

# Reagan budget meets Congress skeptics

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Reagan Administration officials say it's too early to talk compromise, especially on taxes, even though the president's new budget is playing to poor notices among both political parties in Capitol Hill.

Budget Director James C. Miller III was told by Republicans and Democrats alike yesterday that new taxes might be required to meet terms of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing act. "Taxes can be the glue that binds the package together," said Sen. Pete V. Domenici, the influential New Mexico Republican who chairs the Senate Budget Committee, at the first congressional hearing on the president's \$994 billion fiscal 1987 budget. "The time for playing games is past."

Domenici and other congressional leaders have suggested a "summit" with the president to work out a compromise budget and avoid a year-long confrontation over spending.

However, Miller and other top Reagan lieutenants said that it is premature to consider

such a move, and that in any event the president remains firmly opposed to any form of tax increase.

If Congress and the president deadlock on spending this year as they did last year, automatic across-the-board cuts of around \$40 billion will be triggered automatically next October under the new law.

Reagan hasn't ruled out a "fee" on imported oil, or even a gasoline tax, but only as part of a tax-overhaul bill that neither raises nor lowers overall taxes, not for deficit-reduction purposes, Reagan aides said.

"We ought not to be talking about grand compromises," said Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III. "The president has just submitted his budget. Some are suggesting that it's dead on arrival. I would suggest that it simply is not."

The president's budget would cut, freeze in place or eliminate scores of federal domestic programs to meet the Gramm-Rudman requirement that the deficit, now above \$200 billion for 1986, be reduced to \$144 billion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

At the same time, the budget submitted

yesterday calls for an increase in Pentagon spending authority of nearly 12 percent.

"I see nothing in this budget or in the State of the Union that calls for anything other than unremitting gloom," said Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La. "I just don't see where the dialogue starts, where the common ground is. It's a train wreck waiting to happen."

Senate Democrats released their own assessment of the president's budget on Wednesday. It contended that the president's deficit-reduction claims were based on "unrealistic economic assumptions."

"Over the five-year period, the president's budget comes up \$91.3 billion short" of achieving a balanced budget, said the Democratic study. By contrast, the administration claims the president's policies would lead to a \$1.3 billion surplus by 1991.

Miller agreed the president's budget was strong medicine, but repeated the president's own claim that it would start the nation on the path toward a balanced budget.

If cuts recommended by the president this year are adopted, their savings will multiply through the years to come, requiring fewer new

cuts in the future. The nation should "take our medicine now," the budget chief said.

The president's budget calls for dramatic cuts in funding for Medicare and Medicaid health programs for the elderly and the poor, would knock a million college students off federal aid rolls, would sharply cut federal funds for the Interstate highway system and would chop funds for an array of agriculture and housing programs.

The budget also recycled many proposed program eliminations Reagan had tried unsuccessfully last year, including ending support for Amtrak, abolishing the Small Business Administration, the Economic Development Administration, the Appalachian Regional Commission and terminating mass transit and urban development grants.

This year, Reagan added another major agency — the Interstate Commerce Commission — to his "hit list."

Rep. William H. Gray III, D-Pa., compared this program to "paying your mortgage by selling your garage." He scheduled road hearings for next week on the budget.

# Forum backs BSCAR efforts

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The University Forum on Black Affairs, composed of Black faculty and staff members, unanimously agreed last night to back the efforts of a black student coalition opposing University minority recruitment.

Despite arguments from Victoria Staples, the director of minority admissions, the Forum passed a resolution giving "unambiguous" support to the Black Student Coalition Against Racism, which is reacting to the University's recent decision not to divest stocks from South African related companies.

Staples argued against blocking minority recruitment efforts, saying "if we can use the University's money to help some black kids then by God, we should do it."

But Forum President Harold Cheatham disagreed with Staples, saying the Forum has an obligation to voice its moral indignation with the University's decision not to divest.

The University, Cheatham said, will not be penalized if it fails to reach the court mandated 5 percent black population by 1987. The latest figures show minority enrollment has reached 3.7 percent.

"No penalty is attached to this mandate. If the administration fails, it will suffer no consequence," he said.

Staples also objected to BSCAR's intentions to boycott the orientation of black freshman and transfer students, which in the past has included programs welcoming black students to the University.

"You can't just turn your back on those students who are already here," Staples said.

BSCAR member Katrina Scott assured Staples the organization has no intention of "turning their backs" on these students, adding that the actions of BSCAR will unite University blacks.

But BSCAR will voice its dissatisfaction with the University's actions toward Blacks to students considering attending the University, she said.

Now, with the backing of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate and the Forum, BSCAR is gaining strength with the support of black and white students and faculty.

Also in response to the decision not to divest, Cheatham requested that Forum members refuse to contribute to the Capital Campaign, the University's effort to raise \$200 million in the next five years.

If Forum members want to contribute financially to the University, they should give to an alternative source — such as a fund to purchase a bust of Paul Robeson, he said.

"Until the University alters its position on divestment, we should refrain from supporting it monetarily," he said.

# IFC to combat crime

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In an effort to curb vandalism and related crimes in the State College fraternity district, the Interfraternity Council is forming a "Fraternity Crime Watch Program" to be activated next week.

Vinnie Delie, IFC community relations chairman, said the program is designed to combat an increase in area vandalism.

"Both the fraternities and homes in the area had experienced a lot of vandalism recently," Delie said. "The IFC felt that it should take the initiative and decided to take some direct action against it."

The basic idea behind the program is to protect various neighborhoods in State College, particularly the fraternity district, Delie said.

The fraternity district encompasses the area south from East Beaver Avenue to East Hamilton Avenue and west from Hetzel Street to South Fraser Street.

The idea for the program stemmed from the borough's Residential Improvement Study conducted last year by an independent contractor, Delie said. Part of the study was a resident's survey that listed vandalism as one of the top six community concerns.

The IFC considered starting a crime watch program in the past, Delie explained, but after the survey came out the group decided to focus on the issue again.

Each fraternity will have a number of brothers enrolled in the program who will go out on certain nights to patrol the immediate area.

"For example, we'll have people out there on Wednesday and Thursday nights and on the weekends, especially during fraternity parties," Delie said. "Whenever the area is most active, we'll be out there."

Each of the 51 fraternities are involved in the program and will register with the IFC the names of those brothers who will be patrolling the various areas. Delie said IFC sign-up forms have been mailed to fraternity presidents and are expected back next week. Those names will be kept

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## Chalk up another win

Head Coach Rene Portland joins a crowd of about 1,300 exultant fans in celebrating the women's basketball team's 90-51 victory over Pitt last night in Rec Hall. The victory was the Lady Lions' fifth win in a row and the 11th in 12 games. Please see story, Page 10.

# Prof won't press charges against student

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A University professor whose complaint against a student led to the student's arrest outside of class earlier this week said yesterday he will not press charges.

Assistant Anthropology Professor Stephen Beckerman said he will prepare a written statement for his students for Friday's class, explaining his confrontation with Richard Norris (senior-political science) last Friday and Norris' arrest Monday.

Beckerman, who teaches Anthro-

pology 45 section 1, said the statement will give his "perception of what happened, what will happen, and what should and should not have happened."

Norris was handcuffed and arrested for refusing to leave the hallway outside 64 Willard and identify himself to police who were investigating a complaint Beckerman filed, arresting University police officer Ed Waltz said.

The case began in class Friday when Beckerman asked Norris to leave class after he apparently disturbed the instructor by leaning over to a student next to him and

drawing on a neighbor's notebook, Norris said.

Norris said that when he refused to leave, Beckerman stopped class and walked out. Beckerman was expected to review a test to be given on Monday.

Beckerman said he then filed the complaint with University Police Services stating that he expected a disruption from a student in class Monday.

Two police officers waited outside the class Monday to investigate the complaint. Norris said that during the test, Beckerman asked Norris

to go out to the hallway and identify himself to the officers.

Although Beckerman filed the original complaint, he will file no charges and will not pursue action outside the University's discipline system.

"We are making sure there is no off-campus record, if there is a record," said Anthropology Department Chairman Ken Weiss, adding that class yesterday was held in an orderly manner.

Beckerman said he had never asked a student to leave his class before.

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# Changes in curriculum trouble faculty advisers

This is the second in a three-part series on University advising. Today's article discusses the problems that faculty advisers experience trying to keep up with curriculum changes.

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For many University students, four may be a magic number. If all goes well, that's the number of years it will take them to complete a college degree.

But for faculty advisers at the University, four years means an average of 4,000 changes in the student catalogue, and the only magic involved is faculty advisers trying to keep up.

According to a 1982 report conducted by the Division of Undergraduate Studies, faculty advisers said they were not informed enough to help students.

Joyce Buck, a faculty adviser for the College of Liberal Arts said, "The average full-time teacher and researcher really does have a valid claim about having their attention drawn in too many directions."

Because of a lack of time, James Kelly, academic information program coordinator,

said the Division of Undergraduate Studies encourages advisers to use the DUS consultant in each college to keep up to date with current information.

"To expect that any adviser, faculty or staff could keep up with (all the changes) is just not sensible," Kelly said.

Training faculty advisers varies among the University's 13 colleges.

Jane Seliga, college adviser for the College of Engineering and DUS, said the college restructured its advising program by creating a center for freshmen advising instead of assigning these new students to faculty advisers.

Seliga explained that the center was formed because of limited enrollment and because of the results of the DUS study on advising.

At the center, freshmen can meet with full-time advisers and become better informed about their chances of being accepted into their intended majors, she said.

Although no formal study of the center has been done, Seliga said informal feedback has been positive.

Barbara Brugel, DUS consultant to the College of Health, Physical Education and Recre-

ation, said the college has a similar center for freshmen and sophomores enrolled.

Full-time advisers are available to help students find a major that is tailored for them, she said.

"The main thrust of our advising program is to help them make a decision on a major either in the college or in the University," Brugel said.

"At one point we did have faculty advisers who were advising general students, but we found that they just couldn't keep up," she added.

While a recently distributed questionnaire designed to evaluate the center's effectiveness has not yet been interpreted, Brugel said, "I think informally we've sensed or felt that we have been good advisers to them."

Virginia Elliott, DUS consultant to the College of Education, reported that although no workshops or seminars were offered for the college's faculty advisers, they do distribute an information packet to all new advisers. Also, each new adviser is assigned a "mentor" in the department who has already advised for some time.

Eugene Love, associate dean in the College of

Agriculture, said the college has already sponsored two seminars this year for faculty advisers. The majority of faculty advisers do attend these meetings, Love said.

Hamid Madjid, DUS consultant to the College of Science, said that it is more important for faculty members to know their professions than the theories of advising.

"What is important is that an adviser has sympathy, is willing to spend time and knows his profession," Madjid said.

Peter Hagen, assistant to the associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts, said faculty and student advisers are used to counsel undergraduate students in the college.

The student advisers work on a volunteer basis and are required to take the Liberal Arts course "Academic Adviser Training," Hagen said.

But while informing advisers is important, Buck stressed that advising is a "give and take" process between the student and the adviser.

She said that a stack of grades which have yet to be picked up by students shows that some students do not take responsibility for their own education.

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This afternoon: Again it will be cloudy and temperatures will be falling. High of 35. Tonight, snow flurries developing and it will be a bit colder as the low drops to 28. Tomorrow: cloudy with periods of snow showers. High of 32. Heldt Sonen.