

McDowell Park Will Open Friday Morning

Mecklenburg County's 150-acre McDowell Park is scheduled to open Friday morning, October 29, according to County Park and Recreation Director David Singletary.

The park is located in South Mecklenburg, on Lake Wylie, with an access road on N.C. Highway 49 south. This road is on your right, as you drive south, immediately before you reach the Boy Scout Camp and Buster Boyd Bridge.

McDowell Park will remain open from dawn to dusk seven days a week throughout the year, though seasonal water activities will close during the winter.

Those areas of the park that are ready for use now include the camping and picnic areas, the fishing piers, and the hiking trails.

The overnight camping area has facilities for 13 camper-trailers (\$4 a night), 30 car-and-truck-attached campers (\$3 a night), and 30 backpacking tents (\$2 a night). In this area there is a heated comfort station with showers and washer-dryer outlets.

The picnic area has tables and grills, a shelter for group picnics (\$5 a half day, \$10 a full day per group), a fishing pier and eight boat-landing piers.

The park has landing docks for boats, but no boat-launching area. (The N.C. Wildlife Commission boat-launching pier is located near the park). Paddle boats will be available to rent for 50 cents an hour.

The land for McDowell Park was given to the County by Crescent Land and Timber Corporation, a land management subsidiary of Duke Power Company. A \$620,000 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior has been used to develop the park.

The park is named for John McDowell, who served on the County Recreation Commission for 10 years. A descendant of one of Mecklenburg's first families, McDowell was

March Of Dimes

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The First Annual WBT - March of Dimes Bike-A-Thon will be held in cooperation with the Central Charlotte Association (a division of Charlotte Chamber of Commerce).

It will be an opportunity for the community to not only join the fight against birth defects by getting someone to sponsor every mile ridden, but will also give everyone a chance to follow the planned route through downtown Charlotte - which will include Fourth Ward and Marshall Park.

Registration will be at Thompson Orphanage Chapel, corner of Fourth Street and Kings Drive from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sunday, November 7, 1976. Refreshments will be served.

Students (college, high school etc.), families, community leaders, the 9th Street Gang from Fourth Ward, the State Poster Child - Anthony Johnson have already registered. Sponsor sheets may be obtained by calling the March of Dimes office at 377-0924 or at any of the local bicycle shops.

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chairman of the Commission for eight years, from 1966 to 1974. He lives on York Road, near the park, on land that has been in his family for seven generations.

The steeply rolling land in the park is ideally suited for a natural park area. Hardwood forest covers the hillsides and Lake Wylie spreads over almost a mile of shoreline. Small streams provide excellent growing conditions for beds of ferns and forest wild flowers.

Careful planning has gone into the overall design, with roads winding around the trees that were to be saved and buildings constructed to blend harmoniously with nature. The roof of each building is designed to accommodate solar panels so that eventually the buildings might be heated with solar energy. In the parking areas, pierced blocks have been used, and they allow rain to pass through and into the ground, thus eliminating runoff that could cause erosion.

Visitors may enter the park free of charge, and there is no charge for parking. The year-round resident manager is A.B. Caddell, who will reside in the maintenance-ranger station area.



Bewitching Beauty—Beautiful Fayetteville State University (N.C.) coed Renee Wilkins, a junior business administration major from Rocky Mount, N.C., plans to play trick or treat this Halloween as she smiles at her Jack O' Lantern. Anyone for Trick or Treats? (FSU Photo—John B. Henderson)

Sacred Heart To Benefit From Grant

Sacred Heart College was the only small private college in the Carolinas selected to participate in a \$1.5 million planning grant awarded to the 56 members of the Small College Consortium. The grant was awarded by the Division of Institutional Development (Title III) of the U.S. Office of Education.

Under the terms of the grant, which may last as long as three years, Sacred Heart College will receive approximately \$22,000 per year to participate in a broad based college planning program in

cooperation with the other members of the Small College Consortium. Five general areas of Sacred Heart's activities will be studied in an effort to improve operational efficiencies and to better serve the educational needs of the region. Among the areas of study will be a general institutional evaluation, the strengthening of curricular and student services, admissions and financial aid, faculty and administrative development, and fiscal development and management.

The planning at all 56 colleges will be coordinated by Dr. Elizabeth Wells, executive director of the Small College Consortium. Ms. Elaine Sipe, a member of the Education Department at Sacred Heart who is completing her doctoral degree in higher education administration at Penn State, will coordinate the planning on the Sacred Heart campus.

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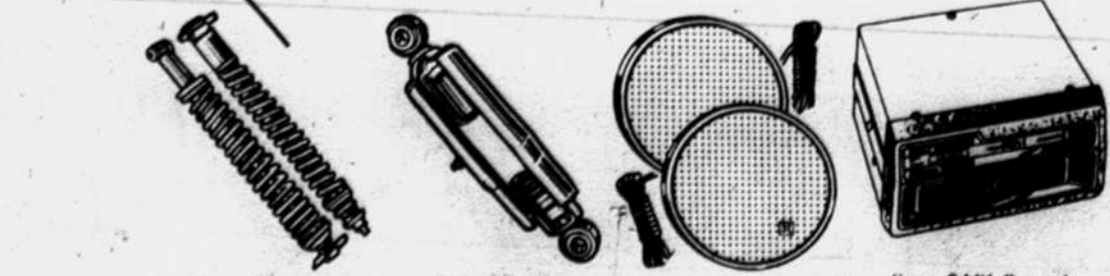
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