



Mrs. Hazeline Grier, center, and Mr. Smith from Griers Heights are being interviewed by Tony Dorsey of WSOC-TV, Channel 9, at the United Neigh-

borhoods For No Utility Increases press conference. (Photo by Michelle Handler)

Mary Dantzler: Senior Citizens, Poor Hardest Hit By Rate Increases

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"Senior citizens and the poor on fixed incomes are always the ones hardest hit by rate increases and policies which often leave them with no more options," said Mary Dantzler, newly elected chair of the United Neighborhoods For NO Utility Increases (UNNUI).

"And we will continue," she added, "to highlight the affects of these increases." UNNUI will hold an open meeting Tuesday, October 29, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Center, 2705 Baltimore Ave.

UNNUI is a coalition of almost 20 neighborhoods who joined together to oppose the recent rate increase request by Duke Power and gathered more than 5,000 names on a petition which was presented to the N.C. Utilities Commission. UNNUI, which is an issue group of the Charlotte Organizing Project, sponsored a citizen's hearing on the increase and a bus trip to Raleigh to meet with At-

orney General Lacy Thornburg. In addition to the election of Ms. Dantzler, Daisy Alexander was elected as vice-chair, and Jerry Martin will be the treasurer.

At a recent meeting the group voted to support efforts to have Duke Power institute a "no winter shut-off" program. At the same meeting, UNNUI endorsed a proposal by Caroline Myers of the Crisis Assistance Ministry which calls for a special electric rate for those households below the poverty level and the development of a Utility Trust Fund from the cash deposit customers make when they first get service. The Utility Trust Fund would come from the interest normally paid to customers, who would instead sign their interest over to the Utility Trust Fund. This fund would make up the difference between normal and poverty level rates.

The public is encouraged

to attend the meeting on Tuesday, October 29, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Center. For more information, call Mary Dantzler at 334-1542 in the evenings or the Charlotte Organizing Project at 332-0022, days.

Fall Festival

An afternoon for families is planned at Myers Park Traditional Elementary School Saturday, October 26, from 12-4 p.m. The PTA is sponsoring a Fall Festival on the school playground to raise money.

Activities will include a dunking booth, a cake walk, a break dance contest, a raffle, a silent auction, and a plant sale. For more information, contact Karen Nagle, PTA president, at 375-9923 or contact the school office, 332-5719.

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Charlotte Opera Presents "A Knight To Remember"

Charlotte Opera continues Super Season '85-'86 with its second offering of the four production season, "Man Of La Mancha" on November 14 and 16, 1985, in Owens Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Based on Miguel de Cervantes' immortal novel "Don Quixote," this Mitch Leigh/Dale Wasserman musical tells the story of the eccentric and idealistic would-be knight who finds nobility in his illusions and sets out to right the wrongs of the world. Originally presented in the fall of 1965, "Man Of La Mancha" received every major theatrical award of the 1965-'66 Broadway season. One of America's most beloved musicals, "La Mancha" continues to attract standing-room only audiences as it is performed not only in the U.S. but in Europe, Israel, Mexico and Japan.

Headlining the stellar cast for COA's production is renowned baritone John Reardon, star of Broadway and the Metropolitan Opera. In addition to starring in the musical, Mr. Reardon will also be directing the staging of the production. His interpretation of the dual role of Don Quixote-Cervantes has been critically acclaimed as "the consummate Quixote portrayal."

The fiery Aldonza will be sung by dramatic mezzo-soprano Janis Eckhart. A featured performer with the New York City Opera since 1981, Miss Eckhart is an international finalist in the 1985 Luciano Pavarotti-Opera Company of Philadelphia competition.

Jon David Gruett joins the cast of "La Mancha" in the tenor role of Don

Quixote's faithful servant Sancho Panza. Mr. Gruett has received critical acclaim for his many skillfully drawn and beautifully sung characterizations both in opera and musical comedy.

Returning to Charlotte Opera is William McDonald, as The Padre. Mr. McDonald is a favorite of audiences throughout the Southeast, well-remembered for his beau-

tiful tenor voice and acting skills as Nemorino in COA's production of "The Elixir of Love" and as Tonio in "The Daughter of the Regiment."

Ticket prices range from \$7-\$25 and are available at Charlotte Opera, 110 East Seventh St., or by calling 372-SING, Monday through Friday, 9-5 p.m.

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