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Injunction Seeks To Open Boys' Club Of SC To Girls

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A dozen fidgety kids filled the front row of a Superior Court room today as attorneys argued girls' rights to be members of the local Boys' Club, until a final decision is reached in an anti-discrimination suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The hearing, which began late this morning and is scheduled to continue this afternoon, was set to determine if Judge Donald May would issue a preliminary injunction allowing girls access to the the all-boys club pending the the outcome of the suit.

Attorney Diane Thompson, representing three girls who want membership in the Boys' Club, said she would argue today that the girls

are suffering irreparable damage by not being allowed in the club.

She called on an architect to testify that it would cost "very little or nothing" to convert the club for use by both boys and girls.

That statement was challenged by defense Attorney Bob Bosso, who questioned the veracity of the architect's cost appraisal, and won the admission that costs could be higher.

Bosso this afternoon is expected to claim that the girls will not suffer irreparable harm by being shut out of the club as the case goes to trial, according to a brief filed with the court.

He also argued that if girls are allowed into the club, it could lose substantial funding from the Mallery Trust.