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## Brown: Keep equity panel

Board may take up issue in next few weeks

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THE CHRONICLE

Leg surgery kept School Board member Geneva Brown from attending a board meeting last week where her colleagues voted to all but abandon a volunteer committee that had been charged with examining equity issues at several schools. But she says if she has to hobble on her cane or be wheeled in, she will attend the meeting when the board takes up the issue again and decides what should become of the Equity Committee.

"I'm for the Equity Committee," Brown said earlier this week. "Whether or not they use the same committee or get a new committee, we still need a committee of that type."

The Equity Committee was established by the School Board in late '90s after the redistricting plan was put into place. The plan created many predominantly one-race schools. The committee was charged with investigating whether schools with high populations of students on free and reduced lunch were faring well in categories such as resources and teacher retention.

Last week, the other eight members of the School Board voted unanimously to let Superintendent Don Martin compile an annual report that will examine such issues. Although the board did not officially disband the Equity Committee, many believe that is the logical next step.

Brown says she has been told that the question of what to do with the committee will be taken up late this month or early next month.

Brown says letting the superintendent decide if poor schools are getting equitable treatment does not make much sense.

"We need someone who will look at these issues in an objective way," she said.

Brown, who is a vocal oppo-

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## Actor tells students to stay awake

Glover, Julius Chambers receive honorary degrees during Winston-Salem State commencement ceremony

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Widely admired for creating memorable characters on screen and bringing attention to social issues off screen, Danny Glover told more than 400 graduates Saturday that being active, concerned members of the world community is important to promote democracy and citizenship.

"It is a time of great suffering in the world," the actor said. "We can't afford to be cynical. We can't afford to be comfortable and not care."

Glover, best known for his roles in the "Lethal Weapon" series, "The Color Purple" and "Places in the Heart," delivered Winston-Salem State University's commencement address at Joel Coliseum. In addition to the graduates, more than 6,000 people were on hand for commencement.

WSSU was the first historically black college to offer a degree in elementary education. Glover praised the school for its continued focus on education. His mother and sister trained as teachers. Glover said if he had not become an actor, he too would have pursued a career in education.

"Education has always been very important to me," he said.

Glover also praised the families of the graduates for making sacrifices so that their loved ones could complete college educations. Glover related the story of his maternal grandfather, a farmer, and maternal grandmother, a midwife and a farmer. He said his grandparents sold milk, butter and delivered babies in order to put his

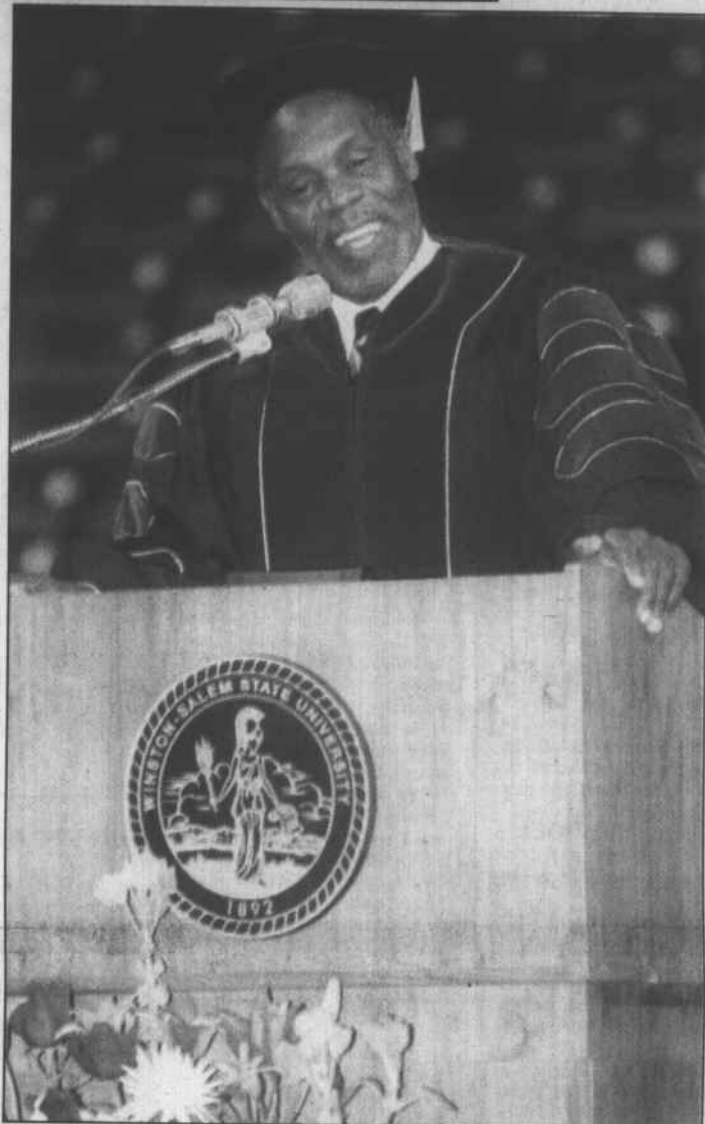


Photo by Bruce Chapman

Danny Glover is known as an actor and a activist. He told graduates to have an opinion, even if the opinion is unpopular.

mother through college, without giving it a second thought.

"They never thought of the gift they were giving my mother as a sacrifice," Glover said.

He spoke at length about the gener-

ations who crawled so that young people such as the graduates could walk.

Glover told the students that no matter how bad a situation seems, they

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## Girl Scouts looking good at 90

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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When Juliette Gordon Law founded the Girl Scouts in Savannah, Ga. in 1912, she barely had enough young girls enrolled in the organization to make for a good sleep-over. But time has been kind to the Girl Scouts.

Ninety years later, Girl Scouts is the world's most prominent organization for girls, with more than 3.5 million members and a long, impressive list of scouting alumnae who work everywhere from Capitol Hill to corporate board rooms.

The Tarheel Triad Council of the Girl Scouts, the branch of the organization that encompasses Forsyth, Guilford and 11 other nearby counties, celebrated the 90th anniversary Saturday with a four-hour showcase at the Joel Coliseum Annex. The event was part entertaining and part educational, featuring, among other things, a fashion



Photo by Kevin Walker

A troop based at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church performs a step routine at an event Saturday to celebrate 90 years of Girl Scouts.

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## Clean as a Whistle

Carver cafeteria staff earns perfect 100 on health inspection

BY PAUL COLLINS  
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The cafeteria at Carver High School recently received a perfect 100 health grade during an inspection by the Forsyth County Health Department.

"They look for your food temperatures, the cleanliness of your kitchen, if you're storing your food properly, if you're cooking your food properly; is your stock room clean and pest free?," said Robin Whitt, manager of the Carver cafeteria. "They check the cleanliness of your pots and pans; the temperatures in your walk-in refrigerators and freezers and milk boxes. They check everything. If, say, I have a light out or a dark area where you are prepping food, they can

write you up for that."

"It's hard to get a 100," Whitt said, adding that the director of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' food service program said that in her years with the system she couldn't remember a school cafeteria getting a 100 before.

Whitt said, "I feel wonderful. We work hard. We deserve it."

"We couldn't have got the grade if it wasn't for the hard working staff that I have and the commitment of the staff," Whitt said.

Carver's cafeteria staff workers are Bobbie Fuller, Teretha Tribble, Pat Rice, Dot Joyner, Barbara Carver, Edna Smith, Dot McCray, Mary Cook, Jean Arrington, Faye Tilley, Dometric France,

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## HAWS looking to recoup revenue

Director will find ways to make more than \$1 million lost because of HOPE VI

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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The executive director of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem is looking for ways to make up more than \$1 million in subsidies from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Reid Lawrence said the agency has lost the money as a result of the HOPE VI project in Kimberly Park, which displaced about 550 residents in order to make way for a massive revitalization project. Only a small percentage of the former Kimberley Park Terrace residents were able to be relocated to other HAWS facilities, Lawrence said. The others got Section 8 vouchers or found housing elsewhere.

The loss of the federal subsidies the agency used to get for housing the residents is causing a pinch, officials said. "It is something we never thought

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## Candidates briefed on the state of education

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Candidates for county commissioner and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education met yesterday to assess the current state of public education in North Carolina. The forum, titled Critical Issues in Education and sponsored by Community Alliance for Education, was designed to allow state representatives an opportunity to bring candidates up to date on the progress they say is being made in the

school system as well as to make candidates aware of the challenges facing the educational system. State Superintendent Mike Ward and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Superintendent Don Martin were on hand to present relevant facts and statistics on public schools. Community Alliance Board President Sandra Mikush said that the educational forum was necessary in order to provide elected officials and the community at large with the best information available.

"We feel like we have good relations with the Public School Forum to bring timely information at (the) state and local level and the implications it has for public schools. It's important to present this at an elec-

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Photo by Paul Collins

Many of the members of the staff pose in their spotless cafeteria.