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## Local UNCF Group Kicks Off Fundraiser!

**By Milton Jordan**  
About 300 people paid \$25 Saturday night to dine and dance at the new Durham Hilton, kicking off the annual fund raising efforts for the United Negro College Fund.

Saturday's party, that featured a "roaring 20s" format with waiters and some guests dressed in the "oot and sequin" attire of the era, was the first of several fundraisers that lead up to the Dec. 26 seven-hour telethon on WTVD, Channel 11.

In addition to dining, dancing and drinking several partygoers paid \$5 for each raffle ticket that gave them a chance to win a mink coat, donated to the cause by Furs Anastasia, a custom furrier from Fayetteville.

Mrs. Priscilla Daye of Durham won the full length mink, and Ms. Anna Normal of Winston-Salem won the blue fox jacket.

According to Mrs. Barbara Moore, co-chairman of the local UNCF committee, Durham's fundraising goal this year is \$50,000, including money raised during the telethon.

Other events planned between now and the telethon include a benefit basketball game, featuring teachers of Hillside High School, versus the teachers of Durham High School.

Prior to Saturday's event, the local UNCF committee had met with a team of local business lead-

ers to solicit support for this year's UNCF efforts.

"A local businessman has agreed to match what we can raise from the business community dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000," explained William Bunch, also co-chairman of the local UNCF committee. "So we are really pushing our corporate efforts this year."

Figures were not available by Monday for the amount of money raised from the kickoff gala, according to Mrs. Moore.

Saturday night's entertainment has provided by Eve Cornelius & Company.

The United Negro College Fund is a national organization that raises money for 43 predominantly African American colleges and universities around the nation. The UNCF schools are all private and fully accredited, and enroll more than 45,000 students.

Money raised by UNCF pays for scholarships, equipment and general operating expenses.

North Carolina UNCF schools include Barber-Scotia College in Concord; Bennett College in Greensboro; Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte; Livingstone College in Salisbury; Saint Augustine's and Shaw universities in Raleigh.

The North Carolina schools enroll more than 7,000 students, and employ more than 1,300 people, according to Ms. Marilyn Baldwin, the state's UNCF coordinator.

Ms. Baldwin, whose works out of the UNCF office in Winston-Salem, went on to say that the state's UNCF goal this year is \$1,078,000, which includes local efforts like Saturday nights, and corporate giving, plus three telethons that will all be held Dec. 26.

In addition to the UNCF telethon at WTVD, which covers the Triangle market, including Fayetteville, other telethons include Metrolina, from Charlotte; and the Triad, from Greensboro.

Metrolina, includes about 13 counties in the general vicinity of Charlotte, while the principal cities of the Triad are Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point.

The local telethons are linked with the national Lou Rawls Parade of Stars telethon, broadcasted Hollywood and Las Vegas.

Internationally famous vocalist Lou Rawls hosts the telethon, and this year, co-hosts include Ed McMahon, Marilyn McCoo and Clint Holmes.

Last year, according to information from the national UNCF office, the telethon raised more than \$8 million for the UNCF effort.

The telethon was launched three years ago, sponsored by Ansheuser Busch, and local telethons are sponsored by local distributors of the Busch, malt beverage products.



RECIPIENTS OF PLAQUES — Miss Annie Mae Tucker (l) and Mrs. Claranel Brown are presented plaques by Lenzie G. Barnes, president of Friends of Stanford L. Warren Branch Library, during the Friends banquet on Friday night at the Pearson Cafeteria, NCCU.



MEMBERS OF THE BOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE of Stanford L. Warren Library who were honored Friday night during the Friends' Recognition and Awards banquet (l-r) are: Mrs. Beatrice Cherry, Mrs. Willie B. Hill, Mrs. Selena W. Wheeler, Mrs. Lavenia C. Parker, Mrs. Andolia O. Eaton and Mrs. Margaret Whisenton.

## Cathy Stowe Was A Fighter...Till The End!

**By Milton Jordan**  
Cathy Stowe brought bountiful talent, an unyielding love for her people and a willingness to fight relentlessly for anything she believed in to Durham television when she came more than seven years ago.

This is how family, friends and colleagues described the writer, producer and television personality who hosted WTVD's "Reflections" program for more than six years.

Mrs. Stowe, 38, died Friday night following a year-long battle with cancer. Her funeral was conducted Monday afternoon at St. Joseph's AME Church.

"She was a rare bird," said Irvin Lester, producer of the weekly magazine program "Reel Perspectives," who as public affairs producer had recruited Mrs. Stowe to Durham in the Spring of 1980. She was a terrific writer. She had a undying love for her people. She was pure black."

As writer, editor, producer and host of the Reflections program that began as Durham's only television public affairs program dedicated to the African American community, Mrs. Stowe did a number of memorable programs.

These include programs on rock music, the Ku Klux Klan, chemicals in food and the black press.

"She had a way of reaching out and grabbing an audience," explained Alvin Stowe, her husband seven years. "She could weave information together so that you really wanted to sit there and listen what she had to say."

Mrs. Stowe always had a lot to say, from her beginning in communications, as a news reporter with a New Orleans radio station, through her work as co-producer on "River Tiger," and her work writing and helping to produce a nationally syndicated program "Story of a People."

A Durham native, who returned home to work in television, Mrs. Stowe apparently came to make a difference.

Alvin Stowe, who met his future wife while he was program director at WDUK radio, has been a part of the work to "make a difference" almost from the beginning. They were married in August 1980.

"Cathy had loads of determination," he said, "and complete commitment to her work. I remember one of the most memorable pieces she ever did—"A Time for Rose"—done during the time that she was eight months pregnant. It required a lot of field reporting and production, but Cathy was always right there."

Mrs. Stowe brought that same determination, commitment and fighting spirit to her battle with cancer.

According to Stowe, the cancer was first diagnosed in early 1986, and was breast cancer. A biopsy revealed that it was malignant, and Mrs. Stowe had a radical mastectomy performed.

Shortly after that, the Stowes moved to Mobile where Alvin began as program director with WBLX radio, and Mrs. Stowe worked on the "Story of a People" project.

But Mrs. Stowe took a turn for the worse and the family returned to the Duke Medical Center where the original operation had been performed.

Several other trips to the local

hospital were sandwiched between another move for the family, this time to Charleston, S.C. where Stowe is currently program director for SMGL radio.

By then, though, the cancer, Stowe explained, had reappeared and had lodged in the woman's liver.

"The doctors told me that once cancer takes over the liver," Stowe said, "that there's not much that can be done to prevent the person from dying."

But Stowe said he never shared this insight with his wife because she had agreed to take a rare bone marrow transplant procedure as a last ditch effort to fight off the ravages of the cancer.

Yet despite what Stowe describes as massive chemotherapy treatments and the bone marrow transplant, the cancer was too far advanced.

But he said that she continued to fight, and to believe that there was hope, until she died.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Stowe is survived by three children, and other relatives.

## Death Threats Prompt Jesse Jackson To Seek Protection

Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, who says he received 314 death threats during his unsuccessful 1984 bid for the presidency, has sought early Secret Service protection.

Secret Service agents always are assigned to presidential candidates, but the agents this year aren't to begin protecting candidates until January.

Jackson has asked that he be given protection immediately. Another candidate, Pat Robertson, also has asked for early protection.

No reason was given why Jackson desired early protection. However, he was said to have been shaken by the number of death threats he received during his last campaign.

Early Secret Service help is one of at least two major problems Jackson is trying to solve. His grassroots campaign has struggled for financial support. At one recent

speaking engagement in Atlanta, Jackson urged those willing to pledge \$1,000 to stand. He then asked for those willing to pledge \$500, \$250 or \$100 to stand. Only a few people stood until Jackson asked for all those willing to pledge something."

Jackson told his audience, "Please take this appeal seriously. I'm No. 1 in the polls and number last in raising money. It shouldn't be that way."

According to records released by the Federal Election Commission, Jackson has been running a campaign on a shoestring. According to the commission, he has raised just over \$1 million this year and spent nearly every penny.

Jackson is being greatly outspent by his competitors. Vice President George Bush has raised nearly \$13 million and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis has raised more than \$9 million.

## Bold Steps And Bold Funding Needed For Branch Library

Dr. Jacquelyne Johnson Jackson of Duke University, and speaker for the first Recognition and Awards Banquet of the Friends of Stanford L. Warren Branch Library, held Fri. Nov. 20 at at North Carolina Central University, called for the use of atypical criteria in evaluating the community value of the branch library.

She believes that the standard of the size of the circulation rate should not be used in measuring the feasibility of a branch library serving an atypical population. The Durham County library system, which determined in 1983-1984 that the branch's service population was atypical, still measures the usefulness of the branch library by its circulation rate.

Dr. Jackson, who decried blaming "the black herd" for the failures of black businessmen, educators, and political candidates, as well as revering existing black institutions only because they were historically unique in a racially segregated society, also deplored the continuing presence of racially identifiable public universities in North Carolina.

Citing a recent report released by a subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations of the U.S. House of Representatives, she said that North Carolina was one of ten states still maintaining "racially segregated public college systems." She also chided the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for generally seeking the most academically talented and athletically gifted of black college applicants and assuming that their lesser talented and gifted counterparts were best served by black universities.

Dr. Jackson also urged the Friends to take bold steps and seek

bold funding in its efforts to prevent the branch library from becoming a trash can in the Durham County library system. As long as the branch library is expected to function as a full-service library—a notion she supports, she believes the branch library should be modeled on the bold plans proposed in September for the Atlanta-Fulton Public library system, accompanied by the necessary financial support from the Durham County Board of Commissioners.

Bishop Elroy Lewis, pastor of Fisher Memorial United Holy Church of America, in his invocation and benediction, stressed the need to extend the services of the branch library to its service population.

Mrs. Dale Watson Gaddis, director of the Durham County Library, welcomed the audience and recognized the presence of Mrs. Becky Heron, a Durham County Commissioner, and Jack Bond, Durham County manager. Lenzie G. Barnes, the Friends' president, recognized the presence of Howard Clement, a Durham City Councilman.

Dr. Tyrone R. Richmond, chancellor of North Carolina Central University, brought greetings and praised Barnes' efforts in bringing about the banquet and raffle held to benefit the branch library.

Mrs. Dorothy Campbell, vice chairman of the Durham County Library Trustee Board, gave the occasion, praised the honorees of the Friends, and discussed briefly the historical background of the Friends.

James C. Black, Friends' vice-president, in closing remarks emphasized the important contributions of his group and the need for

greater community support of the branch library.

Musicians for the occasion were Ralph Cousin and Jesse McCrite, both of Durham, and the Rev. Alvin T. Simpson of Atlanta, Ga. Cousin's rendition of "I Made It" was a crowd favorite.

## Honorees And Raffle Winners Of Library Friends

The Friends of the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library honored its key volunteers at a Recognition and Awards Banquet held on November 20 at North Carolina Central University.

Presentation of awards by Bruce Bridges, Leon Goldston Jr., and Shirley Brown (head of the branch library) were made to Mrs. Claranel Brown, Mrs. Andolia O. Eaton, Dr. Benjamin F. Speller Jr., Miss Annie Mae Tucker, and to the members of the Friends' Book Review Committee.

The Book Review Committee members who were honored and praised for their effective work were Mrs. Beatrice Cherry, Mrs. Willie B. Hill, Mrs. Lavenia C. Parker, Mrs. Loris S. Ray, Mrs. Margaret Whisenton, and Mrs. Selena W. Wheeler.

The branch library is named for Mrs. Wheeler's late father, Dr. Stanford L. Warren, whose generosity led to the present location of the library at 1201 Fayetteville Street.

The winner of the first prize in the Friends' raffle to benefit the branch library was Dr. Charles Gilchrist. He won a VCR. The second prize, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond was won by Ms. Fleeta Alston.