**Nation**

Anderson to appear in variant debate — Using delayed tape, the Turner Broadcasting System intends to “include” independent presidential candidate John Anderson in the upcoming Reagan-Carter debate. Anderson, appearing before a live audience, will answer the same questions the two party candidates will, at the same time. Turner’s company will then splice Anderson’s replies into their regular broadcast. To the viewer, the live program will then appear as if all three candidates are each in turn answering each of the questions.

Carter, Reagan even in poll — President Carter and Ronald Reagan are “essentially even,” according to a New York Times/CBS News poll released yesterday. The Carter gains were attributed to increased support among swing voters who identified with the Democratic Party in 1976. Carter was given 50 percent support among the probable electorate, compared to 38 percent for Reagan and 9 percent for Anderson.

**Local**

MIT, Harvard profs endorse Carter — President Carter is “better qualified, . . . sounder, and more responsible” than Ronald Reagan, according to a statement signed by a group of MIT and Harvard professors Wednesday. The statement says that Carter has made mistakes, but claims that Ronald Reagan’s positions are “potentially damaging” to the future of the country. Signing the letter from MIT were John Deutch, Robert Solow, Lester Thurow, and Phyllis Wallace.

—By Rich Nulz and Jay Glass

**Weather**

After early morning lows in the middle 30’s, winds will shift to the northeast. Skies will be variably cloudy with highs near 51. Mild tonight with lows in the mid 40’s. Becoming cloudy, wet, and generally dismal on Saturday. Light rain early in the day will become heavier by evening. Highs near 50. Lows in the 40’s. Rain should end by morninig Sunday. Skies will turn partly sunny with highs in the 50’s.

抽查 of rain near 0 percent today, near 100 percent yesterday, and 40 percent Sunday.

—By James Franklin

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