

CAMPUS AND CITY

Marcoplos criticizes county wastefulness of energy, tax money

By Dale Castle
Staff Writer

A candidate for the Orange County Board of Commissioners and alternative energy activists at a Tuesday press conference said the county was silent about the issue of energy efficiency.

The press conference was held in front of Weaver Street Market in Carrboro.

County commission candidate Mark Marcoplos accused the county government of wasting taxpayers' money on energy bills.

Marcoplos added that the new Orange County government building, located in Hillsborough, was a waste of energy.

The building faces the sun during the hottest part of the day, forcing people to run the air conditioner at higher levels, he said.

"There are no eaves that block the summer sun and let the winter sun in," Marcoplos said.

"This is a feature that doesn't cost anything," he added.

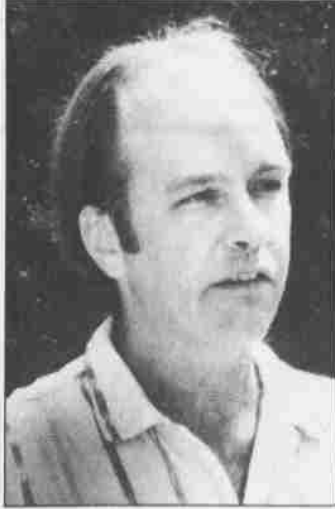
The board of commissioners is not making this issue a priority, Marcoplos said.

"We've got to move now," he said. "I haven't heard anybody speak out on this issue."

Others at the press conference also expressed the need to find alternative energy sources.

Sun Shares energy program manager Bill Warren stressed the importance of setting a standard for measuring energy efficiency to point out improvement or decline.

Alternative energy expert Arnie Katz said departments should be awarded for



Mark Marcoplos

becoming energy efficient rather than just cutting back their budget.

He said energy bills costing each Orange County school \$87,000 could be cut in half.

"This is very possible to do," Katz said.

Marty Mandel, organizer of Carrboro and Wake County Solar Days, said buildings should be heated with solar energy and cooled with natural gas to conserve energy.

She added that government buildings should utilize skylights rather than electric lights during the day.

A list compiled by many environmental groups in Orange County will be formally presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council later this year, Mandel said.

Seniors sponsor seminars on life after college

By Donna van der Dijs
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Seniors who need information about graduate school, resume-writing or life outside college have a new source of information this year — monthly seminars presented by the Senior Class Seminar Committee.

In their first seminar, to be presented from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in Room 111 of Murphey Hall, the senior class will present "All You Ever Needed to Know About Graduate School," an overview of graduate schools and specifically the UNC

graduate and professional schools.

Akbar Sharfi, a senior from West Palm Beach, Fla., and a member of the seminar committee, said the goal of the first seminar was to give seniors a better idea of how to prepare for graduate school.

While the first session will discuss graduate school admissions procedures and financing possibilities, part of the meeting will be an open forum in which students may ask speakers questions about graduate school opportunities, Sharfi said.

Robert Kirkpatrick, an associate professor of English and a pre-graduate

school adviser, and Myrna Bower, director of the Graduate School, will speak at the first seminar.

Kirkpatrick will give a short introductory speech before answering questions, and Bower will answer questions from students who plan to go to the UNC Graduate School, Sharfi said.

Bower said she would be there "to provide information and answer questions students might have." Students already should be working on applications for universities and tests, including the GRE, in order to make filing deadlines, she said.

Each of the monthly seminars will

concentrate on subjects that can help seniors adjust to graduation and post-graduate plans, said committee member Jill Jacobs, a senior from Goldsboro.

"We're looking at programs on how to do income tax returns, how to interview, buying insurance, moving to a city..." she said. "We're looking at doing something every month and focusing on things that will help seniors."

The events will help students plan their future, whether they are planning to go to graduate school or find a job after college, Sharfi said.

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

1:30 p.m. University Career Services will offer basic information on how to use the UCS office for Ph.D. chemistry majors in B-328 Kenan Labs.

3:30 p.m. International Center will have an orientation meeting for new volunteers to help international students with their English in the Union's South Gallery.

4 p.m. Study Abroad Office will have an information session on the Honors Program to Australia in 226 Union.

5 p.m. Vegetarian Club will have a free vegetarian dinner in the quad across the street from the Franklin Street post office.

5:15 p.m. Asian Students Association will have committee meetings in 208 Union. Officers and chairs should meet at 5 p.m.

6 p.m. Carolina Cheerleading Tryouts begin for men and women in the Fetzer gymnasium room.

UNC Student-led New Alliance Party will hold its first meeting at the N.C. Levens Fulan for President headquarters in Durham. Join a carpool at the Morehead Planetarium sundial or call 490-5253.

7 p.m. Sangam, the UNC Indian Student Association, will hold its first meeting in 213 Union.

University Career Services will offer basic information on using the UCS office for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes.

Student Peace Initiative will meet in 218 Union.

UNC Pre-Law Club will welcome pre-law advisers Bernholz and Crescenzo to speak about a career in law in 206 Union.

7:30 p.m. Carolina Campus Scouts will have an interest meeting in 208 Union.

UNC Young Republicans will welcome Teena Little, candidate for the state superintendent of instruction, in 224 Union.

7:45 p.m. University Career Services will offer the basics for constructing a professional resume in 210 Hanes.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Student Government: Anyone interested in working with the executive branch should sign up in Suite C Union or call 962-5201.

Foreign Service Officer Program: Applications are available at 211 Hanes. The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 2.

UPCOMING

CAA Chat with the Coach: Mack Brown will answer questions at noon Thursday in the Pit.

BCC Community Volunteer Training

Workshop will welcome Safisia Madhubuti, professor of education at Northwestern University and founder of the Institute of Positive Education, at 4 p.m. Thursday.

American Advertising Federation will have an organizational meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in 203 Howell.

Tar Heel Recycling Program will meet at Columbia Street Coffeehouse at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Leadership Development will have an orientation session at 8 p.m. Thursday in 101 Greenlaw.

Ebony Readers/Onyx Theatre will have its first meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in Upendo Lounge.

SHS Black Cultural Center will hold the Second Annual Celebration Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Sojourner Truth at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Hall.

Jacobs

counted 25 percent; regalia, or Indian dress, 25 percent; talent, 20 percent; and onstage interview, 30 percent.

"It's every little Indian girl's dream," said Jacobs, whose past titles include Miss Pre-Teen Clinton, Miss Indian N.C. Princess, and Miss Clinton High School.

Jacobs credited her tribe, based in Sampson and Harnett counties, with encouraging her throughout the pageant process.

"(Native Americans) live like regular people," she said, "but the tribe is our basis, and moral support comes from it. So does cultural tradition."

All tribes have a tribal office that provides for its members by helping the unemployed find jobs and offering classes in Native-American dance, beadwork and senior citizens' activities.

Jacobs, who taught dance for her tribe, said the passing down of movements was essential because they could not be written down.

Dances play a major role in tribal pow-wows, which usually run on Friday nights and all day Saturday. "We basically dance all day," Jacobs said. All ages join to perform and compete in different categories of Indian dance.

As Miss Indian North Carolina, Jacobs attends almost every major powwow in the state, thus using up her \$5,000 award in travel expenses. She also received a \$500 scholarship, sterling silver and fully beaded crowns and a dress valued at \$1,300 with her title.

Traveling is the most exciting part of being Miss Indian North Carolina, Jacobs said. "Little girls look up to you at pow-wows and say, 'Look, there she is.'"

"If I win at nationals, I'll get to travel to different Indian communities and to Japan. I'm excited about teaching others about my tribe."

The Coharie retain a low profile because they always have hidden out in the past, Jacobs said. Only six words of Coharie language remain in existence because it was once illegal to speak the language.

"It means more to the U.S. government to be one-thirty-second Navaho than to be full-blooded Coharie," she said. N.C. tribes, in general, have had difficulty gaining federal recognition because they were the first to be bombarded with settlers and did not have time to build much resistance.

"Recognition" translates into the government admitting past wrongs and compensating with free medical care

and college grants for those in need.

Jacobs voiced equally strong feelings about the controversy surrounding Columbus Day. "A lot of people say it's over and done with," she said. "I disagree. It hurts to see how the government praises his discovery and doesn't give credit to Native-American contributions."

Junior Kenric Maynor, president of the Carolina Indian Circle, agreed that the importance of Native-American culture largely was overlooked.

"It's frustrating to be viewed as a legend instead of a race that's alive and thriving," he said.

"A lot of people go to 'Dances With Wolves,' for example, and say they feel so bad about what was done," Maynor said. "They don't realize the same thing's happening on a smaller scale, only now the problem's drugs, alcohol and poverty on reservations."

Jacobs hopes to upgrade such circumstances after finishing medical school on the Indian Health Scholarship, which pays for medical training in return for service on Indian reservations.

Many prizes await Jacobs at the Miss Indian U.S.A. pageant next summer: a \$19,000 undergraduate scholarship, a \$5,000 wardrobe, \$20,000 in travel ex-

penses, an evening gown, a TV-VCR camcorder, luggage, trips to Bermuda and Japan, Indian jewelry, a car for one year and modeling agency opportunities.

"This is definitely the biggie," said Charlene Jacobs, Belinda Jacob's mother. "But regardless of the prizes, she would love to hold that title."

Charlene Jacobs said her daughter instinctively took pride in her culture and sought knowledge about it on her own.

"Basically, we've just told her not to let her race or anything else be a stumbling block to her," she said. "And Belinda has so much energy... She's always been a go-getter."

Jacobs' long-time friend and roommate Chenoa Richardson believes these traits will help Jacobs at the Miss Indian U.S.A. pageant. "She holds herself up very professionally, and she truly understands her culture," Richardson said.

Jacobs herself sees the passing-on of her culture as more a necessity than an option. "We are at least fighting back now," she said. "Back in the '60s, when you thought just blacks were discriminated against, Native Americans were oppressed but didn't have as visible a civil rights movement."

"But now we're back in full swing."

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