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**Weather:** Continued mild, but turning windy late in the afternoon with a high of 63 (17C). Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a low of 38 (3C). Wednesday, sunny and beautiful again with a high in the lower 60s (17C).

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## Mondale, Reagan reiterate campaign themes

**Reuter News Report**  
LOS ANGELES — President Reagan, saying Americans have made an amazing comeback under his stewardship, Monday night appealed to voters to reelect him so that he can continue his proclaimed mission of leading the nation to greatness. And Democrat Walter Mondale capped his 24-year-long political career with a final day of campaigning, urg-

ing Americans to hand him an upset over the president Tuesday. In his final plea for support in his battle with Mondale, Reagan said: "Tomorrow we can vote to go forward with an America of momentum or back to an America of malaise." He said his policies would maintain a robust economy, but Mondale would take the country back to an economy "that went bust" when the Democratic

challenger was vice president under Jimmy Carter. "One fact is not debatable — America has made an amazing comeback," Reagan said in a speech taped in the White House Wednesday and broadcast by the major television networks Monday. His speech dealt mainly with his accomplishments and optimistic vision of the future, committing much of the harsh rhetoric

he used in the campaign in attacking Mondale. The Reagan campaign was built around charges that Mondale's policies would nullify the administration's 25 percent tax cut, ruin the economy, weaken military defenses and put the nation's security in jeopardy. In his televised speech, Reagan said that four years ago, when he defeated Carter, "inflation, taxes, interest

rates and crime were all going up; tonight they're coming down. "Our expansion is leading the world to recovery, our alliances are stronger, we are deterring aggression, the Soviets are no longer advancing — and all of that makes peace more secure," he said.

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Hughes takes a break from work among cases of beer.

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## Endorsements don't reflect student view

**By Gene Gentrup**  
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Endorsements of presidential candidates by Big Eight campus newspapers apparently do not reflect opinions of the Big Eight student majority. Besides the Daily Nebraskan, the Iowa State Daily, the Daily Kansan and the Missouri's The Maneater all have publicly endorsed Walter Mondale for president. No Big Eight paper endorsed Ronald Reagan for president, but seven of the eight newspapers said they think Reagan is the choice among students.

A staff member from the Iowa State Daily said, "we asked the question not 'are you better off than you were four years ago,' but rather 'under which candidates will the country be better off for the next four years.'"

He said the paper supports Mondale's policy records on the economy, foreign policy and his quality of justice, but said the general consensus among students is that President Reagan should be elected for a second term.

Dean Kidd, associate editor for The Maneater, said the paper supports Mondale and cited Mondale's concern for disadvantaged people. Kidd cited Reagan's "lack of concern" for the dis-

advantaged. Kidd said the general consensus among Missouri students also indicates a pro-Reagan opinion. The Daily Kansan supports Mondale because he has a "better attitude" than Reagan.

Managing editor, Paul Sevart, said the rhetoric of the issues were so muddled, the final decision came down to which candidate had the better attitude. He quoted from the endorsing editorial: "We oppose Reagan's stand on arms control, Central America, his insensitivity to the poor and his pushing of the moral issues on abortion." Mondale, however, "has a voice of compassion for the oppressed of the country; an intent to protect our rights and protections; and a voice calling out for peace through negotiations, not through covert belligerence or the rapid build-up of nuclear might."

Sevart said 60 to 70 percent of Kansas students support Reagan in the election.

Campus newspapers from Oklahoma, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Colorado did not endorse a candidate. Representatives from each paper, except Colorado, said students at their university appear to be pro-Reagan.

## Election officials expect record voter numbers

**By Jann Nyffeler**  
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More voters than ever before will cast their ballots today in Nebraska and across the nation, two election officials predicted.

Seventy-five percent of nearly 900,000 registered voters in Nebraska will leave their marks today, predicted Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beermann. Past elections have drawn 55 to 60 percent of the registered voters, he said. Beermann said they base their estimates on issues that might draw voters, such as Amendment 4 and the "heated" presidential and senate races. A dozen first class cities in Nebraska will be voting on a local option sales tax, which should increase voter interest, he said.

The number of registered voters in Nebraska has increased by 50,000 since the last election,

Beermann said. Lincoln-Lancaster Election Commissioner Beatty Brasch said 82,808 of Lincoln's 110,411 registered voters will vote. That figure corresponds with Beermann's estimate of 75 percent.

Increased information in the news media about the availability of absentee ballots and ballots for disabled voters is part of the reason for more voters, she said.

More voters also registered earlier this year, she said. Voter registration was down the last few days, Brasch said, a time when it usually increases.

Brasch said she was "very pleased" with the voter registration drive of UNL's Government Liaison Committee. The success of their efforts depends on whether students get out and vote, she said.

## 'Mike' supports alcohol limit

**By Jim Rasmussen**  
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Mike Hughes is a businessman. Like all businessmen, he likes to make a profit. But he'll put his values before profit if he thinks it will help people.

The liquor store owner supports law enforcement efforts aimed at curbing dangerous teenage parties and applauds what he sees as less drinking among college students. Those things may not be good for the liquor business, but as Hughes put it, "they're good changes for society."

Hughes has been serving customers at Mike's O Street Drive-In for almost 11 years. He said he's seen a lot of changes during that time. One of the most recent changes is the movement to stop "kegger parties," where minors drink and sometimes drive.

The Nebraska State Liquor Commission has been discussing proposals which would limit the amount of alcohol a person can buy at one time.

Hughes said he thinks the commission will require people buying more than 20 gallons of alcohol to give their names to liquor store clerks.

"That way, if a party gets busted, the guy who bought the beer will be responsible," Hughes said.

Hughes said the police aren't worried about small parties where only a few kegs are consumed. He said the targets are the big parties in rural areas, sometimes called "woodsies."

"One of these days, two or three kids are going to get killed in an accident," he said. "The day that happens, the guy who bought that beer is going to do some time in jail. You hate to see it, but it could happen."

Hughes said the main part of his business comes from blue collar workers, but he also serves quite a few college students. He said he's seen less drinking among collegestudents the last few years.

"I don't think you see too many people going out and getting totally blitzed," he said. "When I was in school, you were lucky if you could find somebody who wasn't blitzed."

Hughes attended UNL in the early 1970s. The Norfolk native gave football a try, but was cut from the squad. Hughes looks like a football player. His stocky build is complemented by a pair of massive forearms.

Hughes worked in several downtown bars during his years at UNL, and eventually decided he wanted to buy a bar. He said he wound up buying the liquor store instead "because the guy who owned it was broke and had

to unload it cheap."

Hughes said his business is doing well now, but it wasn't always that way.

"Things were very tough at first," he said. "I didn't have a lot of capital. The first thing I did was get rid of all the old employees. I worked the place myself."

Hughes opened the store at 6 a.m. and closed it at 1 a.m. six days a week.

"I slept on Sundays," he said.

Hughes said many people believe liquor stores do well in both good and bad times because they think alcohol is a necessity, something people will always buy. That's bunk, Hughes said.

"If the construction business takes a dive, I lose my blue collar workers," he said. "A guy who normally comes in after work to buy a six-pack is sitting home drinking tea or something. He just doesn't have the money. Liquor isn't a necessity."

Unless, of course, you happen to be an alcoholic. Hughes said 18 percent of liquor stores' business comes from alcoholics. He said he won't serve people who are obviously alcoholics. But it's sometimes hard to tell if a person has a drinking problem, he said. Hughes tells the story of a regular customer he once had, who died.

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