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Louise Wilson, Executive Director at ESR speaks to senior citizens at open house ceremony.

Senior Citizens 'On The Move'

Open House Kicks Off Senior Citizens Month

by Gwen Dixon
Staff Reporter

"Senior Citizens are on the ball and on the move," was the comment most often cited at the recent open house of the Senior Citizens Activity Center on Patterson Avenue. Director of Senior Citizen Activities, Mary P. Brice said in an interview that "we try to make senior citizens feel wanted because we care. The day for them sitting around looking at four walls is over."

The open house ceremony at the center was attended by more than 75 senior citizens, friends and visitors.

Louise Wilson, the Executive Director of Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR), told the group she begged and pleaded with the city to buy the building which the city did in December 1974. ESR is responsible for the recent renovation of the building.

David Drummond, County Commissioner, declared the month of May as Senior

citizens month, with special emphasis from May 4, through the 10th.

Activities for senior citizens have operated since the first of the Model Cities Funds in 1970. Since that time the program has grown. Mary Brice, who began working for Model Cities as a social worker, directs the program for citizens 60-years old, handicapped and older. She has a staff of nine who work in the areas of homemaking, arts

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Plot To Phase Out Black Institutions?

The issues facing the A&T lead-off speech. "A&T has State University students last Tuesday were serious ones, a matter of whether or not many of them would be enrolled at the university next fall.

Faced with the possibility of a \$200 to \$300 tuition increase, they had assembled in mass to show their displeasure.

Is there a master plan to phase out black institutions?" asked Bennie Glover, president of the Student Government Association, in the

already raised its own fees by \$229 and a \$200 increase by the state would make this \$429. I feel that we as students, with our right to vote, must make our positions known."

"They have asked for a \$200 increase," said Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of A&T. "But who knows how far they are going if we let them? Education has brought us this far and we don't intend to stop."

Aldermen Pass New Police Concept

Team Policing To Curb Crime

by Gwen Dixon
Staff Reporter

The Board of Aldermen in its Monday night meeting passed unanimously a presentation by Police Chief T.A. Surratt on the neighborhood team policing concept.

Surratt told the board that the federal government has selected Winston-Salem along with five other cities for the program. A sum of \$179,000 is

allocated by the federal government for a temporary program to train in team policing.

"Team policing is a new method designed to get noticeable results in crime control and to improve relations with the community," Surratt said. The attempt will be made to strengthen police control in a single neighborhood. The program

will be designed to last for 18 months. Six months will be in the planning stages and 12 months for the actual implementation of the program.

Surratt, however, did not go into specifics as to how the program will be designed, what neighborhoods the program will operate in, nor what officers will comprise the

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Merchants Confident Downtown Shopping Is Here To Stay

by Robert Eller
Staff Reporter

Despite the fact that more malls and shopping centers are being built each year and parking spaces are scarce in downtown Winston Salem, the merchants feel the future of the area is bright.

This is the general consensus of downtown Winston Salem's retail merchants. Max Peddle, manager of Stanley's Shoe Store on the downtown mall, says he does

not think the suburban malls are taking business from the downtown merchants.

"The people who shop downtown are people who work here and the people who travel by bus," Peddle says there is no chance of downtown Winston Salem dying. "Our buildings are much larger therefore we can offer more variety," he commented. Another reason he feels that the downtown area will continue to thrive is the fact that Blacks shop

downtown to a large extent. Blacks represent more than \$24 million in buying power in Winston-Salem.

Max B. Smith, manager of the shoe department of the Mother and Daughter store, agrees with Peddle. "Downtown Winston-Salem is not dying. The reports of death are grossly exaggerated," he said.

Smith said business in downtown Winston-Salem increased last year and it was a

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Business in the downtown Mall area flourishes in spite of shopping centers. Workers and shoppers still find downtown convenient

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