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Gas shortage, layoffs caused by bitter cold

Unrelenting cold hung on Sunday in areas of the Midwest and East already reduced to semidormancy by weeks of subzero temperatures that gulped the nation's energy reserves at an alarming rate and left almost 2 million persons out of work.

Temperatures again dropped below zero from the northern Rockies across the upper half of the Mississippi Valley, the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley into the northern Atlantic Seaboard.

The federal government and states marshaled forces to deal with the multitude of problems caused by shortages of natural gas, electricity, heating oils, essential parts for making automobiles, salt for cutting ice on highways and other items which fell prey to the Great Deep Freeze of 1977.

President Carter donned heavy underwear and made a flying trip to hard-hit Pittsburgh in order to demonstrate to Americans that "we're all in this (the weather-energy battle) together."

"It's going to get worse instead of better," he said of the energy shortage.

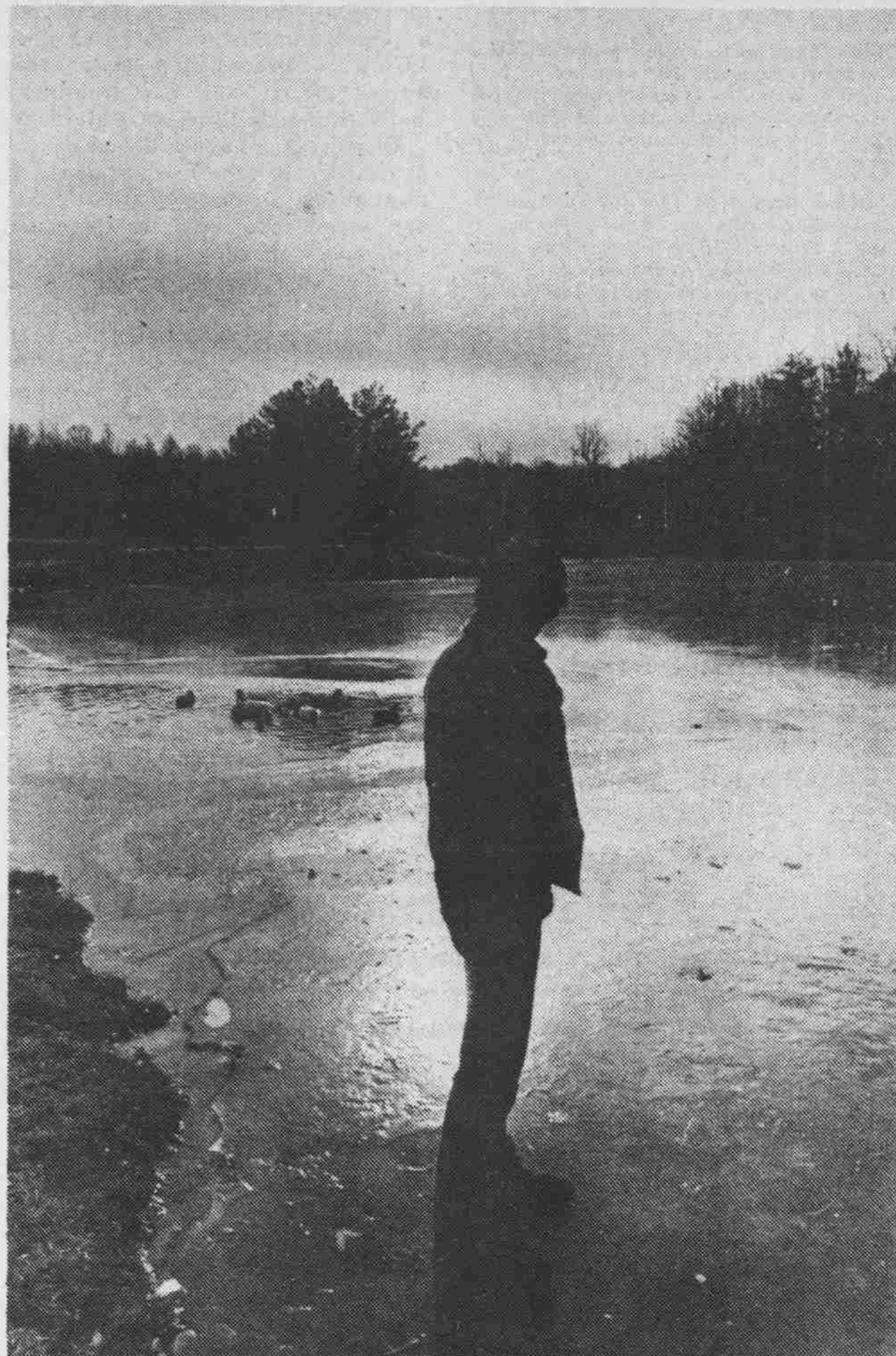
Carter declared Pennsylvania and New York—two of the nation's most populous and industrialized states—federal disaster areas Saturday. It was his first such proclamation since a devastating combination of bitterly cold weather and heating fuel shortages gripped the eastern half of the United States.

Florida will be declared a disaster area Monday, Carter said, a move triggering immediate federal assistance.

A delegation of North Carolina legislators will meet with President Carter and Congressmen Tuesday to press for relief from the state's natural gas shortage, but none of the legislators were optimistic about getting any immediate help.

The delegation, led by Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and House Speaker Carl Stewart Jr., will be pushing for passage of legislation to allow Carter to divert natural gas surpluses to areas suffering shortages.

North Carolina's natural gas supplies have been curtailed 70 per cent by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., which is the state's only supplier.



Staff photo by Charles Hardy

Ducks cavort on the pond while the young man shivers in the cold. The recent Arctic air masses have frozen most local ponds, giving ducks few places to paddle about. Authorities warn however, that most ice is not frozen thick enough to walk on, perhaps keeping this fellow from venturing out into the middle.

Stewart loses appeal on tenure decision

by Tony Gunn
Staff Writer

David Stewart, assistant professor of geology, has failed to prove to a substantial certainty that his denial of tenure was based on a violation of his right to freedom of speech or on personal malice, the Faculty Hearings Committee ruled Saturday.

"We were satisfied the geology department didn't fire him because of freedom of speech or personal malice," said Daniel H. Pollitt, acting chairperson of the committee. Their job, he said, was not to determine whether Stewart deserved tenure but to make sure tenure was not denied him for those reasons.

Stewart said Sunday that the committee's decision was predictable.

"The regulations are such that no professor can win his case. It has never happened, and it never will until they (the tenure regulations) are scrapped."

Stewart said he is considering taking his case to court. He said he would also contact the American Association of University Professors, who might send an investigative team to look into the University's tenure and academic freedom policies.

Stewart may still be able to appeal to the chancellor and then to the Board of Trustees.

Pollitt said that while the hearings committee had followed the rules, the rules may need revision. "This was their first test," he said. "We'll try to find a couple of things that need improving."

One of those items, he said, was to give a longer explanation of their decision rather than a simple, unelaborated statement, which the tenure regulations required.

The committee plans to meet in two weeks and make recommendations for revision.

Roy L. Ingram, chairperson of the geology department, declined to comment on the specifics of the case, but he said Stewart was treated fairly during the entire process.

"I'm really heartened to know the

committee cares," Stewart said. "I hope every professor in my situation appeals. In the end it's going to help."

Stewart said he still did not know the complete reasons for the nonrenewal of his contract. "It's very clear that I do a good job of undergraduate teaching. But the University does not count that."

"In my case it's publish or perish. I think it's a ripoff to students paying thousands of dollars for mediocre teachers."

"I have come to realize how impossible it is to fight the system," Stewart said. "It's very difficult to obtain. And even then, he said, one never has a full review."

A case can only be made on three grounds:

violation of the right to freedom of speech, discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion or national origin, or personal malice. "If you can't manage to put it in those terms, you don't have a case. It's a handicap to start with."

Approximately a half-dozen of the full geology professors testified Saturday that the episode of last January, with Stewart bringing in California psychic Clarisa Bernhardt to give her prediction of the possible Wilmington earthquake, did not affect their decision not to grant Stewart tenure.

"I had it made until Bernhardt," Stewart said, referring to his chances of obtaining tenure.

ERA is sent to House floor; N.C. may be 36th to ratify

by Charlene Havnaer
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A favorable vote on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Wednesday by the N.C. House Constitutional Amendments Committee will send the amendment to the floor of the House for debate by early next week, according to John Gamble, D-Lincoln, chairperson of the committee.

If passed by the House, the amendment will go to the Senate. A favorable vote there would make North Carolina the 36th state to ratify the amendment. Thirty-eight states must ratify ERA by March 1979, for it to become law.

Orange County legislators, all ERA proponents, said in telephone interviews last week that they anticipated another close vote on the amendment.

In 1973, the Senate rejected ERA by two votes. In 1975, the House defeated it by five votes in the final roll call.

"It (the vote) is going to be mighty close," said Rep. Patricia S. Hunt, D-Orange. House Speaker Carl Stewart, an ERA supporter, may have to cast the tie-breaking vote, she said.

Rep. Edward S. Holmes, D-Chatham, said he thinks the amendment has a good chance of passing in the House, but that it will face a closer vote in the Senate.

A recent poll conducted by the Capitol reporters of seven major N.C. newspapers reported that of the 120 House members, 55 were for ERA, 34 against, 5 leaning for and 12 leaning against. The remaining 14 representatives were either undecided or refused to comment.

"We are confident that we are going to win," said the Rev. Martha Bliss, president of North Carolinians United for ERA. She said pro-ERA forces are counting on support from undecided legislators.

Although ERA proponents seem confident of victory, opponents disagree. Asked if she thought the amendment would be passed, Bobbie Matthews, state co-chairperson of North Carolinians against ERA, recalled the earlier attempts at ratification:

"I keep remembering that I heard the same thing two years ago. Whenever I doubt it, I get out my old newspaper clipping, and read and reread them."

"The newspapers said the same thing then—'This is the year.'"

Neither side has conceded the fight. Both continue lobbying legislators. The pro-ERA forces have hired a professional lobbyist, Raleigh attorney Thomas Barringer. Both sides continue to distribute ERA literature and encourage their supporters to write legislators.

Orange County legislators report receiving large numbers of letters and cards on the issue, most of which favor ratification. Hunt, for example, said she had 400 letters on ERA, four of which opposed the amendment.

Indiana became the 35th state to ratify ERA two weeks ago. The Virginia state legislature, however, rejected the amendment Thursday in a close vote.

Renovations begin at Comprehensive Nursing Care, Inc.

by Robin Clark
Staff Writer

Comprehensive Nursing Care, Inc. received new plaster, paint, furniture and repairs last week, as outlined in a state-ordered plan of renovation that may take more than three months to complete.

Comprehensive Care, Chapel Hill's only nursing home, has been under fire from state authorities and local citizens since it was declared unsafe Jan. 19 by the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

"We've come a long way already, but there's still a ways to go," James Ammons said Sunday. Ammons, who owns the building and the surrounding property, took over operation of Comprehensive Care Tuesday from Nelson Tibbitt. Tibbitt, who leased the business from Ammons, pulled

out under pressure from more than 25 employees who said they would quit if he stayed.

The staff said Tibbitt had cut the home's operating budget to the point of jeopardizing the lives of the 45 elderly patients.

Already, major improvements have been made. Two new tables, a sofa and a chair decorated the home's main lobby Sunday—the first of many additions that will take place during the coming months.

Ammons said water pipes that had frozen and burst during the severe cold weather have been repaired and reinsulated. Electrical problems, which once kept the home's older wing in darkness as many as six hours a day, have been fixed, too, Ammons said.

Ammons blamed the crisis at Comprehensive Care not only on Tibbitt,

but on years of bad management and shabby repair work.

"Of course, Tibbitt was the owner and he should have kept up better with his managers," Ammons said, "but Tibbitt was putting enough money into this place to run a first-class nursing home. It just was grossly mismanaged and misspent."

Tibbitt could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Ammons said the former management spent \$1,000 on a modern typewriter to do office work that took 15 minutes a day, and then complained that no money was left for medical needs.

Some supplies were stockpiled in enormous quantities, Ammons said, while other needs were neglected. Ammons cited as an example a new call system that was installed last year at a cost of more than

\$5,000. Ammons said the old one could have been repaired at a savings of more than two-thirds.

Ammons also said that careless repairmen working on the plumbing and electrical systems had caused more problems than they had alleviated.

"One maintenance man who knew what he was doing could've fixed the electrical problems in a couple of hours."

Ammons blamed ruptured water pipes on repairmen, too. He said the plumbers who fixed the frozen pipes left the insulation off one of the pipes, so that it froze and ruptured again.

Ammons' first move Tuesday was to replace Chief Administrator C. Benjamin Smith with Ammons' daughter-in-law, Christine Ammons. Three of Smith's assistants also were fired.

Already, Ammons' management has gained support among the families of the patients.

The relative of one elderly patient said Saturday: "The changes I saw take place in 48 hours under (Christine) Ammons are like night and day."

"When I went over there Thursday, my grandmother, who hadn't wanted to come out of her room to the dining room or anywhere else in a long, long time, was sitting by the front window."

Other relatives have expressed similar sentiments, Ammons said, and the staff, its wages raised, no longer intends to quit Feb. 13.

"It's a long haul and we're finding new problems every day," Ammons said, "but we won't stop till these patients are getting the very best care that we can give them."

25 men eyed for dean of Arts of Sciences Committee seeks successor

by Merton Vance
Staff Writer



Dean Gaskin

A student-faculty committee is in the process of narrowing down a list of 25 nominees, all male, to replace James R. Gaskin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who will resign that post June 30 to teach English full time.

The committee of 10 faculty members and three students began its search this fall by asking faculty members for nominations. Twenty-eight nominees agreed to be considered, and their names were sent to faculty and student groups for comments and recommendations.

Three of the nominees have since asked that their names be withdrawn. All nominees are members of the UNC faculty.

The committee will narrow its list to between three and six names before submitting it to Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, who will make the final selection.

Taylor has asked the committee to give him the list no later than March 1.

The committee has been meeting regularly in closed sessions to consider the qualifications of the nominees.

One member of the committee said that many faculty members and student groups have suggested their favorites for the post and given the committee comments on the qualifications of various nominees.

The absence of women on the list has drawn some criticism.

"When Gaskin decided to resign, there were hopes that a woman might get the position," said Sallie Shuping, chairperson of the Association for Women Students. "I think that there are qualified women in this faculty," she said, adding that she had hoped to see at least one woman nominee.

An ad hoc committee of students from the YM-YWCA and Student Government sent a letter to the committee suggesting criteria for selecting the new dean.

Among the suggestions were recommendations that the nominees be persons who favor improved personal contact among students and faculty members and who are interested in imaginative and innovative curricula and teaching methods.

The committee members said in the letter that they arrived at their list of criteria after meetings with faculty and students.

The Campus Y and Student Government committee recommended Samuel R. Williamson, Samuel F. Wells and John H. Schutz for the post. The names have been sent to the search committee for consideration.

"We thought this was a very

important issue," said James Smalley, associate director of the Campus Y. "Of course, these recommendations are from a student perspective and the faculty members might have different criteria," he said.

He said that the committee members thought that any one of the three nominees they recommended would be acceptable.

The search committee has also asked for input from the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, Student Government and the three students on the search committee.

A student-faculty committee is reviewing a list of 25 individuals who have been nominated and have expressed a willingness to be considered for dean of the College of Arts and Sciences:

Christopher M. Armitage
Department of English
Frederic P. Brooks
Department of Computer Sciences
Joseph A. Cima
Department of Mathematics
Gordon B. Cleveland
Department of Political Science
James H. Crawford Jr.
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Dirk Frankenberg
Curriculum in Marine Science

John Gulick
Department of Anthropology
Ross D. Hall
Department of Germanic Languages
John I. Harrison
Department of Chemistry
Don R. Higginbotham
Department of History
Richard G. Hiskey
Department of Chemistry
Roy L. Ingram
Department of Geology
H.E. Lehman
Department of English
George Lensing Jr.
Department of English
James R. Leutze
Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense

Lewis P. Lipsitz
Department of Political Science
Charles Ludington Jr.
Department of English
John H. Schutz
Department of Religion
Tom K. Scott
Department of Botany
George V. Taylor
Department of History
Daniel A. Textoris
Department of Geology
Gerald Unks
School of Education
Frederick W. Vogler
Department of Romance Languages
Samuel F. Wells Jr.
Department of History
Samuel R. Williamson
Department of History

Final candidate list set for spring elections

by Karen Millers
Staff Writer

The 1977 Spring Elections ballot was completed Friday night as candidates turned in their petitions to the Elections Board.

Seven candidates are officially in the race for student body president—Hugh Halsey, Mike Hickman, Tal Lassiter, Mark Miller, Bill Moss, Joe Roberts and Rob Lyman from the Blue Sky Party.

The Blue Sky Party had originally planned to run a triumvirate, but an elections law states that no more than one person may hold the office at one time. The party obtained petition signatures for the triumvirate which later eliminated Robin McWilliam and Mike Penny, filing only Lyman's name. Lyman may be disqualified because the signatures were obtained for all three names.

Gary Mason, who had announced his

candidacy for student body president, instead filed for the office of Carolina Athletic Association president.

For *Daily Tar Heel* editor, the candidates are Sam Fulwood, Greg Porter and Mike York.

CAA president contenders are Gary Mason, Wes Minton and David Royle.

Bain Jones is running unopposed for Residence Hall Association chairperson.

There are no candidates for president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

There will be a three-way race for president and vice president of the senior class. Candidates are Mike Egan (president) and Marty Lagod (vice president), Allen Graham and Allen McCallem, and Jeff Price and Doug Markham.

Mary Jo Southern is unopposed for the office of senior class secretary, and no one filed for senior class treasurer.

The following have filed for district seats in the Campus Governing Council (CGC):

District 1, Jay Clark; District 2, David Hackleman; District 3, Glenn Peck; District 5, Darius G. C. Moss; District 7, Diane V. Shafer and Bryan Wirwicz; District 8, Gus Lehouck; District 9, Chuck Morgan and Barbara Huffman; District 10, Gordon Tobias Cureton; District 11, K. B. Kelley, Richard Bostic, Kent Brewer and Moses Umphlett; District 12, Sonya Lewis; District 13, David Hopkins and Chip Cox; District 14, Bob Long; District 15, Betsy Lindley and Christopher Capel; and District 20, Kim Jenkins.

No candidates have filed for districts 4, 6, 16, 17, 18 or 19. CGC representatives in those districts will be chosen on the basis of write-in votes.