nights, and because student participation maintains the traditions, the bill asks that faculty schedule exams or other mandatory assignments those nights.

Another bill, which originated in the Traditions Council, was that the colors maroon and white should be officially recognized the University.

**Rice University researchers
're-create' 1985 earthquake**

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University researchers are using half-scale models to 're-create' the devastating 1985 Mexico City earthquake in hopes of learning how to repair invisible damage to structures involved in the quake.

Ahmad Jan Durrani, an assistant professor of civil engineering, and a group of graduate students have assembled models of columns, beams and slabs that collapsed in Mexico City in September 1985, killing some 10,000 people.

Hydraulic cylinders slowly bend the models back and forth until they crack and break. The operation is recorded on a video camera and

monitored by sensors embedded in the concrete.

Durrani's team has determined that much of the damage in Mexico City was caused by slack construction (flaws) contributed to the tremors which happened to be at intervals that left high-rise buildings more vulnerable.

"It is quite true that the workmanship and perhaps some sign (flaws) contributed to the structure," says Durrani, a specialist in high-strength concrete. "The code in the world will not be good if not applied properly cannot take into account the quality of workmanship but we are looking at the structural aspects of them."

Investors differ on Pennzoil-Texaco case

HOUSTON (AP) — Three major investment banking firms are predicting an eventual settlement of the multibillion-dollar judgment awarded Pennzoil Co. in its legal battle with oil industry rival Texaco Inc., but disagree on which company is the best investment.

Two reports, from Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., recommend investments in Pennzoil.

Kidder, Peabody & Co. is siding with Texaco, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Monday.

A Houston jury in November 1985 found Texaco wrongfully interfered in a planned Getty Oil Co.-Pennzoil merger in 1984 and ordered Texaco to pay \$10.53 billion in damages to Pennzoil.

The judgment remains the largest in U.S. history.

State District Judge Solomon J. Webb Jr. upheld the damage award, adding another \$600 million in

est, and said interest would continue to accrue at a rate of 10 percent a year.

A state appeals court upheld the verdict on Feb. 12, but reduced punitive damages to \$1 billion from original \$3 billion. The total damages, however, now stand at \$10.3 billion.

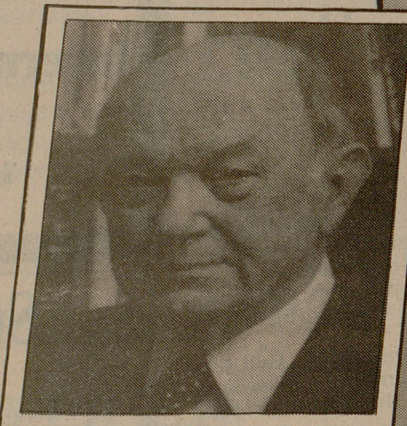
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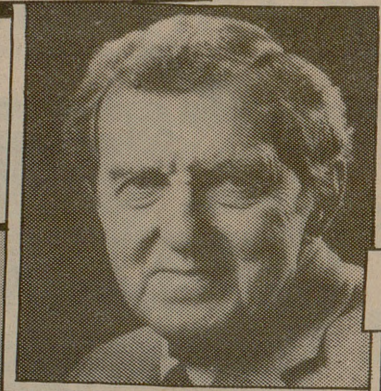
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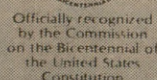
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