

Weather: Becoming mostly sunny and warm this afternoon with a high of 61 (16C). Wednesday night, cloudy and cooler with a low of 34 (1C). Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers and a high in the upper 50s (12C).
Bob Brubacher/Daily Nebraskan

Lots of letters to the editor...Pages 5, 6 & 7

More election results...Pages 8, 9

Reagan re-elected in landslide win

The Reuter News Report

WASHINGTON — President Reagan Tuesday night won a stunning re-election victory as voters across the nation affirmed their support for his conservative policies and philosophy.

Democrat Walter Mondale, 56, conceded shortly after 10:15 CST. With results reported from 46 of the 50 states, Mondale had yet to win a single one except the District of Columbia.

Reagan was getting about 59 percent of the popular vote to 41 percent for Mondale, one of the biggest leads ever amassed by one presidential candidate over another.

In the electoral college, where 270 of 538 votes are needed to win election, Reagan had 505 votes to three for Mondale, according to unofficial returns and television network projections.

Mondale's dream of a Harry Truman-style upset was shattered by a public clearly satisfied with Reagan's stewardship of the nation.

In Los Angeles, Reagan claimed victory over Mondale amid cheers of "four more years" from hundreds of supporters. "I think that has just been arranged," the president said, grinning.

With his wife, Nancy, and family by his side in the ballroom of the Century Plaza hotel, Reagan declared: "It seems we did this four years ago. Let me just say, well, you know, good habits are hard to break."

He then grew serious, adding: "Our work is not finished...to each one of you I say, tonight is the end of nothing, it is the beginning of everything."

"We set out, I remember, back almost 20 years ago and said we could start a prairie fire here in California. We began to carry a message, a very simple message, the message is, here in America, the people are in charge."

Then he launched into what his first administration had accomplished, saying he was proud of stopping inflation, rebuilding American strength and putting millions of Americans back to work.

"Four years ago, when we celebrated victory, our country was faced with some deep and disturbing problems. But instead of complaining together, we rolled up our sleeves and worked together," he said. He added: "By rebuilding our strength we can come closer to the day when all nations can reduce nuclear weapons and banish them from the earth entirely."

"Let's keep that prairie fire alive — America's best days lie ahead. You know, you'll forgive, I'm going to do it just one more time, 'You ain't seen nothin' yet.'"

A weary but smiling Mondale conceded while polling was still continuing in some West Coast states, telling cheering supporters in St. Paul in his home state of Minnesota he had telephoned Reagan and asking followers not to despair.



Photo Courtesy of The Associated Press

President Reagan

Continued on Page 10

Reagan's magic touch felt by state, local candidates

The Reuter News Report

WASHINGTON — Reagan's magic touch in this election extended down somewhat to Senate, House and even local contests.

His pulling power provided an upset win for Republican Senate candidate Mitch McConnell in Kentucky and first returns from the Democrat-controlled House races showed Republicans gaining.

Reagan may also have helped right-wing Republican Senator Jesse Helms

win re-election in North Carolina, defeating Gov. James Hunt in one of the year's closest races.

However, unofficial returns and television network projections showed the Democrats maintaining control of the House with Republicans possibly cutting their current majority of 99 by 10 or more seats.

At stake in the congressional elections through the nation were all 435 House seats and 33 of 100 Senate seats.

With all but two of the Senate contests decided by early this morning, the Republicans had a net loss of only one seat. They went into the elections with a commanding 55 to 45 margin in Senate.

The Republicans lost a seat vacated by Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker in Tennessee and a seat in Iowa to Tom Harkin. But they picked up the Kentucky seat of Democrat Walter Huddleston.

The seat Harkin picked up for the Democrats was significant since it had

been held by Republican Sen. Roger Jepsen, who was chairman of the Joint House-Senate Economic Committee.

In Kentucky, 42-year-old Republican judge McConnell defeated Sen. Huddleston, who was seeking a third term.

Democratic Rep. Albert Gore Jr. defeated former state Sen. Victor Ashe to win the Tennessee seat vacated by Baker, who has said he plans to seek the 1988 Republican presidential nomination.

Continued on Page 10



David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan

Exon re-elected

Sen. J. James Exon accompanied by his family, informally accepts a second term to the U.S. Senate. Family members include, granddaughter Lindsey, son-in-law Dan Wolf, Exon, daughter Candace Wolf and grandson Evan.

Keeping tabs on race

Turnout pleases majority of students

By Lisa Nutting

Daily Nebraskan Staff Reporter

As the results of the big race became more and more final, most of the UNL students keeping track of the returns near TVs in the Nebraska Union lounge appeared to be more and more happy about the turnout. President Reagan for four more years.

Junior Steve Chizek of Papillion said he voted for Reagan today and four years ago because "first of all, I'm a Republican." Chizek appeared pleased with early results pointing to the Reagan victory.

"There's been a rise in patriotism with Reagan," Chizek said. "He's got strong foreign policy — he doesn't get pushed around."

When comparing the policies of the Democrats and the Republicans, Chizek said he thinks Republican policies are more moral — a characteristic both important and weighty in pulling votes.

Like many students, Chizek said Mondale's policies, especially regarding taxes, turned him against the Democrat. "I'm not going to vote for a tax increase."

Brenda Lightbody, a political science major from Lincoln, a Mondale supporter, appeared disappointed but not surprised by the results.

"I'm obviously a minority," Lightbody said.

Lightbody said she thinks Reagan was "overwhelmingly too popular," for a balanced election. She also said she thinks Mondale was

hurt by his term with Carter, but not by his vice-presidential partner Geraldine Ferraro, the nation's first female vice-presidential candidate.

"She held her own," Lightbody said.

Lightbody said she didn't vote for Reagan because he stands for everything she is against.

"I think he's a Teflon man," she said. "Nothing sticks. He's a campaign of images, not issues."

Lightbody, who described herself as "an old Democrat," said she still believes Mondale was the better man.

"I think he's more realistic of what this country is about," she said.

Sam Mureithi, one of UNL's many international students, said he would have voted for Reagan if he could have. Mureithi is a senior life sciences major from Kenya, Africa.

"As far as I'm concerned, I've seen him as a strong leader," Mureithi said.

Mureithi said he thinks many Americans have a lot of confidence in President Reagan.

Mureithi said he attributes the Reagan win to the president's "good record."

People are leery to take a chance with Mondale, he said, they feel safe with Reagan.

"From what I've seen, in terms of shaping the economy, I think the future is going to be brighter than we've seen so far," Mureithi said.