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The first of Chapel Hill's new buses has arrived. Costing \$55,000 and smelling like a new car, the 42-seat coach features vinyl bucket seats and air-conditioning.

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Nixon still okay But surgery possible

by Jeff Wilson
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LONG BEACH, Calif.—Former President Richard Nixon is responding satisfactorily to treatment for his phlebitis-ridden leg, but there is still a very good chance of surgery if tests this week show the development of new blood clots, Nixon's physicians said Sunday.

Dr. John Lungren, Nixon's personal physician at Long Beach Memorial Hospital said the former president had responded adequately to drug treatments to reduce the clots in his left leg.

However, more tests will be conducted within the next few days to see if surgery is needed, Lungren said.

"If the tests show there is active clotting, then the chances of surgery are very good," Lungren said during a news conference.

Lungren added that if all went well Nixon would be able to return by the end of this week to his seaside home in San Clemente, Calif., where he has lived in seclusion since resigning the presidency Aug. 9.

Asked how much pain the former president underwent during his recent hospitalization, Lungren said, "At the present time he is not in any undue pain."

However, Ronald Ziegler, Nixon's former press secretary, described him as "looking pale and drawn." Ziegler said Nixon "is resigned to the fact that he has a serious illness."

Lungren, who supervised Nixon's 11-day hospitalization for phlebitis in September and early October, said the former president will be under "close medical supervision" for a "protracted period of time."

Asked if this meant Nixon would not be able to travel to Washington to testify at the Watergate conspiracy trial, Lungren said, "If surgery is required, he would be unavailable over the long haul to make a court appearance."

Lungren added, however, that if surgery is not necessary, Nixon might be available to testify within two months.

The doctor said he was "happy to report that the former president is adequately anticoagulated at this time." However, he said surgery would be necessary if further tests reveal "qualitative evidence of blood clotting" or if a blood clot travels to the lung.

Doctors discovered a small clot in the lung when Nixon was first hospitalized for phlebitis Sept. 23. Such a condition could prove fatal.

Nixon was unexpectedly readmitted to the hospital for treatment of the phlebitis condition Wednesday night. Lungren said the former president had not responded to oral anticoagulation treatment designed to thin his blood and prevent clotting.

A venogram, conducted Wednesday, showed many blockages in blood vessels. And Lungren said Nixon was suffering some discomfort because of "a small amount of bleeding from the gums."

The possibility remained, Lungren said, that Nixon is among approximately nine per cent of phlebitis patients who cannot be helped by drug therapy.

Nixon's phlebitis condition first surfaced when he was seen limping on a trip to the Middle East last June.

'Bus No. 1' arrives; 17 more on the way

by Henry Farber
Staff Writer

Just to show that town Transportation Director John Pappas isn't too busy to give a guy a lift, he drove a visitor to the Raleigh-Durham airport Friday—in the town's brand new bus.

Now don't get upset if you think it was a waste of energy to use a \$55,000 42-passenger bus to do a friend a favor. The passenger was the General Motors employee who drove the bus here from Pontiac, Mich. Pappas just wanted to see first-hand if the bus was in good operating condition before letting him leave town.

Bus 721 (or "Bus No. 1" as far as the town is concerned) was found to be in super condition—especially when compared to the 21 breakdown-prone coaches now roaring around town. As operations supervisor Dick Rohde says, the old 45-seaters "are like '55 Fords compared to a '75 Continental."

"No. 1 arrived at 5 a.m. Friday, a little

behind schedule (for the last time, hopefully). Rohde quips again, "My personal goal is that these new buses will be so dependable that people will be able to set their watches by them."

Three more 42-seaters are on the way from the GM plant, Rohde said. As soon as they roll off the assembly line, they are to be inspected and sent off one at a time on the 780-mile trip.

The first bus is taking a rest from its journey at the maintenance garage on Franklin Street, just west of Eastgate. Its motor is turned on only for tests and special demonstrations.

"Lemme start it up for ya," Rohde said at a private showing Friday afternoon. He reached over, turned the switch, and it cranked like a Volkswagen—sounding, in fact, like a dozen of them starting in unison. But it was pin-dropping quiet compared to the members of the town's present veteran fleet.

The new coaches emphasize passenger comfort, Rohde says. The interior, which smells like a new car, features orange and black vinyl bucket seats, more knee-room than the old buses, tinted-glass windows sealed for air conditioning, plus air-operated, driver controlled doors that won't close

on late passengers.

A wider windshield and more mirrors make it easier for the driver to insure passenger safety, Rohde says, and "new signs on the sides, front and back tell you where it's going."

Rohde said the new bus will first be used on the "A" or "M" routes this week, later to be tried on other routes. Aside from the four big buses, thirteen 25-seaters are included in the town's order, one of them to be used exclusively for the handicapped. The entire new fleet should be in service by Christmas, Rohde said, but Pappas has said major schedule changes will not be made until the semester break.

In the meantime, however, service should be improved since breakdowns have forced the system to operate on some days with fewer buses than the 20 needed to properly serve the eight routes. The additional buses should insure optimum service daily.

Last week, Pappas met with officials of the Urban Mass Transit Authority in Washington, D.C., and reportedly laid the groundwork for further federal capital assistance for purchasing more buses and other equipment. The original capital grant paid for 80 per cent of the system's operating expenses.

Approval anticipated for University budget

The UNC Board of Governors is expected to approve the University's 1975-1977 budget proposal today.

Meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the General Administration Building, the board will consider a report of the budget and finance committee. The report will outline University financing for the next three years.

An unexpired term on the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University will

be filled. Two members of the Research Triangle Institute and two directors of the Research Triangle Foundation will be elected.

The board will also hear a report on educational planning and a resolution honoring the late Gov. Luther Hodges.

Veterinary, legal and medical education and state aid to private higher education will be discussed at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Morning-after pill available despite FDA restrictions

by Mary Hendrick
Staff Writer

The UNC Student Health Service continues to administer the morning-after pill, despite a Federal Drug Administration (FDA) regulation requiring it to be prescribed only in cases of dire emergency.

Dr. James H. McCutchan, associate University physician, said, "I do still prescribe them. I don't like to, but I'll do it."

Although the FDA defines a dire emergency as a rape or incest case, McCutchan said in essence that any University female who asks for the pills can obtain them at her own risk.

If any problems arose as a result of their usage, "we doctors would be in hot water with the FDA," McCutchan said. However, since they are not illegal, doctors still prescribe the pills.

A doctor's prescription is required to obtain the pills, and although the infirmary physicians have scruples concerning the process, they essentially leave the decisions to the woman.

"I can tell her the dangers involved," McCutchan said, "but I won't decide for her." He said he considers the pill an irresponsible method of birth prevention used by women who think too late, but said he won't withhold prescriptions.

"Morning-after pill" is a common term referring to a series of hormone treatments given to women as soon as possible after sexual intercourse.

"It is not a form of birth control," said Annie Bowling, an infirmary head nurse. "Neither is it legally considered abortion, because one can never be sure whether conception has occurred." If conception has occurred, however, the pills will terminate life just as abortion does.

The treatment consists of taking prescribed hormones for five days thus inducing the woman to have her period. In this way, any chance of pregnancy is terminated.

The immediate effects of the pills are similar to the symptoms of an early pregnancy. They include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, breast tenderness, diarrhea, lassitude and general sick feelings which last for about a week.

Sometimes the treatment doesn't work—the woman fails to have her period and becomes pregnant anyway. "This is where the greatest danger lies," Bowling said. Should the woman change her mind and decide to have the child, the baby could be subject to birth defects, Bowling said.

The degree of toxicity of the hormones, or the extent of its cancer-producing effects is unknown. Vaginal cancer in the female offspring, however, has been connected to the drug-diethylstilbestrol (DES), which is used for this treatment.

Old Well taxes paid

The 1973 and 1974 taxes on Old Well apartments have been squared away by Roberts Associates, Carrboro mayor Robert Wells said.

Earlier this month, Wells threatened legal action against Roberts Associates for delinquent taxes. Owing a debt of \$8,000, the realtor faced possible foreclosure of the Old Well property on 54 Bypass in Carrboro.

Roberts Associates paid \$3,000, and the banks holding its mortgages paid the remaining \$5,000 by the Oct. 11 deadline. The taxes have been paid in full, said Carrboro attorney John Curry, who worked with the tax collectors on the case.

Booking agency says decision absolutely right

Duke refuses to pay Thompson

by Harriet Sugar
Features Editor

Consistently during his performance at Duke Tuesday night, Hunter Thompson complained of his booking agency which contracted him for \$1,500—\$750 of which was to go to Thompson.

"They sent me down here like a piece of meat," he carped. "I had no speech...had nothing to say."

The following day, the Duke University Union voted not to pay the mumbbling journalist for his non-speech, and Thompson's booking agency said Duke was absolutely right.

In a letter to the American Program Bureau, mailed Wednesday, Duke Union program advisor Linda Simmons described Thompson's apparent condition as "extremely inebriated and incapacitated" and "for the most part incoherent and inaudible from the moment he went to the podium."

Late Friday afternoon the agency called the Duke Union to affirm the cancellation of

Thompson's fee.

In addition to arriving 50 minutes late, the journalist delighted in jerking the microphone, kicking the podium, tossing note cards into the air, and throwing his glass of bourbon onto the stage curtain and entering into a series of heated verbal exchanges with the audience members.

Largely because of these incidents, Simmons said, the American Program Bureau did not "provide the services...for the sponsor at the time and place specified in the contract. Therefore I enclose no remuneration for Hunter Thompson's appearance at Duke University."

The action was approved Wednesday at a Union Program Council meeting and unanimously endorsed by the Union board of directors the following morning.

"Hunter Thompson was a crazy person even before he went on stage," Simmons said, explaining the haphazard manner in which he spilt liquor on himself, kicked at a door and bashed it with his hand.

Although Simmons admitted she knew it was against Duke University regulations to

let Thompson go on stage in his obviously inebriated state, "at that point, with about 1,500 people out there, it was necessary to go ahead and send him out," she said.

"It was sort of difficult to get him out there anyway."

Simmons said she spoke to Thompson's wife Sandy Wednesday after the performance. "She was very apologetic," Simmons said. "She said Hunter really has another side of him, and it's a shame we didn't get to see it."

According to Simmons, Sandy Thompson was extremely worried about her husband when he left home Tuesday morning.

Deliberations on the decision to remove Thompson began approximately 15 minutes after Thompson appeared on stage, said Denise Creech, chairman of Duke's Major Speakers Committee. At about 9:05 p.m. Creech and Simmons met with Duke Union president John Miller and Dean of Student Affairs William Griffith and decided to allow the speech to continue until 9:30 p.m. before making a final decision.

However, when Thompson began jerking

the microphone and attempting to rip it from the podium, the audio crew indicated they would shut off their equipment unless Thompson was immediately removed or ceased his actions.

"We were concerned, too, for Mr. Thompson's safety as he was leaning heavily on the podium and pushing it toward the orchestra pit in front of the stage," the letter to the booking agency stated.

Creech and Miller then requested the speech to be terminated and told Simmons they would ask Thompson to answer one final question before leaving.

When Thompson attempted to respond to several shouted questions, threw his glass of bourbon onto the stage curtain and kicked at the podium, Simmons walked onstage and led the speaker to his exit.

"He was getting very abusive—damaging property and kicking things about," Griffith explained after the speech. "We had let him go on for a long time."

Simmons estimated damages caused by Thompson to be approximately \$200. "He broke the microphone and kicked the wood off the podium," she said.

Final Exam Schedule

Quizzes are not to be given this semester on or after Monday, Dec. 2.

All	9 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Tues.	Dec. 10	8:30 a.m.
All	3:30 p.m.	Classes on TTH, Phil 21	Tues.	Dec. 10	2 p.m.
All	11 a.m.	Classes on TTH	Wed.	Dec. 11	8:30 a.m.
All	1 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Wed.	Dec. 11	2 p.m.
All	10 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Thur.	Dec. 12	8:30 a.m.
All	3 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Thur.	Dec. 12	2 p.m.
All	11 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Fri.	Dec. 13	8:30 a.m.
All	5 p.m.	Classes on MWF, Busl 71 & 73, Phys 24, Econ 61	Fri.	Dec. 13	2 p.m.
All	9:30 a.m.	Classes on TTH	Sat.	Dec. 14	8:30 a.m.
All	2 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Sat.	Dec. 14	2 p.m.
All	8 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Mon.	Dec. 16	8:30 a.m.
All	12:30 p.m.	Classes on TTH	Mon.	Dec. 16	2 p.m.
All	12 Noon	Classes on MWF	Tues.	Dec. 17	8:30 a.m.
All	2 p.m.	Classes on TTH	Tues.	Dec. 17	2 p.m.
All	8 a.m.	Fren, Germ, Span, Russ & Port 1, 2, 3, 4, Busl 170	Wed.	Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.
All	4 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Wed.	Dec. 18	2 p.m.
All	5 p.m.	Classes on TTH and all classes not otherwise provided for in this schedule	Thur.	Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.
			Thur.	Dec. 19	2 p.m.