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Professor: Carter traits caused his election loss

By Betsy Miller

The outcome of the recent presidential election was not so much a display of support for Ronald Reagan as a vote of displeasure with incumbent Jimmy Carter, according to a professor of political psychology.

Betty Glad, a political science teacher at the University of Illinois-Urbana, spoke to about 40 UNL instructors and students in Oldfather Hall on Wednesday.

Glad specializes in the psychology of politicians and wrote the book *Jimmy Carter: In Search of the Great White House*.

She quoted figures which show that 29 percent of people questioned recently said Carter was a strong leader.

However, only 27 percent were strongly in favor of Reagan being president.

Glad said she also thinks the public's strong feelings against Carter hurt the Democratic Party as well.

The nationwide losses by the party are "a repudiation of him (Carter) more than the entire Democratic Party," Glad said.

Many of Carter's psychological traits were detrimental to him in the campaign, according to Glad.

Carter's "unconscious self-centeredness" caused him to ignore the requests of party members and concede the election to Reagan before the polls on the west coast had closed, Glad said.

Rep. Al Uhlman of Oregon, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, was one west coast Democrat whose defeat may have been caused by Carter's early concession, Glad said.

Carter's combative personality also hurt his re-election chances, according to Glad. "Under pressure he almost instinctively goes for the jugular," she said.

Carter's adviser Patrick Caddell had to remind the President during the campaign to focus on negative issues about Reagan, not negative personal attacks, Glad said.

Carter may have appeared stiff during his debate with Reagan because he was trying to control himself from taking potshots at his opponent, according to Glad.

While Carter's campaign emphasis on Reagan's faults was unsuccessful, Reagan's countermove was "strategic," Glad said.

Reagan's advisers told him to remain silent in the face of Carter's attacks so that he would give the image of being above mudslinging, she said.

Near the end of the campaign, several factors combined to cause Carter's downfall.

First, many liberals who had supported Carter in 1976 were not satisfied with some of his conservative policies while he was in office.

In a last-ditch attempt to win back some liberal support, Carter began giving large amounts of money to many interest groups, Glad said.

CFA chairman: Student fees probably will go up

By Patti Gallagher

Although the Committee on Fees Allocations has not formally begun to consider the budgets for student fee-users, the CFA chairman said Tuesday he expects that students fees probably will be increased for the 1981-82 academic year.

Mike Abramson said the budget for the fee users are due before the end of the semester. CFA formerly set Dec. 4 as the budget submission deadline, he said.

Abramson said CFA is now in an educational period. With only two of the 11-member group as previous CFA members, the committee has been using this semester to become familiar with the groups and their budgets.

He said CFA members have been divided into two committees, one to study Fund A budget requests and one to study Fund B.

Fund A users include ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council. Fund B includes the Nebraska Unions, the University Health Center and recreation facilities.

From what he has heard about the new budgets, Abramson said he would expect

the per student fee to be raised next year. Among those groups expected to present increased budgets are the health center, primarily because of a 10 percent employee salary increase, and ASUN for additional programs.

Abramson said that CFA members hope to study the budgets during semester break. They will be holding hearings on the fee-user's budgets by Jan. 15, he said. CFA plans to have the schedule of hearings completed this week.

After the hearings, Abramson said, CFA will make recommendations for changes or deletions if necessary. He said they will try to follow the group's proposals if presented with substantiated reasons.

After CFA considers and approves the budgets, they must be considered and approved by ASUN, the vice chancellor for student affairs, the UNL chancellor, and the NU Board of Regents.

Abramson said they will work with the Commission on Fees, which is currently conducting a survey to determine if students think their fees are being spent properly. He said CFA will include those results in their budget considerations.



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