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Skies should be mostly cloudy this afternoon and tonight, with temperatures reaching 70 today and the upper 40s tonight. The chance of rain is 30 percent.

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## Vote for me!

Horseshoes, barbecue, bluegrass highlight old-fashioned rally

By NELL LEE  
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Horseshoes, bluegrass music and plates heaped with barbecue. Add some senatorial candidates and you have an old-fashioned political rally, like the one sponsored Saturday afternoon at Ehringhaus Field by the UNC-Chapel Hill Common Cause, the Association for Women Students and the Young Democrats.

Festivities got underway with rousing music by a barbershop quartet, a local bluegrass music group and a guitarist. A sparse crowd languished in the sun, listening to tunes and drinking beer, while others tossed Frisbees and threw horseshoes. The most energetic played volleyball. On the sidelines, campaign volunteers peddled campaign buttons, T-shirts and other paraphernalia.

The crowd swelled to about 200 by late afternoon when three of the eight candidates in the May 2 Democratic primary for U.S. Senate spoke. State Sen. McNeill Smith of Greensboro, former Fayetteville newspaperman Dave McKnight and Winston-Salem newspaperman Joseph Felmet each spoke to the crowd, which was composed mostly of students.

Representatives for Luther H. Hodges Jr. of Charlotte, Insurance Commissioner John R. Ingram and state Sen. Lawrence Davis of Winston-Salem also spoke. The three candidates had planned to attend the rally but cancelled in favor of a dinner near Morganton honoring former Sen. Sam J. Ervin.

Smith spoke first, advising students to avoid voting for the candidate "with the money or the name," because "whoever wins this primary will have immediate name recognition because this is a hot race."

Following him was McKnight, who delighted the crowd with a rendition of "Orange Blossom Special." McKnight restated his opposition to the decline of the family-owned farm in North Carolina, saying, "We have to stop the large corporate agricultural interests from driving out the small farm in the name of efficiency and productivity."

Felmet then spoke, arguing for elimination of right-to-work laws which prohibit requirements that all workers in a shop join a union. "They (right-to-work laws) are just rights to lower wages."

Representing Hodges was Lillian Woo, a consumer activist. She told the crowd campaign issues were economic and that Hodges is best qualified to deal with them. UNC student Mike Mills spoke for Ingram and student John Totten for Davis.

Common Cause members said the rally was a success and that similar events for other elections would be planned.

"I think it was a success," Common Cause member and rally co-chairperson Lynne Pollock said. "We had a fairly small crowd of people there because a lot of other things were going on at the time, but the crowd we had was very enthusiastic."



Common Cause  
McNeill Smith  
DEMOCRATIC  
U.S. SEN.

## FDA committee says pot needed for medical research

By TONY MACE  
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The Food and Drug Administration and Congress are acting to make it easier to use marijuana in medical research and to decriminalize possession of small amounts of the drug, federal officials said.

An FDA advisory committee last month recommended the federal government reclassify marijuana to make the drug more available to cancer researchers. The committee said there is evidence the active ingredient in marijuana (THC) helps alleviate the discomfort experienced by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

The committee's recommendation represents the first step in an elaborate approval process, FDA drug abuse chief Edward Tocus said last week.

"There's no way to speculate on the chances for ultimate approval," Tocus said. "The recommendation is now at the Bureau of Drugs. Then it has to be approved by the commissioner of the FDA, and then it goes to the assistant secretary for health, who will make the final decision."

Meanwhile, a House subcommittee is considering a bill that would make possession of less than an ounce of marijuana a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense, with a \$100 maximum fine for conviction.

Under the measure, individual states would have the option of retaining criminal prosecution for possession of marijuana. North Carolina and several other states have already enacted similar modified decriminalization laws.

Both the FDA action and congressional legislation were initiated by the Carter administration. Peter Bourne, Carter's health adviser, has asked the National Cancer Institute to end its discrimination against researchers who request grants to investigate the use of marijuana in treatment of cancer and glaucoma.

The U.S. Department of Justice came up with the decriminalization plan at the request of President Carter, according to

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Avery and Teague residents battle it out at the annual water fight, leaving balloons behind.

## Officials iron out SALT details on nuclear weapons limitation

From staff and wire reports

U.S. and Soviet representatives were finalizing provisions of a new Strategic Arms Limitation Talks agreement in Moscow this week while the true strength of American military forces was called into question at home.

U.S. officials Sunday said significant progress was made during the SALT talks concerning limits on the number of nuclear weapons either side could produce and maintain.

Meanwhile in Congress, Rep. Robin Beard, R-Tenn., released a report concerning the all-volunteer Army. The report stated Army recruiting shortages, increased pregnancies and poorly educated enlistees tend to make the system a failure.

Beard, when releasing his report, said the United States will need to consider restoring some form of draft or mandatory national service if there is no improvement in the situation.

The *New York Times* reported Sunday that, in

addition to the congressional report, some high-ranking American officials believe the United States is unprepared to deal with terrorist activities at home and abroad.

The officials said the United States is far from being prepared to deal with terrorist attacks. Only one military detachment has received any anti-terrorist training and that group will not be ready for action until this summer, the officials said.

The congressional report said active U.S. military forces are 80,000 units short of wartime strength adding, recruiting shortages will lead to a shortage of half a million soldiers in the event of a wartime situation before the draft could take over.

The all-volunteer draft, begun in 1973, is based on a total force concept which puts 54 percent of Army manpower in reserve units, the report said. But the report also stated, "The U.S. Army total force is a failure due to major losses in reserve force strength."

The report noted the Army is "making comic books

out of training manuals" by rewriting them on an 11th-grade to an eighth-grade level, while Army weapons systems are becoming increasingly complex.

UNC's Samuel R. Williamson, history professor and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, sees the Army situation as an attempt by the United States to offset the Army weakness with greater weapons systems. Williamson, former director of the Curriculum of Peace, War and Defense, has served as a consultant on the Soviet Union to the U.S. Department of Defense.

"We are trying to use weapons technology to offset where the Army is below standard," Williamson said Sunday. "Our looking for offsetting technology, in my opinion, enhances the chance of war."

Williamson said a trade-off between Army strength and more sophisticated weaponry is only a part of the military competition between the Soviet Union and the United States.

"The Army isn't as weak as the wire services say it is," Williamson said. "It's not a paper tiger."

Williamson said there is no way to improve the Army, short of renewing the draft or some sort of mandatory national service.

The report said budget cutbacks have resulted in reduced training and shortages of equipment in the Army, contributing to a drop in readiness and morale.

"We need to acknowledge there is a serious problem," Beard said when releasing the report, based on five months of interviews of all ranks of Army personnel.

In the arms limitations talks, the Soviet Union is trying to prevent American production of the "cruise missile," an extremely accurate (within 300 yards) nuclear-tipped pilotless drone. The United States could have an arsenal of up to 11,000 cruise missiles in operation by 1981 if President Carter approves current production plans.

The United States now has roughly 13,000 missiles in all, according to the *Armed Forces Journal*, an unofficial publication of the U.S. Armed Forces.

## Archaeologists to search I-40 corridor

By KATHA TREANOR  
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State archaeologists are to explore the proposed Interstate 40 corridor through Orange County for significant historical and cultural artifacts.

But Mark Mathis, supervisor of the field work expected to begin May 15, said even if something of major significance is unearthed he is not sure if it will be enough to persuade state officials to shift the corridor for the interstate.

"We're concerned about the cultural resources, both archaeological and historical, of North Carolina, but at the same time we have to look at the economic aspect of the public good," said Mathis, who works in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives.

"We don't like to stop projects. That's not our purpose," Mathis said. "But we try to be as objective as possible."

The N.C. Board of Transportation has voted to extend I-40 from Research Triangle Park to I-85 near Hillsborough.

The boards of aldermen of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and the Orange County Board of Commissioners have asked state highway planners to scratch the proposed link, saying the superhighway would unnecessarily disrupt economic activities and environmental stability in the area.

Mathis said he does not know what workers can expect to find along the proposed route. The area has been inhabited by transient American Indian tribes for 12,000 years and by English-speaking peoples since the 17th century.

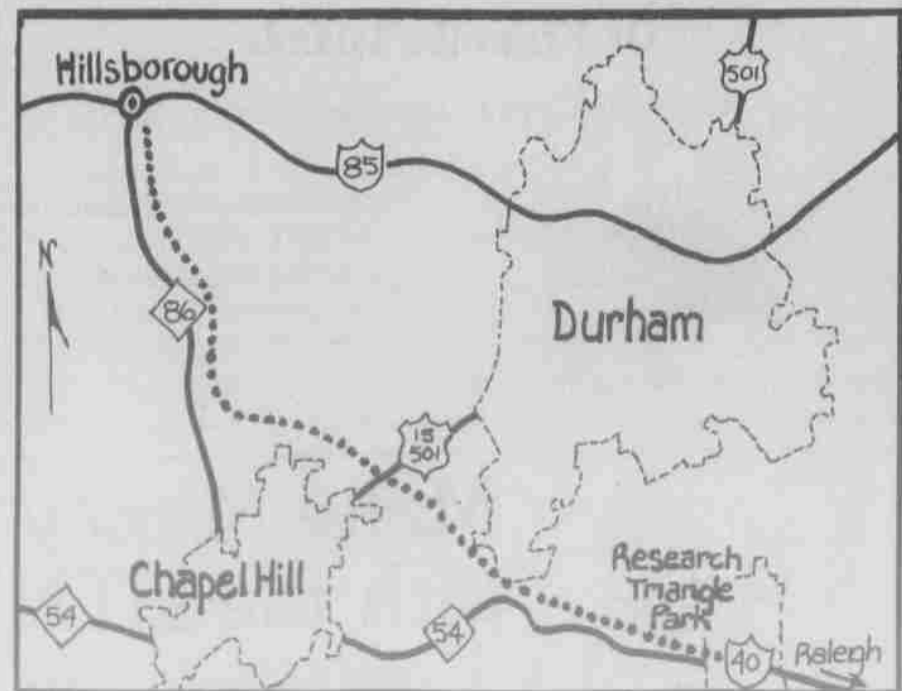
"We'll be looking for evidence of prehistoric activities — ceramics and stone artifacts," Mathis said. "We'll attempt to find out if there are intact, undisturbed deposits of cultural materials that bear looking closer before they (highway construction workers) run their bulldozers through."

Sensible Highways and Protected Environment, a group of Orange and Durham residents opposed to the state I-40 plan, held a festival Saturday to raise funds for a court suit to stop proposed I-40 routes through the area.

Environmentalists and others formed SHAPE in September 1977 to oppose N.C. Department of Transportation plans to extend the highway.

"There is no sufficient reason for spending that money and building that road," said SHAPE member Elio Soldi, a professor of physics at N.C. Central University in Durham.

SHAPE also has said three proposed I-40 routes through Orange and Durham counties would ruin historical sites and displace families who reside in the area.



Doris Gupton, an information officer with the state transportation department, said archaeological surveys are routine on major construction and improvement projects.

If a major find is uncovered, she said transportation officials may allow

archaeologists more time to remove significant artifacts for study.

Mathis said field work at the site could take 15 days and a report should be completed by August.

## \$1,000 prize

### Company seeks flagpole sitters for three-month boardwalk perch

By TERRI HUNT  
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Interested in sitting on a flagpole for three months? Well, here is your big chance.

World Atlantic Productions of New York City now is taking applications for the job for anyone over 18 years of age. The lucky man or woman chosen for the position will spend from May 26 to about one week after Labor Day atop a flagpole. The winner will receive \$1,000 for the feat.

"We would really like to have a female," Norman Adie of World Atlantic Productions, said. "There has never been a female flagpole sitter on record."

The Atlantic Productions venture would be a world's record if done by a female. The present world record, held by a male flagpole sitter, is 365 days.

Rest assured, you won't be sitting on an ordinary flagpole for three months. The chosen sitter will have a one-room suite 100 feet above the roof of the Boardwalk Mall in Wildwood, N.J.

The suite will be equipped with a telephone that will permit the occupant to dial friends around the world to tell them of his or her incredible adventure as well as a telephone service connecting him or her with the millions of vacationers of the beach at Wildwood. Also included will be a comfortable lounge chair, running water, electricity, radio, TV and heat if needed.

Promotional brochures boast that the sitter will have a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean while over the southern New Jersey seashore.

Why is the attempt being made? "It's actually a promotion for a new entertainment center in Boardwalk Mall," Adie said. "Also, we're doing it, because it's never been done on a boardwalk."

Adie said his company already has received hundreds of applications from people mostly between the ages of 18 and 30, but no final selection has been made.

Potential flagpole sitters can mail applications to: World Atlantic Productions, 150 East 35 Street, New York, New York 10016.