

No rain

It will be fair and cool today, tonight and Wednesday with the high in the mid-50s and the low in the 30s.

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Tennis opens

The UNC men's tennis team opened its spring season Monday with a victory over Penn State. See page 5.

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## Experts say war on rise in Vietnam

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Vietnamese troops defending the Red River Valley corridor to Hanoi held their ground Monday against a three-pronged Chinese armored and infantry attack, Hanoi radio said.

Vietnam claimed in official broadcasts that Peking's soldiers were being killed at a rate of 800 a day all along the border front lines.

China's Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping said Monday the 10-day-old conflict might end in another 10 days, but analysts in Bangkok and elsewhere say they expect the Chinese invasion force to first mount an all-out assault against Hanoi's troops.

The official Soviet news media charged that China also was massing troops near its border with Laos for an invasion of that Vietnamese-dominated country. The report could not be confirmed.

In a speech in the western Russian city of Minsk, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko reiterated the Kremlin's warning to China to pull out of Soviet-allied Vietnam "before it is too late." He said the invasion was "doomed to failure."

A Soviet airlift of military supplies to Hanoi appeared to be continuing Monday. Airport sources in Calcutta, India, said three cargo planes—one Bulgarian and two Soviet—refueled there Sunday and Monday on their way to the Vietnamese capital.

Soviet reconnaissance planes were again spotted flying toward Vietnam, where they are believed to be surveying the China-Vietnam front. A Soviet destroyer was spotted headed south past Japan, possibly toward waters off Vietnam where several Soviet warships have been cruising.

A Voice of Vietnam radio broadcast monitored here claimed Hanoi's troops had killed more than 2,300 Chinese in three days of fighting beginning Friday at scattered battlefields along the front.

The broadcast said tank-led Chinese infantrymen attacked Vietnamese forces from three directions in the Cam Duong area, south of the provincial capital of Lao Cai and about 150 miles northwest of Hanoi.

Cam Duong and Lao Cai, which was reported captured by the Chinese last week, lie in the Red River Valley, a strategic water, rail and highway corridor leading to Hanoi. Chinese officials have been quoted as saying, however, they have no plans to try to seize the Vietnamese capital.

China, whose troops are reported to have penetrated as far as 20 miles inside Vietnam, has issued few reports about the progress of the war. But Japan's Kyodo news service Monday said Peking radio reported that a Chinese battalion had overrun five Vietnamese hilltop positions near Dong Dang, north of the town of Lang Son.

Hanoi claims its troops have killed more than 16,000 Chinese thus far. Intelligence sources here consider the figure inflated. The Vietnamese have not reported their own casualties, and the Chinese have published no casualty figures.

Bangkok analysts believe the Chinese are planning—or may have already begun—a major push in the frontier area, possibly around the town of Lang Son, 80 miles north of Hanoi.

Japan's Kyodo news service quoted Chinese sources as saying Peking wants to "punish" Vietnam by destroying at least one Vietnamese army division and military bases and artillery emplacements near the border.

## Alderman to appeal Durham job ruling

By PAM KELLEY  
Staff Writer

Carrboro Alderman Doug Sharer is appealing a decision by the city of Durham administration which would, by reclassifying his job with the city, force him to choose between his job and his position as alderman.

Sharer works in the traffic engineering department for the city of Durham on a federal grant. He said Monday because he is on a federal grant, he is classified as a temporary employee. The city administration has reclassified him as a permanent employee, and in Durham, city employees are prohibited from holding public office.

"I've done some things the administration doesn't like, and since I'm on a federal grant they can't fire me, so this is their way of getting rid of me," Sharer said.

Sharer's appeal will be heard March 6 by Durham's city manager, Dean Hunter. "I've suggested an independent arbitrator preside, because I don't want to make my appeal to the same people who want to get rid of me," Sharer said.



### Water over the dam

Since Thursday, the skies have dumped 4.01 inches of rain, the second heaviest rain this year, on Chapel Hill and sent 10 inches of water flowing over the dam at University Lake. Each inch equals almost 8.3 million gallons of water, more than a full day's water supply.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department received about a dozen calls from persons whose basements had flooded from the rain. Harold Harris, Chapel Hill Public Works director, said his department stopped up a few pipes and catch basins Monday morning, but the rain caused no big problems.

DTH/Andy James

## Housing scarce, off-campus doors open but beware

By PAT CAUDILL  
Staff Writer

If you haven't found a place to live for next year, start thinking realistically because off-campus housing is scarce in Chapel Hill.

Almost 200 homeless students attended an apartment forum Sunday in Great Hall. Representatives from local apartment complexes offered advice on finding places to live.

Peggy Gibbs, UNC assistant director of housing contracts, told the students only 150 to 200 more University housing spaces should open up by July for the 875 students who were closed out of dorms.

A waiting list of names will be drawn Tuesday. "If you are within the first 25 drawn, don't worry," Gibbs said. "If you are not, go out and find an apartment."

Lydia Lewis, another University housing

representative, gave students the following tips for finding places to stay off-campus:

- Check information in *The Southern Part of Heaven* guide to local apartments published by the Student Consumer Action Union. It contains comments from tenants surveyed by SCAU.
- Visit or call the University housing office in Carr Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. The office operates a listing service and posts notices of available rooms, apartments and houses as well as roommate-wanted notices.
- The office will be open during spring break and every Saturday after the break from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Notify friends to find who will be leaving and make arrangements early to rent.
- *The Village Advocate* also lists apartments and

places to rent. Go by the *Advocate* office on Weaver Street in Carrboro around 10 a.m. on Wednesdays to get first chance at new ad listings.

Mark Sternlicht, Student Legal Services attorney, advised students to take the following steps to avoid legal problems after moving in:

- Obtain a lease. A written lease has many advantages for students. He said one advantage is it prevents the landlord from raising the rent.
- Read the lease carefully before signing it. Landlords of smaller apartment complexes may provide an opportunity to negotiate the terms of the lease. SLS can provide students with a model lease or provide ideas students can use in negotiations.
- Draw up a written agreement with roommates specifying responsibilities such as how long each will live there and how much rent each will pay.

• Make a check list of the condition of the apartment when you move in and when you move out to protect yourself from being billed unfairly for damages or losing a security deposit.

"According to N.C. General Statutes," Sternlicht said, "landlords must provide fit and habitable premises for their tenants, which means that he must comply with the town housing code."

In Chapel Hill the landlord has the responsibility to make all repairs and to keep the house and appliances which he provided in safe condition.

Students can receive free legal advice from an attorney about renting and other legal concerns at SLS in Suite A of the Carolina Union.

The forum Sunday was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, the Carolina Union and the Association of Apartment Dwellers.

## Drinking in public on meeting agenda

An open hearing on the public consumption of beer and wine in Carrboro will be held at 7:45 tonight at the Board of Aldermen meeting in the Carrboro Town Hall.

Currently, beer and wine can be consumed in public places in Carrboro. The Board of Aldermen voted last month not to include a clause prohibiting public consumption in the town code. In Chapel Hill, public consumption is illegal.

"Public consumption affects those who don't drink," anti-drink activist the Rev. Jack Mansfield of Carrboro First Baptist Church said last month. "They have their rights violated subtly."

"I think significant statutes are now operating to deal with alcohol abuse," Alderman Nancy White said.

"To have no ordinance in a town to control the public consumption of beer and wine is foolish," Carrboro resident John Thomas said recently.

He said he and a group of Carrboro citizens opposed to public consumption will be at the public hearing tonight to air complaints.

"If they don't do anything, we're going to start passing out beers on buses and in the town hall as a protest," Thomas said.

## Governors concerned by plan to cut federal revenue sharing

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's governors, unable to agree on whether to endorse a budget-balancing amendment to the Constitution, voiced concern Monday about congressional threats to slash revenue sharing as a big step toward eliminating the federal deficit.

Pressure for a balanced federal budget was the dominant issue at the winter meeting of the National Governors' Conference under way a few blocks from the Capitol.

California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., chief executive of the nation's most populous state and a leading advocate of a budget-balancing amendment, ran into strong opposition from other governors as well as from members of Congress.

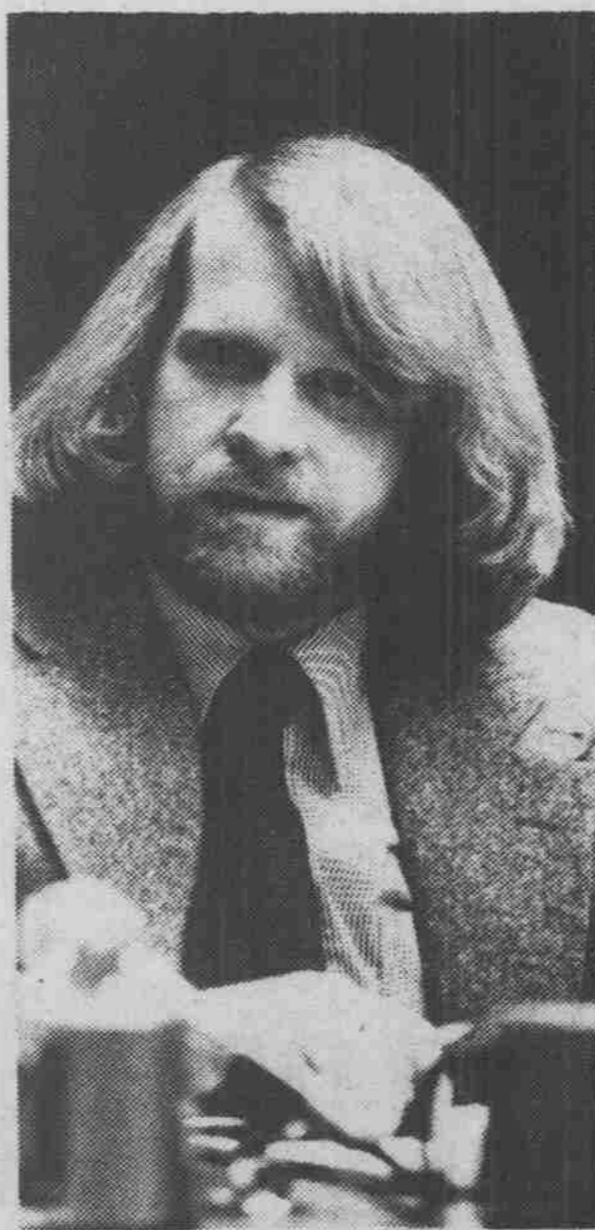
Gov. James Thompson of Illinois called the idea of a budget amendment "somewhat simplistic" and said he was more concerned about threats to cut revenue sharing.

"Why are some in the administration and Congress singling out general revenue sharing as a target for cuts in spending?" Thompson asked.

Echoing similar concern, Gov. Thomas Judge of Montana said, "A lot of people on the Hill feel they're going to retaliate against the governors."

Judge and Thompson obviously were upset by statements from members of Congress—including the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, House Speaker

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DTH/Billy Newman

Doug Sharer  
...wants both jobs

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## Cooper delays runoff hearing for 'DTH' editor

By BEN ESTES  
Staff Writer

A Student Supreme Court hearing to determine whether the results of the Feb. 21 runoff election for *Daily Tar Heel* editor should be certified has been postponed until the week after spring break, Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Cooper said Monday.

Cooper said he has issued a temporary injunction to prevent a new runoff which was scheduled for March 14. If the court decides not to overturn the Elections Board's decision, a new runoff will be held on March 21, he said.

The hearing originally was scheduled for this Wednesday but was delayed because the student attorney general's office did not have time to prepare its case adequately, Cooper said.

"I feel that for this case to be handled in a judicial manner and for a fair decision to be rendered, a delay was necessary," he said.

Student Attorney General Suzie Mitchell said she would not comment on the case. Mitchell will represent the Elections Board at the hearing next month.

The hearing was scheduled when *DTH* candidate David Stacks filed an appeal to the Supreme Court to overturn Friday's Elections Board decision not to certify the runoff results. The board made its decision after hearing complaints from candidate Allen Jernigan about irregularities at the runoff polls. Stacks won the runoff by about 200 votes.

The attorney general's office asked for the hearing delay because it was swamped with other cases and no one on the staff was familiar with Supreme Court cases, Cooper said.

Stacks said he disapproved of the delay. "It will wreak havoc at the *Tar Heel* for the rest of the semester," he said.

"It will make it nearly impossible to get anything constructive done this semester. All the new editor will be able to accomplish will be the transition."

"I assume the court knows that the *Tar Heel* will be in dire straits," Stacks said.

But Jernigan said the delay might be beneficial. "I think it will give the defense better time to prepare the case," Jernigan said.

Jernigan also said the delay will give *DTH* staff members more time to learn new jobs. The extra time was also needed because the court has not heard a case



DTH/Kim Snooks

Suzie Mitchell  
...will defend board

since 1976, he said.

But Stacks said the delay will hurt voter turnout if the runoff is not held until March 21. "I predict the turnout will be less than 800," he said.

Jernigan Monday filed a formal protest with Elections Board Chairperson Jil Linker. In the protest, Jernigan said violations of the election's laws materially affected the outcome of the Feb. 21 runoff.

"Students were turned away from the polls because of late openings of the ballot boxes at the Union, Y Court and the Scuttlebutt," he said. "Late opening of the polls, some opening as late as noon or after, disenfranchised sufficiently many voters to materially alter the outcome of the election."

Craig Brown, who will represent Stacks at the hearing, Monday resigned his post as Student Government executive assistant. Student Body President-elect J.B. Kelly said Brown's resignation will hurt lobbying efforts for a drop period extension. Brown has been instrumental in lobbying for the extension before the Faculty Council.

Because of the delay, Brown will not be able to return to his post until after March 15, the tentative date for the hearing.