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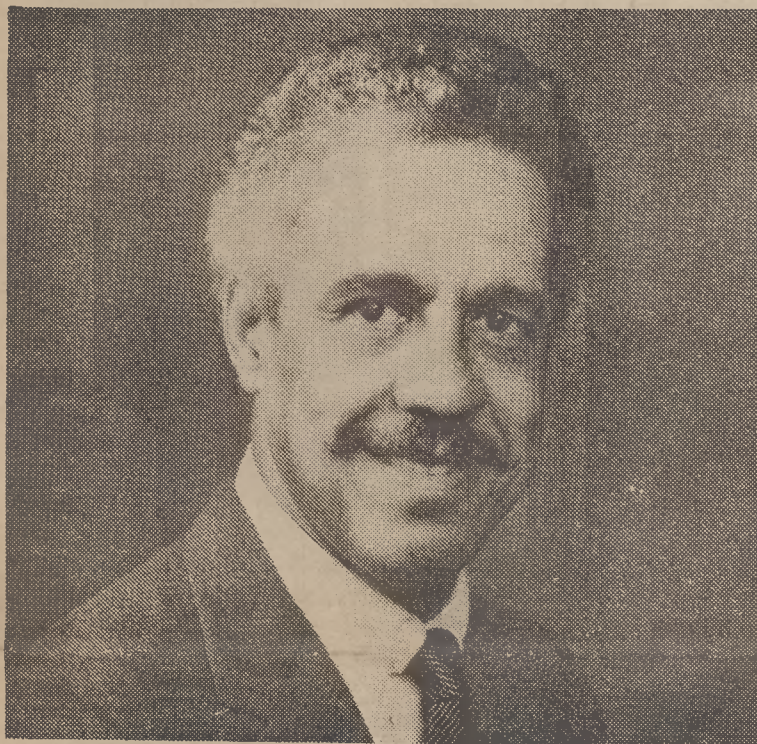
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Virginia's Lieutenant Governor
Douglas L. Wilder

Virginia's Lt. Governor is commencement speaker

By Allen Wilson

Virginia Lieutenant Governor L. Douglas Wilder will be the speaker for Commencement Exercises of North Carolina Central University, Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the O'Kelly Stadium.

Wilder, a native of Richmond, Va., attended segregated public schools and received his bachelor of science degree from Virginia Union University. He earned his juris doctor degree in law from Howard University.

In early 1950s, Wilder—who was a baccalaureate holder in chemistry—applied for employment for the state of Virginia. The only position open to the young black scien-

tist was as a cook.

Wilder found an enjoyable irony in the fact that after he had won the election as lieutenant governor, the room in which he had been turned down for state employment was now his transition office as the incoming second-in-command of the state government of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Wilder, who was elected to his office in November 1985, entered politics in 1969, when he was elected as the first black member of the Virginia State Senate since Reconstruction.

After graduation from Virginia Union, Wilder served in the United States Army in

Korea; where he won a Bronze Star for heroism in ground combat. He and two other soldiers found themselves alone on a hill claimed by 19 Chinese soldiers. He was quoted as saying, "We made them believe there was more, running in different directions and hollering....but we still didn't know there were 19 of them. When they came out of the hootch....it looked like they never stopped coming."

After his Army tour, Wilder returned to Richmond, Virginia and waited tables until a job as a lab specialist with the state health department opened. From that job, he went on to law school, and eventually into politics.

Reception held for Who's Who and essay contest winners

By Valerie Leach

The 1987 recipients of Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and the 1987 Awards Day essay contest winners were given a reception on April 23 in the auditorium of the Health-Sciences Building at North Carolina central University.

Dr. G. W. Reid, chairman of the Who's Who committee, presided over the program; remarks for the occasion were given by Chancellor T. R. Richmond. Chancellor Richmond gave each Who's Who recipient a certificate for their outstanding academic achievements.

Essay contest winners were recognized by Dr. Ruth Kennedy, who is an associate professor of English and chairperson of the Awards Day committee.

The theme for this year's

Awards Day essay contest was: "Our Vision, Our Goals: What Should they Be?" Carl Hicks—a junior English major concentrating in media journalism—won first-place. Freshmen students, Lonita Rogers and Melissa McCoy won second and third place respectively. Each student read their prize winning papers.

Prize money was awarded to students; \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$75 for third.

Closing remark were given by Dr. Sheikh Ali, chairman of the Honors Convocation sub-committee on the essay contest and professor of political science. Others on the committee include Dr. Ernest Mason and Dr. Helene Dibona—associate professors of English.

Frye addresses Honors Convocation

By Serrano J. Guitard

The Honorable Henry E. Frye, associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, spoke to an audience of more than 1,500 students, faculty, and guests on April 3 in McDougald Gymnasium as North Carolina Central University celebrated its 38th annual Honors Convocation. This year's theme was "A Common Vision, A Common Goal."

"You have excellent teachers at NCCU, so encourage, challenge, and inspire them," said Frye. Students should always strive to "be knowledgeable and full of intelligent, probing questions," he added.

The annual honors convocation saluted more than 300 students for their outstanding academic achievements. Dr. Ruth Kennedy—chairperson of Honors Convocation Committee—said, "the students

demonstrated extraordinary academic achievement and exemplary leadership potential. It's a chance for students to hear and see dignitaries whose lives are so far removed from that of the ordinary students."

The Chancellor's Award, which singles out the senior with the highest cumulative grade point average over his first seven semesters was presented to DeAndrea See HONOR, page 2



Honor students stood in line as their names were called to be recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.