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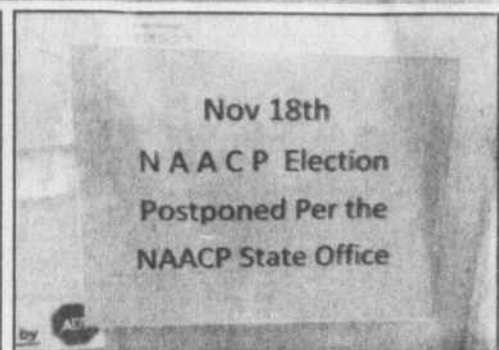
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Protestors raise their hands during last week's rally.



A sign posted at headquarters on Nov. 18.

## NAACP election will be monitored

Branch leaders will be picked on Jan. 10

BY CHANEL DAVIS THE CHRONICLE

A N.C. NAACP official will oversee the elections of the Winston-Salem Branch on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Local members were to elect a new president and executive committee on Tuesday, Nov. 18, but the voting was abruptly called off. At the time, Chapter President S. Wayne Patterson said he initiated the postponement of the election until a state official could oversee the vote so that he could not be "accused of rigging it."

Patterson elaborated this week about the delay. He said names of candidates were submitted after the nomination process was closed. Protocol calls for each person running for an office to have been a dues-paying member prior to April 15 of the election year. Patterson said that some people paid their membership dues in August, making them ineligible to seek office.

"There were several people who did that who were running for different offices," he said. "They submitted their names, and pursuant to the NAACP constitution they weren't eligible to have their name placed on the ballot because it was submitted too late."

He said those running for offices had to submit their names, verbally and in writing, to the nomination committee before their Oct. 28 meeting. An individual could have also been nominated from the floor during the nomination process being closed at the meeting.

"This chance was given three times, and no one was nominated. When everything was finalized and closed was when someone was nominated," said Patterson, who would not name the members he feels flouted the nomination process.

Issac "Ike" Howard, who is challenging Patterson for the presidency, said he is not



Howard



Patterson

## Justice-seekers unrelenting

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Locals disheartened by decisions not to charge white police officers in the deaths of unarmed black men held their most visible protest yet on Thursday, Dec. 11.

At East Winston Shopping Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, a crowd of dozens chanted and held signs that carried messages such as "Black Lives Matter" and "I Can't Breathe," which were the last words uttered by Eric Garner as he was placed in an apparent choke hold earlier this year by a New York City Police officer. On Dec. 3, a grand jury failed to indict the officer, Daniel Pantaleo. That decision came less than a week after a St. Louis, Mo. area grand jury decided not to indict another white police officer, Darren Wilson, in the shooting death of Michael Brown, who like Garner, was unarmed. Thousands across the nation have fulminated against what they perceive as a lack of justice in these cases.

Occupy Winston-Salem and immigration advocacy group El Cambio were among the organizers of last week's demonstration, which drew a racially-diverse crowd of mostly college-age people. Older, well-established local advocates offered insight and words of encouragement to the assemblage.

Larry Little, a Winston-Salem State University professor who



Irving Allen pumps up the crowd before the march.

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## Scott-Johnson ends storied career

BY DONNA ROGERS THE CHRONICLE

The event began with hugs, well-wishes and food and ended with an emotional farewell.

The City of Winston-Salem said goodbye to Denise Scott-Johnson during a retirement send-off on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center.

Scott-Johnson worked in the Recreation and Parks Department for 40 years. She began her career in 1975, assisting with the programming at neighborhood rec centers on a parttime basis. After just 10 months, she was promoted to a full time assistant recreation center supervisor. In 1977, she became a recreation center supervisor. Scott-Johnson was promoted to district recreation supervisor in 1982 and to assistant recreation director in 1994, making her the first African-American woman to lead the Recreation Division of the Recreation and Parks Department.

"If she has a legacy, it is that she has touched all aspects of the community," Recreation and Parks Director Tim Grant, Scott-Johnson's supervisor, said.



Denise Scott-Johnson chats with her former supervisor, Nick Jamison.

"She's really worked with every population from a child up to seniors."

Co-workers, friends, family and community members had high praise for Scott-Johnson. City Manager Lee Garrity said, "She's somebody who put her heart

and soul into the community."

Ben Piggott, senior center supervisor of Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center, said that Scott-Johnson helped

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## NEVER AGAIN

Holocaust survivor entreats students to remember his story

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE



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An overflow crowd sat in rapt silence for more than an hour Monday as a Triad resident recounted - in harrowing detail - how he survived the Holocaust.

Great interest in Hank Brodt's story forced Forsyth Technical

Community College to move his talk from the Main Campus to a larger venue on West Campus. Middle and high school students from several area schools were among the more than 200 people who crammed into the auditorium; some sat cross-legged on the floor once all the seats were claimed.

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Hank Brodt speaks at Forsyth Tech.

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