

Human service needs for Chapel Hill area outlined to council

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The Chapel Hill Human Services Advisory Board has received proposals from 11 human service agencies requesting money for programs they hope to conduct in the upcoming year, Human Services Coordinator Olga Acosta said.

Each year the Human Services Advisory Board gives the town council a needs report, outlining its efforts in assessing, reviewing and evaluating human services needs in Chapel Hill, Acosta said.

The board identified five areas of concern for the Town of Chapel Hill this year. These include town-university cooperation and services for children, youths, women, the economically disadvantaged and the elderly.

Al Mebane, chairman of the Human Services Advisory Board, said after the board presents its needs report to the town council, it advertises for agencies to submit proposals which would help meet these human service needs.

The board assesses, reviews and evaluates the proposals and then makes recommendations to the council about which agencies should be paid for their activities and how much they should be paid, Mebane said.

The advisory board bases its decisions on the percentage of an agency's budget being requested, the board's assessment of the agency's ability to perform its task and how that task meets the board's assessed needs, Mebane said.

"But we are strictly an advisory board," he said. "We make recommendations to the council and they

make their own decisions."

When agreements are formed between the town and the various agencies, it is understood that the agencies will be reimbursed for their activities, not paid in advance.

"It is a performance contract," Mebane said. "For instance, if you do so-and-so, we will give you so-and-so."

The Dispute Settlement Center, located on Weaver Street in Carrboro, is one of the agencies requesting funds from the board.

Center director Claire Miller said the center needs money to continue previous programs and start three new ones. The new programs are those working with youth, public dispute and community penalties, she said.

Miller said she felt confident the community penalties program could get funding. This program would divert non-violent felons from prison into rehabilitation through education and jobs.

The Dispute Settlement Center requested \$5,000 last year, but this year they are requesting \$6,000, Miller said. "Because we have three new programs, we will need slightly more money than last year," Miller said.

The Dispute Settlement Center has received support from the town for about the last six or seven years, Miller said.

"I hope the agencies that have gotten support in the past will continue to receive that support," she said. "I hope all the agencies that requested money will get what they need to help the Chapel Hill citizens."

Discussing freedom in South Korea

By STACI COX
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The emergence of a liberated government in South Korea depends heavily on the United States, but South Korea's importance to U.S. security and economy should not be underestimated, Donald MacDonald, professor of Korean studies at Georgetown University, told about 150 people Tuesday night.

"We still think of ourselves as being independent of the rest of the world," said MacDonald, a former head of Korean affairs for the State Department. "Interdependence has become a necessity."

The Soviet Union, China and Japan were constantly fighting to control Korea from the 19th century until World War II, he said.

By the end of World War II, the United States had a responsibility to re-establish Korean freedom, he said.

"Once the war was over, there was Korea, and somebody had to do something about it," MacDonald said. "But we forgot to make a plan."

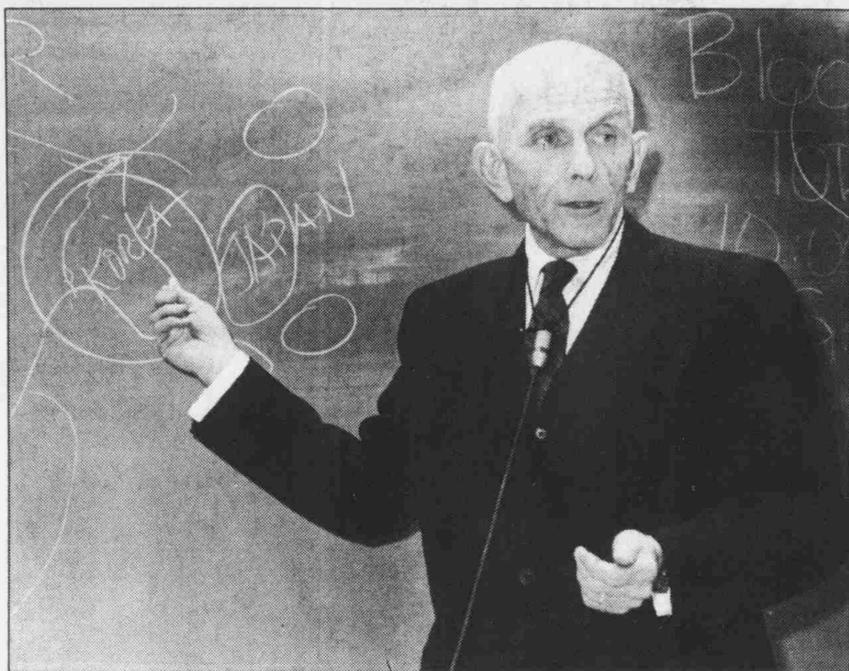
This lack of planning led to the division of Korea along the 38th parallel in Soviet-American negotiations.

"The problem with negotiations was that everybody hated everybody," MacDonald said. "Russians hated Americans, Americans hated Russians and Koreans hated oppression. The Koreans lost."

Finally, after 30,000 U.S. soldiers and four million Koreans died, the war confirmed the 38th parallel boundary over which the war had started.

"No peace treaty was ever signed there," MacDonald said. "The whole thing is in a state of suspended hostilities."

From that time until the late 1960s, when it took off, the United States supported the South Korean



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Donald MacDonald discusses the importance of United States' link to South Korea

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economy, he said. South Korea has four to five times the gross national product of North Korea, with only the twice the population.

Internal political turmoil, a result of an authoritarian tradition, is South Korea's latest problem, he said. Most of the citizens pushing for greater freedom are younger, with most protests starting on

college campuses, he said.

"The South Koreans are becoming very well-educated, and the greater their education, the more they desire freedom."

In South Korea 100 percent of those eligible attend grade school, 90 percent attend junior high and 90 percent of junior high graduates attend high school, MacDonald said. Of 40 million people, 1.5 million attend college, too many for the South Korean economy.

"College graduates who couldn't

get decent jobs were causing so many problems that the government required the universities to fail 20 percent of their students."

College protests stemming from these restrictions have been successful, spilling over into the general public and leading to the establishment of direct presidential elections, MacDonald said. But because the opposition to the government ran two candidates, they split the vote, and the government retained power, he said.

County board scraps land plan for 'greenways' trail project

By AMY GRUBBS
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A \$1 million greenways construction project has been deleted from the Orange County Recreation and Parks Master Plan because officials say it was causing too much confusion.

Orange County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Shirley Marshall said the greenways project would reserve land for walking and

bicycling trails in rural Orange County.

The public showed massive concern about the project at the public hearing, but due to the rhetoric in the presentation of the project, people got confused about its purpose, she said.

The presentation at the hearing was sponsored by the Orange County Recreation and Parks Department, she said.

Regulations in the plan stated that land would not be taken for the project until it was necessary, but there were some misunderstandings and misrepresentations at the hearing, and the board of commissioners could not get to other items on the agenda, Marshall said.

Marianne Black, director of the Orange County Recreation and Parks Department, said, "Somehow during the hearings, many citizens

thought the plan was going to begin tomorrow, but the plan is for the next 20 years."

Marshall said another problem causing confusion was that the project did not give enough specific information. Next time the issue is brought up, the board will have to specify more clearly exactly which tracts of land will be used, she said.

"It seemed the better part of wisdom to get on with business,"

Marshall said. "No one opposed (the deletion of the greenways program from the budget) because of the problem of communication."

The board of commissioners voted unanimously to remove the item from its agenda.

Black said she looks forward to getting on with other items on the agenda such as pools and parks.

"I understand why it was deleted and I'm pleased about the commissioners' decision," she said. "This is

what good planning is all about. We are now moving on, despite the holdup."

The county clerk's office said the total portion of the proposed budget for parks and recreation management and improvement is \$22.1 million. The entire proposed Capital Improvements Budget is about \$55 million.

In theory, the new budget should be passed by July 1, the clerk's office said.

Strikers continue efforts to oust Noriega

From Associated Press reports

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's opponents scorned what they called a cynical offer to negotiate his resignation and kept Panama shut down Tuesday with a general strike intended to force him out.

An estimated 90 percent of offices and industries were shut down by the strike, which appeared to be gaining support on its second day. Most shops were closed, public transportation was halted and many government employees did not go to work.

Panama is out of cash because of pressure from the United States to force the ouster of Noriega, who is the real power in Panama as commander of its 15,000 soldiers and police. The U.S. dollar is the national currency, and the supply has been cut off.

Most government workers were paid only \$75 of their mid-month wages last week, and the \$33 million end-of-the-month payroll for the 130,000 public employees probably won't be met. Pension checks due

Wednesday have been delayed until at least March 28.

Hunger is spreading among workers as well as the poor, unemployed and elderly. Many washerwomen, cleaning women, maids and cooks have lost their jobs because there is no money with which to pay them.

Manuel Solis Palma, the civilian Noriega chose to run the government, said on television Monday night that the general would resign in exchange for "a national dialogue" to reconcile differences with opponents of the regime. He prefaced the offer with a diatribe against the United States.

The implication was that Noriega, under federal court indictment in Florida on narcotics and money-laundering charges, would stay in Panama and might retain power behind the scenes.

Calling the offer a "noble gesture," Solis Palma said Noriega pledged "as an officer and a gentleman" to resign before presidential elections scheduled for May 1989.

Solis Palma, who has the title "minister in charge of the presidency," said he would not accept Noriega's resignation unless "all of the political forces in the country" join "a national dialogue."

Noriega put Solis Palma in office Feb. 26 after President Eric Arturo

Robeson

system is discouraging, he said.

The lack of Indian representation in the Robeson County judicial system is also alarming, Pierce said. "We don't have the power to demand the respect we deserve. We have to get away from every issue being a racial one. The only way I see to do that is to balance the power."

"We have a mental block that we can't beat the county. The school merger (merging the five school systems in Robeson County) is the first step to removing that block. It built confidence in the Indian community," he said.

For his campaign for Superior

Delvalle tried to fire the general and the legislature dismissed Delvalle instead.

Delvalle, still recognized by the United States, is hiding in Panama. His dismissal began a run on Panama's banks, which were closed the next week.

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Court, the main combatable problem Pierce faces as he competes with candidates with more financial power is his relative obscurity, he said.

"I don't know of another county where more money changes hands on election eve than Robeson County," Pierce said. He said he thought other candidates bought votes, something he is unable to do. "But if that's what it takes to win this election that's what we'll do, to the extent that we have the money."

But because Robeson County is racially isolated, there is no promise of quick change. "No matter how you color it, this will be a racial election," he said.

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