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Today will be partly cloudy and windy, with a high of 48. Sunny skies are predicted for Saturday, with temperatures in the 50s.

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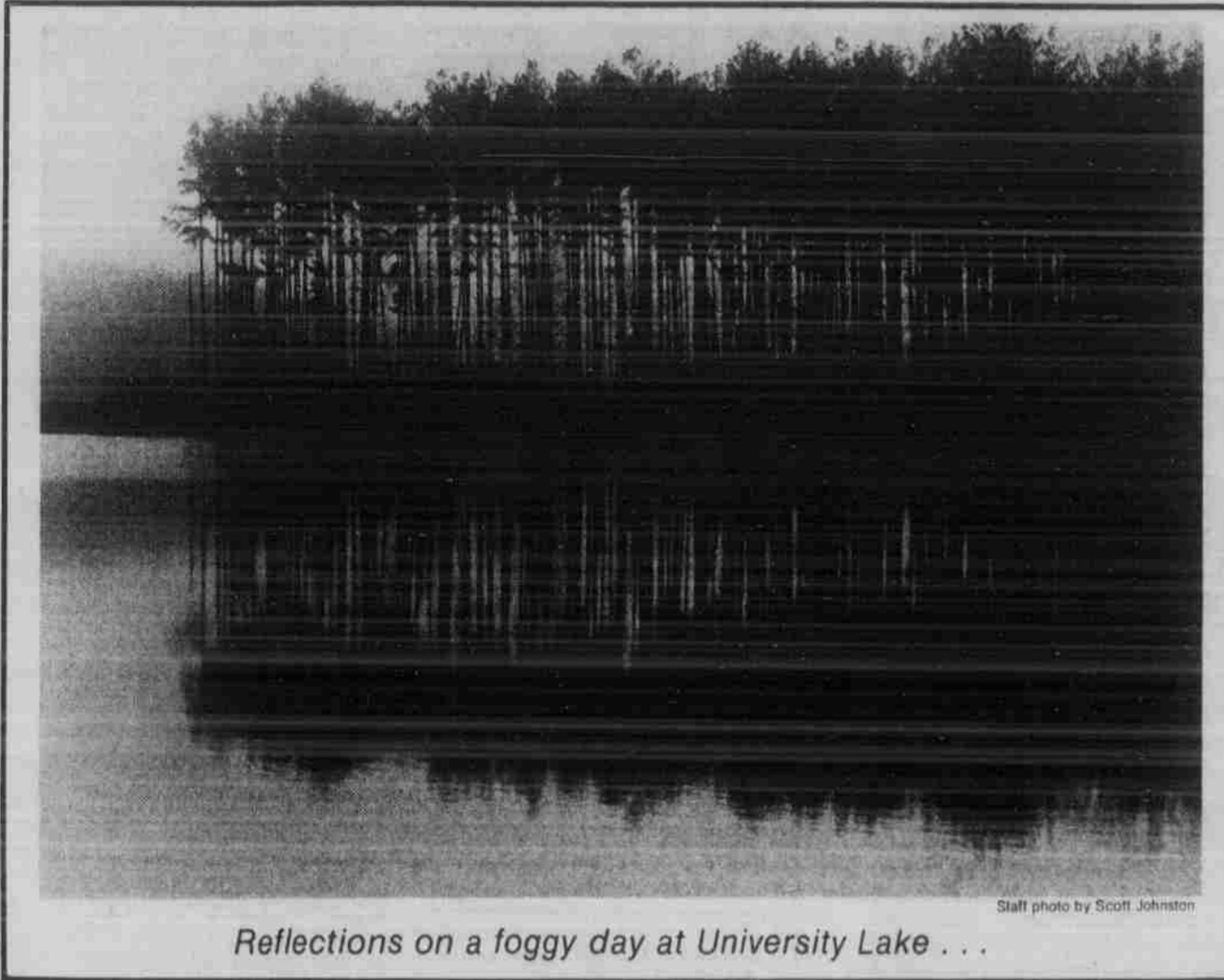
Today is Saint Patrick's Day. Watch out if you're not wearing green, you're liable to get caught in a pinch.

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Reflections on a foggy day at University Lake . . .

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Senate approves first canal treaty

By United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Senate narrowly ratified the Panama Canal neutrality treaty Thursday, handing President Jimmy Carter a major political triumph in his bitterly controversial bid to give the waterway to Panama in the year 2000.

The vote was 68 to 32, just one more than the 67 needed to ratify.

Carter seemed pleased but restrained in the White House press room 30 minutes after the vote, saying he is confident the Senate will show the same foresight next month when it votes on the treaty turning the canal over to Panama.

Relinquishing the canal is an explosive election-year issue. But Carter, his political and foreign policy reputation on the line, marshaled key administration forces to crisscross the nation urging ratification.

In a brief statement following the vote, Carter congratulated the Senate for its "courageous" action.

"The vote is, of course, only a first step," Carter said.

The neutrality treaty was just the first of the bitter struggles over relinquishing the canal. Now comes what some supporters consider even more controversial — actually giving the canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999.

North Carolina's senators voted on opposite sides and had equally opposite views on whether the second part of the treaty would pass.

"The close vote shows that this was the easy treaty for some senators to swallow," said Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, a leader of anti-treaty forces. "There's no doubt in my mind that the Panama Canal issue is still very much alive."

But Democrat Robert Morgan said that with Thursday's vote the battle over the treaty is essentially won. Morgan predicted next month's vote on whether to yield U.S. control of the canal on Dec. 31, 1999, would pass by a similar margin to Thursday's 68-32 votes.

Helms disagreed. "Several senators who today voted for the neutrality treaty already have told me they can't vote for the other

treaty unless major changes are made," he said. "And the State Department and (Panamanian leader Gen. Omar) Torrijos just aren't going to let that happen."

"It has told him that Congress is a body with a mind of its own," Morgan said. "He just can't send something down here and say 'pass it.'"

The "Great Ditch," as the canal sometimes is called, took 10 years to build at a cost of \$336,650,000. It is 40.27 miles from shore to shore, and 240 million cubic yards of earth were excavated before the shortcut between the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Panama was opened to travel in 1914.

Before the dramatic vote, Carter and his Senate supporters attempted to make the bitter pill more palatable for some fence-straddlers.

By an overwhelming vote, the Senate strengthened U.S. military intervention rights in any Panama Canal emergency, permitting use of military force if the canal ever is shut down for any reason.

Cohen's party status on line

Wallace, Wilson speak out, back Cohen in controversy

By RACHEL BROWN
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill Mayor Jim Wallace and Orange County Democratic Party chairperson Hugh Wilson came to the defense of party officer Gerry Cohen Thursday, criticizing an Orange County resolution calling on Cohen to resign his party position.

"I urge the members of all Chapel Hill precincts to reject such a resolution," Wallace said in a letter to precinct officials.

Orange County member Stewart Barbour Tuesday proposed the resolution for consideration at scheduled countywide precinct meetings Thursday night.

It was not immediately known if any precinct caucuses adopted the resolution.

"To avoid further embarrassment to our party in this election year, Cohen should resign immediately all positions of trust in the Democratic Party," Barbour's resolution said.

Cohen's job with the party is voter registration chairperson. He also is a member of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen.

Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey earlier this month ruled in favor of an Orange County suit charging as many as 10,000 persons, mostly students are illegally registered to vote in Orange County.

Several Orange County members also

filed challenges against the voting rights of 6,000 voters in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, many of them students.

Wallace urged party members to disregard Barbour's resolution, saying both the court suit and the challenges are under jurisdiction of elections officials and the state courts.

"This whole matter will be brought to conclusion through action by the appropriate authorities," Wallace said. "It would be an injustice to all those involved, and to the party, were we to make a judgment on the matter without recourse to all the evidence."

"Far more harm can come to the party by adoption of such a divisive resolution than could ever result from the continuation of the orderly process of inquiry now underway," the mayor said.

Barbour criticized Cohen for disputing Orange County claims that as many as 10,000 UNC students are registered to vote in Orange County. Cohen estimated the figure at 2,000.

Cohen had said earlier that if 10,000 students were registered, he would easily have defeated Wallace when the two squared off in the 1975 mayoral election. Cohen campaigned for the student vote in 1975 and when he was re-elected to the Board of Aldermen last year.

Barbour chastised Cohen for making the comment about the 1975 mayor's race.

In response to Barbour's criticisms of



Mayor Jim Wallace

Cohen, the East Franklin Democratic Precinct Committee Thursday approved a measure acclaiming Barbour as "an honorary harmless eccentric with all the rights and privileges thereof."

East Franklin is a heavily student-populated precinct encompassing several fraternity and sorority houses surrounding Hillsborough Street.

Tardy 'Yack' to arrive Monday

"Barring a trucking accident, a natural disaster or any more acts of God," George Basco, editor of the 1977 *Yackery Yack* said Wednesday, "the 1977 *Yack* will be delivered Monday at 6 p.m."

The '77 *Yack* will be distributed from 6-9 p.m. Monday in the South Gallery of the Carolina Union.

The *Yack* also will be distributed from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday. Final distribution

will be from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday. *Yacks* will not be distributed after Wednesday.

A two-color protective dust jacket will be given out free of charge as long as supplies last.

Persons planning to pick up *Yacks* must present their student ID or other picture identification and their 1977 *Yack* subscription receipt.

Students who did not subscribe to the 1977 *Yack* but would like to be eligible to purchase surplus copies should sign up on the sheet posted in the *Yack* office. Books will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to those who register, limited by the number of available surplus copies.

The 1978 *Yack* will be on sale during distribution of the 1977 *Yack* for \$10, with a \$1 mailing charge to seniors.

Ackland art innovator Sloane retires

By CAROL HANNER
Staff Writer

"I'm ready now for a small taste of irresponsibility," said Dr. Joseph Sloane.

He will retire this spring after 20 years of responsibility as director of Ackland Art Museum, a UNC professor of art history and a nationally known art authority.

The Ackland museum's current exhibition of French 19th-century oil sketches is in honor of the retiring director who specializes in that period. It has received international publicity. (A review of the exhibit will appear in the *DTH* Monday).

Sloane, 68, has directed Ackland since its beginning in 1958.

"Before I came here, I was chairman of the art history department at Bryn Mawr College (near Philadelphia, Pa.). I'd been there for 20 years and was perfectly contented. It never crossed my mind that I would end up in the South," Sloane said.

He turned down the museum directorship the first time it was offered to him but changed his mind a few months later.

"My family had had enough of living on

the Main Line in Philadelphia, and I had decided this museum was one more big job worth doing," he said.

Establishing Ackland as a quality art museum wasn't easy.

"At first I was chairman, director, professor — everything but janitor," he explained.

Sloane still performs a variety of duties. He is responsible for the overall policy of the museum and acts as a liaison with the University to decide museum finances, programming and personnel.

Sloane also works with the museum curator, John Wisdom, and art department chairperson Richard Judson to select new works for the museum.

Sloane periodically travels to New York City to search for purchases to fill the gaps in the museum's collection and fit its financial budget.

The museum's advisory board then works with Sloane, Wisdom and Judson to choose anywhere from four-10 new works each year.

The result of Ackland's 20 years of growth is a collection that Sloane said is "probably one of the top three or four museums in the

United States, among relatively new university museums.

"Of course, in my heart of hearts I think it's the best," he added.

"We can show students something of quality from every period."

"If we have a weakness, it's in the contemporary field, probably because we've chosen works from earlier periods which are rapidly becoming too expensive for us. We couldn't afford most of the works we have in our museum if we had to buy them over again."

"I've been able to collect art on a scale I could never reach as a private collector," he said.

Sloane said he has enjoyed teaching more than any other responsibility.

"I came from a family of teachers," he said. "I've enjoyed the students, and I'm also proud that we had the first art department in the South to have a doctorate program in art history."

Sloane and his wife plan to stay in Chapel Hill after he retires. He will continue to work



Joseph Sloane, who played a large part in the establishment of Ackland as a quality art museum, is stepping down after 20 years as the museum's director but will stay in Chapel Hill.

with the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, of which he is chairperson.

He will also try to have a book published that he has already written. It is a beginner's book on art history for adults.

Sloane will spend next fall teaching art history at Reed College in Oregon.

Expected cost \$9,000 Storm damage severe, campus repair lengthy

By EDDIE MARKS
Staff Writer

It may take as long as nine months to repair the damage done to trees and parking lots by winter ice storms, says Larry Trammel, campus superintendent for the grounds department.

"We've had unusually bad weather this year," Trammel says. "It's been one of the worst."

Trammel says 30 large trees and 50-75 smaller trees on campus were destroyed by ice accumulation this winter.

"The ground was saturated by water from previous rains which made it too soggy to hold the roots when ice weighted down the trees."

"Most of the damage occurred between South Building and Franklin Street, probably because the trees there are older. I'm relieved the Davie Poplar wasn't damaged."

Trammel says the repair process will be lengthy because each tree has to be climbed individually without the use of spikes.

"It's damaging to use spikes on live trees and without them we can do only eight trees a day at best."

Trammel says the ice storms also

created numerous potholes in campus parking lots.

"The weather has made it hard to fix the potholes. You can't put down asphalt when it's raining and if you fill them with gravel it only makes a bigger mud hole."

Repairing the winter damage has delayed other grounds department projects, Trammel says.

"We're supposed to be getting the area around Kenan stadium ready for graduation ceremonies but the weather has really slowed things down."

"It seems like we have about 100 things to do in two days but we'll survive somehow."

Trammel says repairs probably will cost the department \$9,000.

Harold Harris, director of the Chapel Hill public works department, says the town has had similar problems.

"We just finished clearing away the debris from trees this week. We'll probably spend most of the summer fixing the potholes."

Harris says the winter ice storms have hindered the department's other activities.

"This winter was more severe than most. It's changed all our priorities," he says.

WXYC celebrates birthday Saturday; plans give-aways

By EDDIE MARKS
Staff Writer

Radio Free Carolina will be one year old tomorrow.

WXYC (89.3 FM) signed on the air at 5 a.m. March 18, 1977 after a five-year struggle with federal licensing problems. Since then, its progressive rock and jazz format has expanded to 24 hours of commercial-free music per day.

Doug Johnston, WXYC promotions director, said WXYC will celebrate its birthday on Saturday by giving away dinners, albums and cases of beer to its listeners.

Johnston said the station has improved steadily over the past year with new equipment and an enlarged staff. Non-commercial stations such as WXYC are not rated for popularity, but Johnston said the ratings of similar commercial stations in this area have dropped over the past year, indicating listeners may be switching over to WXYC.

One of the newest pieces of equipment at WXYC is a United Press International news wire. Station manager Gary Davis said the

station will use the wire to expand its newscasts to six times a day beginning Monday. Although WXYC has a limited budget, Davis said he feels the \$1400 machine was worth the money.

"Our news will be fresher and more up-to-date now. We used to rely on the morning newspaper for our national and international news."

WXYC has not been without its problems over the past year. Internal disputes caused a shake-up of the station management last fall. But Davis said he feels the station has learned from its problems.

"There's more togetherness on the staff now. There's not any more power struggles between the staff members."

WXYC is staffed by 70 student volunteers. Davis said he welcomes more students to work on the staff but people who want to work as announcers must be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Davis said WXYC is conducting a survey this semester with the help of four business school students to determine the tastes of its listeners. Davis said he will use the completed survey to re-evaluate the station's format.



WXYC celebrates its first anniversary tomorrow with gifts of albums, dinners and cases of beer to listeners. New for the second year, FM 89 will air six daily newscasts starting Monday. Staff photo by Sam Fulwood III.

Dorm residents face crunch; lottery to leave 645 in cold

By ELIZABETH MESSICK
Staff Writer

Are you participating in the general housing lottery today? Good luck. You may be one of the 645 students closed out.

Only six dorms will not be holding room drawings today. There will be no drawings for women in Alexander, undergraduate Craige, Spencer and Winston dorms. Men's drawings will not be held in undergraduate Craige, Ehringhaus and Old East.

The number of men who will be closed out ranges from five in Winston to 75 in Morrison. In women's dorms, the number of residents to be closed out

varies from 11 in Ruffin to 62 in Morrison.

Residence directors will draw cards in each hall for five spaces more than are available. Spaces which are cancelled before April 4 will go to these students.

A drawing for spaces on the central waiting list will be held March 24.

Last year fewer than 400 students were closed out of University housing. After some students withdrew their applications and others cancelled their contracts, everyone on the waiting list was housed. This is no indication that all students will be housed next year. Peggy Gibbs, assistant to the director for housing contracts, said Thursday.