

Report examines national security, diffusion of power

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After two years of planning and monthly meetings, 20 defense and national security experts have compiled a report on the United States' new era in terms of national security. "The Diffusion of Power: An Era of Realignment," is a 152-page report put together by the National Security Group. The group is a private organization that describes itself as a non-profit, bipartisan educational organization.

The national security concerns facing the next president include the

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perceived decreasing threat of the Soviet Union and the growing economic power of Japan and Western Europe, the report said.

"We believe over the next 10 to 15 years there will be a decrease in power in the United States and an increase in developing countries," said John Petersen, chairman of the National Security Group.

There will no longer be only two superpowers in the future, but three

to five, Petersen said.

Another area of concern is the defense budget, the study said. Although the Pentagon budget rose during President Reagan's first term, the current \$300 billion is not likely to rise much more.

"Overly optimistic projections of defense budget growth coupled with relatively larger growth of internal fixed accounts and public pressure against increased defense spending will result in a decrease of \$250 billion to \$400 billion for defense in the next five years from what the military had assumed," the report said.

The report also called for a budget summit between the new president and congressional leaders.

"There's not as much cooperation between executive governments and Congress now as there should be," Petersen said.

The government also does not do well with long-term planning, Petersen said.

And there is a new, changing threat to the United States, the study said.

"Due to Mr. Gorbachev's initiatives, the threat appears to have decreased," the report said. "At the same time, we find ourselves increas-

ingly threatened by smaller third world countries, terrorism, and unconventional problems like drugs, environmental pollution and instability."

"This will be an era when the United States doesn't play quite the leadership role it did in the past," Petersen said. "There will be a diffusion of power in every aspect, whether militarily or economically."

The United States is now in a transition period, and should use this time to better prepare for the new era in 10 to 12 years, he said.

"This new era will be a new time,

a new period, a new game with different players and different rules."

Both political parties believe the United States is facing a period of change.

"Part of the philosophy of the Democratic party is that we must be prepared for change and face the future," said Margaret Lawton, press secretary for the N.C. Democratic Party.

"If anything, we believe this report strengthens (the Republican Party's) belief in peace through strength," said Tom Ballus at the N.C. Republican Headquarters.

Charity auction to benefit fund for Triangle youth hostel

By THOM SOLOMON
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This weekend, you can get a taste of the world without ever leaving Chapel Hill.

The second annual fund-raising auction for the Research Triangle Council of American Youth Hostels will be held Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Community Church at 106 Purefoy Road.

Money raised at the auction will go into a fund, started after last year's auction, to establish the first Triangle youth hostel, said Amy Grant, spokeswoman for the council.

The auction's theme, "A Taste of

the World," has attracted gifts from West Germany, Canada and Egypt. Auction-goers can bid on T-shirts from N.C. State University basketball coach Jim Valvano, a book from William Friday, an embossed state seal and pin from Gov. Jim Martin, a book from Sen. Terry Sanford and more, Grant said.

Other items available include quilts, a bicycle, clothes from around the world, a clarinet, posters, a butcher block table, boxes of books, pottery, artwork and furniture.

Participants will also be able to sample desserts, snacks and beverages

from an all-you-care-to eat buffet line for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, she said.

A youth hostel is a safe, inexpensive, overnight accommodation that makes travel possible for people who would not be able to afford to travel otherwise, Grant said.

"It is a great way to explore without paying too much and have a safe and adventurous experience, especially if you are young," she said.

There is usually a three-day limit to the stay, and the cost in North Carolina is between \$4 and \$7 a night, she said. The hostel in London is \$10

a night.

There are five levels of hostels, Grant said, ranging from the most primitive to the superior. The superior hostel includes a full service area, a kitchen and a family room, she said.

Most hostels in North Carolina have family rooms.

In 1909, when hostels were first formed, they were originally just for youth, but now they are for all ages, Grant said.

The idea for a youth hostel in the Triangle started in the early 70s when Sam Wiley, a Duke Divinity School student, encouraged the national

American Youth Hostels (AYH) group to examine the feasibility of a hostel in the Triangle, Grant said.

In 1982, the AYH worked with the N.C. Trails Association, the N.C. State Parks Division and the Council of Churches to develop a statewide hostel plan, Grant said. The local chapter of AYH was started in 1986.

A feasibility study with the State Parks Division is still underway in the search for a possible site for the first Triangle youth hostel, she said.

Members of the hostel development committee of the local chapter conduct the feasibility studies for potential sites, Grant said. The committee has conducted eight studies so far.

Finding the right site is the hardest part of the development of the hostel, she said. Factors such as access to public transportation and proper zoning are considered.

The AYH has restrictions concerning the number of square feet and the number of shower facilities the site must have per person, she said. "So we cannot just choose any building," Grant said.

Another consideration is budget, Grant said. The first Triangle youth hostel could be established with about \$150,000. The council also has the capability to apply for grants and might expect to receive matching corporate funds.

Another source of revenue for the council is the percentage of funds they receive from the sale of AYH membership passes. In order to stay in a hostel, travelers must purchase a membership pass, Grant said, and the Council receives a percentage of the funds from the passes sold in a nine-county area, including the Triangle.

Prices for the memberships are:

- \$20 for an adult annual membership.
- \$10 for a senior citizen or youth under 17 years old annual membership.
- \$30 for a family annual membership
- \$30 for a two-year adult membership
- \$200 for a lifetime membership.

The Triangle has about 600 members, an increase of about 66 percent from last year, Grant said.

Towns to start second recycling program

By LYNN GOSWICK
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Beginning Nov. 9 and 10, Chapel Hill and Carrboro will begin a recycling project covering 900 homes in each city, Chapel Hill Solid Waste Planner Blair Pollock said Wednesday.

The program will allow residents in several neighborhoods to recycle newspapers, glass and aluminum just by carrying a plastic container full of the materials to their curb each week.

It is the second major recycling program introduced this year. In the first program, only newspaper was collected.

Pickup for Chapel Hill homes will be on Wednesdays, and pickup day for Carrboro will be Thursdays.

The containers to be used in the project will be distributed Saturday to those residents participating. Distribution will take place at the

following places and times:

- Cedar Fork Trail and Country Road, 8:30 a.m.
- Timberlyne Office Building, Kingston Drive, 9:30 a.m.
- Kensington Trace Apartments, 11 a.m.
- Umstead Drive and Bradley

Road, noon.

- Horace Williams House, Rosemary Street, 1:30 p.m.
- Broad Street Coffee House, Carrboro, 2:30 p.m.
- Spring Valley Gatehouse, Spring Valley Road, Carrboro, 4 p.m.
- The Public Works Department

hopes to collect 23 tons of recyclables per month, and as a result, cut down on the amount of materials that go into the Orange County Landfill on Eubanks Road.

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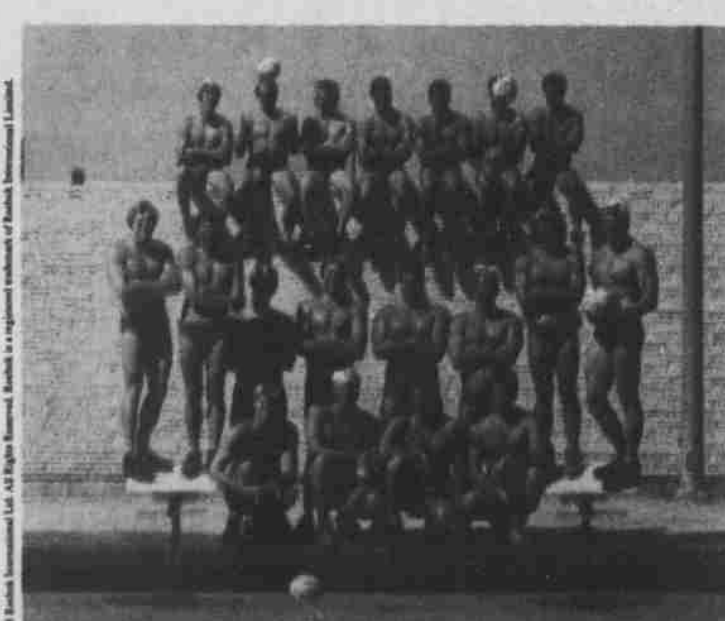
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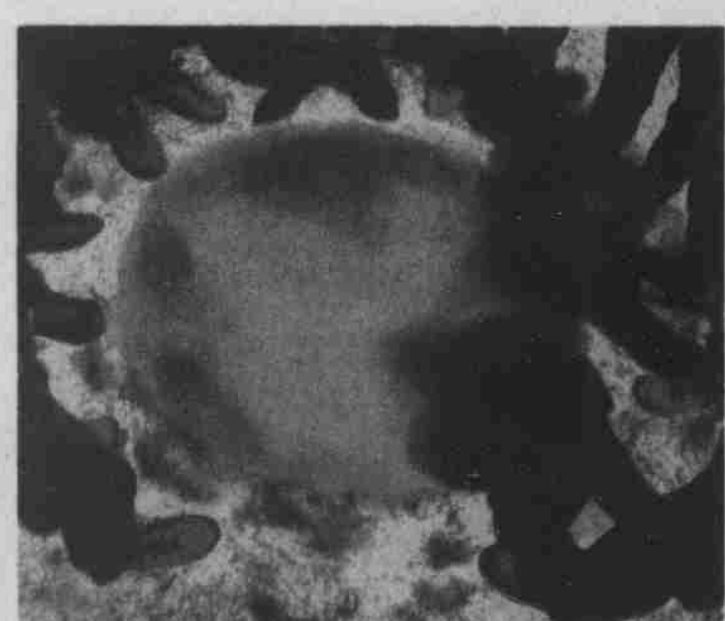
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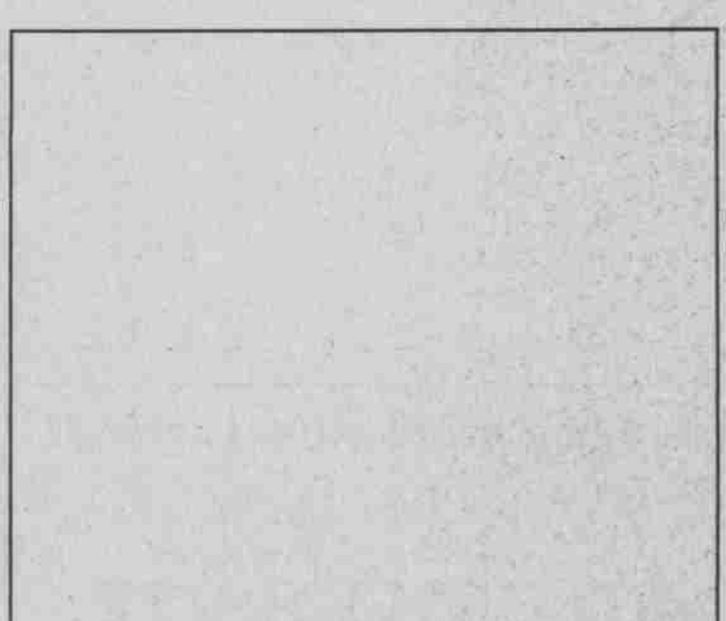
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