

Members Of Club Are Pawns Of The Game



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Wouldn't it be nice if some folks could just get together to enjoy each other's company?

Maybe even a little competition to make it interesting? The Rooks may be just the ticket.

The Rooks is a chess club that opened for play in April. The club meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - until at Renaissance Place. There is no age limit. "It is open to all" says Gerald Johnson, Publisher of The Post and a member of the club. "It is an opportunity to sit around and fellowship with other people who like to play."

A quiet game like chess brings out the competitor in

players, just like any other sport. Johnson, perhaps with tongue planted squarely in cheek, claims to be the best player.

"Some (players) just get together and embarrass themselves," he said.

The average attendance is 10 players every Thursday night.

The Rooks was established by Robert Johnson, The Post's co-publisher. Right now there are 17 members on roster. Bob Johnson says the reason for establishing the group was "to re-establish an interest in the game."

The Rooks are currently looking for more players. Right now there are only three women, so more are welcome. This is the perfect opportunity to get together to socialize while taking in a

game or two in a very peaceful atmosphere.

According to Robert Johnson, the best part of the game is winning. The "war game of chess" as he calls it, brings just as much excitement.

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Members of the Rooks chess club get together every Thursday night for fellowship and competition.
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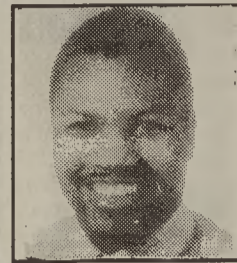
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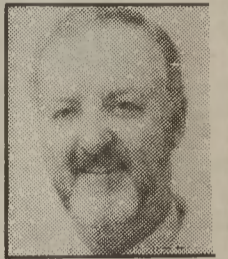


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Probe Into Angelo Robinson's Death Is Asked For By The N.C. NAACP

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The NAACP is calling for the following:

- Establishment of citizens review boards in the state through legislation by the N.C. General Assembly.

- Reassessment of the use of pepper Mace by law enforcement officials.

- Increased efforts to enhance the relationship between police and the community.

- Ongoing sensitivity and cultural diversity training for police officers.

- Enhancement and implementation of community programs and training (cultural diversity and conflict resolution) in Cabarrus County.

The NAACP called for calm in Concord. The state of emergency enforced last week by the Concord Board of Aldermen was lifted Monday.

Businesses in the predominantly black Logan community were required to close from 9 p.m. from 5 a.m. and no sale of alcohol was allowed anywhere in the city. In addition, no gasoline sales other than for cars

were allowed.

Police reported that things were back to normal. In the meantime police will continue to use pepper spray, said Robert Cansler, Concord police chief. "Pepper spray was adopted as a less forceful alternative. Unless the medical examiner tells us it's something other than pure coincidence, then we will continue to use pepper spray."

The alternatives to pepper spray are more damaging, contends Cansler. "The other alternatives are a flash light, a night stick or a gun."

Peeler said that since Robinson's death, there have been "more and more" reports of police misconduct, brutality and excessive force. "It is pretty normal to have people come forward with reports after a situation like this," she said.

The NAACP has urged Concord citizens to refrain from violence. "The situation is going to be tense for a while," said Peeler who has spent several days visiting Concord. "There are people with calm heads to make sure that calm prevails. People want justice to prevail."

Skinhead Movement Growing

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The report provides details of 22 killings it says were committed by skinheads since 1990 - more than triple the number blamed on the group in the three previous years. Most victims of the skinheads were minority group members: Hispanics, African-Americans, Asians, gays and the homeless.

"The skinheads ... have visited a plague of violent crimes on the American people," the report said. "Skinheads have committed thousands of beatings, stabbings, shootings, thefts, synagogue desecrations and other violence and mayhem."

The biggest skinhead populations are found in New Jersey, Texas and Oregon, with each state having 300 of more members, the report said. Four skinhead homicides were reported in Texas; California, Oregon and Washington had three each.

According to the ADL, the only states with no reported skinhead groups are Arkansas, Hawaii, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Black Women Hold Expo

Black women showed off their businesses uptown last week.

The Carolinas Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs sponsored its annual expo at Founders Hall, with 17 businesses displaying products and services.

"We need to let people know there are minority businesses that are selling services, professional services," said

Laura McClettie, a past president of the organization.

A fashion show and entertainment were held as part of the day's activities. Although participation dropped off from 30 vendors to 17 this year, McClettie said it's likely to pick up with better promotion.

"It was really nice to be down there exhibiting," she said.

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