

Suntan weather

It will be sunny today with the high in the mid 70s. Low tonight in the mid-50s. Cloudy tonight with possible showers.

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Carter and Reagan win; Brown quits

MILWAUKEE (AP)—President Carter defeated Sen. Edward Kennedy in Wisconsin's presidential primary election Tuesday night, won Kansas in a landslide, and squelched his challenger's week-old comeback.

California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., struggling for survival in Wisconsin, was a far-away third there and he said he is dropping his campaign for the nomination.

"It is obvious that the voters have spoken and have given their verdict on my 1980 campaign and that means that this will be the last contest in which I participate in 1980," Brown said Tuesday night.

Ronald Reagan took a 3-to-1 Republican runaway in Kansas. He led a close contest in Wisconsin over former U.N. Ambassador George Bush and Rep. John B. Anderson of Illinois.

A poll of voters said Reagan led in Wisconsin and the television networks forecast his victory there.

Bush ran third in Kansas, a damaging performance for his already shaken campaign.

Stephen Smith, Kennedy's campaign manager, conceded in Washington that the president had won both primaries. Wisconsin's was the more hotly contested race, with Carter's forces pressing there to end a Kennedy comeback fashioned a week ago in the Northeast.

While Carter and Kennedy competed for position and delegates, Brown was battling in Wisconsin to keep his campaign alive. He needed 20 percent of the vote to avoid losing federal campaign subsidies, and he wasn't getting it in early returns.

The Wisconsin GOP race apparently drew a heavy crossover of Democratic voters, sought particularly by Anderson. Reagan sought crossover votes, too, from conservative Democrats who share his views. He said the kind of Democrats Anderson courted "wouldn't be caught dead voting Republican under normal circumstances."

Economic sanctions

NOW boycott questioned

By RAND TUCKER
Staff Writer

North Carolina's economy could benefit greatly if the state legislature ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment, the president of the N.C. chapter of the National Organization for Women said in an interview this week.

Miriam Slifkin said the state currently is under a boycott organized by NOW of more than 350 organizations which refuse to hold conventions in states that have not ratified ERA. A federal appeals court ruled last week that NOW is not violating antitrust laws by promoting a boycott of the 15 states which have not ratified ERA.

"I think if we ratified, we would quickly become a convention state. We probably don't realize how much (money) we've lost," Slifkin said. "I think it would have a tremendous impact if the business community followed it up."

Brent Hackney, deputy press secretary to Gov. Jim Hunt disagreed with Slifkin.

"I really doubt that passage of that piece of legislation would have a tremendous impact," Hackney said.

Hackney said Hunt is a strong proponent of ERA, but he questioned the principle of a



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Cultural awareness

The Coharie Dance Team from Clinton performs in the Pit Tuesday. The event was sponsored by the Carolina Indian Circle for American Indian Cultural Week. For story, see page 3.

Growth plan worries Chapel Hill officials

By PAT FLANNERY
Staff Writer

Carrboro recently asked the town of Chapel Hill to consider jointly applying for designation as an area growth center, but the implications of such a designation have some Chapel Hill officials worried.

"We've already been through that and it didn't work," Chapel Hill Mayor Joe Nassif said at an informal work session of the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday. "It's a toy the legislators are playing with in Raleigh."

The governor's balanced growth program, which has to be approved by federal agencies, was developed as a way to make federal funds more accessible to local governments in North Carolina. Under the governor's plan, some money currently disbursed by the federal government would be channeled through state government.

Areas designated as area growth centers, usually areas of rapid or steady population growth, are likely to be

eligible for most of the funding in the governor's program. But during the Monday meeting, Nassif said he was opposed to Chapel Hill joining with Carrboro as an area growth center.

The mayor said he feared the proposed program would allow the state to dictate how federal funds would be spent.

"They're going to tie funding to that," he said. "My feeling is: Let's do without it."

"It's not at all clear what benefits would flow from the designation," said Lee Capps, an economic development specialist for the Triangle J Council of Governments, which includes Chapel Hill and Carrboro. "It conceivably would affect some of the funds which now go directly to local governments. The exclusive federal funds that the (Federal) government has control over are a part of the state's balanced growth plan."

Apart from the question of accessibility, there is some uncertainty as to what programs would be included in the plan and how advantageous it would be for Carrboro

and Chapel Hill to get funds through the state.

"It's not at all clear what benefits would flow from the designation (as a growth center)," Town Council member Jonathan Howes said. Howes, who is the chairman of the Triangle J Council of Governments, said that the advantages stemming from the designation would depend to a large extent on the types of programs included.

"Until you find what kind of strings are tied to it, it's hard to get excited about," Howes said.

Carrboro officials are hoping that if Chapel Hill agrees to apply for the designation, it will make both towns eligible for more federal funds.

"It has the potential for possibly helping our eligibility for programs," said Carrboro Alderman Doug Sharer. "We're trying to make sure that if there is money available, we will have the best possible chance to get it."

Capps said that Carrboro alone would be ineligible for

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Joe Nassif



Miriam Slifkin

had filed suit against NOW two years ago in an effort to stop the boycott.

Thirty-eight states must ratify ERA by June 30, 1982, for it to become a part of the Constitution. The proposed amendment, which would forbid discrimination on the basis of sex, has been approved by 35 states, though five have attempted to rescind their ratification.

Hackney said ERA will come up for reconsideration in the N.C. General Assembly in 1981.

Missouri Attorney General John Ashcroft

Car strikes UNC student

By LYNN CASEY
Staff Writer

A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was seriously injured Tuesday when he was hit by a car on East Franklin Street in front of his fraternity house.

Charles G. Cooper, a sophomore from Stow, Ohio, ran into the path of a car driven by Karen T. Pfefferle, 23, of The Villages, Carrboro.

"The runner was at fault," said Ronald Moses, investigating officer for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Cooper was in the intensive care unit of N.C. Memorial Hospital Tuesday night and was listed in guarded condition.

"That means we are watching him very closely," the nursing supervisor on duty Tuesday night said. "The doctors are still with him."

Cooper had left the ATO house at approximately 1 p.m. and was going toward Morehead Planetarium when the accident occurred. Traffic was clear in the westbound lanes and automobiles were backed up in the inside eastbound lane. Cooper ran in front of a wrecker that was stopped in the inside lane. Cooper was struck by Pfefferle's car that was traveling in the outside lane, Moses said.

Cooper was knocked onto the hood of Pfefferle's 1977 Toyota and then was thrown from the hood into a parked car when Pfefferle slammed on her brakes, Moses said.

Ken Mountcastle, a member of the ATO fraternity and a witness to the accident, said Cooper was thrown 15 to 20 feet and then hit the left front fender

of the parked car with his head. Cooper was knocked unconscious, Mountcastle said.

The driver of the wrecker, Louis (Lightning) Overman of Route 3, Durham, said Cooper crossed the street in front of his wrecker and stepped out into the path of the car.

Moses said there was an estimated \$200 worth of damage to the Pfefferle car and \$50 worth of damage to the parked car.

Another UNC student was injured in January when she was struck by a town bus in the area near the planetarium.

Mitzi York, a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, said she collected 300 names last fall on a petition asking the town of Chapel Hill to put a crosswalk in the front of the ATO house. But the petition never was presented to the town.

York said she asked the traffic committee in former Student Body President J.B. Kelly's Administration to present the petition to the Chapel Hill Town Council, but the committee took no action.

After Tuesday's accident, York said she would renew her efforts to get a crosswalk at the East Franklin Street site with or without Student Government's help.

There are several sorority and fraternity houses and a bus stop in the area.

Because of the large number of pedestrians crossing Franklin Street in this area the speed limit is 20 mph, Ben Callahan administrative assistant of the Chapel Hill Police Department, said.

Silver market

Fluctuating prices concern area metal dealers

By CHARLES HERNDON
Staff Writer

After a brief panic and collapse of prices last week, silver made a steady recovery on world markets this week with area silver merchants expressing mixed reactions to the fluctuating prices.

"The bottom fell out," said Harry Johnson Sr., silver speculator with the Navajo Trading Post in Durham, which specializes in buying silver and gold from the public.

"The collapse of silver prices is hurting my business and if the price gets any lower I'll have to go out of business."

After peaking at \$52.50 an ounce in mid-January, silver was quoted at \$16.50 an ounce on Tuesday, up from a low of \$10.80 an ounce last week. Prices fell sharply last week when it was rumored that Texas silver billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt needed to borrow money and was backing the issuance of bonds with more than 200 million ounces of silver bullion.

Silver prices began to rise 15 months ago from a low of \$6 an ounce. The rise accompanied the

sharp jump in the price of gold, which closed at more than \$500 an ounce earlier this week, up from \$480.50 an ounce on Friday.

Johnson said when the price of silver plummeted as it did last week, people do not sell their silver, preferring to wait until prices rise again before selling.

Johnson also said that speculators holding large amounts of the metal were particularly hurt by the price collapse, since they were unable to unload their silver before market prices dropped.

He said silver speculation is "strictly gambling" and also said the recent price fluctuations are an indicator of the market's uncertainty.

Most experts attribute the falling silver prices in recent months to high interest rates in the United States, which have encouraged holders to sell the metal.

"Prices have come down quite a bit in the past four or five weeks," Johnson said. "There was a lot of fluctuating (last week), but it's been a pretty steady decline."

Johnson said despite the rollercoaster performance of the silver market in recent weeks,

sales in the Triangle area have remained fairly steady. "Last week, sales were pretty good because the market was continuing to drop. When the prices go down there won't be a lot of selling. We are paying about \$6 an ounce today (Friday), but if the prices go much lower we will be out of business."

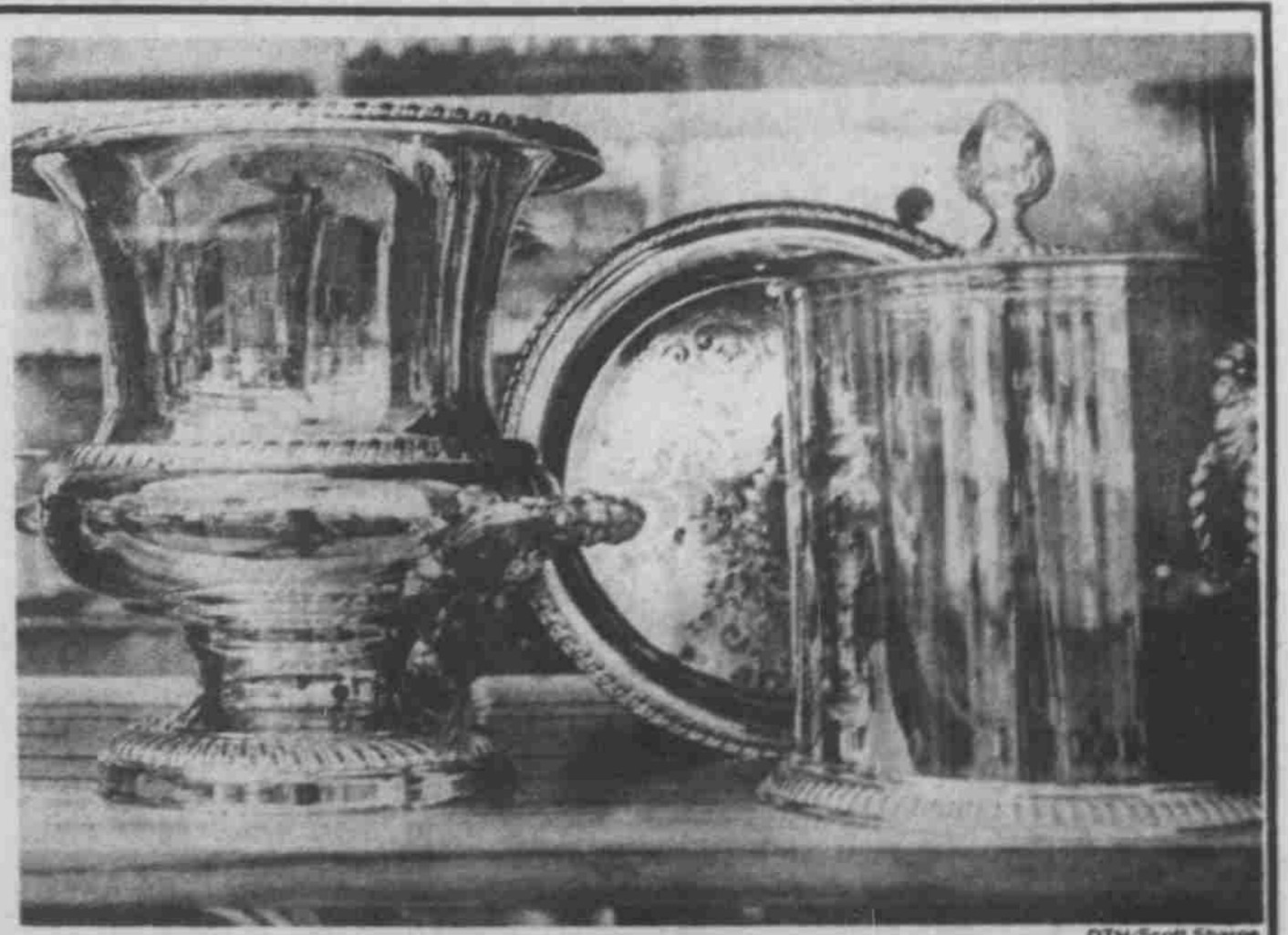
Most local silver shops and jewelry stores have not expressed concern over the recent price fluctuations, and said the drop in prices would not affect business.

A spokesman for T. L. Kemp Jewelry in University Square said the price list on which sterling silver prices are based has not reflected the drop in prices yet. But he said the next list should bring appropriate price changes. Kemp currently is selling silver for approximately \$40 an ounce.

Juanita Jones, of Brendle's silver flatware department, said current market prices had no bearing on the price of silverware at her store.

She said silver at Brendle's was pre-bought by the company and resold to the public at a

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Silver display at Wentworth and Sloan jewelry store downtown. Price drop is not reflected yet in the cost of the metal.