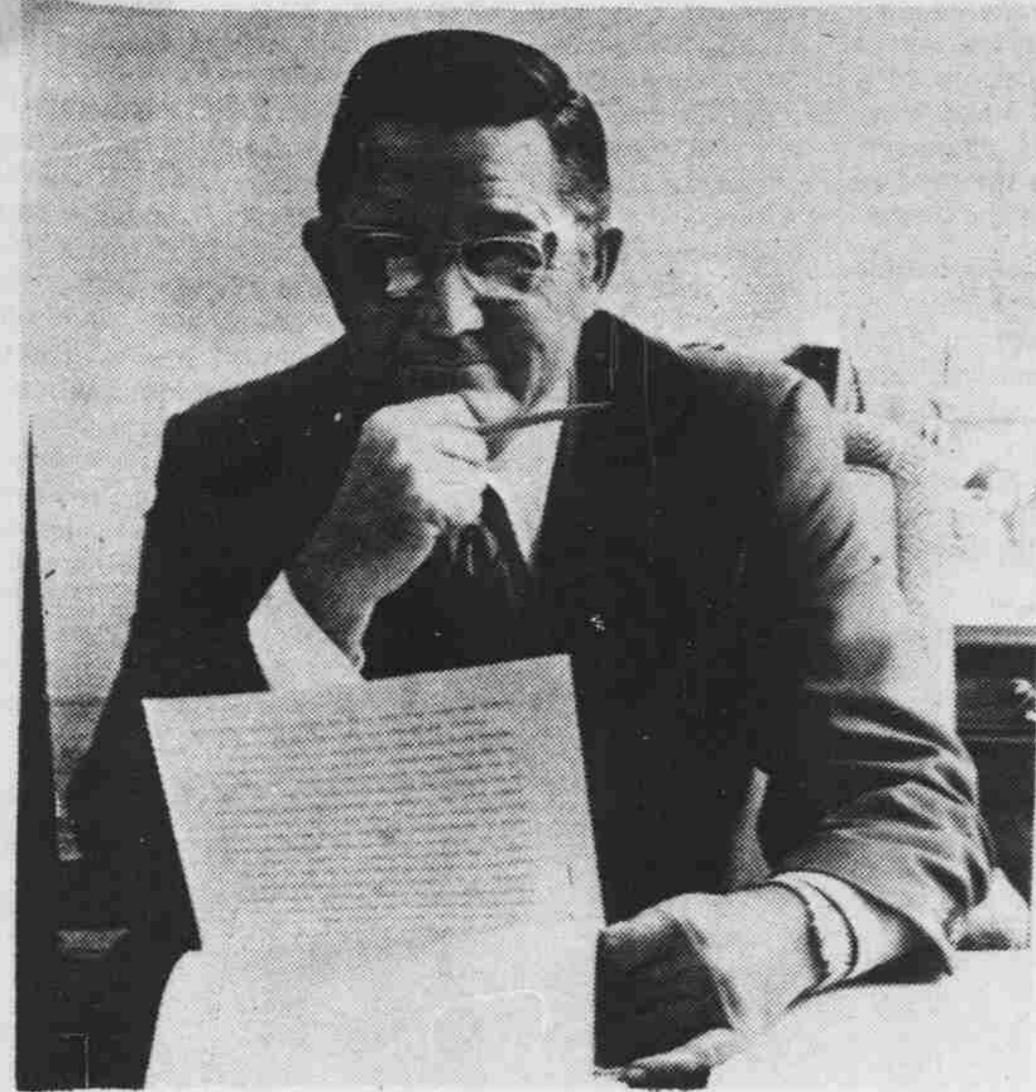


The University



It was a landmark year in several ways for the University. The UNC Board of Trustees in June, 1976, unanimously approved the sale of three University-owned utility systems for a total of approximately \$41.5 million. Duke Power took over the electric utility, Southern Bell purchased Chapel Hill Telephone Co. and the Orange Water and Sewer Authority bought the University's share of the water and sewer systems.

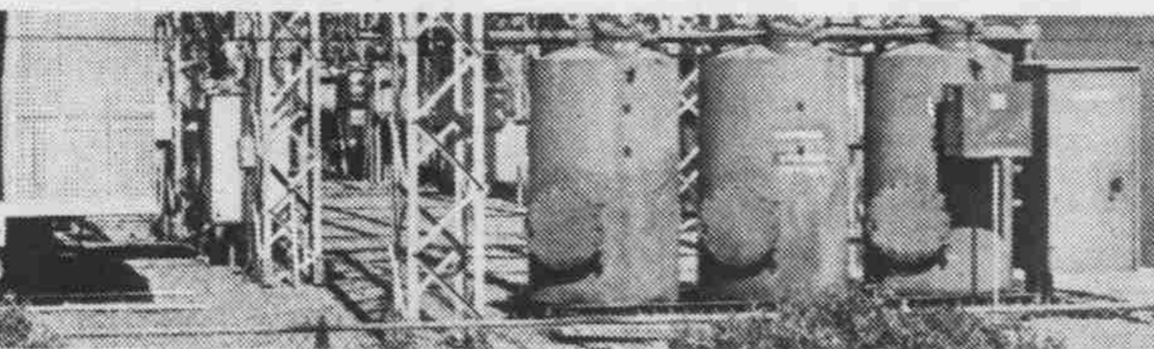
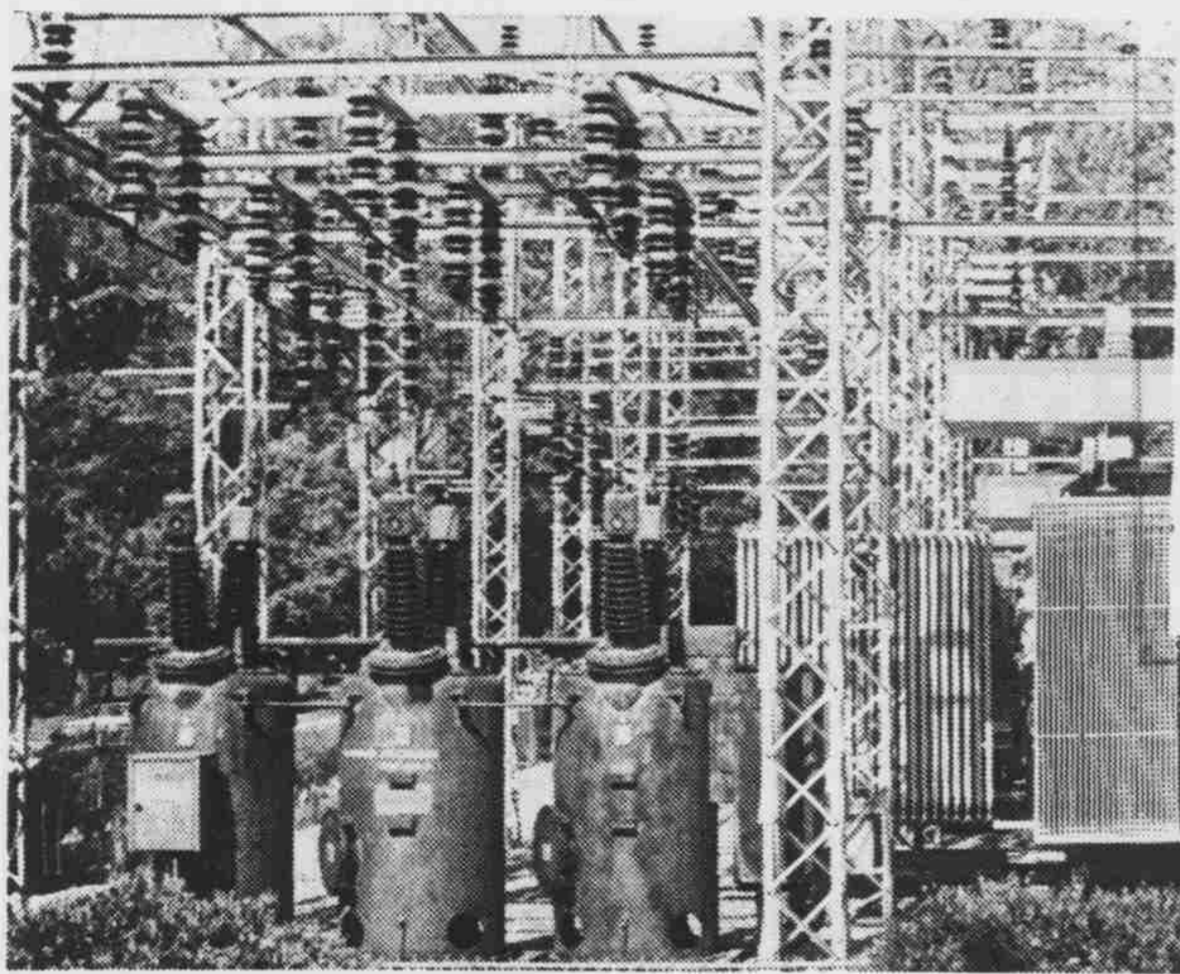
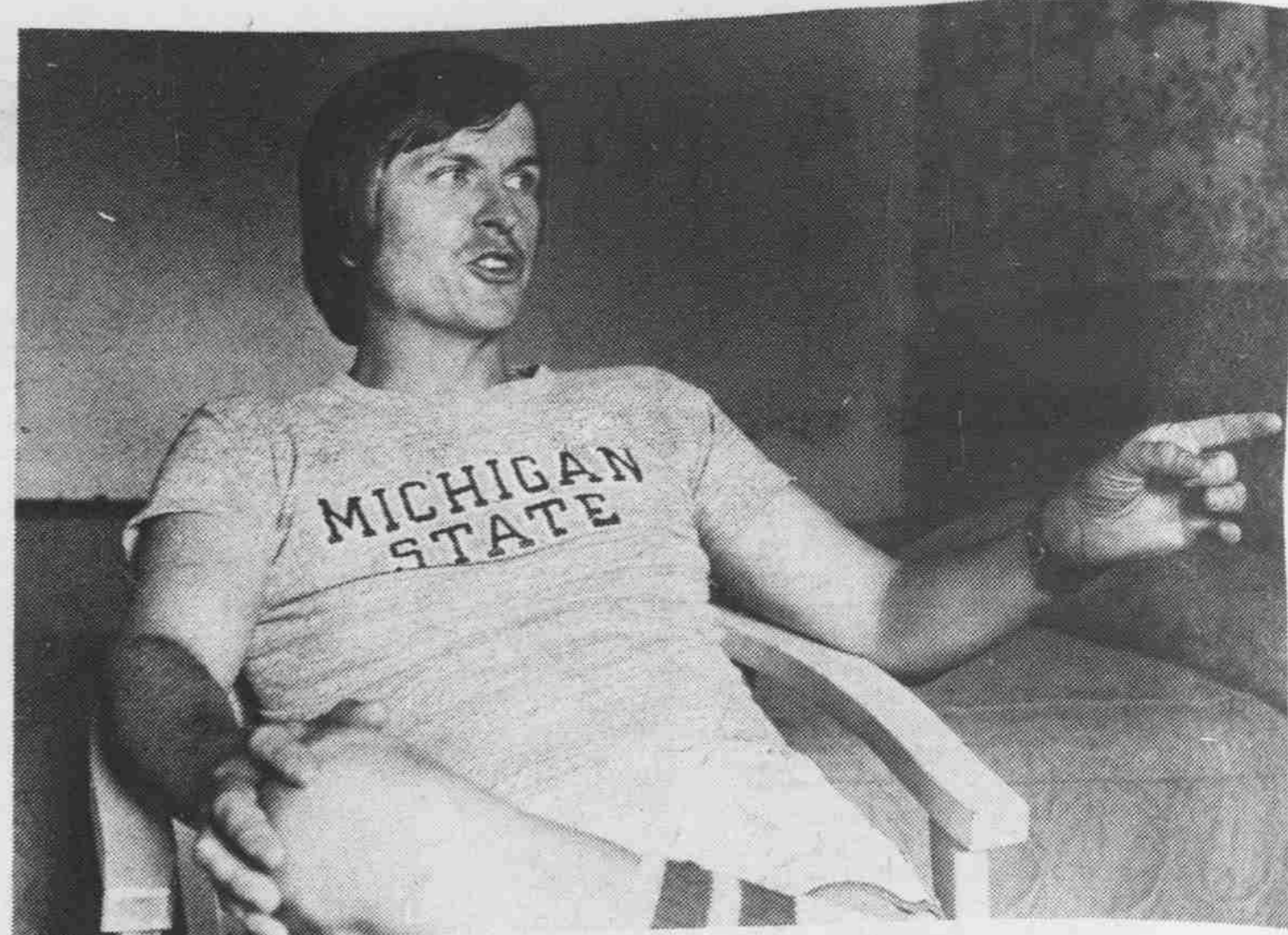
A federal District Court judge declared inadequate the University's plan to further eliminate racial duality in the UNC system, sending the University of North Carolina and five other state systems back to try and come up with new desegregation plans. President William Friday and the Board of Governors thus must continue playing the desegregation game to keep federal funds coming.

After weeks of "Josh is coming" Josh finally materialized in Carmichael and brought with him his catch-phrase "Maximum Sex."

Like everywhere else, it seems, Chapel Hill shivered and chattered its way through a bitter cold winter. A natural gas shortage forced Granville Towers residents to lower their thermostats to 60 degrees for a period in January. And students in North Campus residence halls had to bundle up one night in January waiting for the dormitory heating systems to be fixed.

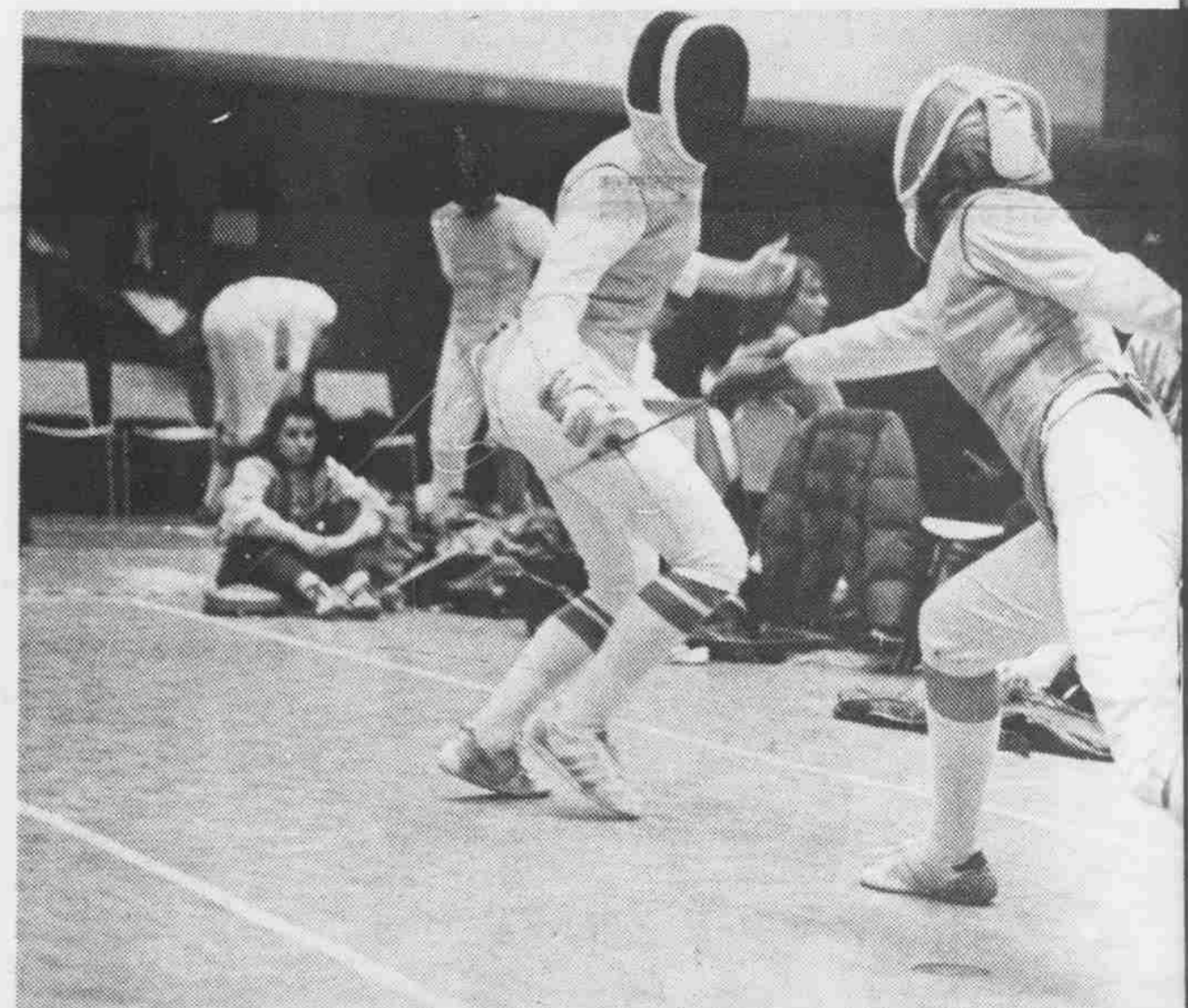
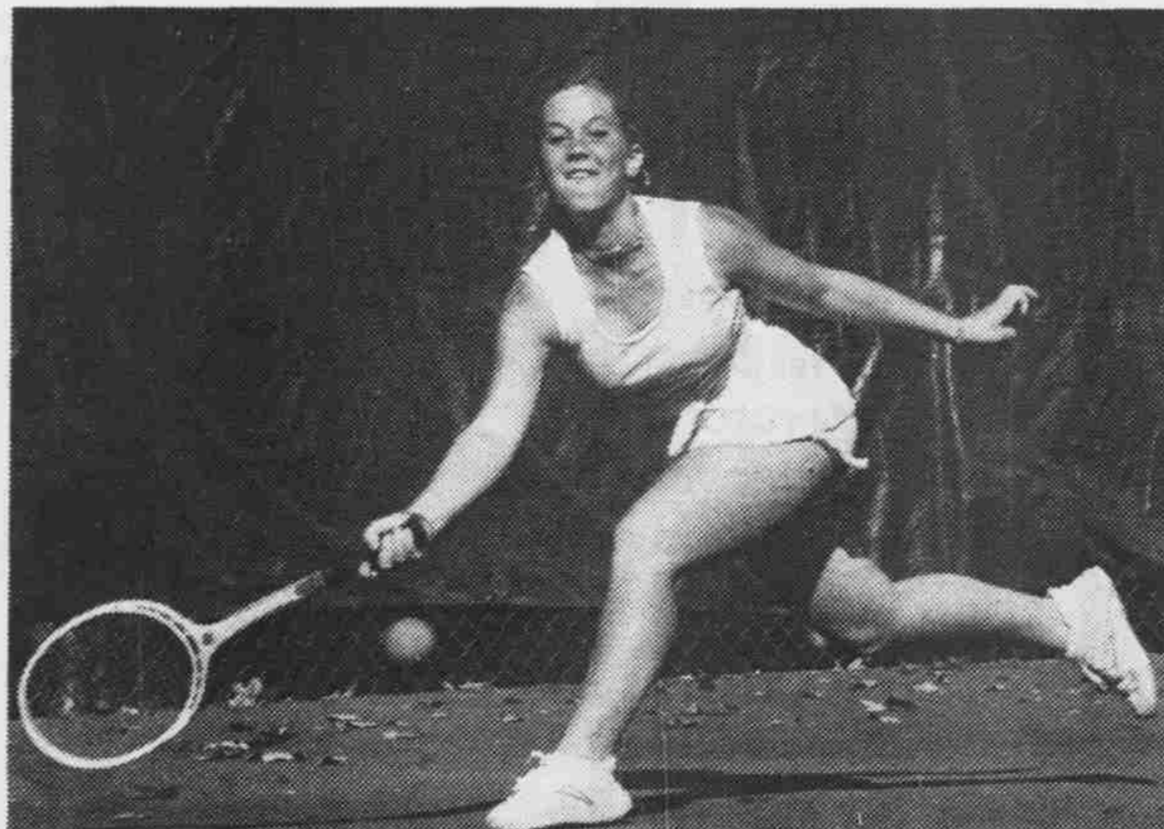
After three referendums and lengthy discussions, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen appropriated money for an extension of the Chapel Hill bus system that would provide transit service between the UNC campus and Carrboro's many apartment complexes.

The Carolina Colloquium this spring, "America's Emerging Role in an Uncertain World," sought to examine the global challenges facing America. And though it lost Daniel Moynihan to a scheduling mixup, the colloquium did bring in speakers like Sen. Morris Udall and former director of the CIA William Colby.



One last look: 1976-77

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Sports

It all began like a dream. On a warm fall afternoon, football quarterback Bernie Menapace limped out to the huddle. He bent over and flipped the football to Mel Collins who streaked all the way down the Kenan Stadium sideline for a touchdown in UNC's season opener against Miami of Ohio.

It would be a fall for sports lovers in Chapel Hill to remember. Skeptics had picked North Carolina's football team to finish with a 6-5 or 5-6 record at best. But the Tar Heels upset Miami (0), Florida and beat the throwing arm of Army quarterback Leamon Hall. The annual season finale against Duke was one of the most exciting football games ever, with the winner still up in the air until the clock ran out. Mike Voight ran in for a two-point conversion with only seconds to go to give Carolina the win.

While the football team was playing before record crowds in Kenan, other athletes were competing before smaller crowds. Cross-country finished second in the ACC, while the soccer team enjoyed another successful season.

And then came the winter and basketball. A midseason slump with three losses in four games made things look dreary for a highly-ranked Tar Heel team. But the regular season ended with a romp over highly-touted Louisville, a game that left the crowd in Charlotte shivering with excitement even at half time. The regular season championship, the ACC tournament title, the Eastern Regional title, and it was on to Atlanta for a shot at the NCAA title.

UNC's swim team finished third in the conference during the winter, and indoor track finished second. Fencing highlighted the winter season with a first-place finish in the conference and a seventh-place finish in the nation, the highest ever for a UNC fencing team.

Golf and tennis won their conference championships during the spring season, and outdoor track finished second. Lacrosse finished third.

Baseball Coach Walter Rabb said goodbye after 31 years at Carolina. His final season was a disappointing one—the Tar Heels tied for fourth in the conference—but included several high spots, most notably a game with the New York Yankees.

