#### COMMUNITY

### Doing business



Johnson Woo and Emanuel Allen exchange business cards and information last week during a mixer sponsored by the Metrolina Minority Chamber at Renaissance Place. Business owners from the Charlotte area gathered to discuss strategy and prospects for future growth.

## **Neighborhood Notes**

Johneric C. Emehel has been sworn in as a

member of the S.C. Bar. Earlier this year, Emehel, son of the late John Nnabude of Enugu, Nigeria and Sylvester and Annie Brown of Huntersville, was sworn in as a member of the N.C. Bar. Emehel, a 1986 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School, N.C. A&T State University and University of South Carolina School of Law, is an assistant district attorney in Alamance County,



Emehel

· William DeVane Tidwell, a Davidson College senior from Charlotte, has been selected for the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Col-



Tidwell

Tidwell is the son of Isaiah and Hellena Tidwell of Charlotte and is a 1990 graduate of Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem. Fortyfour Davidson students were selected for the directory, joining students from more than 1,400 other institutions of higher learning. Students are selected based on their academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities

and potential for continued success. Cedric L. Tillman has just had original poetry published in "Whispers In The Wind," a treasury of poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry.

Tillman's poem is titled "The Gift."

Tillman has been writing for two years and his favorite subjects are history and Chris-

Kwanzaa at Afro Center

contests that are open to the public and publishes them in widely-distributed hardback

• Melvin Tennant, president and chief executive officer of the Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau, was re-elected to the board of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners (NCBMP) at their recent fall conference held in San Antonio, Texas.

NCBMP, chartered in 1983, was developed to assist in the growth of African American meeting planners by sharing information from their peers, convention bureau personnel, hotel and restaurant representatives consultants and suppliers.

NCBMP's spring conference will be held in Charlotte April 14-17.

 Amy Rhyne and Allison Benjamin won recognition in a national essay contest.

Rhyne and Benjamin, who participate in the Inroads program, took honors in the organization's national contest. Rhyne, a junior at N.C. State University in Raleigh, won \$250 for her essay. She interns with

Chubb Group of Insurance Companies in Charlotte. Benjamin, a sophomore at N.C. A&T in Greensboro, received \$150 for her essay. She interns with NationsBank Corp. in Columbia,

Tennant

· Ricky V. Hall Sr., vice chairman of the board of commissioners of the Charlotte Housing Authority, has been appointed by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) to serve a two-year term on its Commissioners Committee.

Hall is area supervisor for the Mecklenburg County Senior Nutrition Program, president of the Reid Park Community Development Corp. as well as a board member of First Un-The National Library of Poetry sponsors ion National Bank's Real Estate Trust Fund.

# **Optimist** contest

Twelve students in the Mathematics and Science Network (MSEN) program at UNC Charlotte will participate in the Optimist International essay contest sponsored by the Hidden Valley Optimist Club.

This year's subject is "The Boundaries of Freedom." High school sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to participate.

The Hidden Valley Club will select a first-, secondand third-place winner in the contest, with the first place entry moving on to district competition. An expenses-paid trip to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. for a conference on freedom awaits the district champion.

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#### Correction

A headline in last week's Post on a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools program that honored the school system's best principals should have read: Principal of the year honors announced.'



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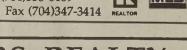
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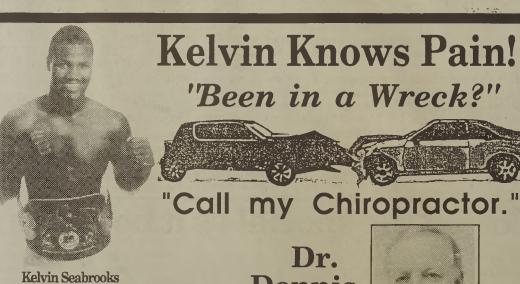
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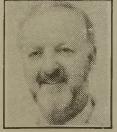


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