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## The Weather

Yesterday	Today
High . . . . . 79	High . . . . . 80
Low . . . . . 49	Low . . . . . 49
Rain . . . . . 0.00 inches	Chance of rain . . . . . 0%

# With election over, business goes on . . .

## Reagan putting economy as nation's top priority

United Press International  
LOS ANGELES — Ronald Reagan says first priority will be the economy and the things he wants to do is institute a freeze on federal employees.  
Reagan also said he intended to reach the major decisions of his presidency as though he would only be in office four years.  
Asked if he planned to serve only one year, Reagan replied: "I have no way of knowing that. I am going to make every decision that has to be made on the basis of only have these four years. I think I sleep better if you do it that way. What is, no decision will be made on the basis of discussing the political ramifications.  
When it will be up to the people to decide at the end of four years if they want you to continue or not."  
In response to a question about his first year, Reagan said, "I would like to put a freeze on hiring of employees to replace who leave government service.  
We did that also in California and found most effective in holding down the growth in the size in government, but I would like to get immediately at the economy program that I have discussed in the campaign to bring an end as quickly as possible to the things that are putting our people out of work."  
Reagan was scheduled to hold his first news conference since the election at 2 p.m. EST today.  
Reagan spent most of his first day as president-elect Wednesday in the seclusion of his Pacific Palisades home, discussing the transition in administrations with running

mate George Bush, who flew in from Houston, and staff members.  
One of Reagan's first acts as the newly elected chief executive will be to confer with President Carter on negotiations to bring the 52 American hostages home from Iran, said Chief of Staff Edwin Meese.  
"We will work out a way in which to cooperate in any fashion that might help our national interest and help in getting the hostages home," Meese said at a news conference.  
Meese said there is no agreement yet on how Carter and Reagan will work together on the hostage situation "because the two gentlemen just talked last night."  
Among the names already mentioned for the Reagan team that will move America from a Carter administration to a Reagan administration, is that of Richard V. Allen, the senior foreign affairs adviser who dropped out of the campaign after he was accused of using Nixon administration ties to promote his consulting business.  
Lyn Nofziger, Reagan's press secretary, confirmed that Allen, who has denied the accusation, would be a member of the transition team. Reagan has said he has "full confidence" in Allen and aides said there is no truth to the allegations of impropriety.  
Other members of the national security transition group will be Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., former Florida Democratic Sen. Richard Stone, and prominent Washington attorney Edward Bennett Williams, Reagan aides said.  
At the news conference, Meese said Reagan would be spending time both in California and Washington, D.C., during the two and a half months until his Jan. 20 inauguration.

## World watching U.S.

United Press International  
Washington, the nation and the world are looking for the meaning of America's "turn to the right" 1980 election that put Ronald Reagan into the White House and a conservative Republican majority into the U.S. Senate.  
The nation's capital, which has seen 39 presidents come and go in the last 189 years, awaited the arrival of the triumphant Republicans with detachment that masked below-the-surface jockeying for preferred places in the new administration.  
Across the country, the voters waited for concrete evidence of the change they mandated in giving Reagan a crushing electoral vote landslide and, for the first time in a quarter century, partial GOP control of Congress.  
And foreign governments watched with varying degrees of interest and anxiety for signs of change in the American role in world affairs, especially in the U.S. approach to the Soviet and Chinese superpowers.  
The first indications could come quickly: Reagan conferred Wednesday with running mate George Bush and scheduled his first news conference as president-elect this afternoon (2 p.m. EST) in Los Angeles.  
President Carter talked to reporters in the White House Wednesday before taking some time off. He made clear there were still some accomplishments on his agenda in the 10 weeks left before he rides with Reagan to the inaugura-

tion stands on Capitol Hill Jan. 20.  
"I will do everything I can to work with Governor Reagan," the defeated Democrat said. "But I will be president for the next two and a half months until he takes office."  
Carter specifically mentioned continuation of his efforts to free the 52 American hostages in Iran, which has made the first concrete proposals for their release since the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was seized a year ago.  
Carter did not offer his own predictions of what would change under Reagan, except to say, "I have a firm belief that Governor Reagan will do his utmost to keep the peace."  
That issue was of vital interest abroad, where Reagan's campaign proposal to junk the SALT II treaty and seek a better arms limitation agreement with Russia had caused some concern.  
Most of the major U.S. allies offered what diplomatic observers called "pro forma" congratulations to Reagan, with perhaps the most enthusiastic coming from Britain's Conservative Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.  
The Soviet Union pledged continued efforts to maintain good relations, but said the fate of SALT II was a factor. China, which was upset early in the campaign by Reagan's proposal to improve U.S. relations with Taiwan, issued a rather blunt warning against harming the current Peking-Washington ties.

## Carter taking time off to plan transition

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Carter is taking a few days off at Camp David to ponder his future outside the White House and to make plans for a smooth transition of power to Ronald Reagan.  
But he made it clear in an Oval Office meeting with White House reporters before taking off for the mountaintop hideaway Wednesday that he is still in charge and will be until Jan. 20.  
"I'm going to stay at Camp David off and on, probably, for about a week," Carter said, adding he would be returning to the White House several times to meet with his advisers.  
Carter designated White House Chief of Staff Jack Watson to stay in touch with Reagan's transition team and to ease the way for a Reagan presidency.  
He said he is preparing an agenda of the bases he must touch before leaving office, including preparation for a special session of Congress this month. He also will be meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Nov. 13, hoping to keep the Middle East peace momentum going.  
"I feel very much at ease and look forward to getting a few days rest, and I want to go out of this office in two and a half months and make this, hopefully, the best two and a half months of the whole administration," he said.  
He said he and his wife Rosalynn will have "a chance to talk about what we want to do."  
Carter appeared to have no major regrets and said he hopes that his achievements,

particularly in foreign policy, will become more clear to the American people as the years go on. He said he did not think the election was a rejection of him personally.  
He seems to be at peace with himself and looking forward to his future after the White House and writing his memoirs.  
He said he believes that Reagan, despite campaign promises, will be hamstrung by many of the same problems he faced, including "inexorable historical movements that we don't have control over as we formerly did."  
Carter said he did not think the presidency itself is in trouble, saying it is "still strong and intact."  
"If we have failed, I think it's in not getting across to the public the significance of these key issues that we have addressed," he said.  
Asked if he was looking forward to being free of the burden, he said, "Well, in a way. There's no way to escape day or night."  
"Somewhere in the world something is going on about which you have to be concerned," he added. "I have not found it to be onerous. It has been a very gratifying experience for me. I've looked forward to each day with anticipation. I've never approached even the most serious crisis with a sense of dread, but obviously for someone else to be dealing with the routine duties will be a relief."  
"And I'd like to contemplate about history and perspective and where our nation goes from now. Still, like I said (on election night), I love this country, its people, and the election hasn't affected that feeling."

## Seals & Crofts to give bonfire performance

The MSC Town Hall committee has contacted Seals & Crofts for a Bonfire concert Nov. 25.  
Tickets go on sale at the Rudder Box Office Thursday, Nov. 13, for \$7.50, \$7 and \$5.  
Option pass holders may get their tickets today through Wednesday.

## Atlanta asks FBI to help find killer

United Press International  
ATLANTA — Two FBI agents joined the search today — temporarily — for a killer terrorizing the black community, but Mayor Maynard Jackson angrily insisted the city needs full-time support from the feds to solve the murders of 11 children and the disappearance of 4 others.  
At a "Day of Reconciliation" memorial Wednesday, Maynard lashed out at the FBI before joining a crowd of 200 who linked hands at the Central City Park amphitheater, praying for the victims. March bells tolled in the distance.  
Maynard said he had urged FBI officials in Washington on at least four occasions to help the city's 35-member task force.

## Iran says Reagan's victory could delay hostage release

United Press International  
The head of Iran's hostage investigating panel predicted the release of the 52 Americans will take longer because of President Carter's loss to Ronald Reagan, and he revived the threat of spy trials for the captives if Iran's four conditions are not met.  
"We would have finalized the matter earlier if Carter had been re-elected," Hojatoleslam Musavi Khoini, deputy speaker of Iran's parliament, was quoted as saying Wednesday, the day that the dimensions of Reagan's stunning victory became known.  
Tehran radio said Khoini, head of the commission which investigated the hostages, told Greek television that Reagan's election "has no effect on the issue of the hostages," but a solution "will take longer because Reagan has only just taken over."  
In fact, Reagan assumes office Jan. 20, leaving the Carter administration 10 weeks to deal with the hostage dilemma, and Wednesday Algerian Ambassador Redha Malek, the U.S. intermediary with Iran, met for one hour with Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Malek told the United States is still studying the Iranian conditions for the hostage release — a pledge not to interfere in Iranian affairs, dropping financial claims against Iran, freeing Iranian assets frozen in the UNVITED States and a move to return the wealth of late Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.  
But Khoini said if the conditions are not met, the hostages will stand trial — a threat that has been repeated intermittently as the 369-day hostage drama has been played out.  
State Department spokesman John Trattner in Washington made no comment on Khoini's remarks that Reagan's election would delay release of the hostages, now a year and two days in captivity.  
Carter has said he would dedicate the remaining 10 weeks of his presidency to bringing the hostages home. In Los Angeles, a senior Reagan adviser said although there is no agreement yet between them on a joint approach, both sides have expressed a desire to work together.

## Lame duck session to be short

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — With the new Senate firmly under Republican control and the House governed only by a shaky Democratic majority, the lame duck session of the current Congress promises to be short and unproductive despite a pile of pending legislation.  
The lame duck session — now being called the "dead duck" session — begins Nov. 12 with numerous bills still hanging, including the fiscal 1981 budget and all government money bills.  
Rep. Bob Michel, R-Ill., now No. 2 in the House GOP leadership and a candidate for the top spot in the new House, suggested that all remaining legislation be postponed until the new Reagan-era Congress meets next year, with the government continuing to run under a temporary continuing resolution.

"I would think we would have to explore the possibility of a caretaker resolution," said Michel in a telephone interview from his Peoria home.  
Senate GOP leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, who vowed he would be re-elected and become majority leader of the new Senate, said he would like to work on the budget and major appropriations bills now, but put off any other substantive legislation — including a tax cut — until the new 97th Congress next year.  
Congress has given final action to none of the appropriations bills that are necessary to run the government during the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. Nor has it passed a budget resolution for the current fiscal year.

## Senate votes down alcohol bill

# MSC Basement to go suds-less

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
Battalion Staff  
The student senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to keep beer out of the MSC Basement.  
The Basement Competitiveness Resolution was defeated by a 54 to 18 vote after limited debate. A motion to reconsider the vote was also defeated.  
The bill asked that the senate recommend that permission be granted for the MSC Basement to apply for a permit to sell beer on weekends. The bill's purpose was to increase the MSC Basement's ability to compete with similar off-campus establishments serving alcohol.  
The cons brought out in debate against serving beer were:  
It would change the crowd that goes to the Basement, said Ward II Senator Rick Seger.  
It would degrade the quality of entertainment and would generate a lot of trash, said Aston/Dunn Senator Scott Hall.  
Tom Esselburn, college of agriculture senior senator, said arguments which say the MSC Basement is not a part of the MSC because it has a separate entrance and Corps of Cadet members are not required to wear uniforms are not valid. "You don't have to be a building construction major to see that the Basement is a part of the MSC," Esselburn said.  
It might set a precedent for selling alcohol in other places on campus, said Tracy Cox, vice president for finance. Also, Cox said, people go there because there is

no beer. "Something is wrong with the Basement if selling beer is the only way to increase attendance," he said.  
Supporters of the bill said during debate:  
"This is something that will help the MSC Basement," said Julie Spinn, vice president for rules and regulations. "It will help attract better entertainment and provide better service to students."  
Pat Pearson, Ward II senator, said serving beer in the MSC might create an alternative to the overcrowded Northgate bars.  
Janet Colub, graduate off-campus senator, said the senators needed to be a little more realistic. "It sounds like Aggies are a bunch of teetotalers."  
The vote came after these few arguments.  
No action was taken on any of the other bills on the agenda.  
The Row Indication of TAMU Parking Lots which would put row markers in nine of the larger parking lots is being held in committee until the end of the semester.  
Two of the bills were withdrawn.  
The Ticket Distribution Bill attempted to guarantee good football seats for seniors by issuing tickets only from certain sections on senior draw day. Sponsor Brian Shepherd said he withdrew the bill because "I decided that it wouldn't do any good."  
The Drill Field Memorial Bill recommended replacing the plaques on the oak trees surrounding the drill field. These trees serve as memorials to the Aggies who died in World War I. Eric Langford, vice president for student

services, said this is already being done by Gen. Ormond Simpson, University assistant vice president for student services, and his staff.  
The senators heard three bills on first reading, which means that unless placed on emergency no action can be taken.  
The Happy Hour Bill would extend the "happy hours" when students can run computer programs without charge from the current 7:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday to 5:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Bill sponsor Steve Crumley said "this would increase the availability of computer times and decrease waiting lines."  
The bill also recommends that printed information about all computer facilities' locations and hours be distributed through computer-related classes.  
Also, the Enhancement of Silver Taps Bill recommends the closing of all campus-wide facilities from 10 to 11 p.m. when Silver Taps is being held. Bill sponsor Cox said he originally wrote the bill to stop any intramural events, but extended it to include other source of noise during the ceremony.  
The Campus Beautification Bill recommends that appropriate action be taken to clean up the rut paths around campus created by continuous pedestrian traffic. The worst areas are the two paths by the fish pond and the one behind the Zachry Engineering Center, sponsor Cox said.



Photo by Greg Gammon

## But it doesn't mean me . . .

Apparently bicyclers tend to disregard the no parking sign behind Heldenfelds Hall. The sign requests that the space remain clear for wheelchair, delivery and emergency evacuation access.

## Mao Tse-Tung widow formally indicted

United Press International  
PEKING — China said today a formal indictment of treason against the widow of Mao Tse-tung and other conspirators has been handed to a special court to open the way for their long-awaited trial.  
The announcement of the indictment was the last legal obstacle to the trial of Jiang Qing, three other members of the notorious "Gang of Four" and six followers of the late Defense Minister Lin Biao.  
The long-awaited trial is now expected to open within the next few days after several further technicalities are fulfilled.  
The official Xinhua news agency said the prosecutor's office handed the indictment to the special court which was now examining the document outlining several charges of treason against the defendants.  
This examination will conclude "in a couple of days" when the indictment will then be served on the defendants themselves. The trial will start about seven days after that.