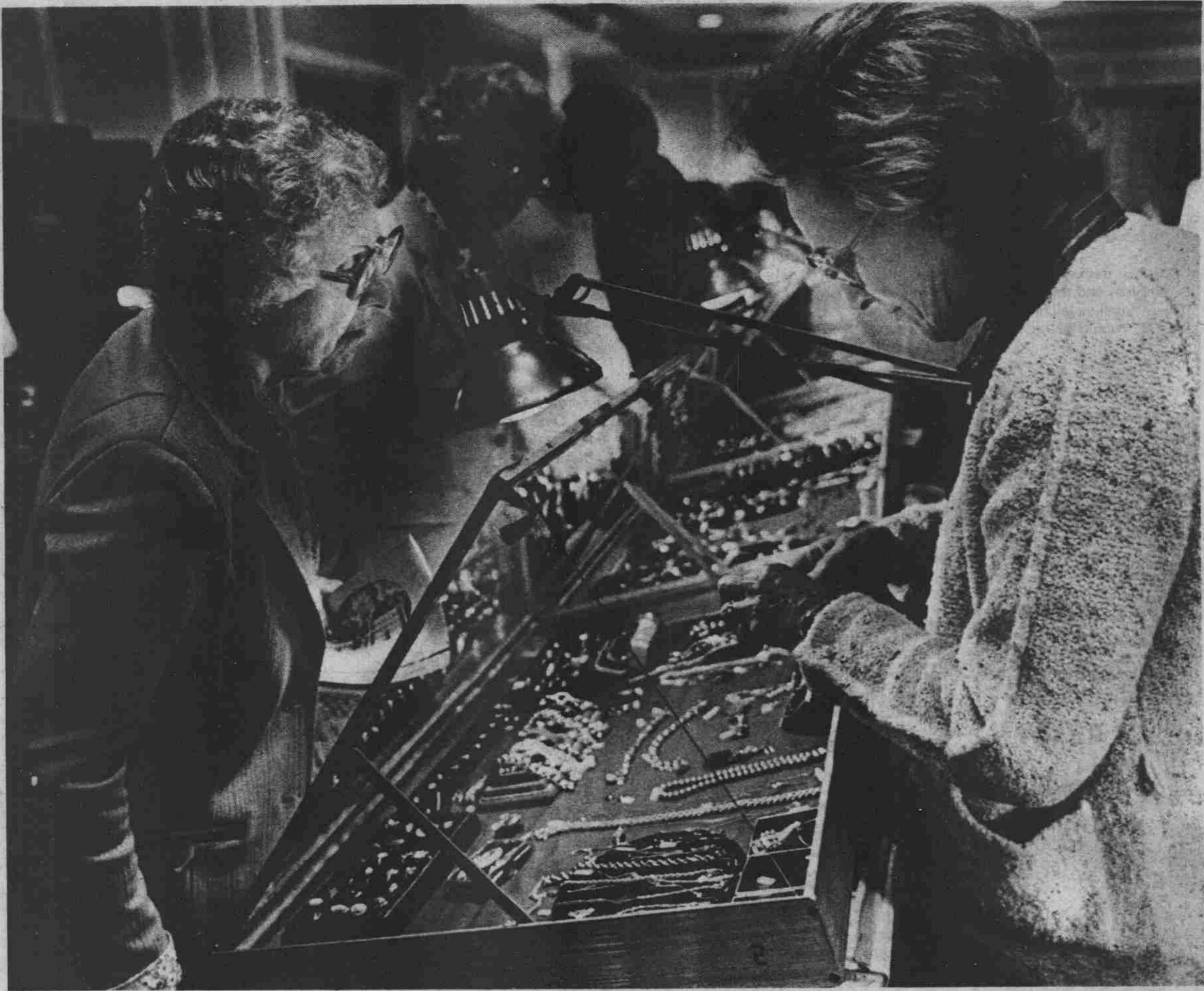


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Shoppers can find all types of interesting items at antique shows, flea markets and yard sales. Two Chapel Hill women look over jewelry at a recent antique show and sale at the Carolina Inn, above. For students on a tighter budget, yard sales may be a better place to find furniture and other items, right. Photos by Jay Hyman.

Comparing quality, prices is worthwhile

By WENDELL WOOD

The key to success in the world of antiques is to shop comparatively.

With the abundance of antique shops, sales and shows in the area, comparing prices and qualities of pieces is convenient and worthwhile.

The accomplished antiquer learns to recognize standard types of furniture for a certain time period and their reasonable price. (Reasonable, remember, is usually not inexpensive).

Look for American pieces, said Elizabeth Daniel, a local authority and dealer of antiques. American-made furniture is now more in demand, especially Southern antiques.

"Southern pieces were thought to be unacquireable," Mrs. Daniel said, explaining that the more simple, rugged Southern furniture is in demand.

Old master's paintings, Windsor and Queen Anne chairs, lowboys and highboys, any Chippendale pieces and Sheraton tables are only a few of the names to look for. Anything stamped or labelled by the maker is a very valuable find, as well.

Once you've found the type, quality and age, it's time to start comparing prices.

The cheapest way to collect antiques can also be fun—checking antique markets, flea markets, auctions and yard sales for reparable and refinishable pieces. You may save hundreds of dollars, and the accomplishment of turning a faded, chipped table into a collectors item may convince you to stop at the next flea market.

There are several upcoming antique shows and sales available to UNC students. (If not buying, it's fun to browse).

An antique auction and show will be held this Friday and Saturday on 308 Ritter Street, Pinehurst. The Greater Raleigh Antiques Show and Sale, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Raleigh, will be held in the Scott Building at the state fairgrounds Nov. 10-12. The Winston Salem show will be held Nov. 27-29.

Antique dealers and markets are widespread near Chapel Hill. For other antique sales, yard sales, auctions and flea markets, check the *Village Advocate* or area newspapers.

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