

The Daily Tar Heel

Election Haze

There will be cloudy skies today with the high in the upper 60s. The low will be in the 40s. There is a 10 percent chance of showers.

Clemson Game

The North Carolina-Clemson football game Saturday will be televised on ABC, beginning at 12:35. Pre-game show at noon.

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Officials see high turnout for elections

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Although national trends indicate voter apathy is dramatically increasing, state and local officials are expecting a record turnout today.

"We've had the largest increase in voter registration between the primary and the November election ever—a 7.3 percent increase since May," said Alex Brock, state elections director. "I don't think there's any question that the interest in politics is rising."

Gerry Cohen, a voter registration coordinator for the Orange County Democratic Party, said, "Many people confuse undecided voters with apathetic voters. Just because someone hasn't made their mind up yet doesn't mean they don't care."

Close to 41,500 people have registered in Orange County for the election with 4,565 new registrations coming in the last month. "Both of those are records," Cohen said.

Statewide, total registration from April 8 to Oct. 6 increased by 189,117, Brock said. There are 2,774,844 registered voters in North Carolina.

There are several factors that we use to estimate voter turnout," Brock said. "I won't say what those factors are, but I can say they are usually pretty accurate."

"This election, we believe approximately 1,725,000 people will vote—that's about 62 percent," Brock said. This total is slightly higher than the national average for a presidential election.

Cohen said Orange County "had about 24,000 to vote in the 1972 (presidential) election. In 1976, we had about 25,000 and we're expecting around 27,000 or 28,000 for this election."

"That doesn't sound like much out of 41,000 but you have to take into consideration the transient nature of

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Student hold candles in memory of the 52 American hostages at vigil service Monday night ...approximately 35 attended the service, sponsored by the Human Relations Committee

Few participate in hostage vigil

By SUSAN MAUNEY
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Approximately 35 people braved a chilly autumn evening Monday to participate in a candlelight vigil marking a year's captivity for the 52 Americans in Iran.

The hostages were taken by Iranian militants last Nov. 4, when the militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

The vigil in the Pit, sponsored by the Carolina Union Human Relations Committee, lasted 30 minutes and included a short discussion by Herbert Bodman, professor of Islamic history, and a prayer led by Manuel Wortman, minister at the Newman Center.

Bodman told the group that the hostages were surrogates for American mistakes.

"We all bear some responsibility for events," Bodman said. "Our role is to ask ourselves, 'How did we permit this sort of thing to occur in [Iran]?'"

He said it was natural for a country like Iran to feel as if other countries were conspiring against it.

"When you are technically independent, and have been for centuries, but pushed around by other countries including the

United States and the Soviet Union, there has to be some explanation to satisfy your own self-esteem," he said. Many of the Iranian accusations of U.S. intervention were true, he said, citing the Central Intelligence Agency's aid in placing the late deposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in power.

Bodman also did not encourage hopes of immediate release of the hostages despite the recent break in the crisis.

"The question of the resolution (of the crisis) can be difficult in terms of details," Bodman said. He said he did not expect the hostages home immediately, but rather, over a period of weeks or months.

Many of those listening held one or more lighted candles in order to have one candle for each of the 52 hostages. Many were disappointed by the low number of participants.

"It almost seems like people have forgotten they're over there," one student said. "I guess elections have overshadowed them, although (the hostages) are the most important thing left for us."

Other participants also commented on the small number of people and asked passers-by to join them. They were met by replies of "Sorry, I have to study," and one reply of "Hell no, I'm glad they were taken."

Militants yield control of hostages

The Associated Press

Iranian militants relinquished "responsibility" for their 52 American captives to the Iranian government Monday, a move U.S. officials called a major breakthrough toward their eventual release. Iran also designated Algeria to talk with the United States on the conditions that Iran has set for the release.

The transfer of jurisdiction over the 52 Americans was approved by Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, believed to be the only single authoritative voice in the matter.

After the Islamic militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took the Americans hostage last Nov. 4, the Iranian government appeared to concede them a measure of power over the fate of the captives. Statements from the militants often drowned out the voices of moderates in the government, and the split in authority appeared to dim prospects for a negotiated settlement.

Terms for the release were delivered to the United States via the Algerian Embassy in Tehran Monday. Some of the conditions would be hard to meet immediately, U.S. officials have said. In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said ending the hostages' year-long captivity "will require time, patience and diplomacy."

The conditions, set by Khomeini in September and adopted by the Iranian Parliament, or Majlis, Sunday, are a U.S. government pledge not to interfere in Iran's affairs, release of all Iranian assets frozen by the United States, cancellation of all American legal actions against Iran and return to Iran of

all assets of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and his close relatives.

Earlier Monday the militants met with Khomeini and issued a statement which said in part: "We will from now on delegate responsibility for the (hostages') safeguarding to the government and will engage in the most important current issue of the revolution, defense of the Islamic homeland."

A spokesman for the Iranian prime minister said the government automatically assumed responsibility following Sunday's decision by the Parliament to set release terms. "The students' (militants) statement for the transfer of custody of the hostages was just for emphasis," he said.

In Washington, White House press secretary Jody Powell said the transfer "is something we have seen since the very outset as being an important step toward their eventual release. That's

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'DTH' survey

Daily Tar Heel staff members will be randomly calling several hundred UNC students Wednesday and Thursday to survey them about campus issues. The results of the poll will be published in the DTH later this month. If a staff member calls you, please take a few minutes to answer his or her questions. All information is confidential.

Several factors may influence presidential race

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WASHINGTON—Nobody here is taking bets on the outcome of today's presidential election.

The only predictions about who will win are coming out of the headquarters of Republican Ronald Reagan, independent John Anderson and Democratic incumbent Jimmy Carter. But even the confidence of campaign staffers is tempered by the uncertainty of several factors that could tip the election to either Carter or Reagan.

"Yeah, we're confident," said Jim Shutt, a Republican National Committee official. "Nervous, but we're confident."

One factor on the minds of all three candidates is the possible impact of recent developments in Iran regarding the American hostages. Aides in every camp, though, downplayed the importance of Iran in today's election.

"We'll have to wait and see what the effect on the election will be," said Ross Harris, Carter coordinator for North Carolina.

Charles Crawford, a Reagan aide, said the Republican's decision to avoid comment on Iran stemmed from concern for the hostages.

"It did pre-empt the possibility for the kind of scrutiny of the hostage situation that possibly would have been in (Reagan's) interest," Crawford said. "Iran is trying to manipulate our election."

However, Crawford said changes in the hostages' plight would not help Carter's campaign. "They waited a little too long and now Carter is not going to gain from it."

Anderson aide Bob Levenson said developments in Iran would have a negligible influence on voters. "They (Iran) aren't going to let the hostages go before Election Day, so it won't really make that much difference."

One or more other key factors could tip the election as well, as pollsters predict one of the closest races in history. Some of these areas include:

Voter turnout—getting people to the polls will be more important to Carter, who in the last few days of campaigning urged Democrats to support

their party. "It's the key to our victory," Harris said.

Getting a high turnout is not as important to Republicans as is getting out the GOP support itself, Crawford said. "Republicans have to get out every one of their supporters," he said.

Levenson said a large turnout also would help Anderson, though Levenson expected the independent to pull considerably more than the 5 percent needed to qualify for federal campaign funds. "We're not just going to sit there and wait until the returns show 5 percent, then go home to bed," he said.

Undecided voters—All three camps say the undecided bloc, larger than in 1972 or 1976, will swing to their candidate on Election Day. "Our

polls show that most undecideds are Democrats, and we're trying hard to get them," Harris said.

Crawford disagreed. "A portion will stay at home because they can't seem to vote for either candidate, while others will decide at the polls," he said. "We seem to have a better-than-even split on them."

Key states—All candidates canvassed and campaigned heavily recently in eight states with large electoral vote counts. The race is considered a virtual toss-up in Pennsylvania (27 votes) Texas (26), Illinois (26), Ohio (25), Michigan (21), New Jersey (17) and Florida (17). Carter still holds a slight edge in New York, which has 41 electoral votes.

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Use votes as block

Students pick candidates

From staff reports

Although an informal survey conducted Monday points to a high student turnout for the elections today, many students indicated they will use their vote to block unacceptable candidates rather than to support a popular choice.

More than half of the students who said they would vote for President Jimmy Carter said they were voting against a Ronald Reagan presidency.

"I'm not voting for any good reason except that I'm anti-Reagan," said Beth Burrell, a junior from Charlotte.

Maria Mele of Chapel Hill said a Reagan presidency would be dangerous and for that reason she would vote for Carter.

John Peterson of Morehead City said Reagan would likely lead the country to war.

While general criticism of Reagan centered on his military stance and foreign policy, several black students plan to oppose him on grounds of racism.

"I don't want Reagan to win because he's a racist and he would get us into war," said Eli McCullough, a junior from Winston-Salem. "As a black my vote will be important."

Other students also said the black vote was significant. "My vote will make a difference because it's a black vote," said John Everett, a sophomore from Laurinburg. "Blacks don't show up in Gallup polls but they'll turn out to vote (today)."

Many students planning to vote for Carter said they prefer Anderson but feel obliged to vote for a viable candidate. "I don't want Reagan and I feel pretty strongly about having my vote count," said Dale Hunch, a freshman from Sanford.

Burrell said she would vote for Carter but that her conscience is with Anderson. Most students supporting Anderson are voting out of principle or because they feel a vote for Anderson is a vote for Reagan.

"My vote is primarily symbolic," said Mark Niden, a post-doctoral student from Connecticut. "I think Carter will win in this state, but I'd like to see Anderson get a strong showing."

"My vote is important even if Anderson doesn't have much of a chance, because it will help Reagan," said Anita Brown, a junior from Asheboro.

Judson Cooper, a senior from Raleigh, summed up the attitude of Anderson supporters: "There's hardly any choice between the major candidates—I don't like the way Carter has edged around all the issues, and Reagan's line of thinking is too simplistic. But Reagan is preferable—I'd take the Devil over Carter."

Following the general pattern, most students who plan to vote for Reagan will do so more out of antipathy for Carter than loyalty to Reagan.

"Neither of the candidates is really the best one," said Stephanie Slater, a sophomore from Asheville. "But I just know if Carter is voted back in, inflation and unemployment will continue to increase. I also think it's ridiculous Anderson is running."

There was also a small minority that doesn't intend to vote. "I don't care and I won't vote," said Stephan Herr of Durham. "Neither of the candidates have social programs and neither represent the needs of the people in the United States."



Reagan campaign worker makes last-minute phone calls ...Estelle Henderson at Republican National Headquarters

Post-campaign bashes planned

From staff reports

WASHINGTON—The best thing about a presidential election day is the party that comes afterward. And no matter who wins at the polls today, there will be a celebration here tonight.

Three victory parties will begin just after the polls close, with the John Anderson blast starting first at the Hyatt Regency near the Capitol.

"It's going to be wild," said Roy Evans, a staffer for the independent candidate. Several thousand party-goers are expected to watch returns come in and help celebrate what Evans said would be the peak of Anderson's exhausting quest for the White House.

Across town from the Hyatt, on Connecticut Avenue, the Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter camps will kick it out, almost within mudslinging distance of each other. The Reagan folks will celebrate an anticipated victory at the Washington Hilton, courtesy of the Republican National Committee, while Carter forces toast their candidate at the nearby Sheraton Washington.

"There's going to be a hell of a lot of people there," said Angie Brown, a worker at RNC, which has sent out more than 30,000 invitations. The GOP sponsors expect 12,000 to 15,000 revelers to stream through the hotel during the all-night bash. More than 450 rooms were rented for the event.

A couple of blocks up the street, several thousand Carter supporters and the general public will party from 8 tonight to 6 a.m. Wednesday morning and maybe longer, said Carter spokesman Walter Batchelor. He added that the president would make an appearance sometime during the evening.

"(Carter) will make his acceptance speech...whenever we start winning," Batchelor said.

Today is Election Day—VOTE