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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  
Staff Writer

Chilly temperatures and cloudy skies didn't keep members of the Carolina Committee on Central America from holding an hour-long 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 1987 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 vigil.

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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## Noted professor, journalist dies at 79

By TOM CAMP  
Staff Writer

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, Cole said.

"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  
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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

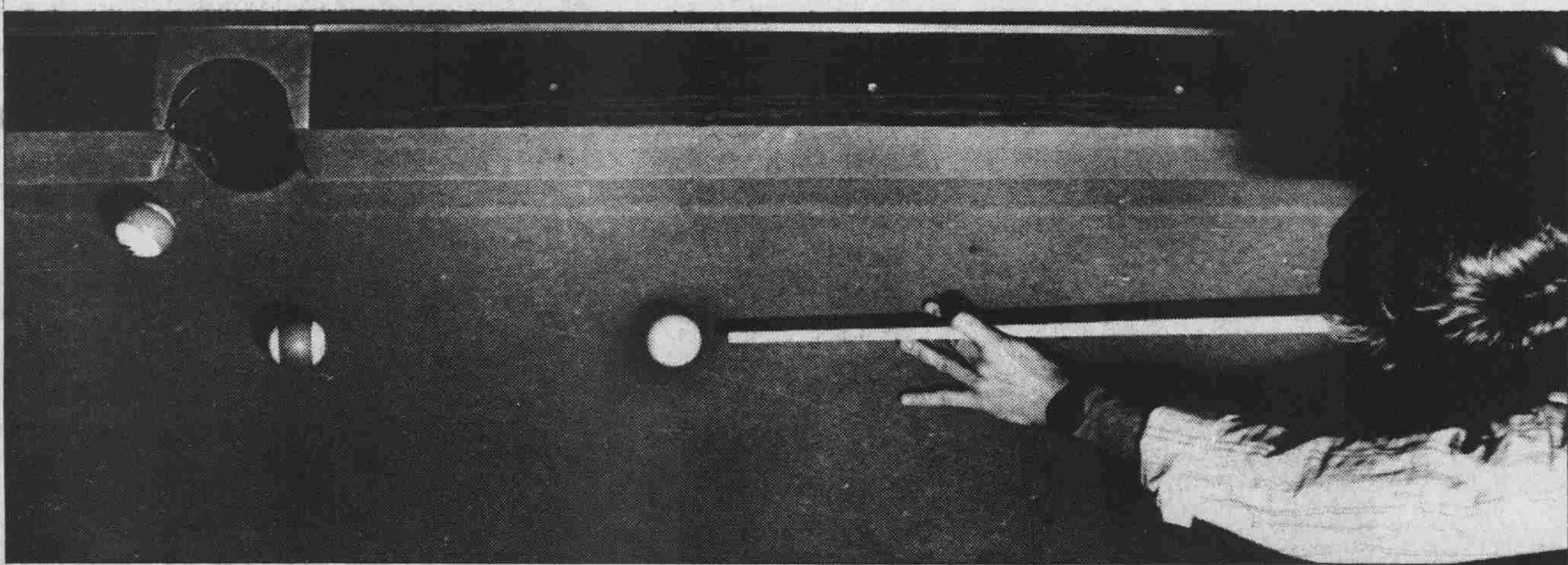
music styles and their creative and open-minded production," Standish said.

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 list 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.

There's something Vichy about the French. — Ivor Novello