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red by his Eagle Scout roots, Alderman Vernon n unveiled a resolution last week that called for to end its yearly United Way campaign if Unitreduced its funding to the local Boy Scouts coun-

> Robinson withdrew the resolution Monday night, however, before his colleagues got a chance to weigh in on the issue. Robinson said he was satisfied that the United Way will not follow the lead of other United Way agencies by cutting funding to the Boy Scouts because of the group's ban on homosexuals.

In an interview last week, binson Robinson said he came up with lution because the United Way was "playing "with the Old Hickory Council, the umbrella" ution for more than 10,000 in Forsyth and sur-

y few (United Way) agencies have gone after the outs...only three from around the country,"

nson said the local United Way, its president ago) and its board had been inundated with calls gry citizens, outraged at the mere suggestion that cy would target Scouts.

John Conrad, a spokesman for the local United d the Old Hickory Council was never in danger g its United Way funding, which averages about

rad said the United Way's 77-year-old relationh the Old Hickory is strong as ever.

Boy Scouts are not going to lose any funding,"

rad said the issue has been made bigger than it is. The United Way requires all of the agencies it sign partnership contracts that include a nonnation clause. On the advice of legal counsel, said, sexual orientation was added to that clause. rad said United Way felt it would be no conflict ovision was added because the local council does a history of discriminating against anyone.

y do not discriminate to our knowledge. We issues with (the Old Hickory Council)....Our ship is not with the national organization in t is with the Old Hickory Council on (Silas BY T. KEVIN WALKER

s of Tuesday, the Old Hickory Council had not he partnership contract, in part, according to because of the provision dealing with discrimigainst homosexuals.

set deadline for all partner agencies to sign the nt was last week.

ad said he has "every confidence" that the counign the agreement, possibly by the end of this ut Conrad added that the current non-discrimilause relating to homosexuals may have to be I somewhat" before that happens.

nson announced his resolution a day after a bill e the charter of the Boy Scouts of America was lmingly defeated by the U.S. House of Repre-

bill, introduced by a Congresswoman Lynn D-Calif., was defeated 362-12. Woolsey said

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Ed and Miriam McCarter stand in front of a display in their bookstore, Special Occasions.

Book Wars

In 'mega' market, black-owned bookstores try to stay above water

BY JOY SCOTT THE CHRONICLE

Any bockstore owner can ask how your day is, but not every owner knows your family.

"How old is your son now?" Ed McCarter, owner of Special Occasions Bookstore in Winston-Salem, asked a customer.

Chit-chat about family, life and great black authors is something often heard in the bookstore. Photographs of famous authors who have passed through for book signings, fraternity and sorority paraphernalia, religious and general books about black culture adorn the walls.

But despite Special Occasions' loyal customer base, husband and wife owners and operators Ed and Miriam McCarter admit the emergence of large franchise bookstores carrying big name black authors has impacted the store's selling appeal.

"It's a challenge to remain said Miriam competitive," McCarter.

Offering well-known authors, mark-downs on best-selling titles, the franchises have become more accessible to readers, the McCarters believe. But Miriam McCarter insists that just because the bookstores are more accessible doesn't mean they're better in relating to the black audience.

"The ethnic market on a whole is not their market. They want to market the best known, but they're not going to deal with the wide breadth that our dealership is looking for."

While larger bookstores may be using the World Wide Web as bait for customers, James Muhammad, owner and operator online services and spectacular of Dynasty Books, a black bookstore in Charlotte, said he doesn't expect his customers to choose buying on the Internet over coming to the store.

"A lot of (black) people are See Black bookstores on A9

Administration spotlights black colleges

THE CHRONICLE

The day before President Clinton proclaimed this week as National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week, the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that it had awarded \$10.4 million in grants to 38 HBCUs.

The grants are for community development. The schools will use the money to develop programs and partnerships to stimulate growth and economic development in local communities through activities like job and computer training.

Fifty-three HBCUs applied for the grants. Those with the best proposals were chosen, according to HUD. Three schools in North Carolina made the cut: Barber-Scotia College in Concord, Elizabeth City State University and N.C. A&T State University.

"The schools receiving (the grants) are key play-

ers in HUD's efforts to revitalize America's neighborhoods," said HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo in a statement. "We need their involvement because of their location and relationship with their communi-

Elizabeth City State University will receive \$475,000. The school will use the grant to concentrate on improving housing in the county in which the school is located and several other surrounding

"We will rehabilitate homes that are substandard so that low-income people can occupy them, said Morris Autry, director of Elizabeth City's community development program.

The university will partner with several agencies in the area to make the project a success, Autry said. Outreach and financial assistance programs also will be set up to help families get placed in the

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Alston, Green go tit for tat on local radio show

BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Things have not been easy for embattled Guilford County School Board member Keith Green these last few weeks. He is facing criminal charges in an alleged chair-throwing incident. Now Green's business deal-

ings with the school system are being analyzed to see if there is a conflict of interest.

Green's company, Behavorial Interventions, has a \$1.3 million contract with the Guilford County School System for services provided to students. Guilford County Commissioner Skip Alston, who is also the president of the state NAACP, has called for an investigation into the contract by the State Attorney General's Office.



Alston

The Guilford County Board of Commissioners settled a lawsuit with the school system by shelling out over \$3 million in August. That amount is \$1.5 million more than the commissioners originally set aside in their budget, said a spokesperson from the Guilford County School System.

This issue with Green's company was brought to light after the Aug. 26 chair-



boy. Hammer is the editor of the Rhinoceros Times. After the incident, he wrote an article about Green's company's con-Alston and Green squared off against each other in an

impromptu show-down Tuesday on "The Bottom Line," a radio show that airs on WNAA 90.1 FM, N.C. A&T's

radio station. Green was a guest on the show and Alston called in. The exchange between the two men was heated, to say the least.

The show's host, Bob Davis, said the show was supposed to give Green a chance to tell his side of the chair-incident story. His attorney accompanied him on the show because of the pending charges, but things

changed when Alston called in. "I was surprised at some of the things Skip said," Davis said about the verbal altercation between Green and Alston. However, Davis was not surprised that

Alston called the show. "Skip calls frequently," he said. The reason he called Tuesday was to refute charges that Green had leveled against him. Alston said he had not planned to call the show, then he heard Green accuse him of calling him a "house nigger."

Alston denied calling him a house nigger. He said he called Green a house Negro and an uncle Tom. He also accused Green of "selling out black students" in Guilford County.

"It's not just Keith Green," he said of the School Board. "He's just the most arrogant."

Green represents a district in the county that is 75 percent white. He said that he represent all students, not just the African Americans. "I've done the very best that I can to represent all students," he said. "I think people expect you to serve the district you are

But Alston said that is not enough. He said that

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an Fred Terry accepts a balloon from one of his st constituents at the Southside CDC's festival.

Bridge Building

Community group hosts | Hispanic festival draws event to celebrate city's Southside

BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Sunday in King s Plaza Shopping Center, members of the southeast Winston-Salem community came together to celebrate their community. Families of African Americans, Hispanics and whites walked around the area in the parking lot designated for the festival.

Children happily accepted balloons and gift bags from vendors.

The Southside Community Development Corp. hosted the Festival 2000. This was the second year for the festival. Steve Mack, the CDC s treasurer, said the

event came to life because the group was try-

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people from all backgrounds

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

For the past nine years the annual Fiesta festival has been an open invitation to city residents to embrace the richness of Hispanic culture for a fun-filled day of music, food and fellowship.

Thousands have responded to that invitation over the years with their presence and a great amount of enthusiasm. Officials with the Hispanic League of the Piedmont Triad (HLPT), the group that puts on the yearly spectacle, say attendance numbers have skyrocketed in recent years, putting Winston-Salem's Hispanic festival in the same league with similar festivals held in larger cities like Washington and See Fiesta on A4



Members of a family of Puerto Rican descent dance together in the streets at the Fiesta festival.

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