## County officials set agenda



Cumberland County Commissioner Billy R. King, who advanced to the presidency of the NCACC, is greeted by Betty Lou Ward, first vice president of NACo.

▲ Parmon gets leadership award

By FELECIA P. MCMILLAN Special to the Chronicle

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) held its 89th Annual conference Aug. 22-25 at the Benton Convention Center. The theme for the event was "Building New Bridges to Your Citizenry." The 800 county officials, including their families, participated in various lectures, workshops, exhibitions and fam-

ily-oriented social activities.

Congressman Mel Watt addressed the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials 2nd Annual Awards Luncheon on Saturday. He said, "This is the most critical election year in America since the Depression for African Americans. Things are being a little too quiet for it to be two months before the November election. We

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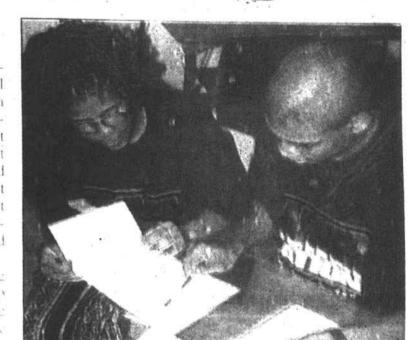


Carver principal Dan Piggott and Sara Lee's Chuck Chambers join Ginger Amos of Carver in explaining material to Ashley Mecum, Nathalie Lindsay and Valerie Jackson.

BY DR WILLIAM H. TURNER Special to the Chromate

arver High School and its students, according to principal Dan Piggot, "has always been a different institution in this community, and we think soon that more people will appreciate that difference - in a positive kind of way." Carver can add vet another attribute to what makes it distinct - not only from schools here in the community, but nationwide - when compared to student drug use around the country in light of a report released last week.

Carver has a unique voluntary random drug screening test. There is no "reward" for membership and no "punishment" for not belonging, or for failing a drug test. What is more unusual is the fact that the number of Carver students signing up for the program increases steadily each year. In 1995, nearly 90 percent of the student body pledged not to use drugs and "dared to be tested, without warning, for accountability." That is up from 68 percent when the



# Kennedy Evening of Elegance Raises \$220,000 for UNCF

Special to the Chronicle

Over 300 supporters of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) attended the 4th Annual Kennedy Evening of Elegance, held Aug. 24 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charlie L. Kennedy. Within the College Fund, the affair is the only one of its kind in the country. Also, the North Carolina UNCF Campaign was the leading campaign among the 25 area UNCF offices for the fiscal year 1996, exceeding its goal by 114.9 percent. William H. Gray III, president and chief executive officer of the College Fund/UNCF, received a \$220,000 check from the North Carolina UNCF, which included a \$100,000 donation from Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy.

The \$220,000 contribution represents a community working together to prepare youth for the next century. The national sponsors for the gala are Anheuser Busch and NationsBank. Anheuser Busch is the founding and national sponsor of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon." NationsBank is new as a sponsor of the telethon and is also one of the Gold sponsors of the Kennedy Evening of Elegance.

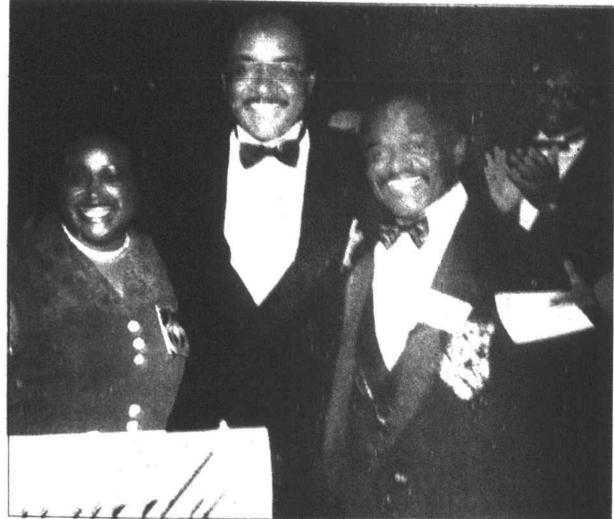
Gold sponsors each donated \$5,000 to the Kennedy event, to benefit the UNCF. Other Gold sponsors were First Union Brokerage Services Inc., Sara Lee Corporation, and Wachovia Bank of North Carolina.

Several of the sponsors for the event assisted with preparations for the gala. Bob Neill Mercedes Benz provided vans for shuttle service to transport the guests to and from the Kennedy estate. Carpenter's Flower Shop donated flowers and other decorations. Also, Barringer Distributing Company provided beverages for the affair. In addition, Walt Klein and Associates provided layout and design services for the formal invitations to the event, while Young Graphics donated the printing of the invitations.

Other sponsors of the occasion included Church's Chicken, First Citizens Bank, Food Lion, Integon Insurance, News Channel 12, Plaza Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Campaign, Shelco Inc., Simple Elegance Catering, Winston-Salem Chronicle.

Members of "The Kennedy Society" each gave \$1,000

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Attorney Willie M. Kennedy, William 11 (.



Left to right, Marian Anderson and her son DeMario Anderson, "All Around Camper," is joined by Joe Daniels, "Keeper of the Peace." Sharon Mashack and her son Curtis Mashack stand with Clarence Mckee, basileus. These two men read essays to salute the service of the Omega men.

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By FELL CLAP, MCMILLIAN Special to the Chronica

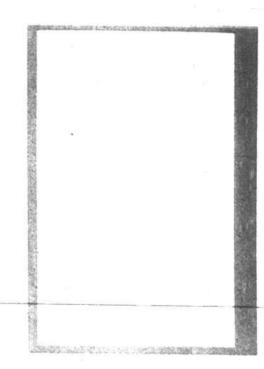
The Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its annual pieme at Tanglewood Park on Sunday, Aug. 25. Over 600 people attended the affair.

Basileus Clarence McKee sand. "This pienie is a reclamation project for invited guests of active members and those brothers who have not been as active. It is also a way to recruit more brothers into the told. This is our way of saying thanks to Wissian Salem for supporting us throughout the year for various projects.

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