

# UNC, Duke Differ on Policy for Strep Testing

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Screening of pregnant women for a potentially deadly bacteria, Strep B, was the focus of discussion at a San Francisco convention held earlier this month by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The official results of the conference will not be made public for several weeks. The Strep B bacteria can infect babies during delivery and can eventually cause developmental problems or death, said Dr. William Herbert of the Department of Maternal and Fetal Medicine at Duke University Hospital.

Duke University Hospital, unlike UNC Hospitals, does not test every pregnant woman for the bacteria, Herbert said. Duke Hospital only tests those considered high-risk patients, a number that is fairly small.

However, identifying and treating the bacteria is difficult, Herbert said.

"It is an organism that is widely prevalent in our surroundings," he said. "It can be treated by antibiotics, but an infected baby could go from normal to nearly dead in less than 24 hours."

The mother usually faces no danger from the virus, Herbert said. "The danger is limited to the baby," he said. "Twenty-five to 30 percent harbor the organism, and

one to two per thousand deliveries are affected.

"We are very liberal in treating high-risk patients. We just don't test everybody." The Strep B virus poses a serious threat to the unborn child and newborns, said Dr. Vern Katz, an obstetrician at UNC Hospitals.

Katz said, "It is the leading infectious bacterial killer of babies."

Herbert said either hospital would be willing to change its policy if a more effective policy were proposed.

"The issue is, no one knows the best approach in dealing with the bacteria in the patients," Herbert said. "Nobody knows the best way to do it. We are open to new

ideas."

Testing every patient is not necessarily an accurate way of preventing bacteria-related infant deaths, Herbert said. A patient's test result could vary from week to week, he said.

For the past five years, UNC Hospitals has offered screening and has not delivered any babies with the Strep B bacteria, Katz said.

"In five years of deliveries under this protocol, we haven't had any babies born with the strep bacteria."

Members of the Strep B Association, a group of patient advocates working to establish mandatory Strep B testing of pregnant women, attended the conference.

# Women's History Month Art Exhibit Is Canceled

POWER Blames Itself for The Lack of Response to Its Planned 'Women's Lives'

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An open forum art show focused on featuring works about women has been canceled because of an inadequate response to fliers distributed by People Organized for Women's Empowerment and Rights, which was planning to sponsor the event.

POWER had planned to hold the show March 29 in recognition of Women's History Month.

"I'm sure that the interest is out there," said Joy Stuart, co-chairwoman of POWER. She said she thought the way her group had handled the event's publicity had led to its cancellation.

She said POWER had just run out of time in getting enough artists to put together the show.

Submissions were accepted from non-students and students of any gender and had to center on issues concerning women. The topic of the show was "Women's Lives, Celebration and Concern."

Stuart said she thought the group was

not qualified to carry out such a big event because it had only 10 to 15 active members, although it had about 60 people on its phone list. Also, it lost the space it had reserved at the Cabaret downstairs in the Student Union so it had no place to display the art.

Instead of holding the art show, the organization plans to hold an open mike night from about 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 29 in Gerrard Hall.

POWER wants to get other groups involved in the organization of the event. ModernExtension, a dance group, is going to perform, but the event is also open to anyone who wants to present pieces about women.

Exhibitions from songs to poetry are welcome. "We'd like to see it all," Stuart said.

Students can even bring artwork if they would like to, she said.

In addition to the open mike night, POWER is going to co-sponsor a women's conference with the Carolina Union Activities Board on April 1. The conference's organizers are planning to bring well-known speakers and college women together to talk about issues that concern them. They are also trying to organize a concert for April 2 that would feature female bands.

# School Gives Public Crash Course on Medical Issues

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Usually, when people think of a medical lecture, complicated words and confusing diagrams come to mind. However, the UNC School of Medicine will soon be holding a lecture series that has been developed specifically for the general public.

Called the "UNC Mini Medical School Lecture Series — Bringing Medical Science to Life," the lectures start at 7 p.m. Tuesday and continue for seven weeks. Every Tuesday evening, interested people can learn about many topics in the medical world as well as about research at UNC.

The series costs \$25 per person, with special rates for couples, senior citizens and students.

Subjects from cancer research to the mechanisms of brain function to new sur-

gical procedures used to correct birth defects will be covered. "I think this will be a good learning experience for the average person," said Dr. Larry Churchill, professor and chairman of social medicine. "We feel the need to help nonmedical people understand what is going on in the medical field right now and what will be happening on down the road."

"What they have done to organize this program is to get various members of the faculty to give lectures for the public on things they normally teach to students," Churchill said. "So, we have some of our best instructors helping to inform the general public."

Churchill will be lecturing about medical ethics on May 2.

Dr. Gerry Oxford, professor of physiology, agreed that most people could better understand what was going on in the medi-

cal field.

"We're making an effort here to provide a sense to the general public about what the medical student encounters," said Oxford, who will present a talk on the mechanisms of brain functions on March 28. "Few people are privileged enough to have the medical school experience."

"The general public, in my opinion, is uninformed as to the extent of how dominant the research enterprise is right here," he added. "The research program here is the 14th in the nation, but few people really know what we've accomplished here, or how. There are many types of sciences that go into the development of new medicines and treatments."

The idea for the lectures arose when John Stokes, director of institutional relations and co-director of the lecture series, heard about similar activities at other

schools. "It seemed like a very attractive idea for education and for involving the medical school with the community. All of the lectures are being given by instructors who have volunteered. They really want to share what they know and what they are doing with the community."

Glaxo granted funds that helped make the lecture series possible.

"We're grateful to be given this opportunity and are hoping to give people insight as to the true worth of basic science," Stokes said. "Science is used in many ways to do things that you would never imagine, and we want to give people an idea of this."

The office of continuing medical education has received such a great response that it has already registered beyond capacity. Because of this response, the organizers are already planning to hold the lecture series again next year.

## VICTORY VILLAGE

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and to staff.

The questionnaire concerned the quality of classes, materials and space.

The questionnaire also included questions about whether adequate communication with parents was provided, whether students and staff were adequately taken care of, and whether student-to-teacher ratios were adequate.

From the responses to these questionnaires, the day-care center has made a few changes.

Now, the day-care center must send out new questionnaires. Responses will be sent, in the form of a program guide, to the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

For the next step in the accreditation process, validators will be sent to observe the day-care center and to ensure that it is operating as it should.

They will send their findings to the

NAEYC. The day-care center will receive notification of whether it has received accreditation a few months later.

The center hopes to hear from the NAEYC by the end of 1995, Zaleon said.

Richard Clifford, a researcher at UNC's Frank Porter Graham Research Development Center, recently conducted a study on the efficiency of day-care centers across the state.

He discovered that day-care centers that offered low salaries and few benefits had areas of inefficiency such as low teacher-to-student ratios and a staff with a low education level.

"Day care has a reputation for being inefficient," Zaleon said.

"The poor teacher-to-student ratios and the low education levels of the staff are reflected in the low salaries and few benefits for the staff."

"At Victory Village, we pay the staff higher salaries and provide benefits in order that we can hire those who are more qualified."

## WILLIAMS

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"After that game, I knew I could have played a whole lot better," Williams said. "Not because I didn't score a lot of points, but I feel I let the team down because I could have played better. I think the whole team felt the same."

"That's the one thing we really stressed throughout this year — not to let the other team play harder than we did."

## HYPNOTIST

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help reverse the negative aspects that ruled our subconscious mind.

"What is taken in by the subconscious mind is taken in as the absolute truth," Seedman said.

In addition to Wednesday's presentation, Seedman recently appeared at N.C. State University. A lecture at Duke University March 8 was the other third of

But unlike last year's seniors, Williams and his teammates have another shot at redemption. The B.C. game is all he heard about in the offseason, Williams said, and he's planning on using that memory to push him through this year's tournament.

"It really motivates me," he said. "I can have one, two, three, four, five games left, so I'm motivated. That's the one thing I'm going to do is try to get the team motivated about this tournament, too."

"A loss for me, and that's it."

Seedman's Triangle lecture tour, part of a publicity campaign for his weekend certification course.

Seedman will hold the certification course Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Raleigh.

The Self-Knowledge Symposium meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the South Gallery of the Student Union.

It is a non-denominational student group that examines various spiritual philosophies.

## Campus Calendar

### THURSDAY

2 p.m. 16th annual Black Experience Workshop will be held today and tomorrow. The conference will begin with a panel discussion in Union 224 on how census data portray the black community and how such data can be used. Call Professor Johnson at 962-1225 for more information and to register.

4 p.m. Interested in Advertising as a career? Come to hear recent graduates in 104 Howell Hall.

Author Randall Kenan will speak in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room of Wilson Library.

5:30 p.m. Korean American Students' Association will meet in Union 205 to introduce new officers.

6:15 p.m. Hillel Community Service Week planning meeting will be held in the South Gallery Room. Call Rachael at 914-1494 for more information.

7 p.m. Outing Club will meet in 109 Fetzer. Join us every Thursday for lots of fun!

"The Last Klezmer," a film concerning the Holocaust and Eastern Europe, will play at the Carolina Theatre in Durham. Join N.C. Hillel to watch this educational film. Call 942-4057 for carpooling information.

7:30 p.m. "Women's Rights Are Human Rights" will be held in the South Gallery Meeting Room of the Union. Sponsored by Amnesty International.

### FRIDAY

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services followed by dinner will be held in celebration of Jewish Awareness Month at N.C. Hillel, 210 W. Cameron Ave. Call 942-4057 for more information.

7 p.m. 19th annual Black and Gold Ball will be held at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. Dinner will be served first. For more information or tickets, call Omar McCallop at 914-1920. Sponsored by the Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

9 p.m. Open Mic Night will be held until 10:30 p.m. at the Union Cabaret. Come share your talents with UNC! Admission is free.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Wellness Floor Open House will be held tonight! Pick up an application for the fall tonight or at Carr Building, the Ehringhaus office or the Union information desk. Call Lynda Cesaro at 914-2608 for the time.

Summer Jobs for the Environment will have a table in the Pit today. Stop by and sign the Free the Planet Petition to Congress.

Concerned about how Congress is handling the environment? Want to get involved in planning Earth Day?

Stop by the Pit today to sign the Earth Day Petition and to find out how to get involved in the 25th anniversary of Earth Day!

UNITAS applications for the '95-'96 school year are available at the Union and Carmichael desks and in 528 Carmichael. UNITAS is a multicultural living/learning program in Carmichael Residence Hall. Applications are due Monday. Call 914-1338 for more information.

Franklin 5K Road Race will be held March 25. Entry fee, which includes a free T-shirt, is \$10 before the day of the race and \$12 on the day of the race. Proceeds benefit The Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer and the Association for Retarded Citizens. Sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha. Call 942-9576 for more information.

"Politics in Business" will be presented by Rosalind Fuse-Hall on Tuesday in 101 Greenlaw. Sponsored by Black Business Students Alliance.

Carolina SAFE will train the members of your organization in CPR and first aid. Call 962-CPR1 for more information.

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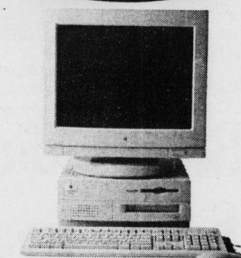
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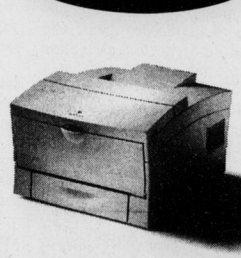
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