

Reagan speaks out for budget cuts

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Reagan implored Americans last night to deluge Congress — "by phone, wire or mailgram" — on behalf of a Republican budget that would trim Social Security increases and kill popular programs.

"Our future is too precious to permit this crucial effort to be picked apart, piece by piece, by the special interest groups," he said, reflecting White House fears that the budget plan will unravel if some of its controversial features are removed.

The GOP budget plan, which would eliminate such popular programs as Amtrak and small business grants, has drawn fire from lawmakers who say it goes too far in cutting domestic spending and not far enough in trimming military funds.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole said Reagan's speech "raises the odds for victory" when the Senate begins debating the plan today. "We don't have the votes yet," he had conceded earlier in the day.

In a nationally broadcast address from the Oval Office, Reagan quoted John F. Kennedy's famous inaugural appeal: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

"We stand at a crossroads," the president said. "The hour is late. The task is large. The stakes are momentous. I ask you to join us in making your voices heard in the Senate this week and later in the House."

The speech came as the Senate postponed until

today the beginning of debate on the budget package that both Reagan and Senate Republican leaders have endorsed. It would slash nearly \$300 billion from expected deficits over three years without raising taxes. The goal is to bring the deficit below \$100 billion by 1988 without raising taxes.

The Republican program would eliminate, freeze or reduce dozens of domestic programs. Aside from Amtrak and the Small Business Administration, the GOP proposal would sharply cut farm subsidies and end general revenue sharing. Reagan said the federal government cannot afford to sustain these programs.

Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, delivering a broadcast Democratic response, claimed Reagan "has not offered a solid financial plan for America's future."

"His program shortchanges the future, by seriously undermining education and medical and scientific research and education . . . And the president breaks his own promises to our nation's elderly," Byrd said, referring to Reagan's campaign statements opposing Social Security benefit cuts.

Byrd said Democrats "want to address the deficit problem in a fair way that inspires the faith of our people and reassures their perceptions about the fairness of their government."

Dole, R-Kan., speaking before Reagan's address, said: "I think he needs to scare us a bit. We're all running around like we have a big (budget) surplus — don't cut this, don't cut that." Afterward, he said Reagan's address "hit all the right buttons."

The president spoke in front of a background of bright green shrubs that were illuminated behind his office window. He did not mention that only moments earlier, he suffered a major foreign policy defeat in Congress, when the House killed all U.S. aid for anti-government rebels in Nicaragua.

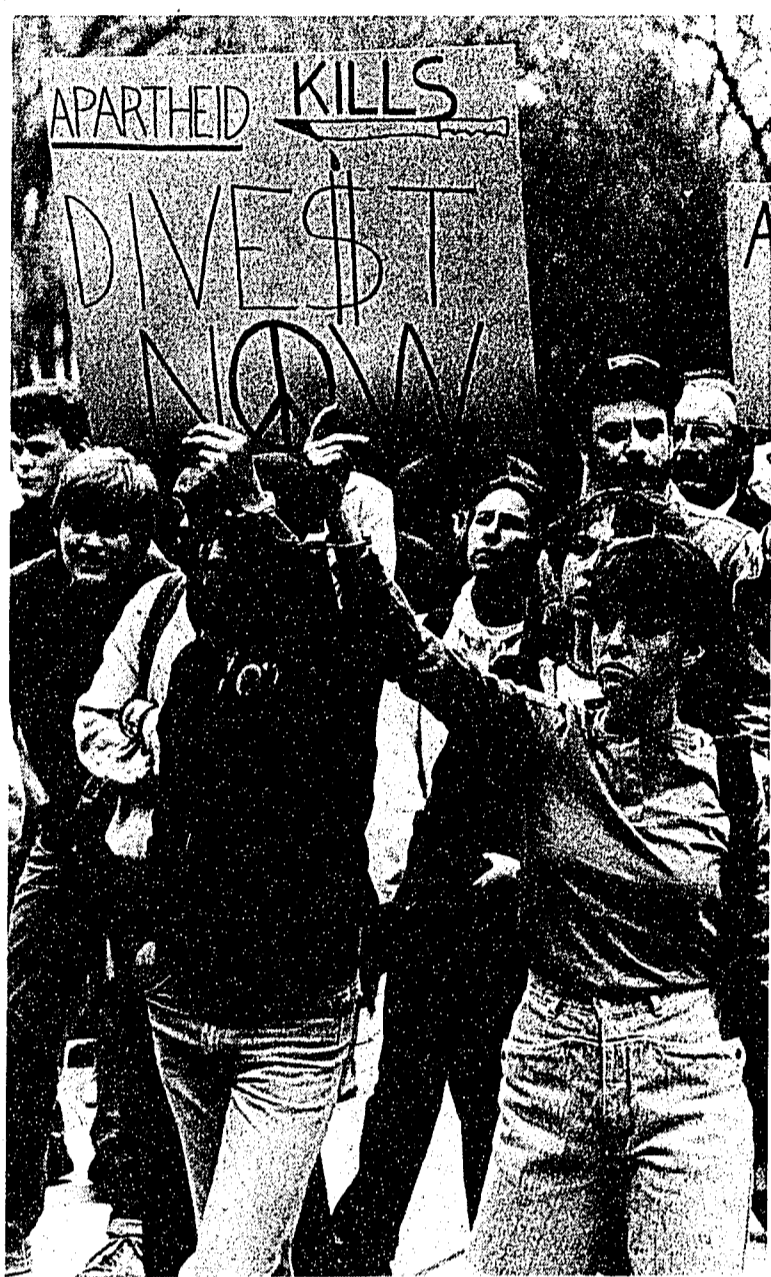
Reagan insisted that the solution to America's economic problems is to cut away at government spending. He said:

"All the progress, all the good we've accomplished so far and all our dreams for the future could be wrecked if we do not overcome our one giant obstacle. The simple truth is, no matter how hard you work, no matter how strong this economy grows, no matter how much more tax money comes to Washington, it won't amount to a hill of beans if government won't curb its endless appetite to spend."

With the national debt approaching \$2 trillion, Reagan said the per capita debt amounts to nearly \$8,000 for each American and is increasing about \$1,000 per person each year. The interest on the debt amounts to \$155 billion now, he added.

"This is not just my problem; this is not just Congress' problem; this is our problem — and we must solve it together as Americans," Reagan said.

Reagan said, "Please tell your senators and representatives, by phone, wire or mailgram, that our future hangs in the balance, that this is no time for partisanship and that our future is too precious to permit this crucial effort to be picked apart, piece by piece, by the special interest groups. We've got to put the public interest first."



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Tim Brown (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) and Karen Shepherd (sophomore-biology) are handcuffed together at the protest in front of Old Main yesterday.

Students march against apartheid

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University President Bryce Jordan and the University Board of Trustees may not have heard the noise yesterday, but for more than 150 students and others who marched on Old Main protesting University investments in South Africa, their voices signalled a rebirth of student activism at the University.

Shouting "South Africa must be free" and "divest now," demonstrators on the steps of Old Main demanded an end to the University's ownership of \$4.4 million worth of stock and other securities in companies doing business in South Africa.

The demonstrators vowed to march again next Wednesday. Matthew Baker, president of the College Democrats, praised Tuesday night's passage of a bill by the Undergraduate Student Government requesting University officials to divest from South Africa, calling it "a courageous step in the right direction."

USG Town Senator Patrick Lenz, sponsor of the bill, called the rally "a fantastic showing for Penn State students — one that shows strong support among all Penn State students, including constituents of USG."

"Anytime that many students show up here to voice strong support of something on such short notice and with such little announcement, it shows how much concern there really is," he added.

The bill still must be signed by USG President David Rosenblatt before it is sent to the board. Rosenblatt said late yesterday that he will decide by Friday whether to sign the bill, after he confers with University officials today.

Baker said he hoped yesterday's protest will "show the world" that students here are concerned about

racism in South Africa and that "Penn State wants no part in companies doing business there." Student leaders stressed that yesterday was only the beginning of an effort to apply pressure to the University administration and the board.

"We can't stop here," Lenz said. Laura Webb, vice president of the Committee for Justice in South Africa said, "Does the University care more about helping the oppressed people in South Africa or about making a buck?"

The University's senior vice president for financial operations said after the demonstration that he doubts the board will take up the issue of South African disinvestment at its May meeting.

"There is a large school of thought," Steve Garban said, "that there is a more positive way for change than disinvestment."

He added that most investment managers advise against disinvestment because of the lower yields offered by alternative investments. When asked about a study conducted by Michigan State University that showed an actual gain in revenue after one full year of disinvestment, Garban said "most investment managers will tell you that those short-term gains will not continue."

Marlon Kirton, president of the Black Student Union, said the University and the board "will have to listen to us."

"If Penn State has the support of its students, faculty and administrators, is there any way the board can ignore us?" he asked.

Kirton announced that Jordan has agreed to meet with several student leaders within two weeks to discuss the South African situation and what can be done at the University.

Jordan was not available for comment yesterday, but his secretary said no appointment has been scheduled yet.

Heart recipient dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jack C. Burcham, the oldest person to receive an artificial heart, died last night, just 10 days after the mechanical pump was implanted in his chest.

Burcham, 62, of Le Roy, Ill., whose kidneys had been failing since his operation, died at 9:48 p.m. at Humana Hospital Audubon, said Bob Irvine, spokesman for Humana Inc.

Burcham's 10 days of life with the Jarvik-7 was the shortest span of any of the five recipients of the pump.

Barney Clark, the first recipient, lived for 112 days before dying on March 23, 1983, while William Schroeder, the second and longest-living recipient, spent his 151st day with the device yesterday.

Irvine refused to give the cause of death for Burcham or any other details, saying no further information would be released until 7 this morning.

The retired railroad engineer was beset by problems even before the artificial heart surgery was completed on April 14 by Dr. William DeVries.

Doctors said Burcham's chest was almost too small for the plastic and metal pump, and the operation took almost six hours. He then lost 42 pints of blood in his first day because of leaks from stitches connecting the heart to the aorta.

Burcham was taken back into surgery for two-and-a-half hours April 15 to stem the internal bleeding. X-rays showed the surgery was successful.

On Monday, he underwent dialysis treatment to cleanse his blood, the first artificial heart patient who needed the procedure. Doctors said his kidneys were not functioning properly before the implant because of his weakened heart condition.

Doctors believe his kidneys could have been damaged by multiple transfusions Burcham received April 15 when he developed excessive bleeding in his chest due to the power of the Jarvik-7's pumping.

Burcham had remained in critical condition and had to use a respirator after the implant.

Family members at the hospital called Burcham's eldest son, Jack B. Burcham, last night to tell him of his father's death.

"I don't think it had anything to do with the (artificial heart) operation," the younger Burcham said in a telephone interview from his Le Roy home. "I really feel that dad was probably too weak" to have survived.

CCSG refuses to recognize USG liaison appointment

By **COLLEEN BARRY**
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Upset that the appointment of liaisons from the Undergraduate Student Government Senate to the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments was not a cooperative effort, CCSG refuses to recognize one of the liaisons appointed, the CCSG coordinator said.

Lynn Duffner said she was disappointed with the process because she had to read about the appointments in The Daily Collegian and the two liaisons never received CCSG approval.

"In the past the exchange of liaisons was not formal. We voted someone in and sent them to the organization. We did nothing different this time. Why they object now, I couldn't tell you," Senate President David Rishel said.

In January, CCSG voiced no objections to the appointment of Eric Dirks and Deborah Cantone as co-liaisons, Rishel added.

However, Duffner said CCSG was not aware that there were any senate liaisons until this week.

"That points to a problem in the system," Duffner said.

However, both Dirks and Cantone hold that CCSG was aware of the positions.

Despite the fact that CCSG's objection was to the process as a

whole, a formal letter of disapproval was directed at Dirks, one of the liaisons appointed by the senate April 9, Rishel said. CCSG had no objections to the appointment of Vincent Scalisi as a liaison.

"Eric (Dirks) is better suited somewhere else. We feel that we can find a better advocate to CCSG," Duffner said.

Because the senate is a legal body, any changes in appointments will have to be formally voted on by the entire senate next week, Rishel said.

"The senators I spoke with are not really pleased with the way the letter handled the situation," Rishel said. "They didn't understand why the position of liaison should be such a controversy."

Duffner said, "It would be a little stupid not to take him down. If he remains liaison, it will be a mute position. We refuse to accept him."

Duffner said part of the reason for not recognizing Dirks stemmed from comments he made questioning the effectiveness of the organization following a CCSG meeting April 13.

"If someone publicly criticizes an organization then they are not in support of us and will not be a good advocate," Duffner said.

In addition, she said that because Dirks did not perform his job as

CCSG liaison to the Delaware County Campus, he would not be able to perform his job as senate liaison.

As CCSG liaison, Dirks did not keep his office hours, attend bi-monthly liaison meetings or take an active part in a committee, Duffner said.

However, Dirks said he missed meetings only when he had tests and commitments to the University Student Executive Council's Governmental Advisory Committee and kept all of his office hours. In addition, the committee of which he was a member disbanded during the semester.

"We are upset because this could damage relations between (CCSG and USG) in the future," Rishel said. "I understand the complaint and maybe we should have handled the system differently, but this has mushroomed."

Duffner said USG-CCSG relations will not be harmed, now that the positions of both sides are out in the open.

"CCSG would like to work with USG, because our constituents will all be at University Park at some point," she added.

Duffner proposes that the senate choose a liaison, but the position will not be official until CCSG approves it. The same would be done for a CCSG liaison to the senate.

Penn Tower to be converted

By **TIM EYSTER**
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Penn Tower, 255 E. Beaver Ave., will be converted from apartments to condominiums after April 30, the director of property management operations for A.W. & Sons Enterprise, the owner of the building, said.

Dan Kienle said only 14 of the 115 units of the 12-story apartment building remain to be leased for the 1985-86 academic year and that all lease agreements and rental rates will be honored.

A.W. & Sons, which will manage the condominiums, will be marketing its sales heavily toward parents of University students. The realtor will also gear its sales pitch to local State College investors and investors outside the community, Kienle said.

Four different units — a studio unit, a one-bedroom unit, a standard two-bedroom unit and a large two-bedroom unit — will be offered by A.W. & Sons, Kienle said.

Bill Richardson, director of sales for Penn Tower, said prices for the units have not been determined yet, but they would go from the upper \$20,000 range to the lower \$60,000 range, depending on the size of the unit and the floor it is located on.

Deposits on first residences will be taken in June at the earliest, Richardson said.

"I feel the building will be sold out in six to seven months because I expect some of the investors to buy more than one unit," Kienle said.

Current Penn Tower residents have been notified of the conversion, Richardson said. Tenants who signed leases for the next academic

year and their parents will be notified of the conversion by registered letter very soon and will also receive a public offering statement giving details on how the conversion will be handled, he added.

Current residents will also receive the first option to purchase the condominiums, Kienle said.

Richardson added that these residents will be offered a discount price, probably about \$2,000 off the stated price.

Each unit and the lobby of the building will be refurbished, Kienle said. Residents will receive no-wax floors, wall-to-wall carpeting, custom painting, vanity changes, an Entraguard security system and appliances such as dishwashers, microwave ovens and frost-free refrigerators, he added.

Owners will also have an optional furniture package available to them, Kienle said.

The conversion will be the first and only one undertaken by A.W. & Sons, Kienle said.

"We feel there's a demand for condominiums," Richardson said, mentioning that many parents of University students were asking whether A.W. & Sons was going to make any condominiums available.

Kienle also said parents of University students could benefit economically from buying the condominium units. Richardson added that these parents would receive an equity buildup and tax advantages such as deduction of operating expenses and interest.

A.W. & Sons will be holding a meeting to explain more details of the conversion at 7 Tuesday night in its office, 309 E. Beaver Ave., Kienle said. He said he hoped the prices for the units would be finalized by that time.

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Chance of a morning shower, otherwise becoming partly sunny by this afternoon. High 69. Clear and cool tonight. Low 46. Sunny and warm tomorrow. High 76.....**Bill Goodman**