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Morningside Manor Civic Club

Claims City Abandoned Reynolds Park

By Special Correspondent

Members of the newly organized Morningside Manor Civic Club have launched a drive to get the Board of Aldermen to allocate money to repair the swimming pool and gymnasium in Reynolds Park, according to the club's president William Tatum.

"We are simply trying to get the place fixed up," Tatum said in a recent telephone conversation. "The place is filthy." Among other things, "it needs painting, the filter system in the pool needs cleaning out, and the gym needs a heating system and the backboards fixed."

Tatum and other members of the club contend that the recreation area has been



William Tatum

allowed to deteriorate only since the area has become

predominantly black. "It was well-kept when whites went there," he charged. The park closed down in 1969 and reopened to blacks in 1970, he said. "Since that time nothing has been done to it.

There is some confusion as to the availability of funds. Tatum said he talked with the supervisor of the Recreation Department and was told that there was money available for the swimming pool but nothing else. However, Tatum said that Fred Smith, neighborhood councilman for the Southwest Ward, talked to Eugene F. Groce, Alderman of the same ward, and was told

that money was available for both the swimming pool and the recreation area.

Tatum said, however, that he talked with city manager

Orville Powell and was told that there was no city money available. "Powell said the money would have to come from the Budget of the Board of Aldermen." The club will meet with Fred Smith and the Southeast Region next Tuesday.

"We're planning to get with the council of the Southwest Ward and work out with them our needs for the area and then we are going down to the

Board of Aldermen's meeting to make a presentation before the budget committee," Tatum said.

The club is also trying to get the Morningside community center on West Sedgefield Drive in Turnkey Project opened for use by smaller children and senior citizens. "The center hasn't been used since last summer," Tatum said.

Tatum claimed that Reynolds Park was being phased out and the people in the community did not know anything about it. As so often

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A&T Official Raps N.C. Educational System

By John Minter
Carolina Peacemaker

"There has never been any voluntary action by North Carolina or by any other Southern state to bring about an integrated situation on the elementary school, high school or college level. It would be the height of naivety to assume that any objective

and unbiased evaluation of programs could be made by the people of North Carolina who have something to lose or gain by such an evaluation."

With these words, Marshall Colston, Vice Chancellor for Development and University Relations, broke the silence of A & T State University officials on the controversy

surrounding the proposed veterinary school for the State of North Carolina.

The Board of Governors of the Consolidated University of North Carolina has made a determined stand to put the proposed school at North Carolina State University at Raleigh. But the Civil Rights

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Black Students Protest

Student Council Elections

By Robert Eller
Staff Reporter

More than 40 black students walked out of Paisley Jr. High School Monday morning in protest of the recently held student council elections.

According to Melvin J. Scales, principal of the school, elections for office were held Thursday May 8. Scales said the students were upset because a black was not elected as co-president of the student council.

According to the constitu-

tion of the school, co-presidents of the council are to come from the majority and the minority. In the election a white and an Indian were elected to the two posts.

A spokesman for the black students said the elections were unfair. He said the whites voted for and elected both the white and the Indian co-presidents. According to the students the whites outnumber the blacks by more than three-to-one and used this advantage to elect both David Johnson, a white

student and Naujeet Sidhu the Indian, as co-presidents. The student pointed out that there are only four Indians attending Paisley compared to more than 200 blacks.

Miss Sidhu said she feels she can do a capable job in her position and that she intends to represent all Paisley students.

"That's just the problem," said one black student, "she wants to represent everybody when she is supposed to represent the minority."

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'Forest of Imagination' players come through the aisle and shake hands with preschoolers.



Gladis Gaither presents flowers to Leah Creque after performance.

Elderly Entertains

Close your eyes and imagine a group of senior citizens dressed up as Red Riding Hood, elephants, King, Queen, Pirates, Mother Goose, Indians, and wolf. Believe it or not, a play by senior citizens entitled 'Forest of Imagination' was performed at First Baptist Church before a group of preschoolers.

More than 200 preschoolers and adults were delightfully entertained by senior citizens.

Through narration, speaking parts and some at living, the story of Red Riding Hood became vivid for many youngsters.

Some pre-schoolers received balloons, play money and lollipops during intermission and in between presentations.

It was indeed delightful. Pre-Schoolers clapped, laughed and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the play.

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