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According to campus survey

Central wants Carter reelected

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There's no contest. Not at North Carolina Central University anyway. Jimmy Carter was the runaway favorite in a recent poll, grabbing 193 of 244 votes. Independent John Anderson was a lowly second with nine votes. Republican Ronald Reagan, who many experts feel will win the national election, received only three votes. Libertarian candidate Ed Clark received one vote. Thirty-eight interviewees were undecided. And 97 others said they would not be voting. The reasons ranged from failing to obtain an absentee ballot, to not being registered, to just being apathetic.

The poll was conducted by NCCU's Public Affairs Reporting class. The students interviewed 342 students, faculty and staff on the Central campus, asking: Are you voting in the upcoming presidential election? If yes, whom are you voting for? Why are you supporting that candidate?

The overwhelming Carter victory, however, did not stem from overwhelming enthusiasm. Many persons interviewed were reluctant supporters of the incumbent.

Thomas G. Evans, an English instructor from Chapel Hill, N.C., is leaning toward Carter but is still undecided. "If Reagan is winning in the state, I will vote for Carter," he said. "If he's losing, I will vote for Barry Commoner, the Citizen's Party candidate. He has the best energy policy. He'll also get more federal money next time."

Michael Macon, a junior accounting major from Henderson, N.C., will vote for Carter because, "Reagan, Carter, and Anderson are all bad, but Carter is the least bad (of the three). Reagan is making untrue allegations, such as the Klan started in Alabama. He has also made ethnic remarks, such as his 'duck joke' about the Poles, Jews and Italians which he later had to apologize for. Anderson doesn't seem to know what he's doing. I don't understand his proposed 50 cent gasoline tax increase. Carter has the most likeable platform and the most experience."

Donnie Cox, a graduate student, said he'll vote for Carter because "he is the lesser of the three evils."

His sentiments were echoed by NCCU Undergraduate Dean Walter H. Pattillo, Jr. who termed Carter "the lesser of all evils."

Experience A Factor

Many people felt that Carter represented a clear choice. Linda Douglass, a senior political science major from Chapel Hill, N.C., said, "I'm voting for President Carter because he does a nice job and is the best president in terms of foreign policy for the last 30 years. Reagan is a racist and Anderson is just foolish."

Dr. Ike Gatling, an NCCU staff member, said, "Carter has experience and it would be a great mistake to change presidents with the country the way it is now, especially in terms of the economy."

Lisa Brown, a junior English/Media-Journalism major from Elm City, N.C., said, "If Reagan is elected, the country will be divided. We are aware of Carter's capabilities. Total unemployment has dropped, even though black unemployment remains unacceptably high."

To Catherine Moses, a junior English major from Goldsboro, N.C., "Carter is capable because he has been in office and has learned from his mistakes."

And Pamela Lewis, a senior public administration major from Albemarle, N.C., believes "the other candidates aren't qualified. Carter will help black people more if he is reelected."

He will do more to keep welfare policies and Social Security grants, while Reagan is trying to dispose of these things."

But Micheal Page, a business administration major from Roseland, Va., is voting for Carter because "no man can really do what he wants to do in office in just four years. He needs more time."

Robert McAdams, assistant director of Financial Aid and an instructor of business education, also pointed to Carter's experience and his positive political philosophy. "He's the only choice. I'm afraid of Reagan," he added.

Threat Of War

Fear of Ronald Reagan was a major consideration for many voters. They worried about the candidate's possible rash budget cutting and hawkish tendencies.

"Reagan plans to cut out many programs that are essential to a lot of middle and low income families," said Annette Peterson, a junior marketing major from Wallace, N.C., who will vote for Jimmy Carter in the presidential election.

Pam Luvette, a senior accounting major from Plant City, Fla., is voting for Carter because "Reagan plans to cut back on government spending and curtail social programs like BEOG grants and CETA, programs designed to help poor people."

Kelvin Bell thinks "Reagan is going to take somebody to war, and I don't want to go. He has a problem with realism, which I attribute to his many years in the theatre. He showed this unrealistic understanding of the country when he stated that his first appointment to the Supreme Court would be a woman," said Bell, an instructor-graduate student of photography from Potomac, Md.

Denise Middleton, a junior English major from New York, N.Y., said, "If we vote for Reagan, we will go to war."

Kevin Hart, a sophomore English/Media-Journalism major from Rocky Mount, N.C., agreed. "I'm afraid Reagan will put us in some kind of war. He seems too gung-ho," he declared.

Advocate Of The People

Many were prompted to vote for Carter because of his record as an advocate for working people, blacks, and women.

Dr. Winifred L. Stoeting, an English professor at NCCU, said, "I'm going to vote for Carter because he is concerned with the various needs of the people, not just businessmen. The Republicans aren't that way."

Joseph Phinazee, a staff member at NCCU, said, "Carter has done more for blacks than Reagan or Anderson would ever do if they are elected. He has proved himself by appointing blacks to higher positioned jobs."

"Carter has more to offer blacks and women," said LeVon Thorpe, a sophomore psychology major from Durham, N.C.

Patrice Jones, a junior business administration major from Richmond, Va., said, "Reagan has nothing to offer blacks. Carter has his faults, but he's the better choice."

The Dissenting View

Tony DaVilla, a senior from Manhattan, N.Y., represented the feelings of many. "All the candidates are unqualified for the job of president. None of the candidates meet acceptable criteria."

Lonnie Davis, a criminal justice major from Statesville, N.C., is supporting Anderson because "Carter is too inconsistent to be reelected. Reagan is too conservative and his ideas are outdated."

The reporters who worked on this article were Evelyn Cross, Winifred Cross, Emma Deese, Rosie Ford, Althea Hopkins, Freida Jordan, Pashelle Mitchell, Sadina Lewis, Kathy Oglesby, Marvin Royster, Dee Dee Walker, Vicky Wiggins.

And the band played on

If you want to see an Eagle boogie, make a touchdown...even in the rain.

Dr. Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, will speak at North Carolina Central University's Founder's Day exercises at 11 a.m., Friday, November 7.

The program honors the memory of Dr. James E. Shepard, who founded NCCU in 1910 and served as its president until 1947. Dr. Cobb, a 1940 graduate of NCCU, was a student during Dr. Shepard's presidency.

He also holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Howard University and the Master of Sacred Theology degree from Boston University.

Prior to assuming his current post with the United Church of Christ, Dr. Cobb was pastor of St. John's Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass.

His honors include an honorary degree from Houston-Tillotson University, the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus citation from Howard University, and the Frederick Douglass Citation from the NAACP for "outstanding achievements in the struggle for black liberation."

The Founder's Day program will also include the dedication of a campus building in memory of Harold W. Alexander and Wayne M. Dunn. The building, at one time the university's cafeteria, now houses the university's Academic Skills Center, of which Dunn was a staff member and Alexander was the founder.

The university's Career Counseling and Placement Center is situated in the basement of the Alexander-Dunn Building.

Founders' Day a week from Friday

Tied for CIAA Champs

Central plunders Vikings

By Winston Majette

The Eagles not only crushed Elizabeth City State University, but also gained a record breaker in Carl Sanders. Carl broke the NCCU career reception mark with a total of 6 catches for 56 yards to bring home a mark of 102 career receptions.

Central jumped ahead when Charles Yuille threw a 28 yard touchdown to Vic Hunter with 12:27 left to go in the first quarter.

With 3:44 in the quarter, the Vikings scored on a Gary Spivey-Sneed end around touchdown run. Even though the Vikes scored a touchdown they failed to make the point after due to a courageous block by Chris McKinstry.

Again, Yuille hit Hunter on a 28-yard pass which seemed to shock Elizabeth City. Hunter bobbled the ball before tucking it in and gliding in for an easy touchdown. The score stood at 14-6 until the end of the half.

The second half started with running backs Mike Worthy and Issac Hamilton. Hamilton replaced Roscoe Burnette, who had been injured in the first half with a torn ligament in his knee. The injury may put Roscoe out for the rest of the year.

After ECSU gained control of the ball in the third period, McKinstry intercepted the Vikings' Ralph Eaglton's pass and returned the ball to ECSU's 50-yard line.

Kenny Pugh hit Hunter on a 6-yard post to make the score 21-6.

The next touchdown pass enabled Sanders to tie the career reception mark and put Central up 28-6

In the fourth quarter, Edward Costley replaced Eagleton, who had been hurt earlier in the quarter. Costley threw an interception into the hands of NCCU's Allen Pierce in the ECSU end-zone.

On a attempted punt by Rodney Birth, Birth was rushed and encouraged to forget the punt and pass to Ben Tate who was tackled in NCCU's end-zone for a safety.

The Vikes scored with 1:48 left in the quarter. They tried for a two point conversion, but the ball was intercepted by William Owens

Charles Yuille (14-20 for 170 yards) was selected the National Associate of Intercollegiate Athletics District 26 football player. The defensive effort by Angelo Aldridge, Chris McKinstry, Andrew Riddick and the rest of Central's defensive enabled the Eagles to win 28-14.

Central is now in position to tie or win the division. Should they win their upcoming game against J. C. Smith, Central will be eligible to go to the NCAA Division II Playoffs or to go to the Gold Bowl.

