

Reagan predicted to do average job

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Staff Writer

Dr. Thomas Kniesner, assistant professor of economics at UNC-CH, says Ronald Reagan is going to be an average president. And Kniesner has the statistics to prove it.

Kniesner uses the Human Capital Model and discriminant analysis to make predictions of how presidents will fare in their job.

The Human Capital Model maintains that job success depends on age, education and experience. "It tries to minimize the amount of variables used to analyze the performance of presidents," Kniesner said.

"What we're in the business of doing here is taking objective information at the time they are running," he said. "We take information before the guy is president and predict what will happen."

Discriminant analysis is "how you wind up being categorized, based on a set of traits," Kniesner said. The Internal Revenue Services uses it to determine who should be audited.

According to Kniesner's model, "Reagan came out to be a solid average. The likelihood we are right is very high. "Reagan is a little bit older than average. He was a governor for eight years and he hasn't done anything else," he said.

Kniesner started making predictions during the 1976 presidential campaign. "Ford should have been an average president. Carter should have been above average," he said. Since then, he has analyzed many past presidents using the Human Capital approach. But U.S. presidents have been a homogeneous group, Kniesner said. Most have been approximately the same age and education.

"The big thing to hang our hat on is what seems to make somebody a bad president," he said. "People who spent a lot of years in Congress or a lot of years in the military turn out to be lousy presidents."

R.A.

"These mini-interviews are designed so we can talk to candidates we are interested in and get to know them better. They are not cuts or anything," Hatem said.

"Don't panic if you don't get a mini-interview and don't get overconfident if you get three. If you have three it may mean you are not coming through clearly."

"Housing has set up five roles for an R.A. He or she must be an educator, administrator, regulator, resource person and a friend and counselor."

"R.A.s are rehired every semester. If they don't fulfill the job's requirements, they are asked to resign. However, R.A.s wanting to keep their job another semester have no interview unless they want to transfer to another area," she said.

What personal qualities do interviewers look for in prospective R.A.s? Kathy Harsey, assistant area director for Henderson

"The presidency, which is an administrative job, requires a different set of skills than a legislator or someone in the military," Kniesner said.

"The great presidents seem to be people who spent time in local government or were in the Cabinet, around the president," he said, "or were a 'little president,' like a mayor or governor."

John Kennedy, for example, was rated as below average by Kniesner's study because of his many years in Congress. But Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt were rated above average.

According to Kniesner's analysis, Richard Nixon should have been a great president because of his training.

Kniesner said he "might do (Vice President) George Bush next — to see how a preppie president would come out."

protest

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Alex Charns, a spokesman for the Environmental Law Project, burned a power bill and encouraged protestors to chant "Power for people, not for profit." He said the protest was held to send a message to the legislature saying consumers were fed up with being forced to pay for nuclear power plants. "The basic idea behind our protest," he said, "is that Duke Power is involved in keeping CWIP alive."

Charns also said that laws like CWIP made people pay for power they may never use. He said that Duke Power could sell the electricity it generated outside the state to people who never payed for the construction of the plant. "The '60s phrase 'power to the people' must be returned to the people," he said.

In commenting about the protest, Duke Power District Manager John Kincaid said that raising capital for power plants was difficult. "Without the law, the cost of construction would be much higher, and that higher cost would have to be passed on to consumers," he said.

Kincaid also said that only interest rates were charged to the consumers, and that any power sold outside North Carolina cost as much, if not more, than it did within the state.

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Cheering clinics

The varsity cheerleaders will hold clinics today and Wednesday to answer questions about preparing for tryouts.

Cheerleader Ted Hopkins said some dance numbers would be taught in the clinics. "We're not going to be able, though, to tell exactly what we'll be doing for tryouts," he said.

The clinic today will be held from 4-6 p.m. in Great Hall of the Carolina Union. Wednesday's clinic also will be in Great Hall from 6-8 p.m.

— TED AVERY

Residence College, said, "I look for someone who has enthusiasm about being an R.A. and for someone with a potential to learn. The person also needs a commitment to the job."

"I like to find someone who is down to earth. I also think the person needs a sense of humor. I like to see a warm person," Hatem said. "A lot of people can do the job. However, it takes someone with a commitment and willingness to do it right."

What is it that makes people want to try out to be R.A.s? Drew Davey, a junior trying out for the first time this year explained, "I spent three years on campus. I really enjoy campus life. I've seen two good R.A.s and one bad R.A. while at school. The one bad R.A. I had was very sad."

"I want to get people involved with the dorm, for the R.A. is important in setting the atmosphere for the floor." Tracy Wren, a sophomore R.A. applicant, said, "I see a lot of potential in the R.A.

position. I want people that come to Carolina to realize that it's not just study-study here, but that this is home. I'd like them to feel comfortable in dorm living."

Randy Mullis, a junior who tried out one time before said, "I've wanted to be an R.A. ever since I was a freshman. The past three years I worked at the library. I have to have a job and this is one I would like. I liked living in the dorm and I want to get back in." Mullis lives in an apartment because he was closed out of the dorm by the lottery last year.

Hatem summed up an R.A.s job this way: "There is a myth about R.A.s having a single room. It's just not true. You have less privacy when you are an R.A. than when you have a roommate. An advantage of the job is working for the University and feeling you are a part of it. You also experience a personal growth with the job. The best thing about this job is that the training never stops. Just ask about any R.A. and they will tell you they wouldn't trade the job for anything."

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News In Brief

Weekend holdups plague area

Three armed robberies occurred this weekend in Orange County. The Happy Store, Lloyd's Self Service and The Pantry on Highway 70 were robbed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, respectively. No suspects for any of the holdups have been apprehended.

The Happy Store at 100 East Franklin Street was robbed of \$85 at 9:52 Saturday morning. According to Chapel Hill Police reports, a black male entered the store with a handgun in his belt. He fled on foot. No description of the suspect was available.

A black male with a green jacket and ski mask robbed Lloyd's Self Service on East Main Street in Carrboro at 8:45 Sunday night. The man carried a .32-or .38-caliber pistol and stole the night deposit bag from the manager who was leaving. The robber escaped around the corner to Brewers Lane on foot with an undetermined amount of money, Carrboro Police Captain N.E. Miller said.

Two white males with a .357-caliber Magnum robbed The Pantry on Highway 70 of about \$100 at 3 a.m. Monday, the Orange County Sheriff's Department reported.

Lake may not be filled for years

The impoundment of the Haw and New Hope rivers to fill the controversial B. Everett Jordan Reservoir could be delayed for as long as two years, according to a letter received last week by N.C. Fourth District Congressman Ike Andrews. The lake, about 20 miles south of Chapel Hill in eastern Chatham County, had been scheduled to be filled in fall 1981.

In a Feb. 5 letter to Andrews, Col. Robert K. Hughes, Wilmington district engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, wrote that attempts of lake area residents to get officials to relocate state roads 1900 and 1903 could postpone plans to fill the lake. The corps is responsible for the 14-year-old lake project.

Lobbying by opponents of the road closings has gained the support of local officials, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms and former U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan, as well as Andrews.

Seniors raise funds for class gift

The senior class will be selling slices of cherry cheese pie Wednesday to raise money for the class gift, the Jimmy Everhart Scholarship fund.

Everhart, who was killed in an automobile accident last August, was a rising senior.

"We were looking for something that would be useful and more personal," said Lisa Goodwin, senior class president.

Money collected from 14 boxes stationed on and off campus will help the class sponsor a \$500 scholarship, Goodwin

said. In addition to the pie sales, the class will sponsor movies over the next two Tuesdays and solicit donations from seniors, sororities and fraternities.

"The class will continue to give to the fund as alumni. This will give us continuity," Goodwin said.

The financial aid office will choose the recipient of the scholarship from rising seniors with a 3.2 grade point average or better on the basis of need, Goodwin said.

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We encourage you to participate in the selection process by recommending a professor or professors who **IN YOUR EXPERIENCE WERE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL CLASSROOM TEACHERS.** (Please note that the professors listed on the adjacent column have received awards during the past five years and are therefore not eligible for nomination this year.) The responsibility of the Student/Faculty Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards is to select from those names suggested to us by the faculty and students a small list of nominees, from which the Chancellor makes the final selection. Thus the quality and accuracy of our selection process is dependent upon our getting from you a list of the most deserving candidates. This process offers one of the most tangible means available to you to identify and acclaim those teachers who have given you something of value. We therefore urge you to avail yourself of this opportunity by submitting to us the names of those faculty members who have inspired you through their teaching. While we welcome brief nominating statements, fuller supporting statements by you will help us to make the best choices.

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