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## Restoring past glory



Photos by T. Kevin Walker

Floy Howie, right, talks with volunteer Bill McCord during a renovation effort at her Happy Hill home Saturday. Volunteers and city workers patched holes and dug flower beds. Top: Alderman Fred Terry does patchwork on the house's brick foundation.

## Volunteers fix up house in Happy Hill

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

They don't make houses like Floy Howie's any more. "You can't hardly get a bedroom suit in some of these new houses nowadays," Howie said near the porch of her house on Mint Street. The house's solid wood construction, brick foundation and spacious rooms are no match for the vinyl-sided modulars

that line many a subdivision these days. Located in the historic Happy Hill community, the house has been Howie's safe haven for the past 40 years. But the house has seen wear and tear over the decades. The wooden planks on the front and back porches have become creaky and rough. Dime- and quarter-size holes can be seen in the house's foundation. And in some areas, the house's once pristine white paint has become

dull or dingy.

Saturday, an army of more than 10 men and women arrived at Howie's house armed with shovels, paint brushes and hammers. Their mission - to restore the house to its former glory.

The project was part of the city's first annual Raise the Roof Day Celebration, a nationwide project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The Housing Partnership of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Inc., Local Initiatives Support Corp. and the city of Winston-Salem spearheaded the improvements to Howie's house.

"We will work until we, eventually, have taken care of all the repairs," said Richie Brooks, director of the city's Housing and Neighborhoods Department. "We are not just con-

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## New director makes history

Beatty sworn in as state's first black SBI chief

BY ANGELA BURRUS  
CONSOLIDATED MEDIA GROUP

RALEIGH - Former Deputy Attorney General for Planning and Policy Bryan Beatty made history this week when he became the first African American director of the State Bureau of Investigation.

"I had no ambition to be the first black to do it because I definitely wasn't the first black that was capable of doing the job," he said. "That is more of a tribute to the attorney general (Mike Easley) and his courage and vision. I just wanted to do the best job I could do."

Easley appointed Beatty director earlier this month. Beatty is the second African American Easley has appointed to a high-powered position within a six-month period.

"One of the great pleasures of being an attorney general is to be able to watch people grow and mature, and I have seen that in Bryan Beatty more than anybody else," Easley said.

Easley said he sought advice from a host of law enforcement officials, judges as well as officials from the private sector to replace former director Jim Corman. Beatty's "unusual experience" in law enforcement, the law and as inspector general made him a shoo-in for the position, Easley said.

"Bryan's first job was with the bureau, and the roles he has

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## WSSU gears up for homecoming

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The granddaughter of the founder of Winston-Salem State University highlights a flurry of activities for the university's homecoming celebration this weekend.

Joy Gleason Carew, the granddaughter of Simon G. Atkins the school's founder, will be the keynote speaker for Founder's Day Convocation Friday at 9:45 a.m.

Carew is the director for the Center for the Study of Critical Languages and Cultures at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

The event, which will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the Founders Day Wreath-Placing Ceremony, will take place in front of Williams Auditorium. Carew's address will follow at 9:45 a.m. During the convocation ceremony, the alumni achievers will be honored. There will be one recipient from each of the four academic divisions.

Alumni registration will begin at 11 a.m. at the Alumni House. At noon a reception will be held for the convocation platform guests and the alumni achievers from noon until 1 p.m. in the Diggs Gallery.

The event is free and open to the public.

Today, the school will honor seniors during Senior Class Day. Seniors will distribute homecoming spirit buttons to all students, alumni, staff and friends. A Ram spirit banner contest involving all residence halls and student organizations will be held throughout the day. The banners will be judged beginning at 6 p.m. Also that day, vendors in the area will set up shop for three days in front of the old Alumni Building along "Vendor's Row" starting at 8 a.m.

At 7 p.m., the university will present the play "The Symphony of Life" in Dillard Auditorium of the Albert H. Anderson Conference



Carew

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## Survivors build float on faith

BY JERI YOUNG  
THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Cornita Hunt and Gloria Carter have a message to share with other black women - early detection for breast cancer is a life saver.

This weekend, they'll use Winston-Salem State University's homecoming to take that message to the street - literally. The duo - both of whom survived life-threatening bouts with breast cancer - are part of a group of breast cancer survivors putting together a float for WSSU's homecoming parade.

But, Carter promises the float will be upbeat. "We're happy and we want other people to be happy," she said. "We wanted to do a float

with mannequins showing different things that happen during breast cancer. But we thought this would be better."

The float will be shaped like a giant pink birthday cake, complete with multiple layers of "frosted" cardboard. Each layer will include a message that encourages women to have a mammogram and do monthly breast self-exams.

The happy theme is no accident, the two say.

"This is a celebration," said Hunt, an associate pastor at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church. "We're celebrating the fact that we survived. We want to show people that they can survive this thing, too."

Although the two have known each other since child-

hood, the struggle to deal with cancer has forged a special bond between them.

They poke fun at their matching haircuts - close-cropped Afros that are a stark reminder of chemotherapy.

"We have the same barber," Hunt said with a chuckle.

They complete each other's sentences as they talk about the rounds of chemotherapy and radiation they endure and the rigid drug regimens that keep them cancer-free.

Diagnosed in 1997, Carter is the elder statesman. Since her diagnosis, she's spent the past two years talking with other women about the importance of getting mammograms - something she didn't do.

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At ease!

Photo by Bruce Chapman  
Comedian J. Anthony Brown, center, stands at attention with members of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's marching band. Brown, a member of "The Tom Joyner Morning Show" cast of crazies, was in town for A&T's homecoming. For more pictures see page A12.