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Churches give Cook more than \$13,000



The Rev. Joseph Parks hugs principal Pamela Pelc.

Photo by Paul Collins

BY PAUL COLLINS
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Cook Elementary School had a lot to be thankful for last Thursday.

Representatives from seven churches — Grace United Community Church, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Philips Chapel Baptist Church, Saint John CME Church, Saint Mark Baptist Church, Saints Home United Methodist Church and Union Chapel Baptist Church — were on hand to present checks totaling more than \$13,000 — from a revival held in March.

Pamela Pelc, school principal, could hardly contain her excitement when the total figure was announced. In an interview before the assembly began, she said that she was expecting somewhere between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

The money will be used for such things as paying for field trips for children who can't pay for them, student incentives (attendance, good behavior, good citizenship and achieve-

ment), buying classroom computers, buying 270 chairs for the gymnasium, buying books for slow readers and buying math manipulatives (for hands-on use — counters, scales, things the children work physically with).

"We are thrilled to pieces," Pelc said. "It means that we can get things for the children that otherwise we would have to do without. It is a blessing. Put a whole bunch of exclamation marks behind it. It's wonderful. It is a blessing. And they are letting us use the money for what we need for the school. They are not dictating — 'oh, you have to buy this; you have to buy that.' ... Some people might have a concern about separation of church and state but they are doing this...as a community outreach."

"A lot of our students are what you would call at-risk students," Pelc said. "About 97 percent of our children are on free and reduced lunch...We do have a lot of needs in our

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Carol Cooley speaks at a meeting with Happy Hill residents.

Photo by Kevin Walker

Community looking for happier times on the Hill

BY CORTNEY L. HILL
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A student of Wake Forest University is helping to make Winston-Salem's Happy Hill community a better place to live. As part of a project, Carol Cooley, a senior sociology major, hopes that her work will be used to help the residents achieve a better community.

Cooley spent seven months listening to and talking with residents, going to neighborhood association meetings and sorting through surveys. This past Tuesday, Cooley helped the group outline a plan to make Happy Hill what the residents want it to be.

"A community is built on its assets, not its needs," Cooley said. "When you find the positives in people, you can then begin to draw from that and foster a community." Cooley mentioned that Happy Hill just wants what all neighborhoods desire and that's a clean and safe neighborhood. In an ideal world, residents of Happy Hill would have that kind of neighborhood as

well as more community involvement.

Cooley's work with the Happy Hill community is her senior honors thesis in sociology. Students who graduate with honors in sociology complete an additional six hours of credit during their senior year.

Angela Hattery, Cooley's adviser for the writing and research project, said that Cooley's method is at the forefront of a new movement in sociology. "This method is cutting edge," said Hattery, an assistant professor of sociology at Wake Forest. "Typically the sociologist sets the guidelines with the researcher's goals at the forefront. Carol let the association guide the research and put their goals first."

Wake Forest's Volunteer Service Corps office connected Cooley with the Happy Hill community through Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods (NBN), a Winston-Salem Foundation group that provides money and training for neighborhood associations.

Levastian Glenn, director of NBN,

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James Duncan, a Greensboro stylist, gives instructions to his models before a fantasy competition last weekend.

Photos by Kevin Walker

Brains and beauty

State convention pushes for better professional standards

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The beauty business is becoming much more about business and a little less about making clients beautiful, according to some in the N.C. State Beauticians & Cosmetologists Association Inc.

The group of beauty industry professionals from around the state wrapped up their 62nd annual convention in the city yesterday. The event began last Saturday.

The theme of this year's convention — "Climbing the Stairway to Success — Which Steps Are You Missing?" — aptly captures the new goals of professional cosmetology organizations around the country, said Minnie Ervin, a well-established Winston-Salem beautician who serves as education dean for the state association.

"It's not all about hair any more," she said. "We are offering courses on computers, business administration, financial management...We want to keep people abreast of what is happening and new in this profession."

Much was made at the convention of the need to bring professionalism back to the beauty industry. To ensure that consumers get the best service possible, state regulators have somewhat of a stranglehold on the profession. But Morris "Boz" Boswell, president of the state association, announced plans to put a little control back into the hands of beauty professionals. A bill backed by the association is waiting for General Assembly approval, Boswell used the convention to educate members about the bill and to urge them to lobby their local legislators



Suzanne Ophelia creates Ja'merican dreads for a volunteer during the convention as people look on.

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HAWs retirees share a laugh outside the Hawthorne Inn.

Photo by Kevin Walker

For the Good Times

HAWs retirees come together for memory lane stroll

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Those who work in public housing feel they have a unique job description, one that involves shaping young minds and guiding futures along with providing safe and decent housing for those who may otherwise be homeless.

With memories of that calling still fresh in their minds, recent and longtime retirees of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem gathered last week for a reunion luncheon. They took a collective walk down memory lane with plenty of laughs and "remember when" stories along the way.

"We feel that we are a big family and we are here to

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