

Reagan dumps welfare on states

WASHINGTON — Pres. Ronald Reagan asked Congress Tuesday night to join in "a single, bold stroke" by transferring \$47 billion worth of federal social programs — and the taxes to pay for them — from Washington to state and local governments.

He said his plan, including the gradual shift over the next decade of the welfare and food-stamp programs, is designed "to make government again accountable to the people, to make our system of federalism work again."

It was the centerpiece proposal in a State of the Union message that promised better times, "much better," if the nation continues on his course of budget and tax reductions as the cure for

recession and inflation.

Reagan declared he will "seek no tax increases this year and I have no intention of retreating from our basic program of tax relief."

"I will not ask you to try to balance the budget on the backs of the American taxpayers," he said in the speech, scheduled for delivery at 9 p.m. EST.

He vowed to the joint session of Congress and a nationwide broadcast audience to "put the economy out of its slump and put us on the road to prosperity."

Reagan said that the fiscal 1983 federal budget deficit will be less than \$100 billion and that "the policies we have in place will reduce the deficit

steadily, surely and, in time, completely."

Reagan, describing his program as "a bold and spirited initiative that I believe can change the face of American government," outlined a second-year

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economic program in which his goal of turning many federal chores over to the states plays a central role.

At the same time, Reagan defended his decision not to try to stem a ballooning federal deficit by increasing taxes.

"Higher taxes would not mean lower deficits," Reagan said. "Raising taxes won't balance the budget."

Reagan said that a "grassroots trust fund," filled by federal revenues, would distribute \$28 billion a year to the 50 states to pay for the additional responsibilities handed over to them.

"The economy will face difficult moments in the months ahead," Reagan stated. "But, the program for economic recovery that is in place will pull the economy out of its slump and put us on the road to prosperity and stable growth by the latter half of this year."

Reagan said that his program would continue with two priorities: "a strong national defense... and a reliable safety net of social programs for those who have contributed and those who are in need."

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ASUO proposes slash in funding

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The ASUO Executive committee is recommending decreases in two-thirds of the ASUO-funded student groups that were a target in preliminary budget recommendations made on Monday. Recommendations were also made to discontinue funding for another ten groups.

The average cut in funding is 34-percent, according to a memo from Alan Contreras, acting vice president of program administration. Cuts of that size, combined with a recommended average allocation of \$245 to new groups and a proposed 50-cent per term per student increase in incidental fees next year would compensate for a loss of incidental fees amounting to \$50,000.

Incidental fee income is tied directly to the number of students enrolled, and the estimated enrollment for next fall — used as a base enrollment for the year — is 15,500. Fall term enrollment this year was 17,400.

"There will be program reductions. There is no reason why students shouldn't expect program reductions," Contreras says.

Some groups will be able to adapt to

cuts better than others, he says. For example, the Drug Information Center "will probably have problems," while the Native American Student Union, with much of its money tied up solely in activities, will be able to adapt relatively easily, Contreras says.

The 10 organizations that the committee recommended eliminating funds for, are: the EMU Board, the English Graduate Student Advisory Council, the Ethnic Women's Alliance, the Gerontology Association, the Hawaii Club, the Muslim Student Association, the Physically Limited Union of Students, the Student Travel Center, University Veterans, and Women in Science.

Only EGSAC and PLUS filed budget requests for the 1982-83 year.

New groups the ASUO Executive budget staff recommended not funding are the American Chemical Society and the Cuba Study Group.

The Executive committee recommended funding 20 percent of the requested amount for the campus American Civil Liberties Union, the Undergraduate Economics Association, the International Studies Association, Mortar Board, Students for a Nuclear Free Future, Tabard Inn, and the Teacher Education Graduate Student Organization.

Library ranks 84 of 101

The University Library ranks 84th out of 101 research libraries, according to figures released in the most recent edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The ranking included U.S. and Canadian research libraries that are members of the Association of Research Libraries. The figures concerned the 1980-81 school year.

"That's not good," said Don Smith, the administrative services assistant librarian.

The University library has been falling steadily in the rankings, Smith said. "We were as high as 34th some years back."

Part of the decline is due to inflation, Smith said, adding that the

University has been increasing the amount spent on material every year.

The University ranks 94th in materials expenditures, with a current budget of \$1,274,319.

Of the nine ranked schools in the Pac-10, the University came in ninth in overall size. Oregon State University is not listed because it is not a member of the Association of Research Libraries. Smith said that OSU would "probably be ranked below Oregon."

Harvard is ranked first and Yale second. The next three — all members of the Pac-10 — are the University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Los Angeles and Stanford University, in that order.

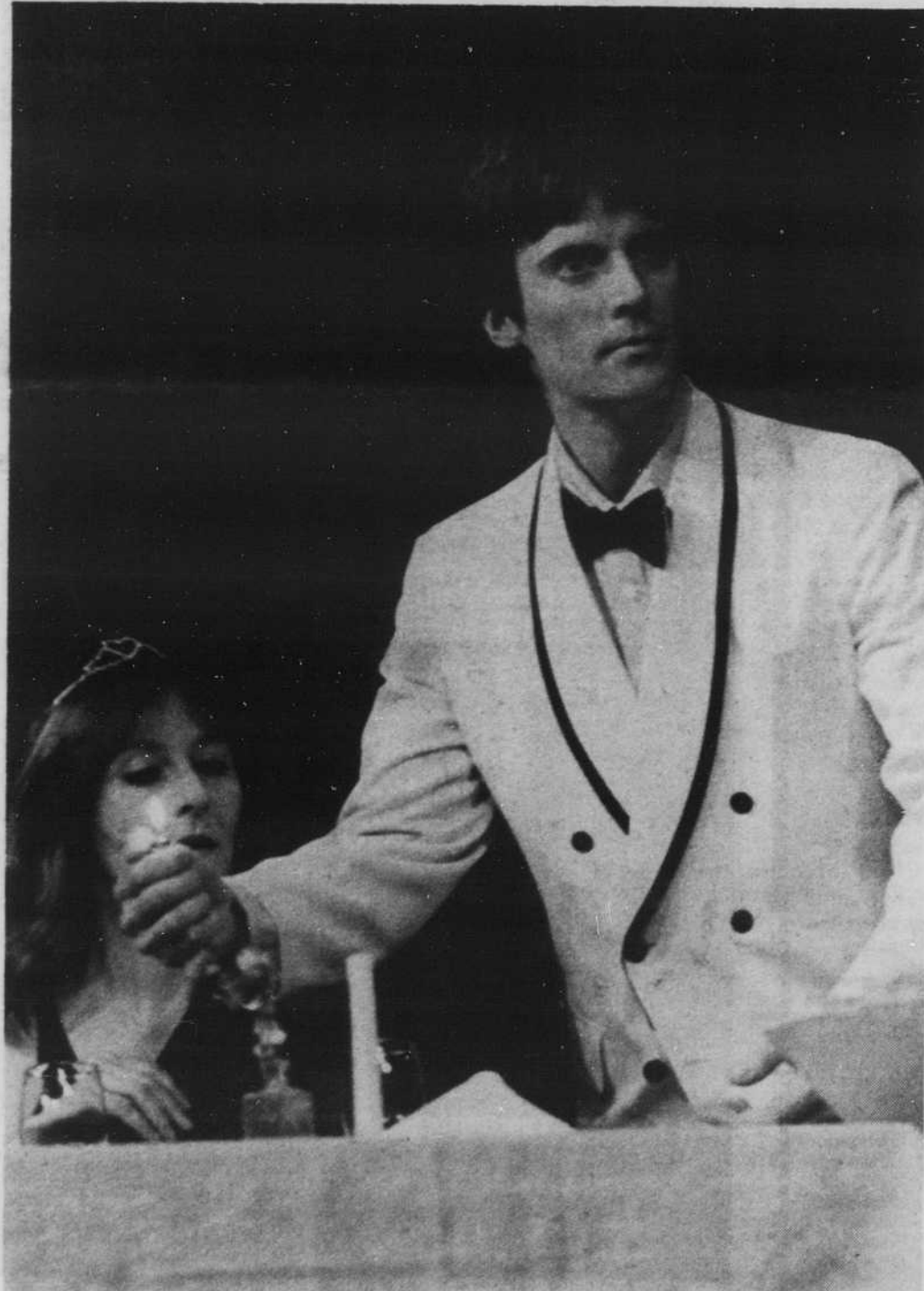


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Mime, Seattle style

When is a mime not a mime?

That's the question the Seattle Mime Theater evokes from their audience.

"If there are any rules, we break them consistently," says Elizabeth Roth, one of four members of the company who gave an afternoon workshop and evening performance at the University Tuesday.

When the troupe formed five years ago they adopted the classical mime style — the white-face of Marcel Marceau — but

Roth says they found this too limiting.

"You were forced to wear the same mask for an entire performance," says Roth. The "more sophisticated" modern audiences were no longer "immediately charmed by the white face and the illusion," Roth added.

SMT now incorporates props, sounds and even dialogue to add greater dimensions to their performance.

The SMT performed Tuesday evening in the EMU.