

Moonies move to Diggs Boulevard

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"I wonder why did they move in our section," Williams says, "but I ain't had no trouble with them."
 Bob Exler, the local spokesman for the Moonies, says he and his companions moved into the Diggs Boulevard home about seven weeks ago. They plan to establish a food distribution program for the city, he adds, with their house serving as the central distribution site.
 "We are known as the Unification Church but our whole name is the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity and we are here to help unite the whole world," Exler says. "We are spreading to every small town in the United States and every town in North Carolina. We want to set up a food project."

ferred more. They have been persecuted themselves. They are more open for the idea of solving problems of poverty. And this is our movement."
 With a few exceptions, Exler says, the Diggs Boulevard residents have been receptive and he thinks that treatment will continue. He adds that the Moonies think highly of the residents because they are "humble people."
 He also disputes the notion that his fellow members have been brainwashed into becoming members of the Unification Church and are prohibited from leaving the organization when they desire to.
 "That is a slogan from the anti-religious movement in America," Exler says. "We are much more than a cult. We are involved in much more."

Exler says one of the reasons they chose Diggs Boulevard is because it is black. "Blacks are more receptive to what we are doing," Exler says. "And it's because they suf-

"I have a free world and I decide with my own brain," says Exler, a native of the Netherlands, groping for the appropriate English words to clarify his meaning. "Nobody

can stop me."
 Exler says he dislikes being compared with Jim Jones and dislikes the fact that people say they have to be deprogrammed when they leave the Moonies.
 "It's basically white people who are doing this (deprogramming)," he says. "They are afraid to get involved in a movement to change American society. A beautiful home and a beautiful Cadillac is what they all want."
 Most people don't understand that Moonies believe in the Bible just like other Christians and believe in Jesus Christ, Exler says. "We are fighting Christians; fighting to bring the unification of all Christians together."
 Although he doesn't agree with the Moonies' religious philosophy, it's that very philosophy that make George Clement glad they moved into the neighborhood.
 "I have nothing against their religion but I don't like their religion (for himself)," Clement says. "But I'd rather see them down there than a liquor house."

Democrats choose Holton for seat

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na 2 and Bethania 2 its own established rules, he said.
 According to Earline Parmon, chairman of the executive committee of the county's Democrats, an unwritten party rule prescribes that, whenever a vacancy involving a Democrat oc-

cur on a elected board, the party's nominee is the Democratic runner-up from the last election.
 If the Democrats had adhered to that policy, Hairston would have automatically received the party's endorsement, based

on his showing in the May 8 primary.
 But Parmon said two weeks ago that the party preferred someone more like Hauser, who was a white male who lived in the county.
 Holton, who, as a white woman who does not live in the county, fills only one of those criteria, was called aside by aldermen Larry Little and Larry Womble and Hairston before the third ballot.
 She told the three that she supports affirmative action and agrees to work on improving the number of minorities employed by the county and apparently earned Hairston's support on the third ballot in the process.

Graves resigns post

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Graves said his tenure in Winston-Salem and specifically at WSSU has been both "rewarding and frustrating."
 "It has been rewarding," Graves said, "because I have had an opportunity to work with and for the chancellor. I have come to the conclusion that the toughest job in America is to be a black college president."
 "It has also been rewarding because I have grown professionally in terms of broadening my analytical and writing skills."
 "And, for many of the same reasons," Graves added, "it has been frustrating. There are many folk on campus in supervisory positions who don't give a damn about this institution. Their only concern is pulling a paycheck. And that includes both black and white people. Those folk have deliberately and intentionally tried to screw up things and put the ball in the chancellor's lap."
 There have been times when the chancellor may have made mistakes, Graves said, but he feels that Covington overall has worked for the betterment of the university.
 The difficulty black colleges have in securing funds for their programs was also frustrating, Graves said.
 "The Carolinas and the

through what we have to go through to get funding for programs," he said.
 All told, Graves said, his experience in Winston-Salem has been rewarding, but his new job will give him an opportunity to do what he is trained to do -- practice law. Graves, a graduate of Georgetown University Law School, has not passed the North Carolina bar exam in three tries. However, he passed the Connecticut bar exam on the first try last summer.
 "It's not a matter of leaving the university as it is taking advantage of a good professional opportunity," Graves said. "This is an opportunity to practice what I have been trained to do."
 An added attraction in New Haven, Graves said, is the fact that his parents, brothers and sisters also live there. Though he is a native of Winston-Salem, he moved with his family to Connecticut when he was 13 years old.
 "My wife is very excited about the move," Graves said. "And my parents are

excited about me, or should I say, Thema (his three-year-old daughter), coming home."
 Graves' trademark in Winston-Salem, say his friends, has been his involvement in numerous political and civic organizations. He is a member of the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition, Black Political Awareness League, NAACP, Winston-Salem Bar Association, East Winston Noon Optimist Club, Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Center Executive Committee, TransAfrica, North Carolina Black Repertory Company and Nell Lite Productions. He also writes a weekly column for the Chronicle.
 Because of his new position, Graves said, his political and civic activities may be limited in New Haven. But he feels his new home will provide him with a political environment that might help him someday to become an elected official, which is another of his ambitions.

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