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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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## Graves Suspended as HAW'S Attorney

### ▲ General counsel failed to get N.C. law license

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
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Clifton E. Graves Jr., the general counsel for the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, has been suspended without pay from his post.

Graves was suspended from his \$70,405-a-year job on Sept. 1 for failing to obtain a license to practice law in North Carolina.

Graves, 41, joined the housing authority in August 1992 when he moved here from New Haven, Conn., where he was a staff attorney with the city of New Haven. Graves also had worked as a staff attorney with the New Haven Housing

Authority.

Graves said earlier this week that when he joined the housing authority, he was hired as an assistant director to oversee legal and policy matters and that having a North Carolina law license was not a prerequisite since he did not have to go into the courtroom.

Graves hinted that personality differences between he and HAW'S Executive Director Arthur S. Milligan might be behind his suspension. Milligan, citing housing authority policy that forbids him from commenting on personnel issues, declined to discuss the matter.

Robert Egleston, a member of the

housing authority's board of commissioners, said the chief reason the housing authority hired a staff attorney was to handle the authority's legal matters without having to pay an outside law firm. The housing authority has a retainer with the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

"That was the main purpose of getting an attorney full-time on staff, so that the board would not have to rely on outside, independent counsel," Egleston said in an interview. "Even though we have a retainer with Womble Carlyle, that can get pretty expensive."

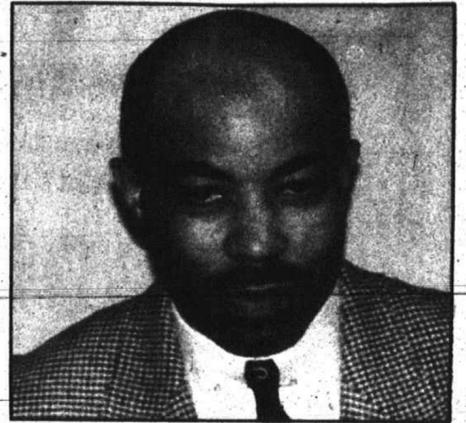
Egleston said he became aware sev-

eral months ago that Graves did not have a North Carolina law license.

"I've known for some time that was something expected of him and was not taken care of," Egleston said. "He was supposed to be working on that. I really don't know what happened to change that."

To get his job back, Graves has hired long-time civil rights lawyer Irv Joyner. Joyner became widely known when he defended a young Benjamin Chavis who was jailed for firebombings in Wilmington.

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Clifton Graves joined HAW'S in 1992

## Carver Student Off to Congress

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
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Although Alicia D. Boozer wants no part of a life in politics, she nonetheless is getting a pretty good taste of it this week.

Boozer, a 17-year-old senior at Carver High School, is one of several African-American high school

students across the country to converge on Washington, D.C., this week. They are there to take part in a Youth Congress,

a two-day event held during the 24th Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus, which began Tuesday and ends Saturday.

Boozer, who was recommended by her school's principal, Dan Piggott, was excited before departing Tuesday morning from Smith Reynolds Airport.

"I hope to learn more about our government and how it works and learn more about what I can do now to help our government and what I can do when I become an adult," she said.

Boozer was accompanied on the trip by Dorothy Graham-Wheeler, executive director of the Best Choice Center. She will have a



Alicia D. Boozer

full slate of activities to keep her busy.

On Wednesday, Boozer attended a mock Congress session and from there it was off to a press conference of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, hosted by Maya Angelou.

Today, she was to attend a national "Town Hall" meeting with CBC Chairman Kweisi Mfume, TV host Montel Williams, actor

Keisha Knight Pulliam and rapper Queen Latifah as panelists.

"I'm looking forward to the panel discussion with all of the black entertainers," she said. "I think I will learn a lot. But I also think it will be enjoyable. Plus I'm out of school. This is my excuse for being out of school. It's like a vacation."

Boozer, who is president of the student body at Carver, said she plans to take her camera to take lots of pictures of the celebrities.

Boozer, a candidate for the Morehead Scholarship, wants to attend Spellman College in Atlanta to major in Electrical Engineering.

She is the daughter of Debra Boozer of 4136 Sunflower Circle.

### County Commissioner Earline Parmon was in Washington to witness President Clinton sign crime bill.

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The FROG program at Easton Elementary helps first- and second-graders improve reading and writing.

## FROG Gives Students Jump on Reading Skills

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
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Before Easton Principal Amanda Bell could get into her office Tuesday morning, one of her students ran right past her into the door, put her bookbag on the floor and began rummaging through the basket of books Bell has available to students in her office.

Bell says this eagerness to read and this love of books are some of the results of the FROG, Facilitated Reading for Optimal Growth, program. The FROG program at Easton Elementary School has

helped first- and second-graders excel by leaps and bounds in their reading and writing skills.

FROG divides students into small groups of four or five, and for 45 minutes each day the group concentrates on developing reading and writing skills. Since the groups are smaller, instructors can spend more individual time with their students.

Bell said the FROG program has brought a new enjoyment for reading among the students and it's one of the curriculum changes that has helped scores to

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## Black Colleges Lose Degrees

CHAPEL HILL (AP) — Efficiency shouldn't come at the price of progress, say chancellors at two state universities that will lose graduate programs in school administration.

"I'm bitterly disappointed," North Carolina A&T University Chancellor Edward Fort said Friday after the UNC Board of Governors voted to eliminate five programs.

North Carolina Central University Chancellor Julius Chambers said he was disappointed in the change because of its potential impact on opportunities for minorities and women.

"We already know we have too few minority administrators in the school system," Chambers said.

The board voted to continue graduate education in school administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington, Fayetteville State University, Western Carolina University and UNC-Greensboro. Programs at those schools will be redesigned.

Programs will be phased out by 1998 at North Carolina State University, Appalachian State University, N.C. A&T, N.C. Central and Pembroke State University. The plan was required by a law

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## Library Changes Won't Hurt Users, Hamlin Says

By DAVID L. DILLARD  
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The Forsyth County Public Library's East Winston branch could remain a library or it become an African-American cultural resource center.

Either way, it will not affect the community's access to a viable library or a meeting facility, said Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, the deputy director of the library.

"We plan to develop a specialized black resource center where a person can do research with black and multicultural litera-

ture," Sprinkle-Hamlin said. "There's a chance that it could remain a library; nothing's definite yet."

She said the library staff plans for the facility to function as a library until the new one is built in approximately four years.

She said plans are being made to include the history of African-Americans worldwide as well as in the state and locally. The revamped branch will include an East Winston room that chronicles the history of local African-Americans.

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**This Week In Black History**  
September 18, 1895  
Booker T. Washington delivered "Atlanta Compromise" address at Cotton States Exposition in Atlanta.

## Carver Faculty to Have Diversity Training Seminar

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
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With the school's focus being on cultural diversity this year, some faculty and staff members at Carver High School on Saturday will participate in a diversity seminar.

"The Power of One," the central theme of Carver this year, will be geared toward cultural diversity and recognizing those differences in people as strengths rather than weaknesses.

"We want to have a family-type atmosphere here," said Carver Principal Dan Pig-

got. The seminar, which will be facilitated by employees of Sara Lee Corp., is just one of many activities in a long-range plan focusing on the school goal. Piggott said cultural diversity is not only one of Carver's principles, but one that is included in the strategic initiative of the entire school system.

Sara Lee adopted Carver about eight years ago as a business partner, during which time the company has been assisting the school to develop different programs. Piggott

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