

# Barbs mark pre-debate crossfire

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Jimmy Carter and President Ford got in some last campaign shots on the eve of their final debate and prepared to argue it out Friday in a college hall devoted to the gentlemen and scholars of Phi Beta Kappa. Carter suggested Ford is playing dirty pool with advertising that contrasts his *Playboy* interview appearance and Ford's solemn, "presidential" portrait on a *Newsweek* cover. Ford, who called Carter "naive" and some of his views "ridiculous" Wednesday, headed out for a last, long campaign road tour and the debate at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Va. But he used the White House showcase to the last, telling members of the Federal Council on Aging his "first order of business" after the election will be an attempt to strengthen "the financial structure of the Social Security system"—a key issue among elderly voters. Both men were attending Thursday night's Gov. Al Smith memorial dinner in New



Ford Carter

York City, but they avoided each other like rivals in a revolving door. Ford was to speak and leave before Carter arrived. The debate at William and Mary is a 90-minute affair open to any topic. It shaped up as something of a rubber-match, because most polls rated Ford the winner of the first debate on domestic policy and Carter winner of the second on foreign affairs. The candidates also seemed likely to continue the rancorous, personal broadsides that began with the second debate and have dominated campaign talk since.

# Women's Studies courses to be reviewed

by Toni Gilbert  
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The Women's Studies Program will hold a panel discussion to present the spring semester's curriculum offerings and to provide information about the program.

The discussion, sponsored by the Women's Forum and the Association for Women Students (AWS), will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 in Room 209 of the Union.

The courses to be offered in the spring are Literature from the Women's Movement—English 2, section 2, taught by Pat Redmond; Women in Contemporary Literature—English 24, section 9, taught by Debbie Kolb; History of Women in Western Europe—History 197, taught by Joan Scott; Women in Politics—Political Science 95, section 1, taught by Mary Lepper; Contemporary Sex Roles—Psychology 183, taught by Judith Flaxman; Family and Society—Sociology 62, and Women's Health Care Issues—Nursing 113, taught by Cathy Fogel.

The Women's Studies curriculum was designed to "explore influences in the experiences of women in the past and present, and to study theories and

interpretations offered by different disciplines about the origins of and the changes in sex roles."

The program is not designed as a major but instead as an area of concentration under the Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Mary Turner Lane, appointed this fall as director of Women's Studies, said that her concern is not for a major in the program but to allow students to take the courses regardless of their major.

Pointing out that women constitute 54 per cent of the freshman class—an increase of almost 300 per cent in the last 10 years—Lane said that the need for a Women's Studies program was inevitable.

"It puts a significant dimension to Women's Studies, that undergraduate women as well as men become more knowledgeable about women's experiences and about the theories of gender and sex roles in contemporary society."

The program was officially instituted at UNC this fall after a recommendation was presented to the Faculty Council last spring by the Women's Studies Curriculum Committee.

The committee, chaired by UNC Prof. of Sociology Richard L. Simpson, was

appointed by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor in April 1974 after the Committee on the Role and Status of Women at UNC recommended that a women's studies curriculum be established here.

Joan Scott, an associate professor of history at UNC, was named chairperson of the program's advisory board. The advisory board is composed of faculty and students.

Lane said the program at UNC was developed by compiling and studying women's studies programs offered at other universities across the country. Eighty universities offered undergraduate majors in women's studies, several offered masters degrees, and three universities offered doctorates.

Lane said that her purpose as director is to encourage the initiation of new women's courses in as many departments as possible, and to urge individual faculty members to develop such courses.

"We are trying to develop a sequence so students who want to concentrate in Women's Studies will be able to take courses offered both in the fall and spring semesters," Lane explained.

She said that, up to now, the development of Women's Studies courses has been by

individual professors who have expressed interest in the program, researched courses on their own initiative and then presented them to their department chairpersons.

The Women's Studies Program will be reviewed in five years, and at that time recommendations by Lane and Scott will be submitted to the Faculty Council concerning the future of the program.



# Living costs climb; workweek shorter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The American worker's buying power decreased in September as the cost of living went up 0.4 per cent and the average workweek grew shorter, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The increase in the Consumer Price Index was the smallest since April, but it combined with reduced working hours to produce a 0.5 per cent decline in real spendable earnings—

money left after taxes, Social Security and adjustment for inflation.

This left earnings 0.8 per cent lower than a year ago, for the worst showing since economists declared the recession ended.

In its final report before the election, the Labor Department said the cost of living rose at an annual rate of 4.8 per cent.

The price index, the most closely watched

inflation indicator, stands at 172.6 per cent of its 1967 base of 100, meaning goods and services worth \$100 nine years ago cost \$172.60 in September.

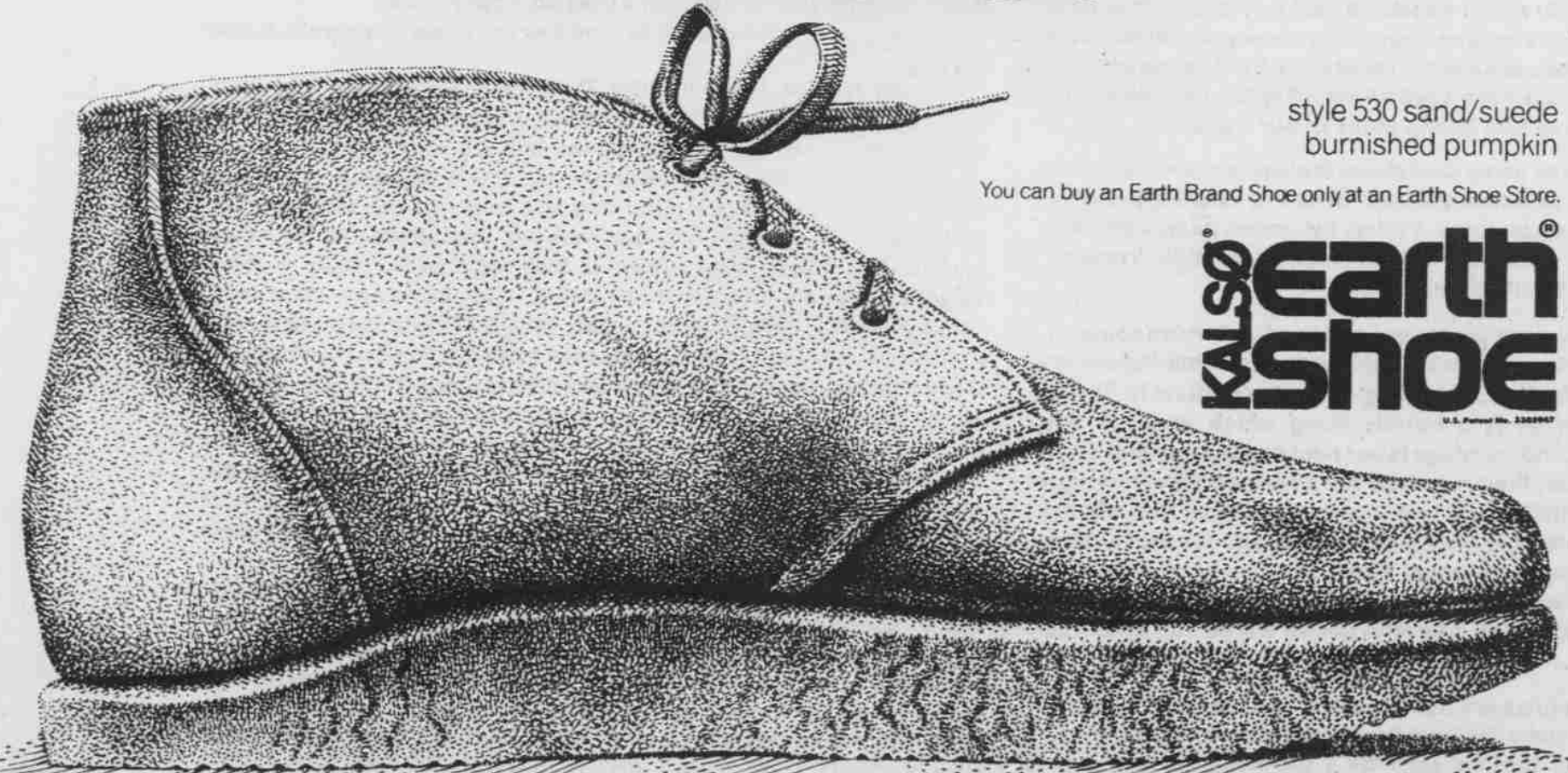
President Ford's top economist, Alan Greenspan, chairperson of the Council of Economic Advisers, said the relatively small price rise in September foreshadowed a modest increase in inflation for the remainder of this year.

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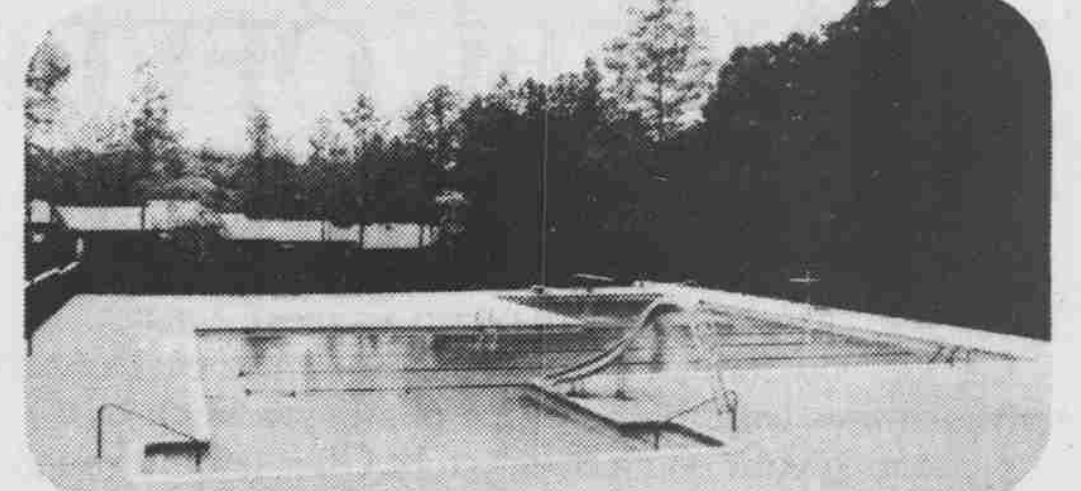
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