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Executive Director Henry M. Carter Jr. Retires: Looking Back

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Special to the Chronicle

Henry M. Carter Jr., outgoing executive director of the Winston-Salem Foundation, began a talk about his reflections on the Foundation's alliances, connections and support to the area African-American community in a curious way. He spoke neither about the very visible and highly educated blacks who've served on its board nor about those who have made their assets and gifts available to it. Rather, he found it noteworthy to talk about Allen Hutcherson. Hutcherson, a longtime janitor for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, died in the late 1940s. He left his estate to the foundation to help African-American children. Hutcherson's estate, valued at nearly \$7,500, included a house and a car worth \$150. His bequeathal was targeted at a now-



defunct school for "colored children." The fund, yet in use, is now worth nearly \$38,000.

When he speaks of Hutcherson, Carter says, without gloating, "We have awarded nearly \$2,500,000 since 1990 to support programs that have direct impact in the African-American community of Winston-Salem." Since 1977, he has guided the foundation in distributing over \$60 million to non-profit organizations that address local problems.

Carter, after 20 years at the helm of the Foundation — having managed it to achieve the rank as 30th among the nation's 400 community foundations — can also lay claim to the fact that its assets have grown from \$25 million to more than \$75 million on his watch.

Carter speaks of "the cumulative good" to which he has guided the Foundation's giving. He is keen to celebrate the historical image of Winston-Salem as a "giving community," par-

Foundation Gifts and Grants, 1990-1996	
Support to Major Black Organizations, Agencies & Institutions	
Winston-Salem State University	\$328,000
East Winston Development Corp. Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods	\$283,000
Best Choice Center	\$115,800
Housing Authority of Winston-Salem	\$99,000
W/S Urban League	\$66,700

ticularly the roles of the area's three major industries — textiles, tobacco and furniture — in establishing the foundation.

Financial aid to students has been a long-standing focus of the foundation, beginning with a fund to memorialize Leo Caldwell, a white high school football player who died in

1923. Fast-forwarding, Carter ties that "full circle" to the "marvelous work" of African-American footballer Ray Agnew, who grew up in one of the city's public housing communities. Agnew, who now plays football

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Chronicle takes four NCPA awards

The Winston-Salem Chronicle received four awards from the North Carolina Press Association at the group's annual News, Editorial and Programming Awards Ceremony last Thursday night at Chapel Hill. Gov. Jim Hunt was on hand to deliver the biggest award and hand out the awards at the program and his Friday Continuing Education Center.



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UNC Housekeepers Association urges against reelecting House speaker Brubaker

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The UNC Housekeepers Association is urging legislators not to reelect Harold Brubaker as House speaker because of his reaction to his spokesman's use of a racial slur last year.

The association sent letters to incoming House members asking them not to vote for the Asheboro Republican in part because he did not take seriously enough the comment of then-press secretary Don Follmer. Follmer admitted to referring to pro-

testers at the General Assembly last April as "niggers and wormy kids." The slur referred to more than 100 University of North Carolina housekeepers, many of whom are black.

Follmer made the comment to Associated Press reporter Dennis Patterson in the Legislature's press room, where it was overheard by another reporter. When the comment was made public two weeks later, Follmer said he was only guilty of being politically incorrect.

Follmer said he made an offer of

resignation to Brubaker, who was on his way out of town. But Follmer said the speaker told him to "FIDO" — forget it and drive on. But later, as criticism mounted, Brubaker fired him.

The letter from the housekeepers' group said Follmer's comment reflected the speaker's sentiments. "Surely there is another member who can better represent all

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AKAs to convene math/science conference

Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha is seeking 100 parents for its "Networking for Success in Math and Science" conference. The goal of the conference is to provide support and encouragement for parents and guardians of elementary, middle and high school students enrolled in Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools.

The conference is free and will consist of five workshops on a variety of topics, Feb. 4, 12, 18, 24 and March 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Mt. Zion Baptist Church File Goodwin Center, 950 File St. (corner of File and Martin

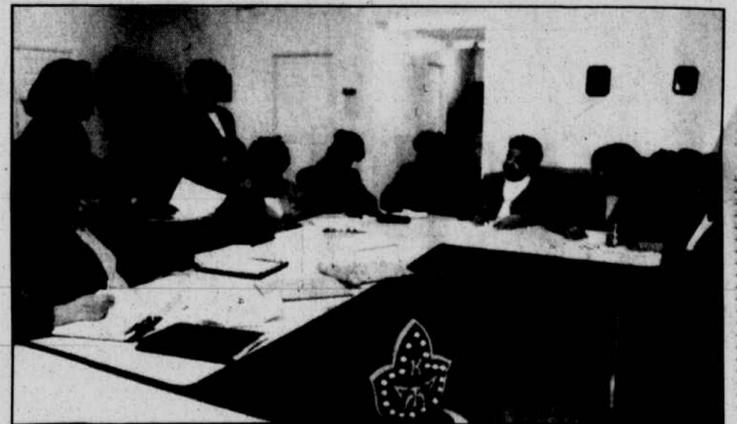
Luther King Jr. Boulevard). Snow dates are March 11 and March 19. Conference sponsors are Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system. Parents may bring their children to the conference. Child care will be provided while parents attend the general sessions and workshops.

Workshop topics include "Improving Learning in School (Focus on Math & Science)," "The Parent's Major Task (Positive Math and Science Skills)," "The Person I Want to Be," "Special Problems and Issues-Society Related Problems," "School

Centered Problems," "The Relationships That Count," "Strengthening the Family," "Drug Abuse Prevention," "Addressing Health Concerns," "Math, Science, Technology" and "Open Forum — Parent's Concerns."

Program participants will include school board members Geneva Brown and Walter Marshall; Dr. Katie Dorsett, secretary of administration; Dr. Donald L. Martin Jr., Winston-Salem Forsyth County superintendent; Gwendolyn Chunn, director of N.C.

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The AKA Conference Planning Committee works on details of their upcoming Networking for Success in Math and Science Conference, scheduled to start Feb. 4.