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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Clinton Defends Actions of Surgeon General Nominee

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House played down the significance Saturday of revelations that President Clinton's nominee for surgeon general had performed hysterectomies to sterilize some severely retarded women in the 1960s and 1970s.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the information had been available to administration officials before Clinton's selection of Dr. Henry Foster.

Administration officials said Foster, along with the mainstream medical community, no longer considered sterilization of retarded women by hysterectomy to be appropriate.

Foster, speaking out on his own behalf in recent days, has defended a woman's right to an abortion and has stressed that most of the abortions he performed were in cases of rape, incest or medical necessity.

Jury Tours Crime Scene, O.J. Simpson's House

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson sat in a police car Sunday while a block away jurors in his murder trial toured the Brentwood double-murder scene.

Simpson had decided against visiting his slain ex-wife's condominium, but he accompanied jurors, the judge, and an entourage of police and attorneys as they visited other key sites in the case. He reportedly wore a belt that would deliver a disabling jolt of electricity if he tried to escape or acted up.

Eight months to the day after the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito convened an unusual Sunday session for the tour.

Traveling in a motorcade of presidential proportions, jurors arrived at the murder scene.

Clinton to Veto If Congress Guts Anti-Crime Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Clinton upped the stakes Saturday in his battle with the Republican Congress over how America should fight crime, pledging to veto any attempt to scrap plans to put 100,000 more police on the streets.

The president threw down the veto threat for the first time as House Republicans vowed to push ahead with a rewrite of last year's crime bill and shift money from prevention to prison-building while giving communities more choice in how they spend federal crime-fighting dollars.

Republicans counter that local officials know best what they need to combat crime and should be given more freedom to channel federal dollars where they would do the most good.

Government Cracks Down On Mexican Rebel Fighters

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — Rebel fighters withdrew into the jungle ahead of an army advance as more questions arose Saturday about the government's crackdown on guerrillas in southern Mexico.

Several of the 30 suspected members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army arrested in the crackdown have denied links to the rebel organization. One said her statements to police had been falsified.

Guatemalan President Ramiro de Leon Carpio announced Saturday night that he had ordered his country's troops on alert "so that there is no crossing of our borders (by the rebels)."

Peru Loses Three More Airplanes in Border War

LIMA, Peru — Three Peruvian warplanes were downed while attacking Ecuadorian bases in the nations' border war, President Alberto Fujimori confirmed Saturday.

Ecuador said Friday that it had shot down two aircraft and hit another. Fujimori told reporters that two Russian-made Sukhoi fighter-bombers and one U.S.-made A-37 jet were shot down Friday.

He said that the pilots of the A-37 and one Sukhoi ejected safely but that the other Sukhoi's pilot was missing. The Peruvian air force on Saturday said two airmen were missing, without specifying from which aircraft.

Peruvian warplanes have been used to attack the strategic Ecuadorian outpost of Tiwintza, Fujimori has said.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny; high 38.

TUESDAY: Variably cloudy; high 44.

Planned Parenthood to Offer Abortions

BY SUZANNE JACOVEC
STAFF WRITER

Planned Parenthood of Chapel Hill expects to begin offering first-trimester abortions as early as January 1996, said Janet Colm, executive director of the clinic.

Planned Parenthood, located in Village Plaza at 93 S. Elliott Road, is one of 11 Planned Parenthood clinics in North Carolina. It will be the second to offer abortions.

"We're continually evaluating our services and looking for ways to expand," Colm said. "Part of our mission is to make abortions accessible."

The clinic will have to move to a new location before it can perform abortions, she said. The current facility, which Planned Parenthood has rented since 1984, does not meet state requirements for an abortion clinic. A new location has not yet been selected, Colm said.

A clinic providing abortion services must meet sanitation and building code requirements and provide appropriate elements and equipment, including proper temperatures and a ventilation system. State law requires that an abortion clinic have 18 different rooms, including a receiving area, an examining room, an operating room and a recovery room.

"Every board makes the decision based on different factors," Colm said. "We aim for continuity in care for our patients. Every year, we (counselors at the Chapel Hill clinic) refer about 600 women for abortions."

In 1993, Chapel Hill's Planned Parenthood counseled about 3300 patients and administered an additional 300 pregnancy tests, Colm said. Out of the 600 referrals to abortion, 100 were face to face, she said. Planned Parenthood serves clients face to face and by telephone, and the total number served is difficult to determine because of the quantity of phone calls, Colm said.

She said the decision for the clinic to

perform abortions had been based on three major goals. One is to ensure complete care for women throughout the pre- and post-abortion processes.

"We aim to provide high quality and respectful care," Colm said. "By offering abortions, we will be able to guarantee that women will get the care and follow-up treatment they deserve." Another major goal for Planned Parenthood is to make abortions and follow-up care available to low-income women, she said.

A third goal is to educate women and encourage them to use contraceptives in order to decrease the number of abortions.

"Our overall mission is to help reduce

the need for abortions," Colm said. "The most effective way is to provide abortions along with follow-up care, then to give women the contraceptive care, counseling and education they need."

Charlotte has the only Planned Parenthood clinic in North Carolina that currently performs abortions. It performs about 2000 abortions per year, said Bobbie Campbell, a representative of the clinic. The total remains steady, Campbell said, but it dipped slightly between 1993-94 to about 1600.

The facility in Charlotte opened in 1974.

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SBP Candidates Get Up Close and Personal at Pit Forum

BY ADAM GUSMAN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student body president candidates had one last chance to express their ideas in a public forum at noon Friday as they gathered in the Pit.

Unlike the previous four forums of last week, candidates chose the issues they wanted to address, as they selected three questions to answer from a list of five.

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Kelly Ryan mediated the forum, which was co-sponsored by the UNC Young Republicans, Young Democrats and College Republicans. Candidates were also allowed two-minute opening and closing statements.

Karl Nobert, co-president of the Young Democrats, said the three groups wanted to raise awareness of the election by the student body. "The reason we got together with the Young Republicans and the College Republicans was that we wanted to create a bipartisan awareness of who is running for student body president and an awareness of the issues at hand," he said.

Andrew France said he thought it was time for a change and a "fresh start" for student government. He said he offered an executive branch geared toward reconciliation and "with no preconceived notions."

Kelly Jo Garner said she wanted to

build more of a University community. She said her Cabinet would represent the entire student body and ensure that everyone's views were heard.

Garner, Jen Fiumara and Calvin Cunningham stressed the need for increased accountability of student fee distribution.

France said that in addition to some student government insiders his Cabinet would include "normal students who are concerned with the interests of the student body as a whole" rather than students who represented special interest groups.

Stacey Brandenburg said her administration would be inclusive and reach out to a diverse group of people. She suggested a gender issues adviser who would be concerned not only with women's issues but with those of lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

Cunningham said he thought his leadership ability would make him an effective student body president. He pointed to the way he had brought together a diverse group to work on his campaign.

Robert Simes said he thought he was "a people person," as evidenced by the way he ran his campaign. "We talked with hundreds of students about what affected them even before we even did our platform," he said.

Brandenburg said she had a sense of the student body and of what it wanted. "I listen well and am very approachable."

France said he thought it was ridiculous for candidates to talk about their relationship with students. "I am a student," he said. He also said it was important for a student body president to be able to del-

egate responsibility effectively.

Simes said the student body president had two responsibilities — to be representative of the student body and to address its concerns.

Garner said she was qualified because she worked well with people in solving their problems and would be available to lend an ear to students. "Plus, I give pretty damn good back rubs."

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Student body president candidates brave the cold and the snow Friday afternoon for a debate in the Pit. Elections will be held Tuesday, and students will be able to vote from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SBP Can Aid Cable's Installation

BY JILL DUNCAN
STAFF WRITER

Some student body president candidates say that if they were elected, one of their goals would be to bring cable to the residence halls.

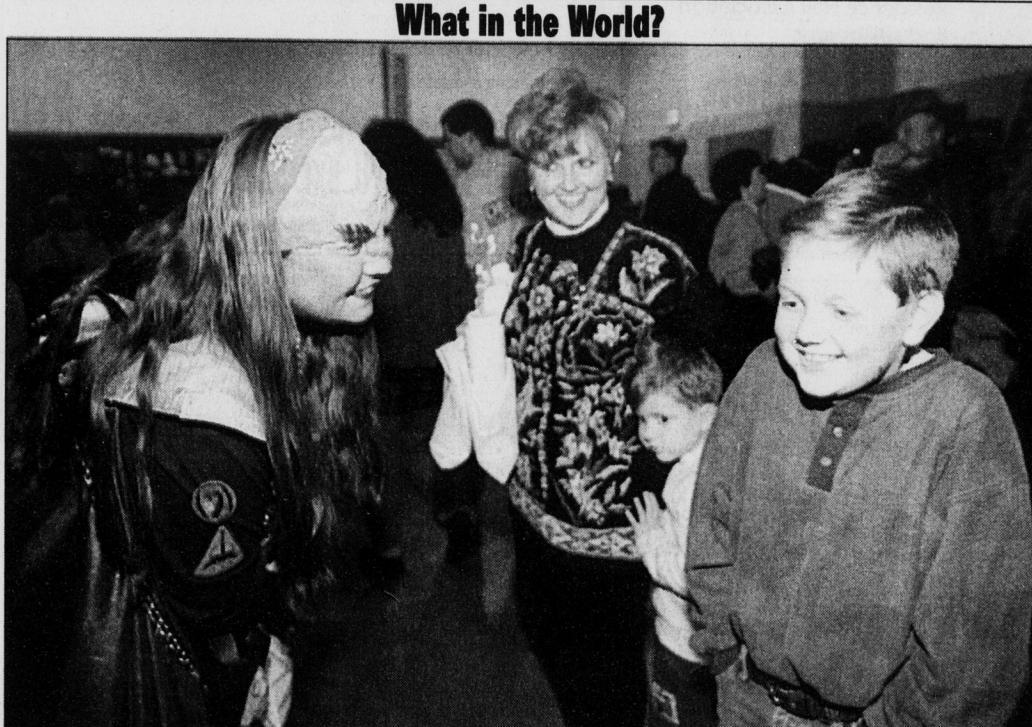
William Graves, associate provost for information technology, said the student body president could play a role in promoting the use of information technology.

The student body president advises students on the importance of expanding the information network into the residence halls and appoints someone to the Advisory Committee for Information Technology, Graves said.

Jim Gogan, director of the Office of Information Technology, said the student body president "can advise and recommend, but ultimately, it is University housing's decision."

Officials at the Department of Uni-

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Lee Marshall, 8, of Carthage, N.C., isn't quite sure what to think of Karen Schlicht, who is dressed as Klingon Lt. Commander K'Tang Vestai Septaric at the Star Trek convention at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. Lee's 4-year-old brother, Will, thought it was safer to hide in his mother's skirt.

Rumors of a Jordan Restaurant Quashed

BY DAN THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

A spokesman for Michael Jordan last week extinguished a rumor spreading around town that the Tar Heel star had plans to open a restaurant in town.

There was much speculation that Jordan would open an eatery on the top floor of the Top of the Hill plaza that houses First Union bank on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets. Riddle Commercial Properties, a Fayetteville firm, owns the property and is planning to open a restaurant, but Jordan has no involvement in the project, said Butch Dunlap, Riddle's vice president for development. Dunlap said that Jordan had never had

any connection with the property.

"It's a great rumor, though," he said. "(It) spreads like wildfire. We're going to have a restaurant on the third floor."

Dunlap said that Riddle had contacted Jordan to see if he had any interest in developing a restaurant in Chapel Hill.

"Early on, about a year ago, we contacted Michael Jordan's people to see if he had any interest in it," he



A spokesman for MICHAEL JORDAN said the basketball star had no plans to open a restaurant here.

said.

Riddle made the request at about the same time Jordan's father, James Jordan, was murdered, and the company decided not to pursue the issue, Dunlap said.

Two unidentified men from Los Angeles and one from New York will run the restaurant, he said.

Barbara Allen, Jordan's agent in charge of endorsements, said Jordan had no plans to build a restaurant in Chapel Hill.

"Michael Jordan has no restaurant involvements in Chapel Hill, nor is he considering (the town)," Allen said.

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Edwards Case to Be Retried Due to Jury Instructions Error

BY THANASSIS CAMBANIS
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STAFF WRITER

The N.C. Supreme Court has sent a Keith Edwards jury decision back for a retrial three years later, and the police officer stands to gain a much larger award for damages, her attorney said.

The jury decision, which granted the University Police Officer \$116,000 in her eight-year racial discrimination grievance against the University, will go back to the Orange County Superior Court later this year.

Al McSurely, who has been defending Edwards for more than six years, said Friday that he was very optimistic about a retrial. The Supreme Court ordered a retrial because a judge misinstructed the jury in 1992 by saying it needed to consider whether the University had violated Edwards' First "or" 14th amendment rights when he should have said "and." McSurely said he was confident Edwards would win a new jury trial.

"I think we should be able to prove that these people did violate her rights," he said.

Edwards said the retrial gave her and her attorneys "a chance to go back and do an even better job."

"This time there will be no doubt because we have facts that we did not have in the previous trial," Edwards said. "They gave us a second shot to do it right this time."

Her attorney was also confident that a new jury would grant Edwards more damages than did the 1992 jury.

"We have to get some expert witnesses to testify about Keith's mental and physical damages," McSurely said. "We're much better prepared to present evidence on the damages."

He said that in the last case, Edwards did not ask for compensatory damages. Since then, however, Edwards' physical and mental health have deteriorated.

"We've got these doctors to say the way the University has treated her has affected her physical and mental health," McSurely said. "A couple of doctors say it's a direct result of the treatment she has received."

The case will probably be tried this summer or fall, McSurely said. In the three years since the last jury trial, Edwards' team of attorneys has been busy collecting more evidence to support Edwards' discrimination claim.

"The police officers are all anxious to testify again and support officer Edwards," he said. "We've certainly learned a lot about the police department since the last trial."

The 1992 case, Keith Edwards vs. Paul Hardin, named seven defendants. The jury for that case awarded \$90,000 in punitive damages and \$26,000 in compensatory damages, holding liable former police Chief Charles Mauer and former Directors of Public Safety Robert Sherman and John DeVito. The original suit also named Chancellor Paul Hardin, former Vice Chancellor for Busi-

ness

Agoraphobia — Don't leave home without it.

Ben "Rivethead" Hamper