Ho-hum More of the same High 50. Low 34.

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Rally in the Pit for peace in Nicaragua Noon to 1 p.m.

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Members of the Carolina Committee on Central America line the Pit to protest Reagan's 'brutal' policy toward that region

Group holds vigil to begin fast

By MEG CRADDOCK

Chilly temperatures and cloudy skies didn't keep members of the Carolina Committee on Central America from holding an hourlong vigil at noon Tuesday as more than 30 people stood in a line that stretched the length of the Pit.

The silent vigil marked the beginning of a 24-hour fast scheduled to end at noon today with a rally in the Pit.

The participants held signs that read, "Let Peace Prevail," "U.S. out of Central America" and "It's Do You Know Where Your Army Is?" Other signs quoted statistics of the number of people killed in many Central American countries.

Some of the people at the vigil were not members of the organization but were interested in the cause, said Ashley Osmont, a member of the committee.

"We feel that there is a certain

consciousness toward Reagan's brutal policy in Central America." Osmont said. "This consciousness is clear by the numbers we have today."

Two staff members from the Institute for Research in Social Science also participated in the

Diana McDuffee, director of the social science data library at the institute and chairwoman of the Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America, said

she felt the two groups should support each other.

"The work the Carolina Committee on Central America does is really important," McDuffee said. "When they can turn out a crowd like this, they demonstrate that there are students concerned with social justice."

Groups on 40 campuses across the country are participating in fasts lasting anywhere from one

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Fewer get closed out by lottery

By LAURA PEARLMAN

After Monday's residence hall lottery, fewer students were left wondering where to pitch tents for next semester, thanks to the lower number of housing applications this

Fewer students tried to get back into their residence halls this year than in past years, University housing officials said.

On South Campus, almost all students were successful in their residence hall lotteries, area directors said Tuesday.

"Many more people were shut out last year," said Roger Nelson, area director for Morrison Residence Hall, "We had 313 women apply and 32 were shut out. Of the 180 men who went through the lottery, none were shut out of Morrison."

"I think the alcohol policy might be the reason that not as many men wanted to move back into the dorm, because there was no policy last vear." Nelson said.

In Hinton James Residence Hall, so many people moved out during the year that no students were closed out, according to Vernon Wall, Hinton James area director. The walk to campus is always a major factor in the decision to move off South Campus, Wall said.

Of the three residence halls in Henderson Residence College, students who applied to live in Alexander Residence Hall were by far the most successful. Of the 28 women who applied, 2 were closed out, and of the 28 men, 5 were closed out.

But in the lottery for Connor Residence Hall, 28 of the 68 female applicants were not successful, and 16 of the 50 male applicants were

"The coed situation, HRC's location, the government activities, Springfest and the area's small size all attribute to its popularity," said Ann Stevens, HRC area director.

Despite the large number of students closed out of Connor, Stevens said she was pleased with this year's lottery. "This lottery is the fairest I've ever worked with, and everything seemed to go smoothly,"

Applications to return to residence halls in the Spencer, Triad and Old Well area dropped this year, said Sharon McMillen, STOW area director, and compared to last year, more people were assigned to preferred halls.

Kenan and Cobb residence halls were exceptions to this year's trend of decreasing applications. At Cobb, 235 women applied for 111 spaces, so 124 of them were closed out. Cobb-Joyner Area Director Anne Presnell attributed Cobb's popularity to its convenient location, large

size and air conditioning. At Kenan, out of 83 applicants, 35 were unsuccessful in the lottery. McMillen said she didn't know why Kenan's drawing was so competitive. "The more popular dorms vary from year to year," she said.

Fewer students were closed out of residence halls this year because more on-campus space was available, Collin Rustin, associate director of University Housing, said Monday. The extra space came mostly from the addition of Carmichael Residence Hall, he said.

Also, the extra spaces allowed more students to get into the res-

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Noted professor, journalist dies at 79

By TOM CAMP

Walter Spearman, author, performer and professor emeritus of journalism at UNC, died Tuesday in N.C. Memorial Hospital of complications from cancer. He was 79.

"He reached out and touched thousands literally thousands of lives as a teacher, writer, friend, confidant and adviser," Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism, said Tuesday.

Spearman's success in teaching was his greatest achievement, Cole said.

His understanding of what college students go through and his sincere commitment to excellence in education contributed to Spearman's popularity and success throughout his 43-year career at the University,

"He could put himself in students' shoes." Cole said. "He could see things through their eyes. He knew what made them want to read and write well. He was truly an inspirational teacher. He was an institution."

Spearman taught courses in editorial writing and literary and dramatic criticism to more than 5,000 UNC students. He served as a faculty adviser for many campus organizations, and he performed in 85 Playmakers Theatre productions, as well as two movies. He retired from full-time teaching in 1978.

While a student at UNC, Spearman became editor of the Daily Tar Heel, receiving an award for being the best college editor in North Carolina.

He was also associate editor of the Yackety Yack, president of the N.C. Collegiate Press, president of Phi

Beta Kappa and secretary of the Chi Psi fraternity.

After graduating from UNC in 1929, Spearman worked as a reporter, columnist and book editor for The Charlotte News. He became a UNC faculty member in 1935 and earned his master's degree in 1937. Spearman was "the lodge's local

grandfather figure," said Todd Hart, UNC Chi Psi president. "He would come over and speak to the pledges

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Walter Spearman

WXYC nominated for award

By MARK FOLK

UNC's student-run radio station WXYC was recently nominated for alternative station of the year by Gavin Report, a national radio and record magazine.

"WXYC was nominated as one of the top radio stations for both its outstanding service to the community and to the University," Peter Standish, editor of alternative stations for Gavin Report, said Tuesday.

WXYC was one of only three college radio stations nominated for the award. The other three stations nominated were commercial stations. Although 91X in San Diego

won the category, Standish said the students at WXYC should feel honored just for being nominated.

"Being nominated really says a lot," Standish said. "Though they didn't win, they should feel very proud since their main opponents were commercial stations.' The Gavin Report's nomination

process began when about 2,500 ballots were sent to radio stations, programmers and record companies across the country, Standish said. Music selection, market impact and professionalism were the most

important qualifications for stations to be nominated, he said. "WXYC was nominated mainly

because of their consistency, diverse

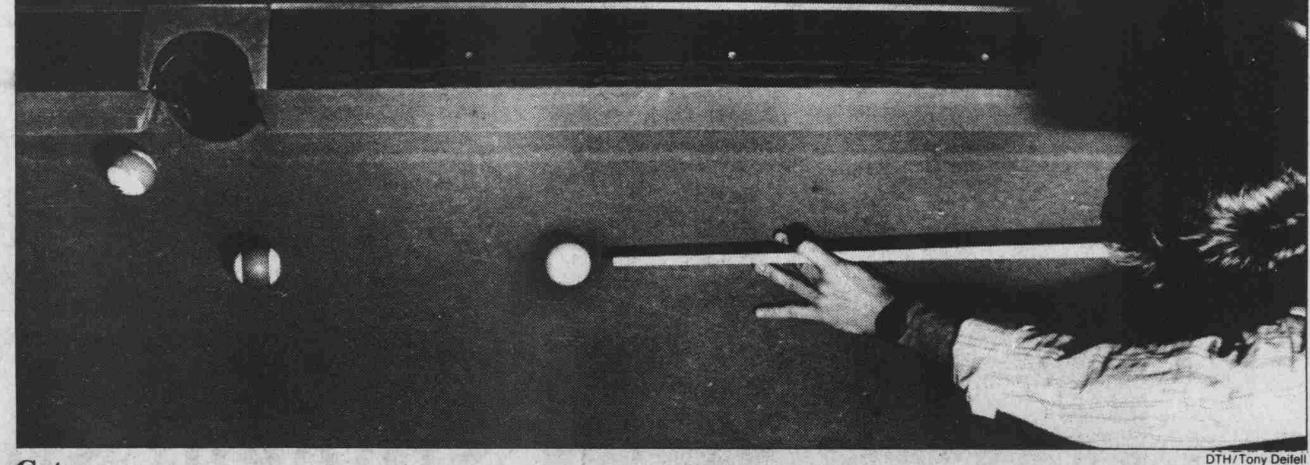
music styles and their creative and open-minded production," Standish Steve Balcom, music director at

WXYC, said he and the rest of the staff were pleased about the nomination. "We're very honored to have been nominated as one of the top radio

stations in the country," Balcom said. "Gavin Report is probably the best music magazine around." Since Chapel Hill is much smaller

than other places on the nomination which included San Diego, Toronto and Atlanta - Balcom said the Gavin Report nominating com-

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Get a cue

In a late night game of pool in the Student Union, John Hill, a junior industrial relations major from Raleigh, shoots for the far corner pocket. The Union

Underground, where you can find much more than pool cues, is open until 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.