

World leaders convene, discuss international issues



IN THE NEWS

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Report: More nations can create deadly weapons

WASHINGTON — More than 25 nations have or may have been developing nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and ways to deliver them, Defense Secretary William Cohen said. In a press conference Tuesday, he called the threat "neither far-fetched nor far off."

"The front lines are no longer overseas," said Cohen, releasing a report that said Americans could fall victim to such an attack, because criminal organizations and cults — as well as nation-states — could deploy such weapons.

These weapons are "the poor man's atomic bomb — cheaper, easier to produce and extremely deadly," the defense secretary said.

The report focused on Middle East and North African nations and singled out Iran, Iraq, Libya and Syria as trouble spots. They "are aggressively seeking NBC weapons and increased missile capabilities" and constitute "the most pressing threats" to stability in the region, the study said.

The Pentagon declined to list all 25 nations mentioned in the report, calling the information classified.

Officials plan for possible end to waste site study

RALEIGH — Seeking time to fix a 1999 funding shortage, state officials made plans Tuesday for a possible shut down of a low-level radioactive waste dump project if money for it was cut off.

"I have a big concern because it looks like our backs are to the wall," said James Reddish, a member of the state Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority.

The authority voted 11-2 during a teleconference to ask the Southeast Compact Commission for time to consider a \$7 million loan offer from several electric utilities that would use the dump. The commission doles out funds to develop the repository, planned to store wastes from seven southeastern states.

Authority members also voted to authorize spending the \$139,058 it would cost to put the project on hold in December if the commission cuts off funds. If money is cut off, the project may have to be stopped in January.

The state, its contractor and state radiation regulators have spent much of the past year reaching agreement on methods to study the Wake County site. The next step is to determine whether water flowing underground would carry radiation into drinking water sources.

The commission gave the state a Dec. 1 deadline to work out disagreements with the utilities over the loan terms or lose money already allocated. The commission has authorized \$600,000 a month in spending on the project. To date, some \$100 million has been spent on the project with no future date to begin building the dump.

Vatican uses new media to increase accessibility

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican unveiled a new series of multimedia products Tuesday, including a double CD-ROM complete with an interactive game. The new line also includes two new videotapes, including one on the famed Sistine Chapel, and three books, including one for children called "Alice in the Museum of Marvels."

The interactive CD-ROM takes viewers on a tour of the Vatican, its treasures and its history. The children's book is intended to make the Vatican's vast art collections more accessible.

In the last few years, the Vatican has become more aggressive in producing such products, which have turned into successful money makers for the Holy See's tight budget.

The latest CD-ROM is the Vatican's fifth, and it now has a series of 18 videotapes.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Warily watching world markets, President Clinton and Pacific Rim leaders approved a rescue strategy Tuesday for shaken Asian economies but agreed there was no quick fix. They resolved to settle disputes over a global warming treaty in difficult negotiations next month.

After two days of talks over the difficult Asian currency crisis, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said, "We say to the world, we will not be discouraged, we will not turn back" from the goal of free trade in the next century.

The leaders also expanded their ranks, adding Russia, Vietnam and Peru to the 18-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group.

The leaders expressed determination

to reach a worldwide agreement in Kyoto, Japan, to cut greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. But they failed to strike an agreement on how much pollutants each nation will be required to cut.

Clinton, in an upbeat assessment at the meetings ended, said, "Here in Vancouver we proved that our Asia Pacific community is for all times — good times and more challenging ones." He said an understanding to reduce trade barriers in nine areas — from toys to chemicals — "is a strong vote of confidence in our common future."

The discussions were overshadowed by turmoil that continued unabated during the talks, with markets tumbling in Asia after the fourth largest brokerage house in Japan failed.

"The purpose of coming here is not a

short-term, 72-hour, we're going to fix the situation," said Daniel Tarullo, Clinton's international economics adviser. "A number of leaders — including those from affected countries — said, 'You don't fix this overnight.'" He said APEC sent a reassuring message by demonstrating the leaders were responding "appropriately and forthrightly."

"There are no easy solutions," said Philippine Finance Secretary Robert De Ocampo. "This thing is pretty shocking. The measures that are needed to address it don't make the governments in power very popular."

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad urged stronger regulations to govern the activities of currency traders, who he has blamed for triggering the Asian crisis. But a Canadian official, who summed up the talks, said, "There

was no feeling in the room it was at all feasible to curtail free market currency trading."

Outside the heavily guarded campus where the leaders met, police arrested at least 15 protesters. Hundreds of young people, most of them decrying human rights violations in Indonesia's East Timor, confronted lines of Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Vancouver police on bicycles. Police used pepper spray as some of the most persistent protesters tried to break through the lines.

Global warming was the primary subject as the leaders met for lunch without aides.

Leaving a lot of room for separate approaches, the leaders' communique said, "We affirm that this issue is of vital significance and that it requires cooper-

ative efforts by the international community, in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities."

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto was mounting a new initiative to help developing nations move closer to a treaty. Clinton said the leaders agreed to develop an emergency program to predict, prevent and coordinate responses to natural disasters such as the Indonesian forest fires that spread a haze over southeast Asia. The United States will contribute \$4 million to the plan.

Clinton proposes to tackle global warming gradually, using tax breaks to reduce greenhouse gases followed by internationally binding pollution cuts. The goal is to stabilize carbon releases into the air at 1990 levels by 2008-2012 and then begin making slight reductions.

Hunt pens book, aspires to attend medical school

BY LEIGH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

For those of you who thought all your resident assistant did was live on your hall and keep the peace, meet senior Darrell Hunt.

A chemistry major from Miami, he looks after the second floor of Hinton James Residence Hall, serves on the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center Advisory Board, is involved with the Campus Y, and is editorial page editor for the Black Student Movement's publication, the Black Ink.

"I've been busy with the Black Ink lately," Hunt said. "The 30th anniversary edition will be coming out soon, and it's 48 pages long and in news magazine format, so it is quite a bit of work but enjoyable."

Hunt is also currently writing a book on masculinity, especially for the black man. "It's in the works," he said. "I think I'm going to title it 'Appropriated Location — The Creation of Modern Black Masculinity.'"

It is based on the concept of hyper-reality, which he explains as the "inability to make a distinction between what is real and what is fabricated."

Media provide images of what blackness should be, and Hunt explained that when people emulate these unreal images, hyper-reality was in effect.

"I read Richard Majors' book, 'A Cool Pose,' and it sparked me to start thinking to a large extent about how black masculinity is created," he said.

"I started doing research after that,

Senior Week

Name	Darrell Hunt
Hometown	Miami
Major	Chemistry

A weekly series spotlighting a UNC senior who has made a significant contribution to the University

and since May I have read 24 books on the hip-hop culture or either masculinity. I hope to have it published, but it needs a couple more years of work."

He hopes to attend medical school at Columbia University and get a masters in public health. "I also want to continue writing while doing this," he said.

Hunt said UNC was the perfect for his undergraduate studies. "I have enjoyed the interactions with people I have had here," he said.

"UNC has intellectual engagement like no other."

Do you know someone who should be Senior of Week? Pick up an application at the Student Union desk.

University facility hours during Thanksgiving break

Carolina Dining Services facilities and libraries have different hours of operation during Thanksgiving break.

Location	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Chase Hall	closed	closed	closed	7:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.
South Campus Mini Mart	closed	closed	closed	11:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Union Station	closed	closed	closed	5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Hanes Pavilion	closed	closed	closed	closed
Carmichael	closed	closed	closed	closed
Food carts	closed	closed	closed	closed
Davis Library	closed	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	regular schedule
Undergraduate Library	closed	closed	10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.- all night

Campaign to counter child exploitation

■ N.C. doctors launched a campaign against ads that sexually exploit children.

BY CRAIG MACDONALD
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To raise awareness of the sexual exploitation of children in advertisements, several North Carolina doctors launched a statewide awareness campaign Tuesday.

Dr. Denise Everret, director of the Child Sexual Abuse Team at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh; Dr. Linnea Smith, a Chapel Hill psychiatrist; Marcia Herman-Giddens, adjunct professor of maternal and child health at UNC and Laura Gutman, associate professor of pediatrics at Duke University launched their campaign in reaction to the increasing numbers of provocative advertisements using young children.

"Society is becoming desensitized, new standards in sexual exploitation are being set and the public is gradually becoming more tolerant," Everret said.

Child abuse cases now number about 3 million annually, although the recent rise is attributed to increasing willingness to report such crimes. Whether there has been an actual increase in

child abuse is not clear, said David Williamson, director of Research News at UNC.

The campaign, managed by the N.C. Pediatric Society, aims to counter advertisements that glamorize the sexuality of children, such as those introduced last year by designer Calvin Klein.

In response to such ads, the group published some 100,000 brochures which they plan to distribute to N.C. pediatricians and their patients.

"The brochures are designed to raise awareness among the public of such advertising," Everret said.

In addition to raising awareness, the group wants to encourage people to view advertisements objectively.

"(People should) look at advertisements and decide for themselves whether they are inappropriate or not, before registering their opinions with the relevant magazines," Everret said.

Williamson said such advertisements were pervasive in popular culture.

"(The ads are found) in mainstream publishing, such as The New York Times and involve the touching of private parts or the use of adult models dressed up to look like children," he said.

After a planning stage of nearly two years the campaign's debut has already met with considerable success. Both the

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UNC professor

American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics endorse the campaign.

"The North Carolina campaign is being used to spearhead a national campaign and efforts in other parts of the country," Williamson said.

Herman-Giddens said through the campaign, the organizers hoped to improve children's ideas of themselves.

"Hopefully, parents will talk to their children about the images, because children get confused if given the message that this is what they should look like," Herman-Giddens said.

State officials have not provided any money for this project yet, but organizers hope they will soon see support.

"We have not had help from the state legislature," Everret said.

"Hopefully we will get a response, but it is a little too early to tell."

Campus calendar

Items of Interest

The Morehead Planetarium's Star Theater will have the following extended schedule for the Thanksgiving holiday:
Thursday — "Star of Bethlehem", 1:30 p.m.; "Sol & Company", 2:30 p.m.; "The Planet Patrol", 3:30 p.m.; "Mysterious Solar System", 7:30 p.m. and "Star of Bethlehem", 8:30 p.m.

Friday — "Star of Bethlehem", 1:30 p.m.; "Sol & Company", 2:30 p.m.; "Sky Rambles", 3:30 p.m.; "Mysterious Solar System", 7:30 p.m. and "Star of Bethlehem", 8:30 p.m.

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Admission prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, students and seniors. Call 549-6863 for more information.

Interested in minority health issues? The Minority Student Nurses Association will sponsor a presentation by the N.C. Office of Minority Health on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in 09 Carrington Hall.

The Duke University Music Department will present the Duke Jazz Series on Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. The Duke Jazz Ensemble, directed by Paul Jeffrey, will

perform with guest artist Peter Leitch on guitar.

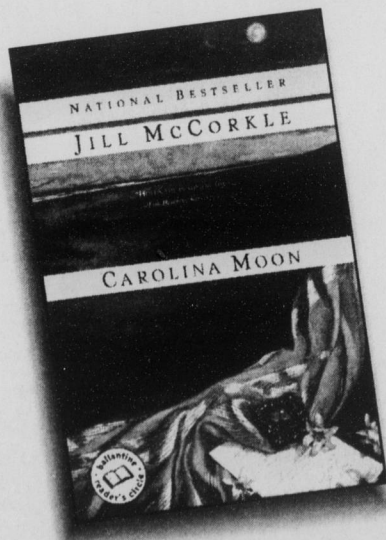
Beth El Synagogue and Beth El Sisterhood will hold their Annual Hanukkah Book Fair on Dec. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Beth El Synagogue, located at 1004 Watts St. in Durham. All proceeds will benefit projects to improve the physical plant and the religious school. For more information call 682-1238 or send e-mail to bethel@mindspring.com.

For the record

The raised quote in the Nov. 25 article, "Gov. Hunt files lawsuit against federal government," should have been attributed to Isaac Unah. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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