

Local officials form panel to address common concerns

By AMY WEISNER
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Elected officials from Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County are forming a joint planning group to discuss specific issues, such as water supply, land use, impact fees and tax revenues, that all three governments face.

"For some time the three governments have been talking about coordinating planning issues and policy decisions," said Beverly

Kawalec, assistant to Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes. "We've already been meeting over the past few months, but we decided it must be formalized."

Two board members and the mayor (or the chairman of the board of commissioners, in Orange County's case) from each government body will convene two or three times each year to discuss general issues and then set up smaller subcommittees to focus on specific interests.

Cross-jurisdiction decisions, which affect more than one city or county, have caused some heated debates in the past year.

"In one case — the question of water supply and quality — there was yelling and screaming and some people even walked out," said Orange County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Shirley Marshall. "As different views became heated, a need for this group became evident."

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kin-

naird, Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes and Marshall met for the first time in December to discuss the controversial issue of impact fees.

Kinnaird said these fees apply when new areas are being developed. They must be charged to provide for the necessary police and fire protection, she said.

Because conflicting fees would affect the distribution of new development, the leaders formed this

intergovernmental cooperative program, she said.

The smaller subcommittees will most likely not be permanent groups, but will meet until a specific issue is resolved. Some groups such as transportation, however, will operate year-round.

Marshall said, "When we met in January to discuss the water supply problems it became obvious that we weren't going to get the answers we

wanted because there were too many people and too much information."

Although the towns and Orange County have not all officially approved the proposal, all three have informally agreed. They have also indicated a desire to include two representatives from Hillsborough.

Kinnaird said she believes the board will be approved before the N.C. General Assembly meets in June.

Week to celebrate American Indian culture

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
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An all-day festival, speakers and a film will mark the Carolina Indian Circle's commemoration of American Indian Culture Week March 21-26.

"The celebration of this week has been around for five or six years," Cedric Woods, co-chairman of the event's organizing committee, said. "That is how long the Carolina Indian Circle has been around."

"The week helps us celebrate our

culture," he said. "It helps us show that we are concerned about the issues that affect us."

"It also helps us show that we are still visible on campus and that we are a diverse group of students."

American Indian activist Vernon Bellecourt will start off the week as the keynote speaker.

Julian Pierce, a candidate for District 16 judge will speak Tuesday night about the justice system and the

recent hostage situation in Lumberton, Woods said.

"We wanted to bring a local focus to the week which would help students see that local issues are also important," Woods said.

On Wednesday, the committee will show the documentary "Broken Rainbow" in the Union Film Auditorium.

"The movie tells the story about the government relocation of the Navaho Indians," Woods said. "It shows the issues that pitted two tribal councils against each other and how the government intervened."

There will be a discussion after the movie, he said.

The committee will hold an achievement awards reception Friday to honor outstanding achievement by Indian students.

"At the ceremony, we will honor Indian students who are scholars and

athletes with awards and scholarships," Woods said. "This is one way to recognize Indian students and their achievements."

An American Indian cultural festival Saturday on Ehringhaus Field will mark the end of the week.

Fifty Indian dancers will demonstrate Indian dance and participate in a dance competition, Woods said.

"There will also be Indian foods and crafts that will be displayed," he said. "The festival is open to everyone."

"We hope these events will show we are still proud of our traditions and our heritage. We want to demonstrate what it means to be an Indian," Woods said.

This week's celebration is a reflection of the Indian Heritage Week in September, which is a statewide recognition of American Indians' contributions to society.

Delegate Commitments

Delegate counts among the Democratic candidates changed again after the Illinois primaries Tuesday, amid speculation that there will be no first-ballot winner at the June convention:

Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis:0 won Tuesday, 460 total
Mo. Rep. Richard Gephardt:0 won Tuesday, 143 total
Tenn. Sen. Albert Gore Jr.:0 won Tuesday, 348 total
The Rev. Jesse Jackson:37 won Tuesday, 431 total
Ill. Sen. Paul Simon:136 won Tuesday, 172 total
Others, uncommitted:0 won Tuesday, 260 total
Needed to nominate: 2,082

The Republican count showed much less volatility, indicating one clear leader after Super Tuesday and Illinois:

Vice President George Bush:66 won Tuesday, 771 total
Kan. Sen. Robert Dole:16 won Tuesday, 179 total
Pat Robertson:0 won Tuesday, 17 total
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Service league donates funds to area groups

By JEANNA BAXTER
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Service League has distributed \$8,656 to nine local groups and organizations, league Vice President Kathy Buck said.

The money the league distributed came from profits earned in 1987 by the league's Country Store at Uni-

versity Mall, Buck said.

The 48-year-old Chapel Hill Service League is a women's organization dedicated to serving the community.

The Country Store is a good way to raise funds because the public supports the store and then the money goes right back to the community,

she said.

The store has been located in University Mall for 13 years, and was downtown prior to that, Buck said.

The store is run by league members who volunteer a certain number of hours each year to the store.

The Country Store provides area craftspeople with an outlet for selling their crafts on consignment, she said.

Letters were sent to 53 non-profit agencies in Chapel Hill and Orange and Durham counties announcing the availability of the funds, Buck said.

The league's grants committee received 19 requests for funds, she said. The committee evaluated the requests on the basis of which ones would benefit the community the most.

Groups receiving funds from the league are Boy Scout Troop 39 (\$306), Childcare Networks (\$500), Inter-Faith Council (\$1,000), Meals on Wheels (\$1,000), Orange County Habitat for Humanity (\$1,000), Orange County Rape Crisis Center (\$750), Orange/Durham Coalition

for Battered Women (\$3,500), The Street Scene Teen Center (\$400) and Student Health Action Committee (\$200).

Darlene Wells, executive director of the Orange/Durham Coalition for Battered Women, said the \$3,500 her organization received has helped bring the coalition closer to the \$150,000 it needs to purchase a new shelter.

Audrey Layden, a member of the Inter-Faith Council board of directors, said it will use the \$1,000 to assist with child care for families in a temporary crisis situation. The money will also help provide vouchers for clothing from the PTA Thrift Shop.

Steve Mantz, Orange County Rape Crisis Center staff member, said the \$750 will be used to partially underwrite the costs to recruit, train and supervise volunteers.

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center provides services to persons affected by sexual victimization, and provides community education on sexual assault and the prevention of child sexual abuse.

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