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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Clinton Chooses Tennessee Dean for Surgeon General

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Henry Foster Jr., a medical school leader known for fighting teenage pregnancy in Tennessee, is President Clinton's choice for surgeon general, officials said Wednesday.

Foster, 61, former acting president of a predominantly black medical school, will replace Dr. Joycelyn Elders, an outspoken Arkansas pediatrician who was fired in December after saying schoolchildren should be taught about masturbation.

White House aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the announcement was scheduled for today. They said Foster would lead a national campaign to combat teenage pregnancy.

Foster was director of Meharry Medical College's "I Have A Future Program," aimed at delaying sexual activity among teenagers by building their self-esteem, developing job skills, and teaching sexual responsibility, self-control and how to deal with conflicts in relationships.

Foster, a Nashville obstetrician-gynecologist, founded the program seven years ago in two of the city's public housing developments with start-up money from the Carnegie Foundation. It has grown to serve about 150 youths each week.

Clinton, in his State of the Union address, called teenage pregnancy the nation's most serious social problem and urged parents and community leaders to join a national campaign "to make a difference." Aides say the campaign will involve few new initiatives, but Clinton hopes to get more people interested in the issue.

Violence Counselor, Friend Testifies Against Simpson

LOS ANGELES — A longtime friend of O.J. Simpson testified Wednesday that the football star had told him that he was defending himself from his wife's attacks during their New Year's 1989 argument and that it began while they were having sex.

Ronald Shipp, a former police officer who once taught new officers about domestic violence, said Simpson had told him he "didn't really hit her."

On Tuesday, the opening day of testimony, giant photos of a bruised Nicole Brown Simpson were projected on a courtroom screen. She called 911 early on New Year's Day in 1989 and was heard screaming in the background.

Shipp testified that Simpson had told him he and his wife had gotten into an argument when they returned home.

Israel Won't Sign Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty

JERUSALEM — Israel, which refuses to say whether it has nuclear weapons, won't sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday.

The treaty, signed by more than 160 countries, is up for renewal in April. Egypt has threatened to block U.S. efforts to extend the treaty unless Israel joins it as well.

At a news conference in Cairo on Wednesday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa repeated Egypt's refusal to re-sign the treaty unless Israel did.

If Israel signed the treaty, it would have to end its policy of nuclear ambiguity that has served as an effective deterrent against hostile nations such as Iraq and Iran, Peres said.

Russians Pound Chechen Town Full of Refugees

SAMASHKY, Russia — Russian forces pummeled a Chechen town packed with refugees Wednesday, only hours after residents mournfully loaded corpses onto trucks from a fierce overnight assault.

Carloads of residents fleeing the attacks on Samashky described a hellish night in which Russian forces pounded the town from three sides with tanks and artillery, and helicopters strafed it for hours with machine-gun fire.

Many homes were reported destroyed, and several fires were visible from a Russian checkpoint two miles from the center of Samashky, a town largely untouched by the war until this week.

The Russian attacks appear to be the bloodiest yet in a week that has seen the war in Chechnya expand to more outlying areas of the secessionist republic.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy; high mid-50s.

FRIDAY: Cloudy; high mid to upper 50s

Professor Presents Promising AIDS Drug

BY NANCY FONTI
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When a new drug known as 3TC is combined with AZT, the standard approved drug for AIDS treatment, the combination fights the HIV virus better than AZT alone, a University assistant professor reported Wednesday at an American Society for Microbiology Conference.

Dr. Joseph Eron, an assistant professor of medicine at the UNC School of Medicine, presented the new study to the American Society for Microbiology at the Second National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections in Washington, D.C.

"The combination of the drugs is more

effective in reducing the replication of the HIV virus than either of the two drugs given by themselves," Eron said.

"In addition, the combination is more effective in raising the CD4 count, the cell that helps fight the HIV virus and the cell infected by the HIV virus," he said.

The results came from a 24-week study by researchers at Chapel Hill and across the country. Research was also done in Puerto Rico and Canada, Eron said. The study involved 364 patients who received AZT or 3TC alone or a combination of AZT and 3TC in 150- or 300-milligram doses, he said.

By the fourth week of the study, patients taking the combined drugs showed an average 100-fold decrease of the virus in their

blood, Eron said.

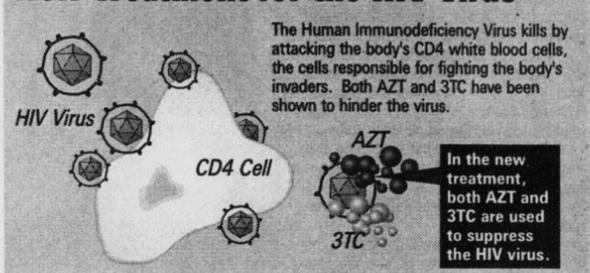
He said that by the 24th week, the average level of the virus was still 10 times lower than it had been originally in patients taking both high and low doses of the combination.

Although the study did not prove that the combination treatment would make patients live longer, researchers hope that a decrease in the virus will correlate with a decrease in symptoms, Eron said.

"The results are very, very encouraging, and it is a major step," he said. "But it's not some kind of home-run therapy — this is the first step towards a more advanced therapy."

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New Treatment for the HIV Virus



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Something's Brewing



Marsha Boitchouk (left) and Bridget Regan enjoy a cup of coffee and a break from the cold weather at The Daily Grind on Wednesday afternoon.

DTH/KATIE CANNON

Duke's Unranked, 0-7; Doesn't Matter Tonight

BY JACSON LOWE
SENIOR WRITER

Duke is winless in the ACC (0-7, 10-9 overall). Duke is not ranked in the top 25 for the third consecutive week. Duke has used eight different starting lineups in 19 games. Head coach Mike Krzyzewski will miss the entire season while recovering from back surgery. Duke is, at best, an average team.

Got all that? If so, take everything you just read and throw it out with last week's molded pizza. Duke may be facing archrival North Carolina (16-

1, 6-1 ACC) as an unranked team for the first time since 1984, but don't expect the Blue Devils to take a fall without an old-fashioned, teeth-chatterin', rim-rattlin', bone-shatterin' dogfight.

"It's going to be a tough game. We know they're going to be ready to play like they haven't played this year," UNC forward Jerry Stackhouse said. "We've just got to try to keep working hard defensively and try to keep them from doing the things that they haven't been able to do well this year — just forcing them to commit turnovers and forcing them to take bad shots."

The turnover has definitely been a problem for

the Blue Devils in their uncharacteristic season of dismay. Duke has managed only 10 more assists (304) than turnovers (294) this year. Shooting really hasn't been that much of a problem, with the Blue Devils shooting 48 percent as a team.

However, Duke's senior duo's field goal percentages help bolster those numbers. Cherokee Parks is doing everything he can to make something positive come out of the season. Robert Parish he ain't, but "The Chief" is shooting 53 percent, and the 6-foot-11 center has made 23 of 54

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Co-Candidates' Legality to Come Before Student Court

BY ADAM GUSMAN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

One of the students who is filing a Student Supreme Court suit challenging the dual candidacy of two sets of student body president candidates said Wednesday that he was filing the suit to eliminate the possibility of an invalid election on Feb. 14.

Law student Elliot Zenick, who served last year as vice chairman of the Elections Board, said he knew firsthand the enormous time and energy involved in organizing an election.

"I know the difficulty with finding poll-tenders and with organizing the entire thing," Zenick said.

"We're trying to avoid a big mess by filing the suit now rather than waiting for a disgruntled student body president candidate to file suit," he said.

Zenick said he thought the Student Supreme Court might find the dual candidacies unconstitutional under the Student Government Code.

"A friend of mine raised an interesting point, and that is, if you can have two student body presidents, then why can't you have five or even 10?"

If the Student Supreme Court were not to rule on the legality of the co-candidates until after the election, Zenick said the

entire election would probably be declared invalid if the court ruled that it was unconstitutional.

A new election would then have to be held, he said.

But if the court hears the case before the election, a lot of trouble can be avoided, Zenick said.

He said he did not know what action the Student Supreme Court would take if it banned the dual candidacies.

The court could throw the two sets of co-candidates out of the election entirely, or one of the candidates' names could simply be struck from the ballot, leaving a single candidate, Zenick said.

"There's nothing in the code discussing this situation," he said. "The whole idea of people running together is unenvisioned by the code."

Zenick also raised the question of whether the petitions of the co-candidates would be valid if their dual candidacy were ruled unconstitutional.

In other words, the election might have to be postponed in order to allow the candidates to get their own petition signatures.

Zenick said he expected the Student Supreme Court to hear the case, which is being brought by graduate student Ruffin Hall and Zenick, early next week.

Petitions were due Tuesday for all candidates running in the Feb. 14 election.

Several graduate student districts were

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Election Candidates

- Student Body President**
- Stacey Michelle Brandenburg
 - James Calvin Cunningham III
 - Kelly Jo Garner and Michael George Williams
 - Jennifer Anne (Jen) Fiumara and Jeffrey How (Jeff) Berkaw
 - Andrew Edson France
 - Robert J. Simes

- Carolina Athletic Association President**
- Jack Weston (Wes) Galbo
 - Anthony Stephon (Big Ant) Reid

- Residence Hall Association President**
- Jessica Ellen Godwin
 - Michael Scott Holder

- Graduate and Professional Student Federation**
- Steven Christopher Hoffmann

- Senior Class President and Vice President**
- Thad Floyd Woody and Terius Naython Dolby
 - Brent Wayne Inscow and Bradley Ross (Brad) King
 - Nicholas Simon Macpherson Johnston and Mark Daniel Marin
 - Susin (Sue) Seow and Adam Butler Jenkins
 - Brett Allen Doyle and Darryl Allan Zavodny
 - Brett Andrew Kenefick and Nancy Lynn Hahn

SOURCE: ELECTIONS BOARD CHAIRWOMAN STAFF

Senate Approves Bill to Give Governor Hunt Veto Power

BY DAN THOMAS
AND KURT RAATZ
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The N.C. Senate passed a bill Tuesday that will give Gov. Jim Hunt the power to veto state legislation, thus expanding veto power to the 50th governor.

The proposal, named Senate-3, passed the legislature's upper house Tuesday but still has to be worked out in the House of Representatives, said Yolanda McNeill, a library assistant in the state legislature.

If the bill passes the House of Representatives and a referendum, Hunt will have the power to veto legislation by the time the next session of the General Assembly begins, said Sen. Ham Horton, R-Forsyth.

Horton said North Carolina, the last state without the executive veto, would acquire the power for the first time in 219 years. He also said the bill specifically outlined how the governor could use the veto.

"It provides that the governor will have a veto," Horton said. "He can use it for anything, except for such things as legislative affairs or redistricting."

Horton said the veto was not a line-item veto that would allow the governor to veto specific parts of bills without vetoing them as a whole. The line-item veto was defeated on a party-line vote, where members of the parties lined up and voted as blocs.

Sen. Betsy Cochrane, R-Davidson, the

Senate minority leader, said the governor could not veto joint resolutions of the legislature or legislative appointments.

In addition, the legislature can override the veto with a three-fifths majority, Horton said.

The bill is likely to pass the House of Representatives and be presented to the people of North Carolina as a referendum, he said. A two-thirds majority in the House would pass the bill. Currently, 67 of the 120 House members are Republicans.

"It will get it in the House," Horton said.

The battle in the House may not be a party battle but a struggle for political power, said Thad Beyle, a political science professor at UNC.

Traditionally, Democrats have worked

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Last Chance, Politics

Student Congress representatives must turn in their endorsement questionnaires at the DTH office (Union Suite 104) by 5 p.m. today. No late questionnaires accepted!

All candidates for president of the RHA, CAA, GPSF, senior class or student body should turn in their platforms and sign up for Sunday's endorsement interviews by 5 p.m. Friday. Platforms cannot be longer than 800 words.

Questions? Call 962-0245.

The purpose of life is to fight maturity.

Dick Werthimer