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## University staff 'stunned' by Schexnider resignation

### Broad promises to be a frequent visitor at WSSU

BY CHERIS HODGES AND T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Goodbye or good riddance? It was hard to decipher what Winston-Salem State University staffers were thinking behind their blank stares and expressionless faces as their controver-

sial leader announced that he was bowing out.

Talk of Chancellor Alvin Schexnider's resignation from WSSU had come before. The city's rumor mill went into overdrive with resignation murmurs just three months ago after the university's annual audit put the

school's finances in an unflattering light.

Schexnider made it official last Thursday: first, at an early morning meeting before members of the school's board of trustees and his executive staff, and then to a group of more

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Students perform a song during the opening of Petree Elementary School.

## Petree opens with fanfare

### School is first new elementary in the inner city

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Each morning before their school day begins, students at Petree Elementary School take an oath. They pledge to honor themselves and their families by working hard; they vow to be the best that they can be and to take pride in their school.

Petree staff, faculty and students proudly recited their oath at the end of a dedication program last week, capping off an evening of song, praise and lively fellowship.

Built on the site of a former school and named for a much-respected principal and coach, David H. Petree Elementary School opened its doors in August and immediately found that it had a unique niche to fill as a brand new elementary school in the inner city.

"(Parents) are very pleased to have a school that is local and easily accessible," said Dennis Rutledge, the school's principal.

Its immense size and immaculate design makes the school stand out on Old Greensboro Road. Among the numerous row houses and apartment complexes on the stretch of road, Petree is the newest-looking thing around.

Many parents and students from the surrounding community came out for the dedication. They sat in the school's large multipurpose room with School Board members, system administrators and Petree teachers and staff members.

The architects, engineers and contractors who constructed the school were also on hand for the ceremony.

The crowd was treated to uplifting selections by student choirs and a constant dose of pledges from Rutledge and administrators, pledges to make Petree a source of top-notch education, promises to make the school a viable part of the community.

"We are very appreciative of having this school in our community."

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## We're suffering

### Victims share anger

Following is the second of a two-part series detailing a trip to Eastern North Carolina by students from Winston-Salem State University. The trip was part of a statewide effort to get students at historically black colleges and universities involved in helping areas decimated by flooding brought by Hurricane Floyd. The students spent the day talking with residents of tiny Snow Hill, N.C., and passing out information about disaster relief efforts.

BY JERI YOUNG  
THE CHRONICLE

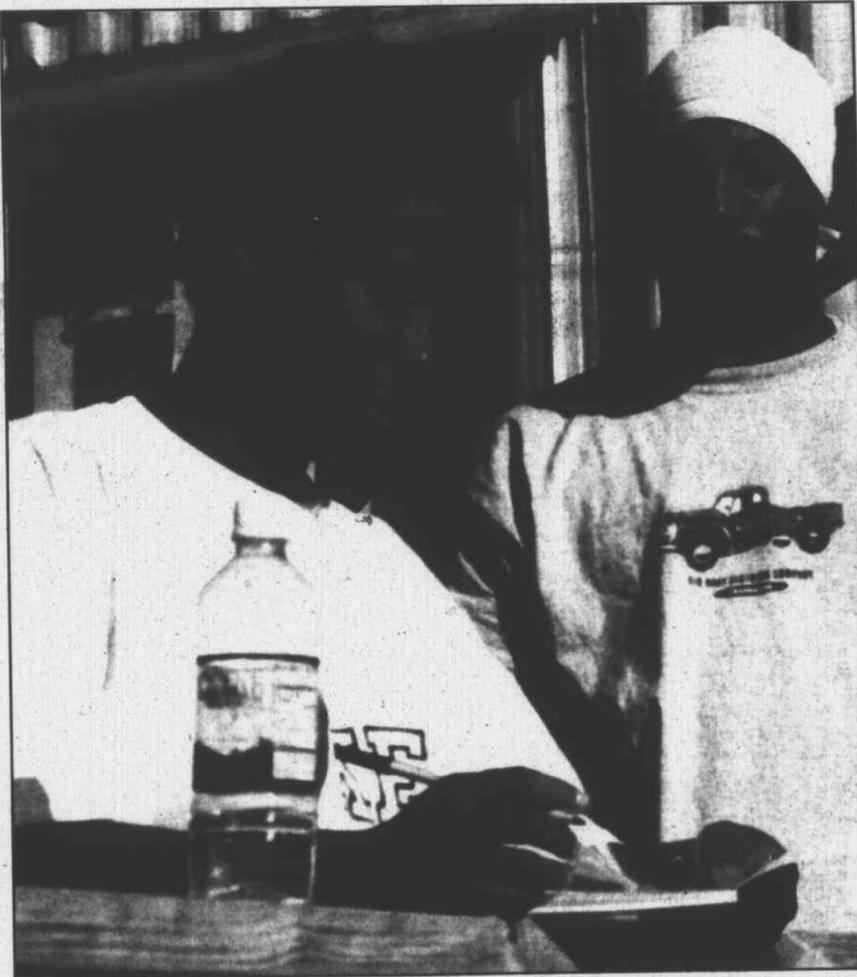
**Fourway**  
2:15 p.m. - Fourway is the kind of African American community found in small towns throughout the state.

The area, which was not listed on any map given to the students of areas hit by flooding, lies on the outskirts of Snow Hill, a no man's land of mobile homes and small patches of cotton.

Most of the residents are related somehow, and it's the kind of community where everyone knows one another and people help out where they can.

At first, evidence of flooding is hard to find, but lurking behind the community's immaculate double-wide trailers are piles of clothes, insulation and children's clothing coated in thick red mud.

At the entrance to the community quaint Antioch Church of Christ Disciples of Christ



Pamela Blow makes a list of children in need of toys as student volunteer Darryl Hamilton looks on. Blow, a resident of Snow Hill, lost everything in the flooding that followed Hurricane Floyd.

stands empty.

The area's only brick building, the church was destroyed by floodwater. Mud-splattered Bibles are stacked at the entrance. The church's stained glass win-

dows have been removed.

Near the church stand rows of weather beaten wooden stairs washed away from mobile homes by the receding floodwaters.

Residents were evacuated by

boat and taken by dump truck to the nearest shelter.

In a spacious double-wide mobile near the back of the trail-

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## Man of the century: Geter turns 100

BY JERI YOUNG  
THE CHRONICLE

Harry Geter Sr. slowly made his way through the hallways of the Ramada Inn.

Dressed in a sharp forest green suit and his trademark matching fedora with a peacock feather, he took his time, balancing himself carefully on his cane - his posture as erect as he could make it.

"Getting tired, Daddy?" asked one of his sons.

"Yeah," Geter said. "But I'm going to make it."

It was Geter's big day. Just a day before, he turned 100. And last Saturday, a banquet room at the inn was filled to overflowing with his offspring. His 12 surviving chil-

dren, 45 grandchildren and a large portion of his more than 120 great-grandchildren gathered to celebrate Geter's life and legacy.

Over steaming plates of fried chicken, potatoes and green beans, more than 300 paid homage to Geter during a two-hour dinner that included stories, hugs, presents and huge slices of birthday cake.

For Geter, the party was a dream come true.

"This feels good to me," Geter said as he stopped to shake hands with a group of well-wishers. "I'm telling you, this feels good to me."

A humbled Geter watched as friends and family walked to a podium to pay tribute to him.

Most of the tributes were humorous.

They kidded him about his child bearing "potency." They joked about his age and joked about his memory - which everyone admitted was remarkably sharp for his age.

They even joked about the order of his children. The family was blessed with eight daughters before his first son, Harry Geter Jr., was born, marking the beginning of an almost 10-year run of boys - five in all.

"Everyone in the neighborhood was rejoicing," master of ceremonies Hayes McConnell said of Harry Jr.'s birth. "We figured, 'There, we finally reached the end of the Geters.' But we should have known they would figure out a way

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## Biggs addresses concerns about SACSI initiative

### Assistant U.S. attorney says community has been involved in program from the beginning

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

At a meeting of the Black Leadership Roundtable last Thursday night, Assistant U.S. Attorney Loretta Biggs addressed concerns and questions that some of the Roundtable members had expressed about an initiative to reduce juvenile violence in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

The initiative is called SACSI, which stands for Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative.

One of the strategies the program uses is to target juveniles who have been identified as serious offenders or friends of serious offenders and adults using juveniles to commit serious offenses.

SACSI notifies these people that they're being watched. Program officials will offer services but SACSI officials will investigate and prosecute offenders to the fullest.

At the October meeting of the Roundtable, some members of the group expressed concern that SACSI might criminalize an element of young people who are redeemable.

Biggs reassured BLR members that the program would not criminalize youths nor target black youths.

"The SACSI initiative is extremely broad," she said. "It is not a bunch of law enforcement officers sitting around the table making decisions about our juveniles. ... The (initiative began) about five years ago when we were experiencing a peak in juvenile violence throughout this country."

Biggs also told Roundtable members that SACSI would make law enforcement officials more accessible to communities.

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Geter

