

UNC Study: Doctors Lack Sufficient Breast-Feeding Knowledge

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Physicians are being inadequately trained to counsel and support new parents about breast-feeding, according to a UNC study published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Researchers at the University's School of Medicine, School of Public Health and the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Ser-

vices Research conducted the national survey of 4,820 medical residents and specialists most likely to interact with pregnant and breast-feeding mothers. The survey is the first nationwide study on the subject. Primary investigator Gary Freed said, "Women need to know the benefits of breast-feeding to both their baby and themselves. We need to be able to provide parents with the opportunity to make an informed decision."

Freed linked the study to the need for health-care reform. "Much of the recent debate over health reform has focused on the need to emphasize preventive and primary care," he said. "Right now, residency training focuses primarily on tertiary or hospital-based medicine. This study highlights the fact that ... we really don't do a very good job of training our residents." Physicians without knowledge of new

technology might buy into the misconception that working mothers cannot breast-feed, Freed said. "There has been great improvement in the technology for expression and storage of breast milk so women can work and breast-feed." Freed said breast-fed children were generally healthier, with lower incidences of hospitalization for respiratory and gastrointestinal infections.

JORDAN

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Rumors that Jordan would open a business in downtown Chapel Hill have long been a staple of the downtown rumor mill, said Karen Raleigh, a vice president of the First Union bank in the Top of the Hill property. Media speculation about whether Jordan would set up shop in Chapel Hill has helped perpetuate the rumors, said Robert Humphreys of the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission. "I've heard nothing but rumor,"

Humphreys said. "I've heard the rumors on the street." Jordan receives so many requests from cities to expand his restaurant business that Allen said she was unsure whether there was even a request from Chapel Hill. "We're receiving approximately five requests per month," Allen said. "It's not a chain. There is just one restaurant." Michael Jordan's Restaurant is located in Chicago, said Daniel Roberts, a spokesman for the restaurant. Roberts said he did not know whether the restaurant would open branches in other cities.

CABLE

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iversity Housing, the Department of the Physical Plant and OIT have been grappling with the issue of cable in residence halls for years. Gogan said the three offices were working together to find an engineering company to perform a study to determine how much it would cost to wire all the dorms. Bids are open to all firms, and the offices will begin reviewing proposals from companies at the end of the month, Gogan said.

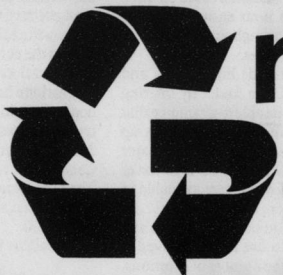
John Dervin, a campaign staff member for SBP candidate Stacey Brandenburg, said that because funding for the study would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, the student body president, as an ex officio member of the BOT, had to make this a priority. "By summer, we will only have a study," he said. "We have the potential to bring

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video over e-mail as well as cable and data networking to the dorms if we have someone in office who knows what the students want and will advocate it." SBP candidate Calvin Cunningham said he would get to the bottom of why the process had not moved forward for so long. "If the students say they want cable and the University is stopping it, then I'm

going to go to bat for it." Gogan said that installing cable was possible but that the problem was getting the dorms wired. He said a study to investigate cost was performed about two years ago. It was decided that the cost would be split among the physical plant, housing and OIT. However, the study found that it would cost nearly \$1 million to install cable in the highrises on South Campus alone. Housing could not come up with the funds because the only way the department has to get money is from residents' fees, and the fees had just been increased. Gogan said he hoped this would not be a problem again. "Our office is interested in making sure the wiring meets regulations," he said. "Our office would like to see the installation of cable and data networking wire." Telecommunications Manager Steve Harward said that the intention was to have cable in all the dorms but that it depended on the cost.



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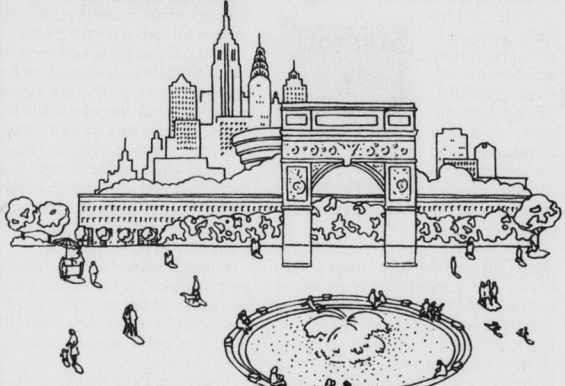
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