

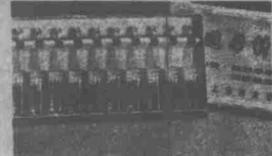
Birth control works in China

By LUCY HOOD
Staff Writer

Could China, a nation that contains one-third of the world's population, possibly surpass the United States in the development of contraceptives?

Yes, it could and it has. A Program for the Introduction and Adoption of Contraceptive Technology recently released a report that describes several types of contraceptives used in China. Two of these methods are not available to the American public. One of them is a "long-acting" pill that only needs to be taken once a month. The other method comes in the form of an injection, and like the "long-acting" pill, it is given once month.

According to the report, PIACT is a non-profit organization largely



Injectable contraceptives

sponsored by the United Nations, and its purpose is to "increase the availability, acceptance, safety and continued use of fertility regulation methods and products in developing countries of the world."

The U.N. has invested \$7.2 million into a PIACT project that will alleviate the population problem in China through contraception, the report said. In fact, if all goes well, the number of births per year will decrease from 18 million in 1980 to 6 million in 1985, and the ratio of births to deaths will be balanced by the year 2000, the report said.

According to PIACT, this will be done through the increased production of all available forms of contraceptives which will be distributed by the government free of charge. In addition, women who agree to have one child only presently receive child care benefits from the government.

The Chinese way of life is conducive to such government action. Dr. Abdel R. Omran, a professor in the University's epidemiology department, said the Chinese are used to being guided by a national theme rather than individual choice.

The United States, on the other hand, has a mixed culture; no homogeneous attitude toward contraceptives prevails, he said.

As a result, the Food and Drug Administration has been extremely strict about releasing the injectable contraceptive and the "long-acting" pill to the public.

"Since the (population) problem isn't so bad, they (the FDA) can afford to be ultraconscious of the side effects," Omran said.

One product that could alleviate the problem of teenage pregnancies in the United States is the injectable contraceptive, but the FDA will not allow it to be placed on the market, said Dr. Malcolm Potts, executive director of the Fertility Center in Research Triangle Park.

"The FDA is wrong in this case of injectable contraceptives. Other (forms of birth control) are needed with a million teenagers getting pregnant," Potts said.

The FDA's basis for acceptance is ridiculous, Potts said. It attempts to eliminate all dangerous side effects a drug may have, but it won't test the drug on human beings.

The FDA can take steps to reduce the risk of the contraceptive but not to eliminate the risk, he said.



Contraceptive film



Contraceptive pills

Food stamp loss possible

A change in eligibility requirements may eliminate many students now receiving food stamps from the program beginning Monday, the N.C. Department of Human Resources has announced.

Formerly, students completing a form at a food stamp office for use by the Employment Security Commission could receive food stamps even if they were not currently working. To receive funds now, students must either:

- work 20 or more hours per week.
- participate in a federally funded work-study program.
- be married and/or have a dependent.

• be enrolled through a Work Incentive Program.

In addition, students must meet income and resource level requirements to receive food stamps.

Food stamp allocations to college students make up a small part of total allocations, said Ben Watts, an administrative officer in the state's Food Assistance Division.

Neither state nor Orange County officials said they knew how many UNC students would be affected by the change in eligibility requirements, which was approved by Congress this summer.

—DAVID JARRETT

Traffic deaths over Labor Day may reach 19 in North Carolina

By PHIL WELLS
Special to the Daily Tar Heel

Nineteen people are expected to die in North Carolina traffic accidents this Labor Day weekend.

The deaths will occur in a period from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday, said Jane Hartsell of the North Carolina State Motor Club in Charlotte. "Nineteen is a fairly average number," Hartsell said.

Twenty-four people died last year in traffic accidents during this same period, she said, and 922 were injured. "This was a little higher than average," she said.

"We are stressing not driving under the influence because it seems to be increasing the number of deaths on the highway," she said. Hartsell said 25,000 people are killed each year in accidents related to driving under the influence.

The club advises drivers to use seat belts. "If people used their seat belts, 16,000 lives could be saved every year," Hartsell said.

Because of the number of students who travel during holidays, more accidents usually occur within a 50-mile radius of places like Chapel Hill, Hartsell said.

But the Chapel Hill police are not expecting any deaths in Chapel Hill, Administrative Officer Dave Hill said.

"Hopefully, we won't have any (deaths) this year. Most deaths occur on the way to the beach or other places of vacation," Hill said.

"It only takes about three minutes to get out of the city limits and if they (students) make it back this far, they can usually make it on home OK."

Hill said there were no traffic deaths in Chapel Hill last year during the Labor Day weekend so Chapel Hill police are not taking any special precautions this year.

But the state's highway patrolmen are taking some precautions.

"We are putting an emphasis on driving under the influence and speeding," said Lt. Arnold Rector, traffic safety information officer for the North Carolina Crime Control and Public Safety Office.

Rector said the patrolmen will take part in a national program called Operation CARE, Combined Accident Reduction Effort. "CARE involves the high visibility of patrol cars, which we hope will discourage drivers from violating traffic laws," he said.

"This is the last chance for people to enjoy a long weekend," Hill said, "so we are expecting heavy traffic."

"But it will take every motorist to make it a safe holiday. We're asking people to please drive carefully," he said.

Law scores said accurate reflection of schools

By FRANK WELLS
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Although only 68 percent of law school graduates taking this year's bar exam passed, the chairman of the N.C. Board of Law Examiners said he did not think exam scores accurately reflected the quality of law schools in North Carolina.

"Among students from North Carolina law schools taking the exam for the first time, the percentage of passing was actually up from last year," said Robert C. Howison, a Raleigh attorney who serves as chairman of the board which administers and grades the exam.

Graduates of N.C. Central University Law School scored the lowest of any group from the state. Only 23.6 percent of the NCCU students taking the test passed.

Howison said NCCU students alone did not pull the statewide rate down. The high number of students taking the test for a second time lowered the overall percentage, he said.

Forty-five NCCU students were repeating the exam, and only six, or 13.3 percent, passed this time.

Passing percentages among other North Carolina schools are: Wake Forest, 82.9 percent total and 86.1 percent among those taking the exam for the first time; UNC-CH, 79.2 percent total and 85.9 percent among first-timers; Duke University, 79.1 percent total and 83.3 percent first-timers; Campbell 75 percent total and 80 percent among first-timers.

There were more repeaters from all schools this year. In 1979, about 11 percent of those taking the exam had tried and failed at least once before. This year, 19 percent of the students had taken the test before.

"Experience has shown that repeaters do not do particularly well comparatively," Howison said. "When you add that to the fact that 38 percent of those who were graduates of out-of-state schools failed, our students look pretty good," he added.

Kenneth S. Broun, dean of the UNC School of Law, said he thinks out-of-state graduates and repeaters have hurt the percentages, but added the test structure itself may be partly to blame.

"Last year they (the state board) began grading more strictly, and last year was the worst year percentage-wise for us in about 15 years," he said. He said this is the first year UNC has had a large number of repeaters, because in past years as many as 95 percent of UNC graduates passed the exam the first time.

"All of our graduates are capable of passing the bar and practicing law successfully," he said. John D. Scarlett, dean of the Wake Forest University Law School agreed with Broun.

"Certainly, I think anyone who gets a degree from Wake law school is capable of practicing," Scarlett said. "But some of them just aren't able to put it all together for the exam."

The bar exam is a three-day marathon involving a multiple choice test designed and graded by a Princeton, N.J., company and a series of essay questions prepared and scored by the 11 members of the Board of Law Examiners.

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