

More sunny weather today, with the high near 45 and the low near 32. Tuesday will be cloudier, with the high in the upper 40s and a chance of rain Tuesday afternoon.

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Tar Heel coach Dean Smith, like all basketball coaches, makes an interesting subject for photographers during games as he coordinates the efforts of his team. See photo essay on page 5.

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## Ford bids farewell in fabulous fashion

### All-America guard nets career high as Heels nip Duke, spear ACC title

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Phil Ford turned his Saturday swan song to Carmichael Auditorium into a war chant, as the senior went on a one-man rampage to pull Carolina from behind to slip by Duke 87-83 and give the Tar Heels the ACC regular season championship.

"It feels super," Ford said after directing rallies which ultimately gave Carolina the win in which Ford scored a career-high 34 points.

Carolina now has the bye in the ACC Basketball Tournament which begins Wednesday in the Greensboro Coliseum. Thursday at 7 p.m., the Tar Heels will face the winner of the first-round Wake Forest-Virginia game. The Tar Heels probably will receive a NCAA at-large playoff bid as a result of finishing first in the regular season even if they don't win the tournament this week.

"Anytime you're ACC champs, it feels good," Ford said nearly an hour after the game while drying off from a shower as several hundred fans waited outside the locker room for him to appear.

Ford played a spectacular game despite all the frenzied emotion and pressure of the game. Not only was the game for the regular season title (Carolina and Duke had identical ACC records going into the game) but the seniors on the team were honored with a thunderous ovation prior to tipoff. Ford, Tom Zaliagiris and Geff Crompton accepted the cheers at midcourt as their teammates stopped warmups and stood at the foul line facing the seniors.

"My friends all told me I'd be crying before the game, but I said 'No way,'" Ford said. "I wanted to feel happy. But when we walked out there and our teammates just stood there and everybody was clapping for us guys, an apple came into my throat and I couldn't hold it in."

Ford hit two free throws with six seconds left to cap his performance and ice the win. The two points put him over his previous high-point game of 32 points at N.C. State last year.

"I just wanted to knock them in," Ford said of the free throws. "I knew if I did, it was over."

The game was an uphill struggle for Carolina as it tangled with Duke's very talented lineup. The Tar Heels fought back from deficits of 10 points in the first half and seven points in the second period. Carolina led briefly at the opening of the second half but soon dropped to the seven-point deficit with 12:39 left. The Tar Heels pulled back behind Ford to tie the game at 58 two minutes later on a dunk by Mike O'Koren, who played 34 minutes and scored 14 points despite an injured ankle which kept him out of three games. O'Koren was called for a technical foul (hanging on the rim) and Duke's Kenny Dennard was called for a foul after the basket on the same play. O'Koren hit his free throws and Blue Devil Jim Spanarkel hit the technical free shots and the game remained tied. Carolina took the lead for good with 8:40 to go.

Carolina built six-point leads twice before going to its four-corner stall but the Blue Devils cut the lead and could have tied it again with 26 seconds left, but Spanarkel hit

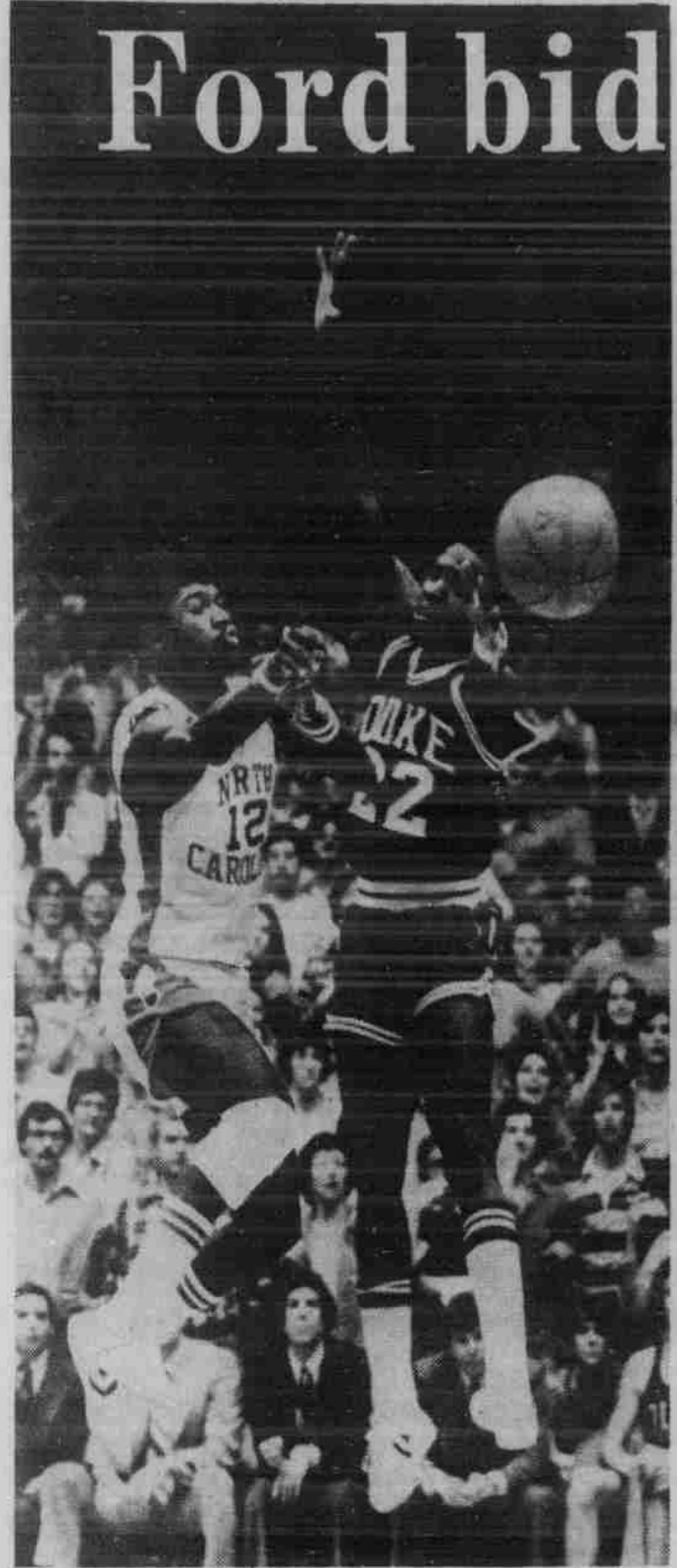
only one free throw in a one-and-one situation to bring Duke within one point at 84-83 and Carolina maintained possession and was fouled down the stretch.

"Duke has improved so much since the last time we played them," UNC coach Dean Smith said of his team's 94-82 loss in Durham.

Smith praised his team, which finished the league season with a 9-3 record, for holding up under the adversity of injuries and a tough conference. Ford and O'Koren did not play Thursday in a loss to N.C. State because of injuries.

"These guys have really done something," he said. "To win the regular season title this year was particularly difficult, as hard as any year I can remember. Some people say there isn't a great team in the league, but there are seven great teams. Everyone keeps beating each other. The great teams in the past — I'm talking about the David Thompson teams, our great teams, the Duke teams of the mid-60s — they didn't have this kind of competition. To have won the regular season demands a bid to the NCAA if ever one has been demanded."

The Duke threesome of Spanarkel, forward Gene Banks and center Mike Gminski put on a devastating show, combining for 69 points. Carolina center Jeff Wolf, forced into the starting spot when Rich Yonakor went out with injuries earlier in the season, was charged with shutting down Duke's inside game, particularly that of Gminski, a candidate for all-conference honors at center. Wolf blocked three Duke shot attempts and got an important basket late in the game when Gminski left him open.



Phil Ford's 34-point scoring effort wasn't his only contribution to UNC's 87-83 win over Duke Saturday as he also handed out five assists. In photo at left he's passing around Duke's John Harrell. It wasn't all Ford, however. Dunks like the one at right

by Mike O'Koren, the rebounding and defense of Jeff Wolf and the scoring of Al Wood also aided the Heels' cause. Staff photos by Allen Jernigan.

## Upperclassmen await fall

### Freshman housing requirement raises annual 'axe' over students

By TONY MACE  
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With the deadline for submitting contracts for University housing only a day away, UNC upperclassmen are not the only college students in the state wondering if they will have a place to live next year, a survey shows. UNC is one of the few schools in the state that guarantees on-campus housing for freshmen, but it is one of many whose housing officials complain of having to evict

upperclassmen who have contributed to dorm activities in favor of freshmen who may not feel enough at home to participate in residence hall activities.

"It's something we've been working on for years," said Louise Mixon, residence hall director for Cobb and Joyner dorms. "There just doesn't seem to be a solution. We have had several dorm officers closed out."

"With 1,000 people in a dorm like on

South Campus, your percentages are a little better," Allen Reep, residence hall director for Morrison said. "It's just a chance people take getting into the dorm."

N.C. State University in Raleigh dropped its on-campus freshman residency requirement because of chronic growth pains in each successive freshman class.

"We just couldn't accommodate all of them any longer," said James Fulghum, an administrator at NCSU's housing contracts office.

Fulghum said his school reserves 2,000 spaces for freshmen on a first-come, first-served basis. Only returning dorm residents may apply for the remaining 3,500 spaces.

When more than the maximum of 3,500 residents apply to keep their dorm rooms, Fulghum said a random lottery determines who gets a room and who gets on the waiting list.

Like N.C. State, many UNC students are closed out of their dorms every year. Almost 400 UNC students were forced to look for another place to live after being closed out in the lottery last spring.

The figure represents 10 percent of the dormitory residents who applied to return to their rooms, according to Peggy Gibbs, assistant director of the UNC Department of University Housing.

Methodist-supported Duke University sets aside up to 25 percent of its dormitory space for freshmen each year, said Barbara Buschman, student housing coordinator at the Durham school. She said demand for on-campus housing leads to an annual scramble, but housing officials have been able to place all students who applied.

"Sometimes it's been by hook or by crook, but eventually we get everyone in," Buschman said.

students who cancel their contract before being assigned a space by the housing department. A student who has been issued a space but cancels his contract before June 15 will receive a \$50 refund. A student canceling his contract on or after June 15 will receive a \$25 refund.

Peggy Gibbs, assistant director for housing contracts, said that the refund policy should provide incentive for students to cancel their contracts early so that students on the waiting list can be assured of a space by the contract office as soon as possible.

Contract deadlines and drawings are two weeks earlier this year than last. Gibbs said that deadlines were moved up to decrease deadline pressure on the contracts office staff.

## Deadline is this Tuesday for fall housing contracts

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Students wishing to live in University housing next fall must submit housing applications to their residence directors by 3 p.m. Tuesday to be eligible to participate in the housing lottery.

Before an application can be accepted by an RD, a completed housing application, accompanied by a \$75 prepayment or waiver card, must be presented to the University cashier. If a student has no debts, the cashier will stamp the contract application to verify that prepayment has been made and return it to the student. Contracts should then be submitted to the appropriate RD.

A full refund of \$75 will be made to

## Student voting challenged in court

Ten citizens want to stop students from registering to vote in Orange County. Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey will hear their complaints this morning in the Graham courthouse.

The Orange Committee, a group of politically active Orange County Democrats, filed the suit Feb. 16. Lucius Cheshire is head of the committee asking Bailey to consider a temporary injunction halting such registration.

The suit says that 6,000 to 10,000 of the 34,402 county voters are not legal residents

of Orange County.

Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen wants the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen to discuss the suit at its regular meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. Cohen could not be reached for comment, but Alderman Bev Kawalec said the board wants to intervene on behalf of the defendants.

"This would mean supplying some money for an attorney to present arguments on behalf of the registrars and the board of elections to defend the way they have been acting (registering students)," she said.

Kawalec said she felt that board members agree on the issue, and that they would act unless the suit is dismissed.

Since the suit was filed, several persons have challenged the number of student voters. Dr. Frederick Russ of the UNC business school said a survey he conducted showed only 3,000 students registered to vote in Orange County.

Cohen has argued that students should be allowed to vote because they pay the city \$2 million in property, sales and franchise taxes.

## Spirits high, chips fly during Sigma Chi 'Sawdust Party'

It would have been hard to find a better night for partying than Saturday night.

What with the big win over Duke and the sun coming on strong for the first time in months, it just sent the juices flowing, both bodily and spiritual.

And the Sigma Chis were lying in wait. The ambush had been set for weeks with the house's tenth (there is no permanent record) annual "Sawdust" party scheduled for a post-game bash.

Early Saturday morning the pledges went to work. Some five truckloads of fire-retardant sawdust were imported to the basement and piled six to eight inches deep on the floor.

And come 9 p.m. the party was rolling. The brothers were dressed in boxer shorts and beach shirts and their dates in bikini bottoms and tee-shirts, many with the inscription "Little Sigma." An appropriate selection of dance music — beach and disco — filled the basement with the same intensity as the sawdust.

Color, when you could see in the dimly lighted basement, was plentiful. Jack Sussman, a senior, was a portrait in red. A sombrero capped an outfit of red-heart boxers and a terrycloth top, all designed to hide a matching white cast on his arm. A little misplaced for a beach party were Jim Holland and Margaret Fulton, who wore matching tuxedo tops.

David Cribbs, former president of the Alpha Tau chapter of Sigma Chi, did it in the dust for the fourth time Saturday night and said it was the best Sawdust Party he has witnessed.

As he spoke, his date for the past three parties, Lucia Thomason, was trying to avoid a bystander's attempt to untie the back of her tropical sarong. She claimed only the fraternity's "Sweetheart" party tops this one.

By the end of the night, which came around 3 a.m., several couples appeared very satisfied nestled down in the sawdust, while some estranged brothers, feeling the effects of too much potent Everclear mix, slept soundly in locations scattered around the house.

But the pledges, with jackhammers pounding away in their heads, were up early Sunday morning to clean out the sawdust — and the remaining couples.

— CHUCK ALSTON



Sigma Chi brothers and dates "do it in the sawdust."

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