

Boys Club members initiate new headquarters

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On Monday registration began for children between the ages of 6 and 18 interested in membership at the new Boys Club of America, located at the Cleveland Avenue housing units.

The new Boys Club is made possible through a grant from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco, funds from the National Boys Club of America and the Federal Housing Projects. Children who live in the Cleveland Avenue area at one time had to use the facilities at the Salvation Army Boys Club on Stadium Drive. Although they can still use those facilities, they now have a neighborhood club of their own.

The Rev. George B. Jackson, a graduate of North Carolina Central University, and a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the unit director. "One of my main objectives is to enroll one hundred youth, and get them involved in as many cultural and educational activities as possible," he said.

Posters of Michael Jordan, Jesse Jackson and Whitney Houston hang from the walls in the club. Jackson says his theme for the youth is "Be Somebody." He says he feels one of the leading problems in Afro-American communities "is a lack of direction, role models and guidance. ... Often our youth do not set goals," he

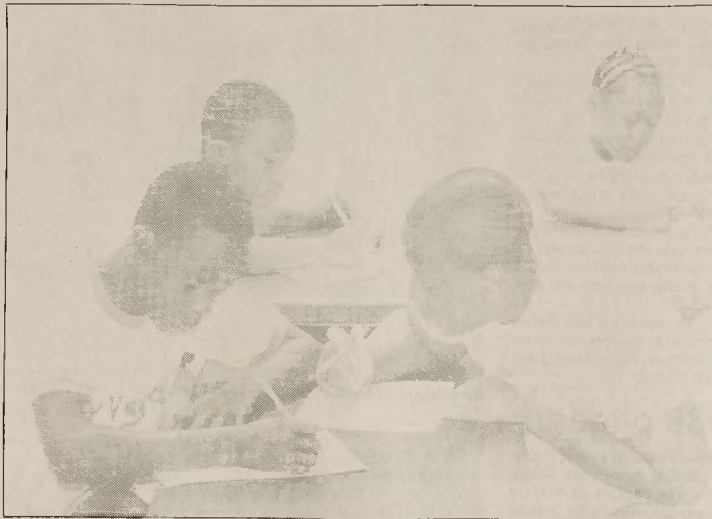


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Members of the Boys Club will spend the summer participating in a variety of special activities. Members, from left, include Terry Brown, Nyla Fogle, Kwesi Wilson and Michelle Singletary.

said. During the summer the Boys Club will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with exception of a 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. lunch break. During the school year the club will be open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m..

Some of the activities planned

for the summer are trips to Carowinds, the Asheboro Zoo, the Raleigh State Legislature, and Discovery Place. During the fall the local NAACP will offer tutorial sessions.

With a membership drive occurring now until the end of August, more than half of the

expected youth for the summer have already obtained membership. The membership fee is \$3.

Michelle Wilson, a 14-year-old new club member, said, "I feel it's much better for the projects. If it was not for the club there would be a lot of trouble."

Critics predict that South African officials will never lift emergency

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) -- South Africa entered a third year of emergency rule Friday with tighter controls on opposition activity, and critics predicted that such measures will become a permanent way of gov-

erning. President P.W. Botha's third emergency proclamation Friday means hundreds of prominent activists will remain in jail without charge. The decree tightened curbs on press coverage of opposition

activity and made it illegal to promote a boycott of October municipal elections.

The government in February banned the activities of 17 major anti-apartheid groups. Most of those groups have called on blacks

to refrain from voting in elections held by the white-dominated government until blacks have equal voting rights on a national level.

The emergency, which first went into effect June 12, 1986, now will be extended for a year.

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community is binded to the agreement.

"As a member of the NAACP executive committee, I know that many other members feel that this is not a 'done' deal," said Vernon Robinson, candidate for a state senate seat. "This is definitely subject to review."

Other community leaders have voiced their displeasure with not being consulted before the final agreement was made. Former County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff, who is again running for a seat on the commission, has said she wished she had been included in the discussions.

Some leaders have complained that the NAACP settled for a chance to elect one Afro-American to the board of commis-

sioners, when they could have had a chance to elect two. Marshall said the chance of getting two Afro-American commissioners was dependent upon the current board of commissioners being willing to increase the number of commissioners on the board. He said that the commissioners were not willing to do that.

Marshall said that the NAACP had offered several options to the board of commissioners, who had the authority to accept either of the options and proceed with a new method of elections.

The options included various combinations of district and at-large elections. Attorney Romallus O. Murphy, who represented the NAACP in the matter, said his preference and recommendation was for a 7-member board with four mem-

bers elected by districts and three members elected at-large. One district would have been majority Afro-American with approximately 62 percent and another district would have been approximately 21 percent Afro-American voters.

Both Marshall and Murphy said that a major consideration in the settlement was the fact that Caucasian Democrats needed the approximately 20 percent Afro-American Democratic vote to win. Under the straight district plan, the Afro-American vote would have been removed from the other contests.

Marshall said that it would have worked to the advantage of the Republican party if the suit had gone to trial and the court had ordered district elections.

"This is a political solution, not a judiciary solution," he said. "It's the best plan because it's inclusive as opposed to exclusive." He attributed most of the opposition to the plan to "a lack of understanding."

Marshall defended his decision not to consult with others in the community before agreeing to the settlement. "Basically, we were talking about our group -- the NAACP board," he said. "We had to satisfy our plaintiffs."

He said that any opposing group has the option of hiring an attorney, drawing up a petition and presenting it in federal court on June 22, the date the NAACP and Forsyth County are to present their consent decree to Judge Eugene Gordon.

Women Needed

The Bowman Gray School of Medicine is seeking post-menopausal women to participate in a 38-day study of hormone medication.

Volunteers in the study will receive estrogen patches at no charge as well as \$125 payment for participation.

Volunteers should be at least one year post menopause and not be taking heart, diabetic or antacid drugs.

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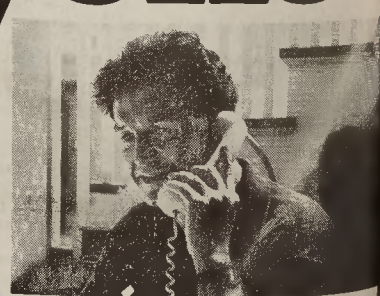
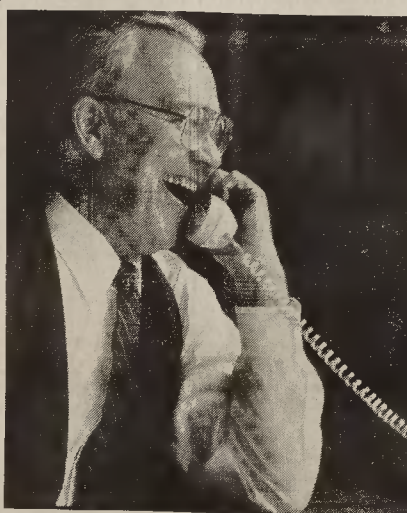
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