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## Ford denies pardon deal before House committee

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WASHINGTON—During an historic appearance on a congressional committee witness stand, President Ford Thursday flatly denied that he had made any deal to pardon Richard M. Nixon in return for his resignation.

In his testimony, which he said he hoped would not become a precedent for violating the confidentiality of the Oval Office, Ford repeated his belief that acceptance of the pardon had amounted to an admission of guilt on Nixon's part.

He also repeated his belief that for Nixon to have been the first President in history to resign in "shame and disgrace," rather than face virtually certain impeachment and removal from office, was punishment enough for any man.

Ford had volunteered to do what no other chief executive has done before—give formal testimony and submit to the questioning of a congressional panel.

He said that a few days before Nixon resigned, he and former White House Chief of Staff Alexander M. Haig had discussed a pardon as one of a number of possibilities, should Ford become President.

But he said there had been no promises. And under questioning by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., he declared:

"I want to assure you and members of this subcommittee, members of the Congress, and the American people, that there was no deal, period. Under no circumstance."

Subcommittee Democrats generally agreed afterwards that other witnesses should be called for questioning on the circumstances of the pardon. Republicans seemed more satisfied with Ford's testimony.

But subcommittee Chairman William D. Hungate, D-Mo., said he expects to call Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski when Congress returns from its election recess next month.

Ford said he received no reports of deteriorating physical or mental health of the former President before the pardon.

He flatly denied reports that Nixon's millionaire friend, Clement Stone, who called on Ford in the White House a day

after seeing Nixon in San Clemente, Calif., had brought dire reports of health problems, and he scoffed at rumors that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had warned him Nixon might commit suicide if he had to stand trial.

At any rate, Ford insisted, he had not granted the pardon for Nixon's benefit, but for the country's.

Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan, R-Md., who was the first Republican member of the committee to endorse Nixon's impeachment last summer, asked Ford if he felt Nixon's acceptance of the pardon was "tantamount to an admission of guilt."

"I do, sir," Ford replied. "The acceptance of a pardon does, in effect, admit guilt."

He said he realized that most of the public controversy over the pardon centered on the timing rather than the fact of the pardon itself, but said he still thinks he was right.

He said he had given the matter deep thought, and had considered waiting until after an indictment of Nixon, but added: "I'm convinced that timing of this pardon was done at the right time."

Rep. James R. Mann, D-S.C., asked him if he had intended by the pardon "to terminate the investigation by the special prosecutor's office in the areas that you received reports from that office on."

"I think the net result of the pardon was in effect, just that, yes, sir," Ford replied.

The President entered the hearing room precisely at the scheduled starting time—10 a.m. He sat alone at the long witness table, and poured a glass of water from a silver pitcher beside the microphone while cameras flashed.

He had volunteered his testimony, after the subcommittee—headed by Rep. William L. Hungate, D-Mo.—had pressed him for written answers to a number of questions surrounding the circumstances of the pardon.

Ford read a half-hour prepared statement, in which he outlined the circumstances of the decision which he said was made "to shift our attention from the pursuit of a fallen President" to pressing national problems.

Holtzman, sternest of the questioners who also complained that the committee had not prepared itself sufficiently for the momentous hearing, told Ford the people

had a suspicion that the agreement on the disposition of the tapes was designed to help Ford conceal the recording of conversations he had himself held with Nixon in the past.

To allay that rumor, she asked, would Ford be willing to turn over to the subcommittee the tapes of all conversations he had held with the former president?

Ford did not answer directly, but repeated his assurances that the agreement was designed to protect the availability of the tapes for criminal prosecutions of others connected with the cover-up.

He said he had sought no confession of guilt from Nixon in return for the pardon, but that his lawyers had advised Nixon's attorneys his statement should express "contrition."

He had seen Nixon's statement before it was published, he said, but felt it was not his place to suggest changes or to judge its content.

Ford returned again and again to his central theme—that the people should no longer be diverted by the Nixon resignation but move ahead with more pressing problems.

"We would needlessly be diverted from meeting those challenges if we as a people were to remain sharply divided over whether to indict, bring to trial and punish a former President, who already is condemned to suffer long and deeply in the shame and disgrace brought upon the office he held," he said solemnly.

## More music majors, but no more space

by Meredith S. Buel Jr.  
Staff Writer

The Music Department is having difficulty meeting its students' needs due to the lack of adequate facilities, according to its chairman. "If you'll excuse the pun," Chairman Edgar Alden said Wednesday, "it's been a bit like musical chairs."

Alden said music is becoming an increasingly popular major here. "In the last five years enrollment has tripled, but our space has remained the same," Alden said. "The last addition to Hill Hall was 11 years ago."

The University's five-year plan, submitted this week to UNC President William Friday, did not appropriate any money for physical improvements to the music department.

The University has promised Alden seven new office studios and class and chorus rooms in Person Hall, but these facilities won't be available for at least a year.

"In the meantime," Alden said, "we are

going to use practice rooms over at University Methodist Church. We wouldn't have to go in this direction if we had been able to move into Person Hall earlier."

Referring to the present state of the economy, Alden said he realized the University is operating under adverse conditions. He also pointed out, however, that there has been a shift recently toward the arts and humanities at universities across the nation. "We are not doing our duty to the state if we fail to consider this shift," Alden said.

As a result of the increased interest in music, the department has had to make adjustments in their present physical facilities. "Rooms designed as study areas are having to be used as teaching studios," Alden explained. "We only have 36 practice rooms for 300 students."

"Carolina has one of the finest music schools in the state and one of the best music libraries in the country," Alden said. "We have had to use space in the basement of Hill Hall for our expanding library and our professors cannot be supplied with the proper equipment."

Alden also pointed out that the department was in dire need of office space. "We have the same amount of secretaries we had five years ago," he said. "But if we got more we would not have a place to put them. A full professor must share his office with two part-time teachers."

"We have tried everything as far as using up extra space in Hill Hall," Alden said. "We have gone as far as we can go."

Alden thinks people in Chapel Hill are interested in music because of the success of the music department's recent concert series. "It does kind of hurt when we think our needs have grown more rapidly than those of the University, and the music department's budget has risen only slightly," he said.

## Food prices still in upward spiral

by Laura Toler  
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Unbelievable—the price of one grocery item has gone down during the last month.

A pound of Oscar Meyer bacon, priced \$1.85 Sept. 16, sold for \$1.79 at Winn Dixie Tuesday.

Other prices at Winn Dixie have continued in the popular direction — up, the *Daily Tar Heel's* monthly survey has shown. The price of one pound of Roman Meal bread climbed from 57 to 59 cents; 15 ounces of Post Raisin Bran from 73 to 81 cents; a dozen grade A large eggs from 79 to 81 cents; and Pringle's potato chips from 43 to 45 cents.

Some staples have resisted the upward trend. A six-pack of Old Milwaukee is still \$1.57 in bottles and \$1.59 in cans.

Meanwhile, outside the urban center of heavy demand, a few savings can be found. Toler's Grocery, a small store north of Hillsborough, undercuts most Chapel Hill stores by selling a loaf of bread for 53 cents and soft drinks for 20 cents, an item that ranges from 22 to 30 cents in town.

Although all grocers have increased prices on items containing sugar, rural dealers contacted Monday have maintained lower retail prices for sugar products than town dealers. The J and J Quik Stop near Hillsborough bettered Winn Dixie's price on a small bag of Oreos cookies by 10 cents.

Anne Toler, co-owner of Toler's Grocery, said small stores may be able to underprice large supermarkets because they have lower overhead costs. They often have fewer wages and less rent to pay, she said.

Rural stores, however, must charge more for some items, she said, because they are supplied by only the most expensive wholesalers. "Supermarkets have many more wholesalers calling on them and may be able to buy things cheaper."

Indeed, pure sugar—the real culprit—is cheap in town. A five-pound bag costs \$2.59 at Toler's and \$2.39 at the Four-Way Quick Stop north of Durham. In Chapel Hill it costs \$1.99 to \$2.09 at Winn Dixie and \$2.19 at Fowler's Food Store.

Bob Fowler, owner of Fowler's downtown, attributed the rise in sugar prices to a current upward price trend in the world market.

"For a long time the price of sugar was protected by treaties between the U.S. government and countries that sell sugar," he said. "Congress has gradually abolished these treaties, and we're now buying sugar on the world market. That doesn't necessarily mean a high price, but it's high right now."

No store has been able to avoid a hike in candy and gum prices. Only Four-Way Quick Stop sells all packs of chewing gum for 10 cents, which cost 10 and 15 cents at all the other stores. The price of most candy bars has also jumped from 10 to 15 cents. Bubble gum, which saw a 100 per cent increase last month, now costs two cents instead of the usual penny.

## Mock elections held today

National, state races eyed

A mock election for U.S. Senate, North Carolina Attorney General and state senate will be held today in the Pit.

Students will have the opportunity to indicate their preference for either Democrat and former state attorney general Robert Morgan or Republican William Stevens, for Sam Ervin's U.S. Senate seat.

Stevens' campaign manager Richard Morgan said Thursday he is confident his candidate will win because he considers UNC an anti-Morgan campus.

Morgan campaign aide Carol Leggett would not make any predictions concerning the election.

In the attorney general race, incumbent James Carson Jr. faces Rufus Edmisten, a Democrat and former Ervin aide.

Democrats Russel Walker and Charles Vickery are running against Republicans Michael Budd and Ed Tenney for two state senate seats.

Today's election, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Student Government.

"We first want to give the candidates an

idea of how the students perceive the various political views of the candidates," Student Body President Marcus Williams said Thursday. "This election also gives the students a chance to see how their peers feel about candidates. This might encourage some students to go out and vote during the Nov. 5 election."

"The results of the election might also motivate students to go out and actively campaign for one of the candidates," he said.

## New director projects plans for WUNC-FM

by Bob Marske  
Staff Writer

"WUNC will be a fully professional station, run by the best people we can get to work," Donald M. Trapp, newly appointed director of WUNC-FM said Wednesday.

Trapp, appointed by UNC Vice-Chancellor William F. Little, received his B.A. and M.A. from UNC and is now an official in the Corporation of Public Broadcasting in Washington, D.C. He will begin his new position Nov. 15.

As director, Trapp will be concerned with supervising the station's operation. WUNC-FM ceased broadcasting in 1970 after a storm destroyed the station's antenna and transmitter.

"Now that we're starting all over again, from scratch," Little said, "we are fighting an uphill battle. We will have to

buy, assemble and test equipment, and renovate new office space.

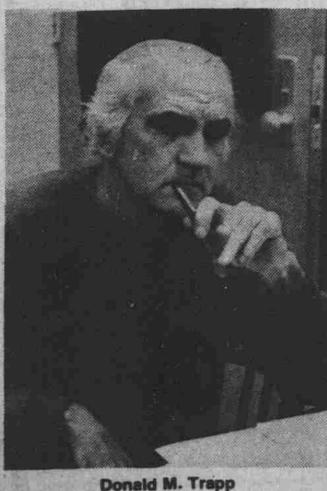
"My best guess is that we will resume broadcasting in late spring," Little said.

WUNC will be a public service station, Trapp said, featuring contemporary, modern and classical programming, plus programs for the blind, the aged and other minorities.

"We are going to hire a research person who will perform a demographic study of the area, to determine exactly who is out there, and what they want to hear," he said.

Trapp plans to work closely with the citizen's advisory group, to see that programming conforms to public needs.

"My goal is to make this one of the best radio stations in the country," he said. "With the strong commitment made to us by the University, I think we can do it."



Donald M. Trapp



UPI telephoto

## Violence in a Charlotte High School

An unidentified Olympic High School student is aided by other students after she was injured during fighting at the school Thursday. A "beautiful school year" was rudely interrupted when fighting broke out between black and white students in the southwest Charlotte school. A morning of sporadic violence between roving bands of black and white students ended with two students hospitalized and 10 to 12

hurt less seriously. The school was closed until further notice. Ironically, Charlotte had been the focus of national attention earlier this week when students at nearby West

Charlotte High School launched a letter writing campaign to invite students from Boston's racially troubled schools to visit Charlotte and see how well busing and integration worked.