Professors: debates to have no significant impact

By Janet Fix

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The presidential debates between President Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter will not have the decisive impact on the election that the 1960 debates had, according to Michael Steinman, associate professor of political science.

"In fact, the results may not be seen in the election at all, but in an increase in the birth rate nine months from now."

Steinman said the debates between Richard Nixon and John Kennedy were decided by the images each candidate projected to the public. Kennedy looked like a president, he had good eye contact, didn't appear ruffled and seemed composed.

Nixon, on the other hand, was very nervous, his eyes shifted over the audience, and he sweated profusely, he

Style lacking

Steinman said that neither Carter nor Ford has the personal style that makes him attractive to the public.

This lack of style, Steinman said, is apparent in the candidates inability to generate any enthusiastic support. Some polls have shown aproximately 49 per cent of the voters are expected to vote in November. Steinman said this is probably less than any other election in history.

"The debate Thursday night did not change a lot of minds," he said. "People remained with their initial biases because there was very little difference between the candidates."

Reactions of foreign nations may be important, Steinman added.

We might have a difficult time explaining how a nation which has made the greatest technological advances, and which has placed a man on the moon, could produce a program of such importance, with 15 minutes of audio difficulty," he said.

No winner emerged from the degates, according to A. B. Winter, political science professor.

"Both Carter and Ford appeared poised and dignified," Winter said. "Both kept cool, and even the hottest exchanges were polite. This year unlike the 1960 debates, there was probably not five percentage points difference between the two candidates-in effectiveness or image."

'Honcho' not wanted

The American public has images of a presidential candidate, Winter said. "When times are good, we would rather have a man who doesn't look too brilliant, one who isn't a super honcho. The public wants a president who doesn't make the average citizen look bad.'

Winter said he thought the images of Ford and Carter may have an effect on the election and that Ford is a

politician who knows about public images.

short stuff

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Nebraska Union. Any student interested working with the committee is welcome.

College-Career Christian Fellowship will hold a Bible study at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Union.

Homecoming king and queen applications are due at the IFC/Panhellenic office by 4 p.m. today.

Roger Sandman, deputy director of the State Agriculture Dept. will speak tonight at UMHE Commonafter the Ag Econ/Ag Business Club meeting at discussion of gay-related 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Filley | problems from 8 to 10 p.m.

Law Prospective Students will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Union. Room number will be post-

The Pershing Rifles, a competing precision drill team, will meet a 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Military and Naval Science Bldg. 107. All persons interested in joining should attend.

The UNL Gay Action Group will meet at 8 p.m. about Agriculture in Brazil place, 333 N. 14th St. They will also have an informal fuesday at Commonplace.

The first German sing will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Union.

Everyone interested in singing German folk songs is welcome. Room number will be posted.

Girls interested in being cheerleaders wrestling mat maids should meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Coliseum.

Persons interested in working on the Power and Conspiracy in America: Who's Control? symposium should attend the Union Program Council and Topics-Committee meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Union Harvest Room.

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Persons interested in working on the campaign contact David Hamilton (475-0819) or Campaign Committee has David Howlett (435-0679).

"Ford doesn't stand too tall, look too good, or walk too well," he said. "Ford, the all-American boy, doesn't make people look bad. He is very honest and has average

"Carter may bomb out because he looks too good. He has a greater intelligence and education than Ford, but he seems too slick. One of Carter's big mistakes may be that he wants to give, in his opinion, what the country needs. That is effective leadership, and this scares people."

Winter said the public images of the presidential candidates are important.

"But don't discount the rationality of the American public. The decisions that they make are a result of both thinking and feeling."

UNL student dies

A UNL student died Sunday afternoon from injuries received when the bicycle she was riding collided with a truck at 16th and P streets about 2:15 p.m. Friday.

Julie Sonderegger, a 20-year-old junior from Lincoln, was bicycling south on 16th St. The truck was heading east on P. St. when the accident occurred, according to

Police said the accident still is under investigation and would not release the driver's name. Charges in the accident had not been filed Friday, according to Bill Gilmore, deputy Lancaster County attorney.

Sonderegger, who was majoring in home economics. child development and elementary education, lived in the Delta Gamma sorority house, 400 University Terrace.

The family has decided to donate her kidneys, according to Sandra Kefauver, Lincoln General Hospital nursing supervisor.

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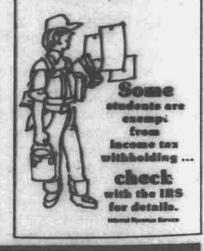
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