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Hufstедler to head new department

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter chose Shirley M. Hufstедler, a federal appeals court judge, to be the nation's first secretary of education, but held out the possibility Tuesday that she may be named to the Supreme Court if a vacancy occurs there.

The president described Hufstедler, 54, as one of the best minds in the country, and as someone "who could take a new fresh look at the way we educate our children."

UNC President William Friday said although Hufstедler did not have extensive experience with education, he approved of her nomination.

Friday also said because UNC's desegregation dispute with the current Department of Health, Education and Welfare is tied up in administrative proceedings, Hufstедler's appointment should not have any direct bearing on the outcome of the dispute.

"Any future matter will be under the Office of Education," Friday said. "But right now, it is not in their hands."

Carter's decision was reached Monday after he met the California jurist for the first time. Deputy White House press secretary Rex Granum said it was understood in that meeting that Hufstедler will not be precluded from consideration for a high court post.

There is no vacancy on the bench, but Justice William J. Brennan Jr., 73, confirmed last week that he may retire in June or July at the end of the court's current term.

By choosing Hufstедler, who has been a vocal supporter of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, Carter may boost his political standing among women. His aides have criticized Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Carter's rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, as failing to place women in positions of responsibility on his staff.

But the nomination could also give the president political difficulties because he was under pressure to name a member of a minority group to the post.

Carter, in a statement read to reporters by Granum, said that Hufstедler, a member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and one of the best-known women on the federal bench, "is deeply committed to the quality of education and enjoys my full confidence and support."

In a companion statement issued at the White House, Hufstедler, the third woman named to a Cabinet post by the president, said: "The Carter administration has long had a commitment to focusing attention on the real educational needs of our children. This is a commitment I intend to carry out."

"I expect to spend a great deal of time as secretary of education listening to parents, teachers, students and other people who care about education in this nation. The first concern of this country



Chapel Hill Town Council candidates at the UNC Young Democrats Forum Monday night ...park-ride lots, better bus service suggested to ease town, University parking crunch.

Housing, parking

Candidates discuss issues

By PAM KELLEY
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Student problems with housing and parking in Chapel Hill were addressed at a forum of Town Council and mayoral candidates Monday.

The 10 candidates spoke to a group of about 25 people at the on-campus forum, sponsored by the UNC Young Democrats.

Most of the candidates agreed that if the student housing shortage is to be alleviated, the University will have to build additional housing.

"The University must get back in the housing business," Town Council candidate Jonathan Howes said. "It should be the University's responsibility."

Town Council candidate Joseph Straley, a UNC

professor, said UNC got out of the housing business several years ago when it saw that students weren't interested in living in University housing, but now it must get back into it. "And the University should offer something to the students besides a bunch of rooms," he said.

Chapel Hill Mayor James Wallace, who is now running for Town Council, suggested that tax laws be changed to provide incentives to developers who build student housing by giving them a tax break.

"The Comprehensive Plan (a plan of growth for Chapel Hill) has proposals for decreasing housing costs by allowing more compact development," Town Council candidate Bruce Tindall said. "Perhaps it doesn't allow for as much multi-family housing as we need."

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TMI committee calls for basic N-plant change

WASHINGTON (AP)—The presidential commission on Three Mile Island called Tuesday for fundamental changes in the way nuclear plants are built, operated and regulated, but said adoption of its recommendations still would not assure the safety of nuclear power.

The commission told President Carter that a broad range of deficiencies—from licensing and regulating atomic plants to the training of operators—made an atomic accident such as the one at Three Mile Island "eventually inevitable."

The panel called last March's accident the worst to occur at a U.S. commercial nuclear reactor, but said health effects probably were limited to severe mental stress to area residents.

Radiation released was so minor that it may never be possible to detect whether the March 28 accident near Harrisburg, Pa., will cause additional cases of cancer among those who live near the facility, the commission said.

The 12-member panel's findings are advisory and many of its recommendations, including a proposal that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission be abolished, would take congressional approval.

In accepting the report, Carter said the recommendations will be studied very carefully and that, after an analysis, he will make a report to Congress and the nation.

However, members of the commission voiced fears of another serious accident unless there is fast action.

"I have this terrible feeling that somewhere out there is another accident

waiting to happen," said Carolyn Lewis, one of the panel's strongest critics of the nuclear industry.

Theodore Taylor, a nuclear engineer, said, the country would be going through a period of risks until the recommendations are implemented.

Commission Chairman John G. Kemeny and Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt expressed the panel's concerns about the NRC. "No one is running that particular agency," Kemeny declared. "We even have some doubt they are very clear what their mission is."

NRC spokesman Joe Fouchard said the agency would not comment on the criticism until members have a chance to study the panel's report.

Among the recommendations the panel presented to Carter were that: The five-member Nuclear Regulatory Commission be abolished and the job of regulating the industry be placed in a new agency under the executive branch and headed by a single administrator.

Future plants be built in remote areas and that current plants near populated areas be required to adopt stricter safety requirements.

No new construction permits or operating licenses be issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved state and local plans for dealing with a possible nuclear emergency. There are now plants operating in 14 states where the NRC has not approved the plants' emergency plans.

Sorry, just one customer per Chancellor's Award

By CAROLYN WORSLEY
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Chancellor Award recipients have been limited to one person per award, the chairman of the Chancellor's Award Committee said this week.

Organization and departments planning to present awards at the spring semester Chancellor's Award Ceremony will be required to limit the recipients to ensure inclusion in the ceremony.

The limitation went into effect after a disagreement last spring between the Chancellor's Award Committee and two organizations over the multiple-recipient issue.

Limiting an award to one recipient emphasizes the superiority in achievements and performance of the recipient, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James O. Cansler, chairman of the awards committee. "If excellence is important, then you can't dilute it, although singling out one person doesn't mean that others haven't done well," he said.

The committee is asking that criteria for choosing recipients be stated by the sponsoring organization in advance. And the selection process should make it possible and probable to choose a single recipient, Cansler said.

The only exception could occur if more than one person had identical credentials according to previously established selection criteria, Cansler said. This instance occurred last year with the Alpha Chi Sigma (professional chemistry fraternity) Venable Medal, he said.

Departments and organizations unable to comply with the single-recipient stipulation will be asked to present their awards in their own ceremonies since the value of the sponsors' awards criteria would not be consistent with the value the committee assigns to awards included in the Chancellor's Awards Ceremony, Cansler said.

A solution to the dilemma of choosing between two or more excellent and deserving candidates

would be the creation of new awards by the sponsoring organization, Cansler said.

"It is inevitable that there will be a lot of people involved in a lot of activities," he said. "We would like to see them all recognized, but not by diluting one award, but by creating other awards with criteria of more specialized interests. We would do anything we could to help a sponsor establish new awards."

Cansler said the committee had urged the Residence Hall Association to create new awards during a dispute over the number of recipients the organization named for its Roger A. Davis Memorial Award last spring. More awards are needed in the area of campus housing since it involves so many students, he said.

The committee has not considered the possibility of limiting the number of awards an organization could give, but probably would ask that the sponsor set a number of awards "within reason," Cansler said.

A copy of the ruling was sent to all awards sponsors, Cansler said. Two have responded to the committee.

The Chemistry Department expressed agreement and intention to abide with the request but the second respondent, RHA, was not as receptive, he said.

RHA President William Porterfield could not be reached for comment.

The Chancellor's Awards Committee was set up five years ago by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor. It is composed of six faculty members, most of whom have served on the committee since its formation, and three students appointed by the student body president.

This spring's ceremony is set for April 17 in the Morehead Building Ballroom. It is open to the student body.

Local heads talk energy to Carter

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
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When President Carter invited local leaders to the White House Monday to discuss his beleaguered energy program, among his guests were Chapel Hill Town Council member Jonathan Howes, Orange County Commissioner Don Willhoit and Gloria Williams, a representative of the Joint Orange and Chatham Community Action program.

"It is clear his (Carter's) political strategy in inviting people to the White House is to broaden his base of support for the windfall profit tax," Howes said.

After returning from Washington, Howes talked on Tuesday to town officials and citizens. Howes said the briefing by Secretary of the Treasury William Miller, Stuart Eisenstadt, the president's domestic adviser and Carter focused on the need for the windfall tax to prevent excessive oil company profits.

"There was a considerable sense of urgency conveyed in this meeting," Howes said.

The House has passed a strong windfall-profits tax, which is considered a crucial aspect of Carter's energy policy. The Senate is expected to approve a much smaller tax, Howes said.

The administration spokesmen said money from the windfall-profits tax would generate funds to subsidize the energy cost for low-income groups. The tax would also channel more dollars into mass transit, alternative energy sources and conservation measures.

"It appeared to me the president had convinced everyone there he was serious about this and that it is a matter that ought to receive universal support," Howes said.

The president also criticized Congress' handling of the energy program, Howes said.

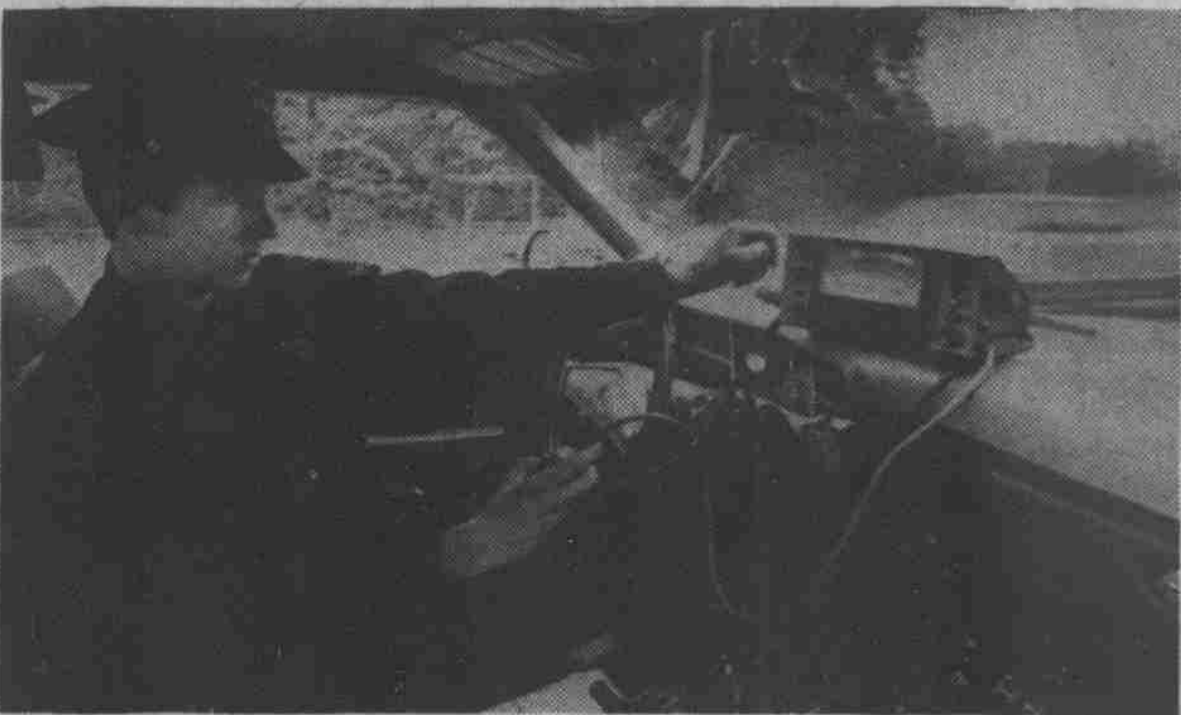
"They're dealing with it in bits and pieces and the president is obviously frustrated by Congress' failure to come to grips with it," he said.

Howes said he questioned Eisenstadt about the powers of the proposed energy-mobilization board. Howes said he voiced his fears that the board could override the zoning and environmental regulations of local communities in implementing energy policy.

But Eisenstadt said the administration is willing to accept a bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona which would limit the powers of the board to setting time tables for local decisions.

"I suppose we can consider that a victory for local governments," Howes said.

Howes was invited to the White House as a member of the National League of Cities Natural Resources C



Officer David Benevides using stationary radar device

HALLOWEEN

Merchants rake in some goodies, too

By BILL FIELDS
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If a spot check of several Chapel Hill stores is any indication, trick-or-treat candies aren't the only thing being raked in this Halloween.

Money's rolling in, too, to merchants peddling costumes and candies for the holiday.

Halloween pops, pumpkin corn, candy corn, bubble gum, Whoppers, Bit O'Honey bars, Milky Way bars, M&M's, Sweetarts, B-B Bats, Peanut Clusters, Fudgy Chocolates—there'll be a lot of sweet tooth—and maybe a few tummyaches—after kids have made their rounds.

"Ten percent of our candy sales go for Halloween," said F.M. Thompson of Roses in University Mall. "The Halloween business doesn't rank with Christmas or back-to-school, but it's a little added activity."

In addition to candies, Halloween paraphernalia includes all kinds of odds and ends for decorating and, of course, traditional costumes for the little ones to wear.

This year's tots will come as Darth Vaders, Fred Flintstones, Road Runners, Wiley Coyote, motorcycle cops,

gorillas, Daffy Ducks, Popeyes and Morks, of *Mork and Mindy*. Also expect to see a few young rockers dressed in KISS outfits.

"One item's not more popular than the other," said Ezra Eisenberg of The Card and Gift Shop downtown. Eisenberg's selection of Halloween items includes plastic pumpkins, pumpkin candles, napkins, paper plates, masks, "Spooky Eyes," "Scare 'em" glasses, hanging skeleton decorations—even a Halloween cookie cutter.

"We put the Halloween items out in early September, the same time as the Christmas things," Eisenberg said.

While Thompson said he thinks people are buying less Halloween candy than in past years, J.C. Arp, assistant manager at Kerr Drug in University Mall, said business is booming.

"People really go for these Halloween things," Arp said. "We sell a heckuva lot of candy. We hope to have most of it gone by today."

If goblin get-ups and store-bought candy aren't your style,

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Two rather large kids try on Halloween masks ...there's a plastic face for every personality