

Despite risks, IUD may return

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Although most intrauterine devices for birth control have been taken off the market by manufacturers due to expensive lawsuits, women's health experts do not expect this to be the end of the IUD.

"I have a feeling the IUD will come back," said Karen Price, director of education for Orange County Planned Parenthood. "We're not at all happy that it was taken off the market."

The IUD is inserted into the woman's uterus. Experts are not exactly sure how the IUD prevents pregnancy, but one theory is that it works by creating an inflammation in the lining of the uterus and that inflammation keeps a fertilized egg from implanting itself.

The only IUD left on the market is the Progestasert IUD, which is made by Alza Corp. of Palo Alto, Calif. This IUD dispenses the hormone progesterone into the uterus to prevent contraception for a year.

"It's not any less dangerous (than other IUDs)," said Joan Corley, the administrative secretary for the Reproductive Endocrinology unit of N.C. Memorial Hospital. "I don't know why it hasn't been taken off the market."

Alza Corp. has not yet been sued by anyone.

Other methods of birth control are available, including birth control pills, spermicides, diaphragms and sterilization, but the IUD was one of the least expensive methods, Price said.

Planned Parenthood will not be distributing the IUD anymore because they have none left.

About 7.3 percent of women aged 15 to 44 who are practicing contraception use IUDs.

Price said the IUD was a good method for women over 35 who have already had children and don't want to be sterilized. It is dangerous for women over 35 to use the birth control pill.

The risks associated with the IUD are most prevalent among younger women who have more than one sexual partner, Price said.

Young women using the IUD risk sterility, said Dr. Deborah Dotter, a gynecologist at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

"If a woman gets a pelvic infection while using the IUD, it's a lot more serious," Dotter said. "Women also get more tubal infections with IUDs in place. These can result in hysterectomies and sterilization."

In general, people who use the IUD are three to five times more likely to get tubal infections than people who don't, Dotter said.

"On the other hand, the IUD is a really good form of birth control for married older women because they don't care if they are sterile," Dotter said.

The IUD is tailored for a monogamous person and is not good for a person who wants to have more children, Dotter said.

Minor complications from using the IUD include heavier menstrual periods, more cramping and complications resulting from IUD insertion.

After its supply runs out, NCMH

will not distribute them anymore, Dotter said, but they are still available in Canada.

Women's Health at Student Health Services on the UNC-CH campus also will not distribute IUDs once their supply runs out, said Dr. Mary Jane Gray, a gynecologist at SHS.

A.H. Robins, the maker of the Dalkon Shield, a brand of IUD, took its product off the market in 1974. Since then, they've paid \$530 million in Dalkon Shield injury claims, with 335,000 suits still pending. In August 1985 the company filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., the leading U.S. manufacturer of contraceptives, stopped producing Lippes Loop, an IUD, about a year and a half ago.

G.D. Searle and Co., which controlled 90 percent of the IUD market, pulled two lines of copper-containing IUDs from the market on Jan. 31, 1986. One of these was the Copper 7, used by nearly one million American women.

Tamil separatists suspected in India railroad sabotage

From Associated Press reports

MADRAS, India — Saboteurs blew up a railway bridge Sunday in southern India, derailling an express train and killing at least 22 people, police said.

Police reported 150 people injured, according to the United News of India news agency.

Investigators said leaflets left at the scene pointed to Tamil extremists as the bombers — angry that India was not lending enough support in the fight by Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka for a homeland in that nearby island nation.

"We have absolutely no doubt that this was a case of sabotage," K.K. Rajesekaran-Nair, inspector general of police, told The Associated Press.

About 150 feet of track were destroyed by a bomb that exploded at 4:45 a.m., police said.

The total number of passengers on the train was not known, officials from the Southern Railway office in Madras said.

Police said posters affixed to bridge supports and leaflets left near the crossing hailed Tamil rebels fighting for independence in Sri Lanka, the nation formerly called Ceylon. Southern India has a large Tamil population. India and Sri Lanka are only 18 miles apart at their closest point.

The leaflets demanded more official use locally of the Tamil language, rather than Hindi, and

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called for withdrawing federal troops from the predominantly Sikh northern state of Punjab, police said.

Good old American hospitality

NEWARK, N.J. — After a listing Soviet freighter apparently sank Sunday, leaving behind only an oil slick and some floating sacks of flour, its 37 crew members got a taste of American hospitality ashore following a dramatic helicopter rescue.

The group spent the night at a Philadelphia-area motel, where their arrival created a sensation before they left for a Soviet Embassy compound in Washington on Sunday.

The Komsomolets Kirgizii, which was carrying flour from Canada to Cuba, began listing in rough seas Saturday and was last detected before dawn Sunday by a Coast Guard cutter's radar, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Michael Schultz.

Hart/Bush favored in poll

ATLANTA — Democrat Gary Hart and Republican George Bush are the front-running presidential hopefuls in a poll of southerners one year before the "Super Tuesday" primaries.

College officials discuss racial climate

From Associated Press reports

America's colleges, where tolerance is as essential to the pursuit of knowledge as labs and libraries, are being shocked by a wave of intolerance and bigotry.

The upsurge this year in incidents against blacks, women, Jews, homosexuals and others has spawned some harsh self-appraisal by higher education officials.

Many campuses feel their racial climate is healthy. The University of Utah, for example, elected its first female black student body president this year.

But campus administrators are beginning to concede that they have often been slow to react to incidents, or too quick to pass them off as isolated or insignificant.

"I don't think there's been a great deal of leadership on the part of university presidents," said Reginald Wilson, head of the office of minority concerns of the American Council on Education, higher education's chief Washington lobby.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith found in its 1986 Audit

of Anti-Semitic Incidents that vandalism directed at Jews on campuses rose from 12 incidents in 1985 to 19 in 1986.

While few other overall statistics exist, many observers agree that bigotry is increasing on the nation's campuses. Some believe the problems on campus reflect what is happening outside academia.

"It seems to me that the mood of the country, as orchestrated in Washington, D.C., has said to a lot of people that all the things we were once concerned about in terms of promoting equal opportunity don't matter any more," said Barry Beckham, author of the "Black Student's Guide to Colleges," and an English professor at Brown University.

The administration denies that it has backed down on a commitment to civil rights, with Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds saying last month: "We have had for the last six years the most active and energetic law enforcement program in the field of civil rights in our history."

Several widely publicized incidents brought the issue of campus racism to the forefront.

Last October at the Citadel, a military academy in Charleston, S.C., five cadets dressed as members of the Ku Klux Klan broke into a black freshman cadet's room,

shouted obscenities and left a burned paper cross.

Weeks later, white students at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst attacked 10 black students in a brawl following the New York Mets' World Series victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Senator to speak at Constitution forum

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Sen. Joseph Biden, Jr., D-Del., a potential presidential candidate in 1988, will be the keynote speaker at a bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution April 11 at the Carolina Inn.

Biden, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee since January, is the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee.

"The senator could talk about anything from the legal community's responsibility to foreign policy, to the current constitutional challenges of the independent council and the ethics in government act, to judicial nominations and confirmations in the coming year, to the future shape of the Supreme Court," said Sharon Brown, Biden's deputy press secretary.

A former trial lawyer, Biden advocates arms control and is active in efforts to control the nation's crime problems, Brown said.

The forum, "To Endure for Ages to Come," co-sponsored by the UNC School of Law and the N.C. Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, will be free to the public.

The program will review the historical background of the Constitution and celebrate its endurance over the past 200 years, said Eugene Gressman, chairman of the event's organizing committee and Kenan professor of law.

"We want to assess if it (the Constitution) is working currently and whether it is equipped to handle the problems of the future,"

Along with Biden, law professors from UNC, Duke, N.C. Central University, the University of Virginia

and the University of Illinois will speak.

Two practicing lawyers, Michael Curtis and Stanley Brand, will also speak.

Proposed topics for the forum include a review of the summer of 1787, the creation of the 14th Amendment, separation of powers, the future of federal-state relationships, religion and government, science and the constitution, and the future of the Bill of Rights.

"There is a tendency to just look at the Constitution the way it was written 200 years ago," Robert

Sikorski, the commission's associate director for research and programs, said.

The program will examine how the Constitution's meaning has been adapted through conflict and compromise, he said.

William Van Alstyne, a Duke law professor speaking on religion and government, said he will speak about school prayer and financial aid to church-related schools.

He may speak about the constitutionality of the motto "In God We Trust."

Sikorski said the commission will

contribute \$2000 and help with publicity for the celebration.

Established by the General Assembly in 1985, the commission was designed to educate the public about the Constitution.

The celebration will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Biden is scheduled to speak at 10:15 a.m.

In conjunction with the bicentennial celebration will be a retirement dinner for Gressman April 10 at the Carolina Inn.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell Jr., is scheduled to speak at the dinner.



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Bankers ease Sanford's campaign debt

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Although Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., is co-sponsoring a bill to limit political action committee contributions to congressional candidates, he has accepted \$10,000 from the American Bankers Association.

Prior to the Nov. 4 election, the ABA had contributed to the campaign of Sanford's Republican opponent Jim Broyhill.

Kirk Willison, ABA spokesman, said the organization only contributes to one candidate in a race. He said the ABA contributed to every senate election campaign in 1986.

"In most, but not all, cases we did provide some money to candidates who actually won," Willison said. "In the case of (former) Sen. Broyhill, the ABA had established a good working relationship."

After Sanford won the election and was appointed to the Senate Banking Committee, the ABA gave him \$10,000 to help retire his

campaign debts.

The contribution had a lot to do with Sanford's membership on the Senate Banking Committee, Willison said. The members of the ABA will be working closely with Sanford.

Willison said \$5,000 was for the primary and \$5,000 was for the general election.

"We think a senator who has retired a debt will not be held hostage to that debt and will therefore be a more effective legislator," Willison said. "We're not trying to buy votes."

Tom Lawton, Sanford's press secretary, said the ABA expects no special treatment because of the

contribution.

"There is no question of votes being bought or sold," Lawton said. The bill Sanford co-sponsored would limit the maximum contribution from a PAC to \$3,000.

Until the law is changed, Sanford is complying with the current law, Lawton said.

"The senator thinks it's a bad system and needs to be changed," Lawton said. "He thinks there are better ways to finance a campaign."

Alternate methods of campaign financing include taking out a personal loan and obtaining money from people, Lawton said.

Student group budget workshop today

An orientation workshop for student organizations that intend to go through the Student Government budget process will be held today in room 206 of the Student Union.

"The whole thing is basically how to prepare your budget requests,"


Neil Riemann, Student Congress finance committee chairman, said Sunday. "We'll go over the budget forms step by step, and tell people what to look for."

Although no changes have been made in the budget process, Riemann said, some groups, especially new ones, may not understand how the process works.

"The new organizations could be at a disadvantage if they don't come, because they won't understand how things work," he said.


Riemann, Student Body Treasurer John Wesley Williams, Student Congress speaker Rob Friedman and a representative from the Student Activities Fund Office will conduct the workshop.

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