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## John Connally withdraws after defeat in South

HOUSTON (AP)-John B. Connally, declaring that Ronald Reagan "is still the champion," withdrew from the Republican presidential race Sunday, one day after he was soundly beaten by Reagan in their first primary battle in the South.

The former Texas governor, who became a candidate one year ago and spent nearly \$10 million in a losing battle, told a news conference that, after his disappointing loss to Reagan in the South Carolina primary, it no longer would be "to good of my party and the nation for me to continue my candidacy."

He told about 700 supporters that from the first he realized it was an uphill battle to win the GOP nomination. Now, he said, "among all my home folks I am withdrawing as a candidate. But I am not withdrawing from politics, as I will continue to speak out on all the issues."

In South Carolina, where Connally invested heavily in campaign money and personal prestige in hopes of getting his lagging campaign off the ground, he was buried instead by Reagan.



John Connally

The former California governor wonall six of the state's congressional districts and captured all 25 of South Carolina's delegates to the GOP National Convention in Detroit in July.

Reagan won 54 percent of the vote, compared to 30 percent for Connally and 15 percent for George Bush.

In Florida, where he was campaigning for Tuesday's GOP primary, Reagan said he did not think Connally's withdrawal would have any effect on his own campaign.

But with Connally, who was Reagan's major conservative rival for the Republican nomination, falling by the wayside, former President Gerald R. Ford was certain to feel heavy new pressure to enter the race in a bid to stop Reagan—his strong but finally unsuccessful opponent for the 1976 presidential nomination.

Connally started the campaign with strong financial backing, estimated at more than \$10 million as of Jan. 31, but the former treasury secretary's bid for the nomination never caught fire.

Connally rejected federal campaign matching funds in favor of private financing. But by the time of the South Carolina primary, he found himself in financial trouble. He had won only one convention delegate-from Arkansas-despite his efforts in Iowa and an all-out drive in South Carolina.

Connally skipped the New England primaries to concentrate on South Carolina, but the support of that state's venerable Sen. Strom Thurmond was not enough to overcome the solid campaign force that Reagan first built in 1976.

Reagan said he imagined Connally's supporters would scatter in different directions, as did those of Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee, who dropped out of the GOP race Wednesday. "There aren't too many directions to go any more," Reagan said.



Nothing could be finer...

DTH/Jay Hyman

Those of you who spent last week catching rays in Florida missed North Carolina's most recent snowfall, which dropped 11 inches of the white stuff on Chapel Hill two weekends ago. Though the snow was beautiful, this man, shoveling snow at Kingswood Apartments, probably was wishing for some of that warm weather that some UNC students enjoyed during Spring Break.

# Ghotbzadeh allows militants 24 hours

The Associated Press

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh on Sunday night gave the militants holding American hostages 24 hours to decide whether they will allow a U. N. commission to meet with the captives and permit the hostages to be transferred to government

Ghotbzadeh, speaking after a Revolutionary Council meeting Sunday night, did not say what action would be taken if the deadline was not met, and he set no precise time for a response by the

He chastised the militants for new conditions they imposed Sunday on transferring the approximately 50 hostages held in the U.S. Embassy.

Ghotbzadeh said a decision by the ruling Revolutionary Council on arrangements to deal with the hostages would be announced before noon

The militants presumably would then be able to respond to the council's decision and still meet Ghotbzadeh's deadline.

Spokesmen for the militants told reporters at the U. S. Embassy compound in Tehran that they were "ready at any minute" to carry out their decision to

transfer the hostages if the conditions are met. They demanded the transfer be publicized in advance through broadcasts on the state-run radio network "to keep the Iranian people informed of all the details," and that Ghotbzadeh be replaced as the Revolutionary Council's official representative in

arranging the transfer.

They added that they were determined to remain inside the embassy grounds after the transfer to reveal more documents from the embassy files. Previously they have released documents they allege

prove the embassy was a "den of spies."

"We are not eager to hand over the hostages, but since we want to prevent any deviation and conflict with the authorities of the country in spite of our will we are prepared to hand them over," said one of three unidentified spokesmen.

They said the conditions were presented to three senior Foreign Ministry officials earlier Sunday in talks at the embassy.

Following that meeting, Ghotbzadeh issued a statement criticizing the militants for imposing the conditions, saying their behavior had been exposed to the nation.

"It is certain the students do not intend to hand over the hostages or to let the United Nations commission visit them," Ghotbzedeh said in a statement reported by the official Pars news agency. The statement did not indicate if he meant the captors merely were dragging their feet or never would transfer control of the approximately 50

A plan to transfer the hostages out of the embassy compound fell through Saturday when the militants objected to Ghotbzadeh acting for the council. Even if the hostages are put in government custody, it does not appear likely they will be released soon.

The militants have branded Ghotbzadeh a liar. They allege he falsely claimed that plans to transfer the hostages to the custody of his ministry had been approved by revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

After Saturday's planned transfer fell through, the council issued an order demanding that the militants surrender the hostages, now in their 127th day of captivity, or allow them to be interviewed by the U. N. commission.

### Repair keeps WXYC on the air

WXYC, UNC's student radio station, is no longer in danger of going off the air.

A transmitter malfunction, which threatened to force WXYC to sign off the air, was repaired during Spring Break, Station Manager Wayne Leonard said

Because the malfunction had prevented the station from passing a required annual Federal Communications Commission proof of performance test, the FCC was going to force WXYC to go off the air.

"We got it (the transmitter) fixed and passed the proof of performance test," Leonard said. "It's all legal."

The transmitter had been causing problems since July, and the station had

been granted two FCC extensions which gave it more time to pass the test. Station engineers, unfamiliar with that type of transmitter, were unable to pinpoint its

Jim Srebro, a former station engineer who had had experience with the transmitter, was able to find the cause of the malfunction during Spring Break and correct it.

Srebro was rehired Feb. 29 as the station's engineer.

"Srebro knew the history of transmitter and the station's engineering problems so he was able to find the problem," Leonard said.

If the station had been unable to repair the transmitter, it would have had to sign off the air or remain on the air

transmitting at only 10 watts while the transmitter was rebuilt. The station now is broadcasting at its potential of 400 watts of power.

The transmitter malfunction was producing a rough signal, but the repair of the malfunction will produce a much clearer sound, Leonard said.

Leonard said he did not forsee any problems with the transmitter, but that when the station expands into the Carolina Union extension, the transmitter may have to be adjusted if long-range plans to increase power from 400 to 1,000 watts are carried out. The extension is expected to be completed sometime in 1981. Leonard said the plans were tentative.

-LYNN CASEY



Student broadcasting on WXYC ... station to stay on the air

Blalock said that as they were driving down the street, someone threw a chunk of ice and snow at the windshield of the

truck, and Grove and Hodge began to argue. Grove then drove

away from the scene and circled around the block, she said.

Blalock said when they reached Hodge's group again, she saw

Grove fire a gun out the window, but she said he said he only was

hearing, and he said that after Grove was arrested he told police

Chapel Hill Police Detective David Hill also testified at the

Grove's attorney, Mark Galloway of Roxboro, argued that his

# -It's no joke

### NCAA loss to Aggies not very funny to Heels

By REID TUVIM

DENTON, Tex.—The folks in this part of the country are fond of telling Aggie jokes—like How many Aggies does it take to screw in a light bulb? and the such.

But the North Carolina Tar Heels found playing Texas A&M not very funny Sunday afternoon when the Aggies knocked UNC out of the NCAA Tournament with a 78-61 double overtime win.

This is the third straight year Carolina has been eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, and the loss keeps the five seniors-Dave Colescott, Mike O'Koren, John Virgil, Jeff Wolf and Rich Yonakor—from going out the way they came in-with a trip to the Final Four. "(I feel) empty," said a composed Virgil said in the

lockerroom. "Three straight years we've come into the tournament and just couldn't get off the ground.

"We were strong mentally—we said, 'No way the same thing would happen," said Virgil, who scored 11 points. "But it's been a great four years."

"(Losing the past two years) was in the back of our minds," said forward Al Wood, high scorer for Carolina with 26 points. "We had real high hopes at the beginning of the season," Wood said. "We'd get things going for a while and then something went wrong. That was the way it was the

That was the story of this game, also. Neither team had things going in the first half, with the Aggies leading 30-29 at intermission. "We were happy to be down only one at halftime," said O'Koren, who also scored 11 points. Carolina went on top immediately in the second half when

Wood hit a short jumper to make it 31-30. With just more than 16 minutes left, the Heels went to Four Corner, up 36-35. It was an almost disastrous decision.

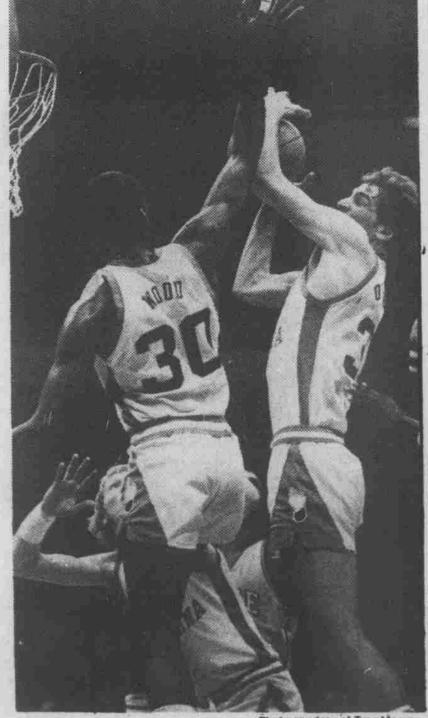
The Aggies went on to outscore UNC 16-2, over the next 81/2 minutes to build a 51-38 lead with only 7:25 left. But Carolina fought back to tie at 53-53 on Wood's 18-foot jumper with 1:50 remaining.

UNC regained possession and went back to Four Corners with 1:10 left, but the Heels' Jimmy Black missed a long shot at the buzzer.

The Aggies got the tip-off in the first overtime, but UNC got the ball back and went into the Four Corners. Carolina ran the clock down until, with 1:15 left, Black missed a layup. A&M held the ball for the final shot, but missed in the waning seconds and the score stood 53-53 after the first extra

In the second overtime, the Heels got good shots but watched most of them bound into the hands of Aggie rebounders. The last two minutes of the game were spent watching the Aggies parade to the foul line to widen the final

margin. "I though we had pretty good percentage shots," Virgil said, "But they didn't fall. When you're down and get only



#### O'Koren, Wood in ACC Tournament action ...Wood had 26 points in Sunday loss

one shot, you're in trouble." O'Koren agreed, saying, "I thought we were playing good fundamental ball, but the shots weren't falling. We really

didn't get going." Carolina's move to go into the Four Corners so early in the second half was dictated primarily by the sticky 3-2 zone defense the Aggies played against Carolina for the major part of the game. "They brought a bigger guy out in the middle and they really packed it in," O'Koren said.

Virgil was confident that the move would salt the game away for Carolina. "I though the game was ours at that point. We all feel confident in the Four Corners." Texas A&M only hit on two of 10 first half free throws, but

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### Grand jury considers indictment had left Mayo's disco right before the argument began.

firing into the air.

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY

The case of Robert H. Grove Jr. of Roxboro, who has been charged in the Feb. 3 shooting death of a UNC student, today will go before an Orange County grand jury that will decide whether to indict Grove on murder charges.

In a preliminary hearing last week, Orange County District Judge Stanley Peele ruled that there was probable cause for trying Grove on a first-degree murder charge. District Attorney Wade Barber said attorneys now will present

evidence to the grand jury, which has the power to issue indictments. If the grand jury does issue an indictment, Barber said Grove's case would come to trial in May or June. Grove, 24, has been charged in the slaying of Jerry Keith Hodge, 22, a UNC senior from Waynesville.

Hodge was fatally shot Feb. 3 in the early morning as he and several friends were walking toward Hector's restaurant. The shooting occured at Franklin and Henderson streets.

The shots were fired from a Chevrolet pick-up truck. Grove, the driver of the truck, was arrested immediately after the shooting.

In the preliminary hearing March 4, witnesses testified that some type of argument between Grove and Hodge, which was sparked by someone throwing a snowball at the pickup truck, preceded the shooting.

Peggy Joe Blalock of Roxboro and Neil Clayton of Semora, who were in Grove's truck at the time of the shooting, said they from the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough.

he thought he had fired into the air. Hill said when Grove learned that Hodge had been shot and killed, he was confused and

client should not be tried on first-degree murder charges because there was no evidence of premeditation. But Peele found there was sufficient evidence for the first-

degree murder charges. Barber said a judge will rule there is probable cause for the

charges if "there is at least some evidence the defendant committed the crime."

If Peele had ruled there was no probable cause, it would be up to the district attorney to decide whether to pursue the case, Barber said. Peele also could have reduced the charges against Grove, Barber said.

Grove has been free on bond since Feb. 8 when he was released

#### T-Board vacancy

## Cohen withdraws

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY Staff Writer

Former Chapel Hill Town Council member Gerry Cohen said Sunday he has withdrawn his application for a vacancy on the town Transportation Board and has decided to support UNC student Warren Collier's bid for the open seat

instead. Cohen said he decided not to continue seeking the seat, which previously was filled by UNC student Marcie Dean, after he discussed the vacancy with Student Body President-elect Bob Saunders.

"I talked with Bob Saunders the Friday before Spring Break for 11/2 to two hours," Cohen said. "I felt that this was going to be an important time to have a student member on the board. I felt the case Bob made for having Warren on the board was valid."

The town Transportation Board is an advisory board that makes recommendations to the Town Council on issues affecting transportation and the bus system. Members are appointed by the council. In the past a student member has served on the board. The current vacancy was created in February when the Town Council declared Dean's seat open. Dean had not attended any board meetings since last spring.

After the seat was declared vacant, both Cohen and Collier applied for the vacancy. Cohen sought Saunders support for his nomination to the board, but Saunders urged Collier to apply for the seat to keep a student member on the

Follwing his discussions with Saunders. Cohen said he agreed that the appointment should go to a University student and endorsed Collier. Cohen withdrew his application in a letter to Mayor Joe Nassif that said the town ought to be concerned about the shrinking number of students serving on town boards and commissions.

Saunders said he was pleased with Cohen's decision.

"I think it was just a misunderstanding on Gerry's part on how important the student seat is," Saunders said.

But Saunders added, "Student Government will be more than willing to



Gerry Cohen

endorse Gerry Cohen for a future seat." In a meeting last week, the Transportation Board recommended two University students, Collier and David McCarn, for the vacancy. McCarn was suggested by a board member. The council is expected to make the

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