

Carver Up, Atkins Down

Plan Proposes Carver Sr. High, Atkins Jr. High

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If the proposed changes in the Secondary Pupil Assignment Plan are adopted, Carver will be a senior high school again by 1982, but Atkins will be lowered to junior high status.

These changes are part of the plan suggested by Superintendent James A. Adams, which he says will save the system more than one million dollars. The plan recommends a four-year high school, and the retention of a two-year junior high program.

Five schools would be closed completely under the plan: Ardmore, Union Cross, Old Town, Hanes, and Griffith Junior High. Carver, Hill, and Mt. Tabor Schools would be converted to four-year senior high schools, while four other 9-10 schools, Anderson, Atkins, and Paisley will be converted to two-year junior high schools.

The school system would then have eight senior high schools: North, Carver, East, Hill Parkland, West, Mt. Tabor, and Reynolds. The eight junior high schools would be: Philo, Walkertown,

Wiley, Anderson, Atkins, Kennedy, Paisley, and Mineral Springs: all having the same attendance districts as the senior high each will "feed."

Seven existing junior high programs will be discontinued. They are: Dalton, Glenn, Griffith, Jefferson, Kernersville, Northwest, Southwest, and the high school program at Hanes. Five of these schools will be converted to elementary schools; Southwest Junior high will be converted to a senior high annex to West Forsyth Senior High, and Hanes will be closed.

Besides saving the school system over one million dollars in transportation costs, staff fuel, and maintenance, the plan would also: improve extra-curricular programs; reduce course duplication; reduce the number of teachers who are teaching out of their major field; improve school spirit, and improve continuity in developmental courses.

Superintendent Adams presented his plan to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board in its Monday night hearing session. In January, 1979, the

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Atkins Alumni Fear Closing

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The prospect of Atkins High School being converted to a junior high has upset some of the Atkins alumni.

The proposed school plan would turn the one-time senior high (10-12) into a junior high (7-8). Several black citizens feel that demoting Atkins is just one step away from having it closed.

"When I was on the school board, I was concerned that they were eventually going to close Atkins," said Beaufort Bailey, the only black elected to the school board. "By the mere fact that no young people are moving into that community, there's a good chance it may be closed."

Because of the trend, in the next 5 or 6 years, they're going to phase it out," Bailey continued.

Atkins was erected in 1931, and dedicated on April 2, 1931 in honor of Simon Greene Atkins, former chancellor of Winston-Salem State university.

Due to desegregation, Atkins was changed from a 10th and 12th grade school to a 9th and 10th grade school at the end of the 1970-71 school year.

"I don't feel that they should change it," said James Garner, president of the 1951 alumni class. Atkins is a landmark for a lot of black people in this community, if you keep demoting Atkins the next thing you know it will be gone, just like all the other black things."

Garner said that his class (1951) is working so that the closing of Atkins will not happen. His class has begun meeting the second Sunday in each month at LaTerre XXI, to discuss ways of preserving the school... of preserving the school.

"We're trying to set the pattern so that other classes will get involved," Garner said. "Atkins educated many people in this community and now it is up to us to see that it stays."

Larry Womble, assistant principal at Old Town Elementary and unsuccessful candidate for the southeast ward

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KKK Arouses Protest Calls

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The black principal of Philo Junior High School says he will not be attending the scheduled meeting of the Ku Klux Klan at Philo on Jan. 19, because he wants to keep the incident from affecting his objectivity.

James Rousseau said he does not want to be present so that he can remain objective about all the students at Philo. If he doesn't attend, Rousseau explained in a telephone interview, he won't know which of his students attended the meeting.

"The main thing that I'm concerned about is that we don't get the kids in the middle of it," said Rousseau. The principal said he has gotten more than 100 calls from Philo parents and others protesting the KKK meeting. However, his was not the only telephone ringing off the hook.

Patrick Hairston, president of the NAACP, said that he has received 90 calls within 24 hours from persons who are upset about the decision.

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Gone Fishing :

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As much as Vice-Chancellor Lafayette Parker will be missed at Winston-Salem State University, it would be hard to argue with his reason for retiring: he will make more money retired than he does working.

Over a year ago, when his longtime friend and colleague Kenneth R. Williams retired, Dr. Parker checked to see how matters stood for his own retirement. That's when he discovered that as a 30-year veteran of the North Carolina educational system, his income would be greater when he retired than it was when he worked.

After considering this for a year, Dr. Parker decided to begin his retirement in June, 1978. Chancellor Williams said when he retired that he planned to grow roses, but Dr. Parker has other fish to fry. A whole ocean full of them.

"I have a cottage at Topsail," he said. "And I plan to do a lot of fishing."



If there is anyone out there who isn't too busy decking his halls with boughs of holly or deciding which of his friends is worth 15 cents this year, I wish you'd take time to explain to me why "Good King Wenceslas" is a Christmas carol.

I sing it every year, along with "The First Noel" and all the others, but I still don't know why. Consider the words. "Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen, when the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel. Then a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel."

"The Feast of Stephen." That's December 26th, St. Stephen's Day. Close, but not Christmas. The rest of the song seems to be a fifteenth century weather report, with the added information that wood was a primary source of heat in those days.

I still can't make the connection between that and Christmas. There might be one; I just can't find it.

In the fifth grade, we had to illustrate a Christmas carol, and I drew old Wenceslas peering out his castle window at that poor fellow gathering wood. Greg, my friend across the aisle, decided to illustrate "Silent Night."

Later when we showed our pictures to the class, Greg's drawing was something of a mystery. He had drawn the manger scene, with Mary and Joseph, and behind them was a smiling fat man.

We knew it wasn't Santa Claus: no beard, no red suit. Finally, somebody asked him: "Hey, Greg, who is the fat man in your 'Silent Night' picture?"

"Oh," said Greg, "That's the guy in the song. Round John Virgin."

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WSSU Administrator To Take it Easy



Dr. Parker came to Winston-Salem State in 1961, when the university had only three classroom buildings, and Blair Hall served both as library and administrative building.

"It's hard to see the changes when you're so close," he remarked. The changes at WSSU were gradual, and would seem less dramatic to someone who observed the process day by day than to someone seeing the campus for the first time since 1961.

"I was just a professor when I came here," Dr. Parker recalled. After a few years of teaching elementary education, he was named academic dean. He now has the titles of academic dean and vice-chancellor.

What does an academic dean do?

"Everything. And when I say everything, don't leave out anything," Dr. Parker replied.

Officially, his duties are to be responsible for the faculty and the academic program, but there have been times when he found himself driving students to the hospital, or bailing one out of jail in the middle of the night-- at the request of a frantic parent who called him late at night. They call to ask about their children's grades, too.

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State Aids Minority Contractors

RALEIGH-- More than 60 minority highway contractors are about to enter a "unique" internship program designed to increase the low percentage of state highway money going to minority firms.

The 60 are participants in the MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) Program of the N.C. Department of Transportation, a federally-funded effort to increase minority participation in highway building.

Currently, only five minority firms (all subcontractors) have contracts with the department for the current fiscal year which began July 1, said DOT spokesperson Sadie Copeland. They are receiving \$275,671 of the \$66.4 million in contracts awarded this year.

Last year, 11 minority firms received \$1,171,614 in subcontracts, said Copeland.

"North Carolina's supportive training program to develop minority bidders on highway contracts is an effort by this department to remove barriers which may have prevented minority participation in the business of building roads in this state," said DOT Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. a Raleigh ceremony for persons who completed a series of classes.

DOT contracted with Management Manpower Associates, a minority consultant firm in Charlotte, to design the educational and skills training program and identify participants.

More than 500 interested prospective trainees took courses for training in estimating and bidding highway construction work, payroll record keeping, accounting systems, reading and using highway specifications and legal responsibilities and rights of contractors and subcontractors, said Copeland.

The 67 persons who finished all the courses are eligible to begin an internship with a major primary contractor on a highway project.

"We consider the internship phase of this program unique for this area," said Virgil Jones of the Federal



Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw congratulates participants in the MBE program.

Highway Administration.

"By participating in such an internship program, the prospective highway contractors will have on-the-job training in estimating techniques. They will also learn to manage a highway project to a successful conclusion," Jones said.

"We believe the Minority Business Enterprise Program is fulfilling an existing need and we anticipate a greater participation by minority business firms in federal aid highway construction activity as a result of this program," he added.

Fifteen minority contractors are prequalified and 58 approved as subcontractors for highway projects in North Carolina, but only six are active in the highway construction business.

At the end of the internship program, ten additional minority contractors will be qualified to work as prime contractors for highway construction.

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AT Goler Apts.

75% Violate City Code

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The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen was told this week that 75 per cent of the apartments at Goler Apartments had some type of housing code violation.

The report was given in compliance to a request by the aldermen at a previous board meeting, to make an observation of the apartments and report the findings back to the board. The aldermen had received numerous complaints from various residents of the complex about the living conditions. Alderman Virginia Newell said that she had been working with several tenants to resolve their complaints.

In a report to the board, which included a slide presentation by Nellie Jones, director of Human Services and John T. Roberts, Housing Rehabilitation and Codes Manager, it was stated that about 42 per cent of the apartments had only one or two deficiencies, 33 per cent had two and more deficiencies, and 25 per cent had no code violations.

The Goler metropolitan Apartments is a 150-unit complex on Old Greensboro Road. It is a non-profit development, built in 1972 by the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, and financed under section 236 of the National housing Act. It is managed by Urban Housing, Inc.

The code violations found at the apartment complex included broken or missing floor tiles, faulty light switches, loose receptacle plates and leaking faucets. It was also found that previous roof leakage had caused damage to ceilings, walls, and floors.

The report also concluded that some of the buildings were in need of maintenance. Major deficiencies to the buildings were: missing or damaged screens, broken and cracked glass, loose or missing door hardware, damaged or missing foyer entrance doors and side glass adjacent to foyer doors. Also, the foyer areas in the building contained damaged wall, floors, broken light

John Roberts told the board that he made the inspections about 10 days ago and found the complex the

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