

3 American Educators Get African Degrees

BALTIMORE, Md. — Three American educators, two from Baltimore's Coppin State College, and one from Howard University, received honorary doctoral degrees from Liberia's Monrovia College Training and Industrial School during graduation ceremonies in August.

Honored because their contributions and education to the cause of the black man have been judged outstanding, the three were sponsored by Bishop Frank Reid, presiding prelate of the 14th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Monrovia College.

The honorees were:
Dr. Carl M. Adair, 39, a member of the Industrial Arts Department at Coppin and a veteran businessman; his brother, Dr. Alvis V. Adair, 33, professor of research at Howard University's Graduate School of Social Work, and Enlo F. Rountree, 54, a member of Coppin's education faculty.

The degrees doctor of humane letters to Carl Adair and in law to the other two recipients, were conferred by Mrs. Edna Steady, interim president.

Counselor Arthur B. Cassell, member of the Liberia House of Representatives from Montserradi, spoke to the graduates, urging more unity among blacks and a greater effort on behalf of the "movement."

Dr. Carl Adair was accompanied to Liberia by his wife, Merlene, and their three children, Lori, 13; Sherri, 7, and Carla, 3.

He received the associate degree in science from Norfolk State College in 1954 and the bachelor's degree from Virginia State College in 1956. He earned the Masters degree in education from Coppin in 1969 and has done further study at the University of Maryland. In 1970 he was presented an honorary doctor of laws from Norris College in South Carolina.

Adair operates two Amoco stations in Baltimore. A Republican, Adair ran for the City Council unsuccessfully in 1972. He is a member of Maryland's GOP State Central Committee. In 1966 the Baltimore Jaycees saluted him as Outstanding Young Man of the Year, and in 1967 he was chosen as Alumnus of the Year by Virginia State College. Adair is writing a curriculum program in industrial relations from Monrovia College and Mrs. Adair is contributing one in business education.

Dr. Alvis Adair is not new to Liberia. Between 1965 and 1968, he developed a water supply system for Zozzer, Liberia. He has traveled to more than 30 countries. On one trip he was made honorary paramount chief.

Alvis Adair received his bachelor and masters degree in science from Virginia State College. He earned the doctorate from the University of Michigan.

He has been a fellow in the Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Rockefeller Foundation programs. The Alvis Adairs live in Washington. They have a daughter, Almaz, 4.

Mr. Rountree, who was associate dean at Coppin for three years graduated from Morris College with a social studies major and earned the masters in education from South Carolina State College.

Prior to coming to Coppin, he was employed in the Baltimore City School system. His wife, Alma, is a teacher at Baltimore's Harlem Park Junior High School.

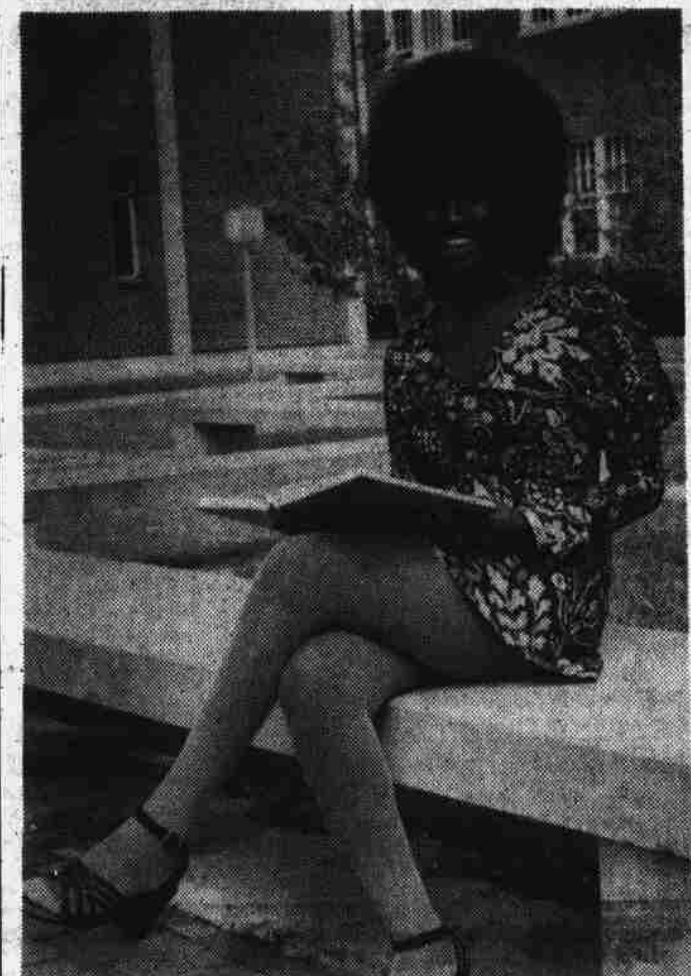
The couple has two children, Curtis 12, and Dona 15. The trio said they were impressed at the progress being made in Liberia under President William Tolbert.

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AUTUMN GRACE — Lovely Fayetteville State University coed Joann Gilmore, a sophomore elementary education major from Fayetteville is the essence of a beautiful autumn afternoon as she pauses on the campus of FSU for the camera lens. Joann is an honor student.

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