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## North Carolina Lawmaker Cited by A&T

Rep. Henry E. Frye of Greensboro, right, receives the first annual Alumni Excellence Award from Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T State University. Frye, also a banker, is a 1953 graduate of A&T.

(Mike Bray Photo)

## Black N. C. Lawmaker, Banker Wins First A&T Excellence Award

Rep. Henry E. Frye, a Guilford County lawmaker and an organizer of the city's first black operated bank, received A&T State University's first Alumni Excellence award last Sunday.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T, presented Frye his award during the university's 81st annual commencement exercises in the Greensboro Memorial Coliseum.

Dowdy said the new award will be given annually to a graduate or former student whose achievements have brought honor to the university.

Frye, who graduated from A&T in 1953, was first elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in November of 1968, the first black this century to serve in the legislature. He

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## Blacks Should Employ Constructive Change, Mayor of Chapel Hill Tells A&T Graduates

More than 800 men and women took an eventful walk across the stage of the Greensboro Coliseum Sunday morning to receive degrees from North Carolina A&T State University.

The university's 81st annual commencement crowd settled to a quiet attentiveness as A&T President Lewis C. Dowdy introduced the guest speaker, Chapel Hill's Honorable Mayor Howard N. Lee.

Lee, an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in recent state elections, told the 6200 people in attendance that "I have a few things to lay on the line."

The 37 year old politician, born into the home of sharecropper parents in Lithonia, Ga. and once a high school dropout himself, told the A&T graduates

that "I'm southern, I'm black, and I'm a concerned American, so I'm sure we have something in common."

Lee requested the removal of polluted leaders. "We have a responsibility to change institutions and values in a constructive way," he said.

"While Ph.D.s are pumping gas, politicians are bickering over busing. While men are going to the moon, people are going hungry here on earth."

Claiming that the American system paints a dismal picture for the future, Lee defended it by saying "it can work."

"The system is like an automobile, there's no problem with the system but with the driver behind the wheel. Young people

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## DEATHS

### MRS. GERTRUDE BUMPASS

Mrs. Gertrude Russell Bumpass, age 71, a former resident of Greensboro died in Washington, D. C. Saturday, May 13th following several months illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18th, 4:00 p.m., Shiloh Baptist Church. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery.

Survivors include, daughter, Miss Hattie Russell, Washington, D. C., brother, L. B. Bettis, Washington, D. C.; sisters, Mrs.

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### Mother of The Year Chosen at McLeansville Church



MRS. DORIS P. MURPHY

Mrs. Doris P. Murphy, wife of William J. Murphy, was recently chosen "Mother of the Year" of the McLeansville Baptist Church located at McLeansville, N. C. Mrs. Murphy is the mother of ten children.

When asked about her accomplishments, Mrs. Murphy stated that she feels very humble. However, she possesses every right to feel proud, because five of her children are college graduates. Four of them graduated as honor students. Two sons are now enrolled in graduate school on special scholarships.

When visiting in the Murphy home, one cannot miss the air of love and harmony that exists. There too have been great sacrifices made within the family. The oldest son who graduated from high school with honors sacrificed his opportunity to go to college so that his brother could attend, because he would never be able to work hard.

### 3 Couples at A&T Earn Degrees Together

By Cureton Johnson

They knew the task of getting master's degrees together would be trying, but three couples at A&T State University received their graduate degrees here, much like they got their wedding rings, on the same day.

Billy E. and Alma Adams of Greensboro were among the husband-wife teams picking up their degrees last Sunday. Adams received his master's degree in sociology, while his wife secured her degree in art education.

"Even though I believe in equality for women, that wasn't my purpose for going back to school when Billy did," Mrs. Adams softly proclaimed. "I simply didn't have a job at the time," she said as each freckle on her reddish brown face shifted in accordance with her expressions.

Mrs. Adams had been teaching at Palmer Memorial Institute, but that prep school folded. Her husband, on the other hand, was growing weary of his job with a Greensboro insurance company.

"I got a bad break," he said. "When I was hired, they told me

that race didn't matter in company advancement. But after being the only employee to make the local branch's honor club during his first year, and after three years of service, promotion still hadn't come his way.

Adams decided to buck the financial and emotional strains bound to lie ahead for a man and wife who entered graduate school simultaneously, and who have a child they must find time to love also.

He obtained three National Defense Loans to go along with his GI paychecks, but still had to work part-time in the university's library. During the summer, he held down an assortment of menial jobs.

"I've been self-reliant most of my life and I don't like charity, he said. "I went into the Air Force to save money for college, because I didn't want my folks to bear the burden."

Things soured somewhat for the Adamses last winter. "Seemingly everything went wrong with our n...e home," he said. "The furnace failed when the weather turned cold, to add to a long list of troubles.

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### It's A Family Affair

Typical of the three couples receiving master's degrees at A&T State University Sunday were Billy and Alma Adams of Greensboro, N. C. Little son Billy II is unimpressed by it all.

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