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## Angelou honors women leaders

UNCF fund raiser acknowledges community service

By Herbert L. White

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Maya Angelou will be in Charlotte to give props to women who make a difference.



Angelou

The poet will honor the achievements of women leaders at the fourth annual Maya Angelou Women Who Lead Luncheon

June 24 at Hilton Charlotte & Towers, 222 East Third St. The event is a fundraiser for the United Negro College Fund.

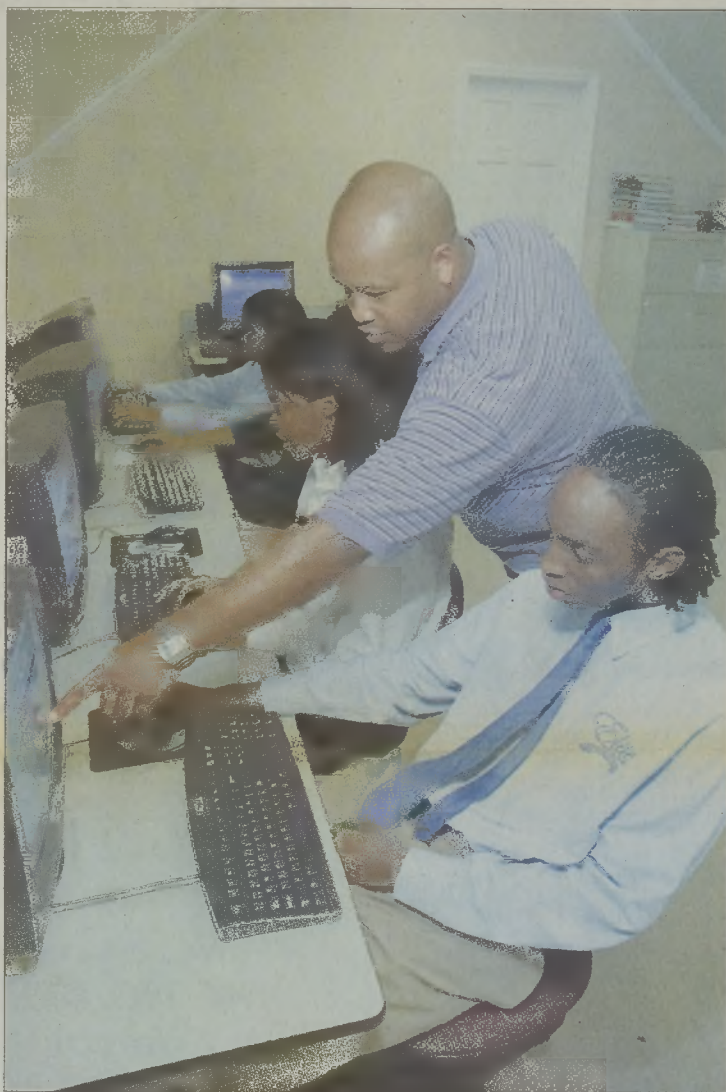
"This year's honorees are an inspiration for us all as they serve the Charlotte region and beyond through business, education, journalism and community service," said Marilyn Richards, North Carolina UNCF director. "We salute their passion for life and their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others."

The 2006 honorees are Dee Dixon, CEO, Pride Communications; Bridget-Anne Hampden, president and CEO of JHR Associates LLC and Shannon McFayden, senior executive vice-president and head of human resources and corporate relations at Wachovia Corporation.

UNCF and Angelou will present a posthumous award to Elizabeth Ross Dargan, retired teacher and principal with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and longtime community volunteer. An avid supporter of UNCF, Dargan was serving her second year as chair of the Maya Angelou event when she died in late April.

"We are pleased to honor the efforts of Elizabeth Ross Dargan whose commitment and caring leadership has had an immeasurable impact in our community. Her life

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Darius Wall, standing, points out a program during a computer session with Tim Lewis at Elite Academy in Charlotte. Next week, Elite's first class of graduates will earn their diplomas.

## Making the grade

Elite Academy's first graduating class – and the alternative school's founders – ready to march on

By ERICA SINGLETON FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

From the street it just looks like a house with portable storage units and two school buses on the grounds.

Inside, it feels like you walked in on a family gathering, but if you ask Daviaus Miller about Elite Academy, he'll say it's a dream come true. Located in a house off

West Sugar Creek Road, Elite is a fully-accredited private school for alternative students, and the brainchild of Miller and his sister Bawanna Miller-Cannon.

"Elite is a ministry that is fulfilling to (both) of our lives," said Miller-Cannon, Elite's administrator. "We are

able to make a difference in our young children's lives. We see their struggles and we see them crying out for help. Unfortunately, in large settings, they are overlooked, and we feel like we have the time, the resources to cater to such an individual."

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Elite Academy co-founder Bawanna Miller-Cannon

## Annan says he still plans to visit Zimbabwe

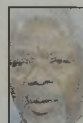
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UNITED NATIONS – U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday he still plans to visit Zimbabwe, contradicting a government spokesman who said his invitation was no longer valid.

Annan had been planning for a year to visit Zimbabwe at the invitation of President Robert Mugabe to see the outcome of a slum clearance operation that has left some 700,000 people homeless or without livelihoods.

But Mugabe spokesman George Charamba said last week that there was no longer any need for Annan to visit because the operation had been followed by a rehousing program. Charamba's comments

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Annan

## Barber-Scotia turns to Flamer

Former Charlotte-Mecklenburg principal takes over as president

By Herbert L. White

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It's Carl Flamer's job to lift struggling Barber-Scotia College out of an academic and financial quagmire.

The board of trustees named Carl Flamer, a former principal at First Ward Accelerated Academy in Charlotte, president of the Concord school starting today. With Barber-Scotia teetering on the brink of closing its doors, his job is to improve the college's economic and academic health.

"Carl Flamer is intimately aware of the challenges facing the college and his expertise in relationship building will be utilized as we strive to resurrect a valuable resource for the Concord-Cabarrus community," said Thomas Robinson, chairman of the board of trustees.

President Emeritus Mable Parker McLean was brought out of retirement while the board searched for a permanent replacement for Gloria Bromell-Timubu – the fourth time McLean has led the college since 1972.

"Dr. McLean has led the college through its most difficult period," Robinson said. "Her dedicated, wise and steady leadership provided the expertise and stature needed to carry the college through a critical juncture."

Flamer's education in background  
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## the box

NEWS, NOTES & TRENDS

## Students commit to change

By Eric Bozeman

FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

Males Committed to Change makes a big difference for the African American young men at South Mecklenburg High School. The two year old club that boasts 135 members is committed to helping at risk African American male students from becoming academic casualties.

"We want to target African American males for success," said Assistant Principal and club coordinator Starkie Sharpe. "Those who have the potential to fall. Please see STUDENTS/7A

Charlotte's Wade Bolton, 15, earns bronze at international boxing competition/1C



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