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Exotic Art

Looking around in the MSC's Art Gallery, Steve Willis, a junior aerospace engineering major from College Station, seems to have found a sculpture he likes.

Organized crime targeted

Reagan outlines program

WASHINGTON -- President Reagan ordered the federal government Thursday to mobilize for a sustained attack on drug trafficking and organized crime, saying it is time to cripple the power of the mob in America.

"Can we honestly say that America is a land 'with justice for all' if we do not now exert every effort to eliminate this confederation of professional criminals, this dark, evil enemy within?" Reagan said in ment audience the war on crime has resulted in only sporadic and short-term successes.

"The time has come to make these gains permanent. The time has come to cripple the power of the mob in America," Reagan said.

The centerpiece of the drug fight is the shifting of about 1,000 experienced federal agents and prosecutors to 12 cities where task forces will be formed and the addition of space for federal prisoners. New agents would be hired to replace those transferred to the task forces.

Money to start operating the units in January will come from money in the budgets of federal agencies. Once fully operational, congressional appropriations conscious choice and that retribution must be swift and sure

Reagan told a Justice Depart- to \$200 million annually will for those who decide to make support the units.

Reagan said the grasp of cent. organized crime reaches into every segment of society and makes money on almost every type of illegal activity, ranging from common burglary to gunrunning. Its success, he said, is an affront to law-abiding citizens and an "encouragement to every street punk and two-bit criminal who hopes someday to

make it to the big time. But he said citizen involvement and tough new state laws on career criminals and repeat offenders show Americans "are reassessing certain enduring truths: The belief that right and wrong do matter, that individuals are responsible for their actions, that evil is frequently a

career of preying on the inno-

He called the drug probe "a major initiative that I believe car mark a turning point in the bat tle against crime.

Reagan outlined an eight point program to form a presidential commission on crim enlist the help of all 50 gos ernors and create a national net work of 12 new regional task forces to combat drugs and

organized crime. The teams will be in addition to the South Florida Task Force the model unit that spawned the new program. The new tas forces will be headquartered in Boston, New York, Baltimon Atlanta, Houston, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sa Diego

