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BBAL Holds Rally

The Black Business Action League held an outdoor rally in Blum Park Sunday to interest East Winston's young people in business development. At the rally, attended by about 1,000 youths, BBAL President Johnny X. Williamson outlined his organization's plan for a youth internship program with black businesses in the community.

The BBAL plans to place young people in skills-learning jobs in various businesses, with the business paying half the apprentice's salary and the BBAL paying the remainder.

Melvin Dubose, the BBAL's newest staff member, stated that the organization hopes to receive funds from either the Mary Babcock Reynolds Foundation or the Winston-Salem Foundation.

Officials of the Mary Babcock Reynolds Foundation confirm that BBAL representatives have visited them, but say that no formal request for funds has been received.

Businesses which have agreed to accept youth interns are: the Big D. Lounge, owned by Williamson, the Dungeon Club, Staley's Restaurant Northside, and C.G. Washington's Construction Company.

The Black Business Action League describes itself as: "a non-profit, self-help organization dedicated to economic development of the minority community." It was organized in 1973 by Johnny X. Williamson, who studied business and management at Winslow Business College and Forsyth Technical Institute.

One recent project of the BBAL has been to arrange for discounts for senior citizens with local merchants in the community.

Future plans include the opening of a BBAL clothing factory, using local models and designers and a fashion show and dinner to be held July 10, to project and promote Renee Fashions, a company owned by the BBAL.

Dr. Butler Heads Forsyth Clergy

Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, has been elected president of the Forsyth Clergy Association, an interdenominational and predominantly white organization of ministers from Forsyth County.

Dr. Butler, who was formerly serving as vice-president of the Forsyth Clergy Association, replaces Rev. Harold Shirley, pastor of Ardmore Baptist Church, who is leaving to take a post in Alabama. Dr. Butler has previously served as president of a similar organization: the New Hanover Ministerial Association.



Parents meet to discuss Happy Hill recreational facilities.

Happy Hill Council Demands Better Facilities

"We feel that for the most part the city of Winston-Salem and the Recreation Department have neglected us," said Mrs. Gloria Fulton, president of the Happy Hill Recreation Center advisory council in a prepared speech at a meeting Thursday night June 16th at the recreation center.

More than 50 community residents turned out at the meeting to request improvements on the area's more than 30 year old recreation facility.

Mrs. Fulton in her speech stated that the large number of participants using the center have made it necessary for the facility to be enlarged. "Happy Hill Center has one of the largest weekly attendance figures of any of the city's recreation facilities. There is not enough space or equipment here to provide meaningful recreation for them," she said.

Mrs. Dorothea Eaton, recreation center supervisor for the department attended the meeting in

place of recreation director Nick Jamison who had other commitments.

Mrs. Eaton, who worked at Happy Hill for a number of years said she was proud of the community turnout but could not answer questions that should be asked to Mr. Jamison.

Mrs. Virginia Newell, an unsuccessful candidate for the aldermanic seat in

the East Ward in the last election urged all community residents to turn out and vote. "I don't care whether or not you vote for me but please vote. I lost by a few votes last time and I can only reiterate what I said then. If I am elected I will look out for the East Ward first. It's obvious that you need better Recreation facilities here.

Mrs. Newell then asked if it was not the city's policy to build facilities according to attendance?

Mrs. Eaton's reply was that the question would have to be referred to Mr. Jamison.

Mrs. Fulton outlined some of the problems and needs of the community where recreation is con-

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LAWMAKERS: Boys' State Representatives from Forsyth County get together for this picture, but stand far apart on many issues. They are: [back row l-r] Ron Blaylock, Counselor Ronald Wilkins, and Roy Bacote. [Front] Darrel Scales and James Andrews.

Liquor By The Drink Passes In Annual Boy's State Convention

By Sharyn Bratcher Staff Writer

The city judge, the county commissioner, and the two state Senators sprawled in their lounge chairs and debated capital punishment. They have already legalized marijuana, passed liquor by the drink, and freed the Wilmington Tep. Not bad for a week's work.

These hard-working politicians were Winston-Salem's black representatives to Boys' State, the annual convention for high school students which is a miniature version of the state government.

Dr. Jack Fleer, chairman of Wake Forest's political science department and director of Boys' State for the thirteenth

year, explained that the event is sponsored by the American Legion, which sends students selected by the high schools or other organizations to Boys State at Wake Forest and Girls State in Greensboro. One veteran of a long ago session of Boys State is North Carolina's governor Jim Hunt.

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Board Writes Alternate Plan For Health Center

By Sharyn Bratcher Staff Writer

C.P. Booker, chairman of the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Board, is one of three board members drawing up an alternate plan to the proposed merger with the Health Department, advocated by retiring County Manager Nicholas Meiszer.

The County Commissioners have granted the committee sixty days to draw up the plan, which will make it due August 1st, coincidentally the day after Meiszer's resignation becomes effective.

Booker, and the other two committee members Dr. Wilveria Atkinson and Frank Barnes are concentrating on the administrative problems of the health center in their proposal, which is still "just a skeleton plan" so far, says Chairman Booker.

The committee will plan a reorganization of job responsibilities so that the chain of command is clearly outlined. The nursing department is a major issue, Mr. Booker stated. In the past, there has been some confusion as to whether the Health Center nurses were under the direction of the Health Dept.'s Chief of Nursing or the Administrator of the health center.

According to Mr. Booker, the committee has no

specific plans to request the replacement of Health Center Administrator Dennis MacGovern in the proposal.

"Nobody had any input into the Meiszer plan," said Mr. Booker, voicing another of the committee's objections to the merger. "He announced it to the Board in May, and then Dr. Dundan said that he had been brought here for the continuance of the merger. Who knew that?"

"Reynolds Health Center's problems are administrative," he went on. "No one has complained about the service. So why not clear up problem, instead of pushing this merger?"

Another plan opposing the health center-health department merger is



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being drawn up by Avery Flynt, president of A. Philip Randolph Institute.

Mr. Flynt stated that his plan is still in embryonic form, but he will be ready to disclose its contents soon.



H.B. Goodson, Democratic member of the Forsyth County Board of Elections, takes the oath of office marking his fifth two-year term with the board. The ceremony took place at noon, June 21st, in the old courthouse.

WFU Seeks More Blacks

By Sharyn Bratcher Staff Writer

There are about ten million reasons why Wake Forest needs more blacks, employees as well as students. That figure approximates the federal funds the university is granted -- and could lose -- if HEW does not approve of the racial balance on campus.

But for Ross Griffith, a director of Equal Opportunity and Legal Affairs for Wake Forest, the reasons go deeper than financial considerations. He has been shaking up Wake's lily-white image since his under-graduate days.

Back in 1964, Griffith was a suite-mate of two WFU celebrities: Edward Reynolds, the first black to graduate from Wake Forest, and football player Brian Piccolo, about whom "Brian's Song" was written.

"Brian's Song" back in those days was "We Shall Overcome", as Griffith recalls it. Wake's football coach had left and they had not yet hired Tate, so there were certain areas of the football program being neglected -- like recruiting. Brian Piccolo was just a player, so he really didn't have to get involved in recruiting -- but he did.

"He recruited a lot of black football players from different high schools. He'd bring them up for the weekend, and they'd stay in our suite," Griffith recalls.

Because of Piccolo's recruiting, Wake became the second ACC school -- Maryland was first -- to recruit blacks for sports.

Was it rough rooming with the only black on a conservative campus? Nobody hassled the members of the suite, says Griffith, though he certainly heard enough remarks about Reynolds, and some of his suite mate's parents never got over the shock.

Later when Griffith became an admissions officer at WFU he made minorities his special interest in recruiting.

This year Griffith was appointed director of Wake's office of Equal Opportunity/Legal Aid. It is his job to monitor the hiring practices of the personnel office and the various departments to see that an effort is made to hire minority personnel.

Another facet of his job is to investigate charges of discrimination. For example, one of his most recent cases involved a Wake student who tried to rent a room off campus. The

landlady had listed the room with the WFU housing office, but the young black man who turned up to rent it was not what she had in mind. She told him she couldn't rent the room to a Negro because of what the neighbors would think. The student complained to Griffith.

He says he's going to investigate the matter, and if that's the way it was, the landlady will be removed from the housing lists permanently. Griffith is also considering recommending that prospective renters be made to sign an agreement with the housing office promising to rent the room to any student, regardless of color, etc.

Of the 900 incoming freshmen for the fall, about 55 will be black, a larger number than in previous years. Wake doesn't have a quota system, says Griffith. They'll accept as many qualified blacks as they can, but there is a minimum that they feel they must have.

Student applicants seem to be available. Wake's recent success in basketball may do much to aid that. The real problem, says Griffith, is

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