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Mostly sunny today with a high around 40. Increasing cloudiness tonight, with a low near 30.

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Kissinger report calls for boosting aid to El Salvador

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Kissinger Commission told President Reagan on Wednesday that a conflagration in Central America "could threaten the entire hemisphere" and called for boosting military aid to El Salvador as well as five-year, \$8 billion economic assistance program for the entire region.

The commission warned that the Marxist insurgency in El Salvador "threatens U.S. security interests because of its ties to Nicaragua, Cuba and the Soviet Union."

In what has already become the most disputed section of its work, the commission said, however, that military aid to El Salvador should be contingent upon demonstrated progress in securing human rights, in such areas as elections, freedom of assembly, rule of law and an end to the so-called death squads.

Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, has said the president would not be inclined to accept such a legislative requirement. Late last year, Reagan vetoed a bill on that score.

The panel presented its report to the president at midday, ending a 6-month project intended to outline for the administration and the nation the problems of southern neighbors and the effort needed to end the turmoil responsible for tens of thousands of deaths in recent years.

"It is the most comprehensive and detailed review of the issues as they affect our national security that I have ever seen," Reagan said in the Oval Office as former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, chairman of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, delivered the 132-page document.

"I'm impressed with the depth of the analysis and the creativity of the recommendations," Reagan said, and called for Congress to work with him in a bipartisan manner to "urgently seek solutions." Detailed comment was not expected for several days until after he has read the report.

Speakes said that Reagan agreed with the recommendation that aid to El Salvador be increased.

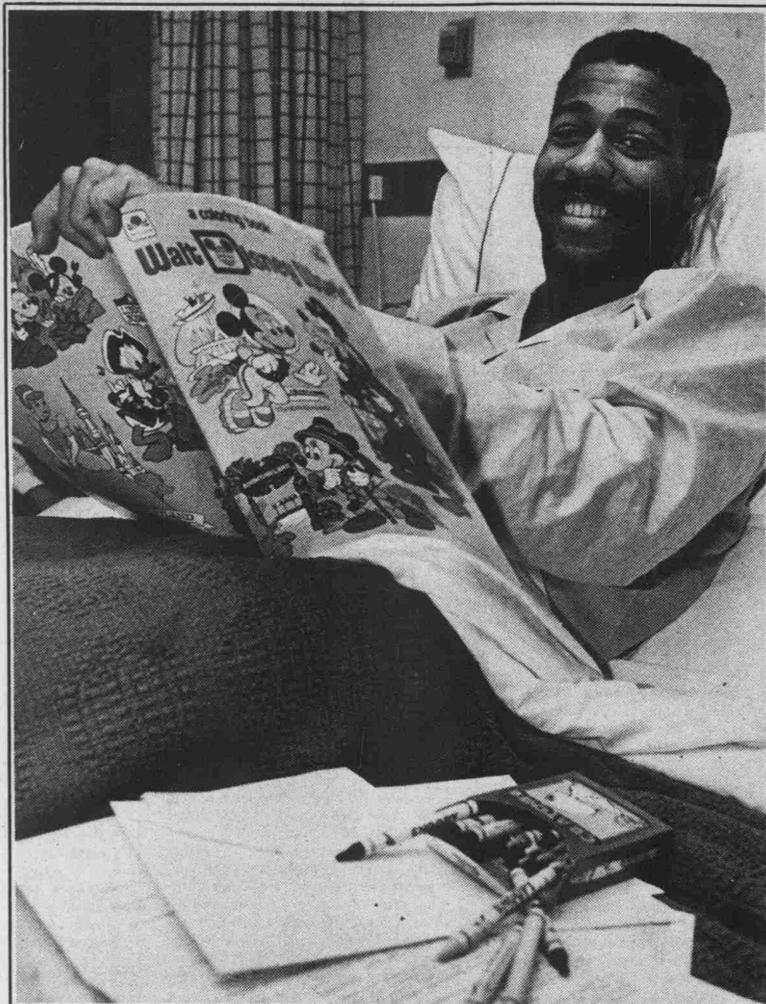
The 12-member commission spent more than 30 days in meetings, heard from more than 500 people in the United States, Central America, Mexico and Venezuela, and received written material from another 400 people. It called for a coordinated effort to attack the region's social, economic, political and security troubles, and said that anything less would fail. But Kissinger said he saw no need to increase the number of U.S. military advisers in the region.

"The crisis will not wait," the commissioners said. "There is no time to wait."

"Unless rapid progress can be made on the political, economic and social fronts, peace on the military front will be elusive and would be fragile," the report said. But, it added, failure to curb the violence and foreign-supported insurgencies will hamper progress in the other areas.

"Discontents are real, and for much of the population, conditions of life are miserable," inviting revolution, the report said.

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Speak softly

Student Body President Kevin Monroe, recovering from the removal of his tonsils, enjoys a coloring book presented to him by Student Government members. Although his throat was sore, Monroe had few complaints Wednesday. "It's great," he whispered. "Flowers. Crayons. Beautiful girls come to visit me." The temporarily soft-spoken Monroe, who underwent the operation Tuesday, is expected to be released from Student Health Services today.

Judge orders cable companies to show games

By SARAH RAPER
Staff Writer

Local cable subscribers were treated to a free night of "Season Ticket" basketball last night thanks to two residents who filed complaints against the two local cable companies Wednesday.

Wednesday night's game between N.C. State and the University of Virginia, which was telecast nationally by ESPN, was originally scheduled to be pre-empted or blacked out in the ACC region, except to ESPN subscribers who pay extra to watch ACC games on ESPN. But Orange County District Court Judge Patricia Hunt issued a temporary restraining order forcing the cable companies to make the Season Ticket available to all ESPN subscribers regardless of whether they had paid the extra fee.

Hunt issued the order after Chapel Hill resident Steven Bernholz and Carrboro resident Sam Maffei filed complaints against Village Cable and Alert Cable.

Bernholz and Maffei contend that Village and Alert have violated their contracts to provide 24-hour programming to their customers. According to the plain-

tiffs' attorney Martin Bernholz, alternative programming offered in place of the ACC games to non-subscribers of the Season Ticket service does not constitute full ESPN programming.

The plaintiff Bernholz also contends that Village's Season Ticket package is in violation of its contract with the town of Chapel Hill. The contract with the town limits the company to six pay channels, but Season Ticket constitutes a seventh pay service offered by Village, the complaint said.

The charge against the local cable companies is similar to a case settled in Wilmington last week.

In the case, a district court judge ruled that Vision Cable of Wilmington must begin to provide the service free of charge to all ESPN subscribers because a failure to do so was a violation of the company's contract with its viewers to provide continuous service.

ESPN contracted with Raycom Sports Inc. of Charlotte, the company that holds the television rights for ACC basketball, to offer the Season Ticket package. The package consists of 21 games at an extra cost of \$75 to local cable subscribers. These games are being broadcast at no extra charge to viewers outside of the ACC

states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Georgia.

Jim Heavner, president of the Village Companies, which owns Village Cable, said he received the court order this afternoon.

"We're willing to do whatever the court tells us to do," Heavner said. "This really is an issue between the customers and ESPN."

Heavner said a free broadcast of tonight's game between UNC and the University of Maryland would depend on a court decision that could come today. ESPN will appear in court today to try to block the restraining order, Heavner said.

If ESPN is unsuccessful, Bernholz said the local companies would have to continue to offer Season Ticket programming until at least Jan. 20 when a hearing has been set. At the hearing the judge could either decide to require the cable companies to continue offering Season Ticket programming free to ESPN subscribers until a trial could be arranged or the judge could decide to permit the cable companies to quit showing ACC games to viewers who have not paid for Season Ticket.

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Confident Helms predicts Hunt in for tough battle

By TOM CONLON
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The 1984 U.S. Senate race between Sen. Jesse Helms and Gov. Jim Hunt is heating up, and Helms says his opponent is finding the campaign to be more difficult than expected.

"He's (Hunt) not going to beat me, and I think he's beginning to understand that," Helms said last week at a news conference. "He thought at one time by bringing in the coalition of blacks and labor unions and the homosexuals, the ultra-liberal and all that gamut of block votes that he would be a shoo-in," Helms said.

"But I believe the people have begun to take an interest in the campaign," he said. "They may not always agree with me, but I have never given them an occasion where they didn't understand where I stood. But I'll tell you one thing — I'm not going to sell my soul to stay in the United States Senate."

"I'm going to level with the people of North Carolina," Helms said. "If that's good enough, fine. If it's not, fine. Because one way or another I come out the winner. If I lose the election, I get to come home and watch my grandchildren grow up."

But Stephanie Bass, representative for the Jim Hunt Exploratory Committee, denounced Helms' statement of block

votes. "We are not an exclusive group," she said in an interview this week. "We have broad support throughout the state with all groups of people — the business community, women, farmers, students and the working class. I think it suits Mr. Helms' purposes to think it's a coalition when it really is broad-based support."

Helms said he has never criticized Hunt but has poked fun at him. The senator said he and his wife were good friends with Hunt's family, despite disagreeing philosophically.

"I had always assumed that he was elected and I was elected to work together for the best interest of the state, and I don't propose to go around the state and engage in the rhetoric that I can say he's engaged in."

Regarding a Hunt-Helms debate, Helms said he suggested to the governor that both of them sit down and discuss the issues in a non-debate format but that "he (Hunt) is running like a scalded dog away from that."

"He doesn't want to talk about Central America, his own record of spending and taxation," Helms said. "I would like to — right now, tomorrow, next week — sit down with the governor" and let Hunt ask the people of North Carolina what issues bothers them the most.

Bass said it was natural for Helms to seek a debate at this time because current polls show Helms trailing Hunt, with



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Sen. Jesse Helms speaks at a fund-raising dinner held in Greensboro Wednesday night. Vice President George Bush applauds.

about 45 percent to Hunt's 55 percent. "Helms is the incumbent and the underdog," she said. "He knows he's behind in the polls and wants to try to pull ahead by having a debate. There's no question we'll debate him, but we'll do that some time after the May 8th primary," she said.

Although neither candidate has formally announced, Hunt is expected to announce at a Feb. 4 fund-raising event in Wilson. Helms plans to announce some time after the filing dates open on Jan. 25. Helms is seeking his third term in the Senate, while Hunt, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term

as governor, is challenging Helms for the Senate seat.

Helms' news conference in Greensboro last week was followed by a \$5-a-plate barbeque dinner, open to the public. Upon a request to recognize Democrats in attendance, about one-third of the 560 in attendance stood up.

The Helms For Senate committee makes virtually no money from the barbeque dinners that are held around the state, said Claude Allen, press secretary for the Helms For Senate committee.

Bass said Helms has been elected by

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Heels triumph

UNC's women's basketball team upped its record to 11-2 with a 72-63 win over Duke in Carmichael Wednesday night. Details on page 5.

Hutchins' appeal denied by Court

From staff and wire reports

RALEIGH — The U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal Wednesday to delay the execution of police killer James W. Hutchins, but a state court judge said he would consider a new appeal based on an insanity plea.

The nation's highest court voted 7-2 to deny the Rutherford County man's request for a stay, clearing the way for his execution by lethal injection at 6 a.m. Friday for the 1979 murder of three law enforcement officers.

"We are very disappointed, but we are determined to continue working as long as Mr. Hutchins has breath and we have breath," said Raleigh attorney Roger Smith.

Late Wednesday, Superior Court Judge Robert Collier denied two of three defense motions for a delayed execution and scheduled a hearing for noon Thursday on a third motion. Attorneys for both sides appeared before Collier in Iredell County Superior Court in Statesville.

Collier denied motions based on contentions that Hutchins was insane at the time of the killings and that the jury selection process at his trial was flawed.

Collier delayed a ruling on the third motion — that Hutchins should not be executed because he is currently insane. Collier ordered Dr. James Gross, a psychiatrist with Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, to examine Hutchins Wednesday night and present his findings Thursday at a Wake County Superior Court hearing.

Aides to Gov. Jim Hunt, who could commute the sentence, said he would have no comment Wednesday.

Hutchins is the first condemned prisoner in North Carolina to be given the choice of injection or gas chamber since the state Legislature approved use of the injection last year. Only one other condemned prisoner in the nation — Charlie Brooks of Texas — has been executed by injection.

Hutchins was convicted in 1979 on two counts of first-degree murder and one count of second-degree murder for the May 31, 1979, rifle slayings of two Rutherford County deputy sheriffs and a Highway Patrol officer.

Meanwhile, death penalty opponents swung into action with protests against the execution. Two groups held news conferences, and an attorney wrote Hunt seeking to delay Hutchins' death.

Leo Rubert, a member of North Carolinians Against the Death Penalty, said the group has scheduled a vigil for 4

p.m. Thursday in front of the Governor's Office. The vigil will be followed by a service at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh at 7:30. Another vigil in front of Central Prison is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Friday.

Rubert said she hopes the vigils "will make the Governor realize there are many people in North Carolina who oppose the death penalty and that there are valid reasons for being opposed."

Melani McAlister, a UNC senior and a Campus Y member, is publicizing the vigils and is organizing carpools to Raleigh on Thursday. She said interested students should sign up in the Campus Y and should indicate whether they will be able to drive. Groups will leave at 3:30 p.m., 4 and 4:30, she said.

McAlister also is publicizing a vigil in front of the Chapel Hill Post Office on Franklin Street from noon to 1 p.m. "We are putting more emphasis on the noon rally in Chapel Hill because many people will find it difficult to make the trip to Raleigh."

She added there was no way to estimate the number of people who would attend because it has been so long since the death penalty was an issue in North Carolina.

"We're not going to stop this execution," McAlister said, "but it is a way of showing that people are concerned."

Hutchins' 41-year-old wife, Geneva Hutchins, had no comment on the Supreme Court ruling, her daughter Lisa said in a telephone interview from their Rutherfordton home.

"I'm not too enthused about killing anybody, but I don't know how he felt about killing those officers either," said Rutherford County Sheriff Damon Huskey, whose brother Roy, a deputy sheriff, was among the victims. "God have mercy on his soul. That's all I can say."

Joe Cheshire, the defense attorney who appeared before Collier, presented an affidavit from a Winston-Salem psychiatrist saying that Hutchins was insane at the time of the killings and was still insane.

Cheshire said after the hearing he was disappointed a new trial wasn't granted but was "heartened by the fact that Collier is thinking about the sanity issue."

"I don't have any problem with Dr. Gross examining our client," said Cheshire. "We believe that this is the first step toward saving Mr. Hutchins' life."

Co-op aims to offer low-cost, high-quality food alternative

By LISA BRANTLEY
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Do granolas, herbal teas, organic fruit juices, whole-grain pastas and bean curd (tofu) bring to mind the high prices of chic health food stores? Chances are that you're paying more for these products than you should be, say the members of the newly reorganized Community Food Cooperative on 108 Main St. in Carrboro.

The Community Co-op is an approximately 200-member bulk-buying club whose main goal, members say, is to provide an inexpensive, high-quality alternative to regular retail food purchasing. "Almost without fail, everything that is carried is 1/3 to 1/2 the price of other stores because we make no profit and there is no overhead," said Jerry Diamond, a Community Co-op board member. "That way we can sell things for only a little bit over wholesale."

The Community Co-op requires an initial \$25 membership fee that entitles the holder to shop there. Previously, members were also required to work occasionally to tend the store, but this requirement has been reviewed. Now working in the store is voluntary, and volunteers receive a further discount on food prices over regular members.

The Community Co-op is now in its fifth year. It started out as a small venture between several families, with a house serving as a weekly central pick-up point for the food. Since then the co-op has moved into larger quarters, increased membership and established regular store hours. The Community Co-op is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. A salaried store manager has been employed to provide what Diamond calls "a constant, knowledgeable source about the foods we sell."

The co-op's specialties are mainly staple items, and it does not carry canned or frozen foods. "We don't have meat or many dairy products because they require lots of refrigeration," said Diamond. The store's inventory includes beans, grains, nuts, dried fruits, vegetable oils, spices, herbs, juices, eggs, soaps and cheeses. The most popular products of the co-op

are their varied selection of cheeses, raisins, and a special brand of peanut butter that contains no artificial additives, he said.

Co-op members have no minimum or maximum buying limits, and the co-op welcomes bulk orders from individuals and non-profit organizations. In the past, the co-op has handled bulk food orders for groups such as the Chapel Hill YM-CA as well as for individual members who find it convenient to buy in large quantities. "My husband and I like being able to buy in bulk," said co-op member Susan Hodges. "We make all our own bread and buy a 25-lb. bag of flour at a time."

Co-op members said they recently conducted comparison-shopping tests with such stores as Harris-Teeter, Fowler's, A&P and Harmony Farms and Sunrise Market and found that most of their prices were considerably lower. Diamond said the most dramatic difference was in the cost of spices. "In a supermarket a two- to three-ounce tin of the average spice costs about \$1, whereas at the co-op you never pay more than twenty to thirty cents for the same thing," he said.

Students make up only about 25 percent of the co-op's membership, Diamond and Hodges said, but members hope to get a new wave of students now that there are no mandatory work requirements — a factor that they speculate kept students from remaining active in the co-op in the past.

Hodges said she sees a real opportunity for the growth of food cooperatives in the future.

"Lots of food co-ops started in the sixties with good idealistic ideas, but times change and people develop different priorities," she said. "What we have is an alternate system that doesn't go through big corporations or lots of packaging. At the co-op you're not paying for fancy packaging and displays, but for good food, and you're spending a lot less for it."

The co-op will be holding a general meeting and potluck dinner on Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. at the Chapel of the Cross on Franklin Street for people interested in joining the organization.