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Dr. Samuel Proctor

"We need the Black Experience to educate our own."

Michael Ratcliff
Staff Writer

"We need the Black Experience to educate our own people because a great deal of our young people don't know where we have been, let alone where we are going," said former A&T President Samuel Proctor.

Proctor, who served as president from 1960-1964, was the keynote speaker at a recent ceremony for Black History Month in Harrison Auditorium. He spoke on the Black identity crises and struggles in America. The event was sponsored by the SGA.

"It was important for myself and other Black students back in the 1940s, while in college, to know about our heritage," he said.

Proctor said Black History and Literature should be required like math and science. He added Black studies should be required, especially at Black institutions.

Proctor said there are five stages of Blacks in America.

"In the beginning Blacks were an integral part of the plantation life of the white Anglo-Saxon society of the South. We were right there with them plowing the fields, nursing the white babies, serving the large homes and we Blacks even made their whiskey," Proctor said.

After the Reconstruction period Blacks were disintegrated in the South, he said.

"It was a very uncertain future for many Blacks in the country," Proctor said.

Blacks adapted the Anglo-Saxon and Protestantism ways. Black culture was exiled in many white institutions and Black students who attended white schools were forced to learn European history, about the English Reformation and Renaissance and what Socrates said.

Proctor said Blacks can learn white history, but also must be aware of their own history.

"Black had to deal with alienation," he said.

"President Woodrow Wilson back in 1915 tried to segregate Washington D.C. like present-day southern Rhodesia."

Yet, Blacks must return to the mainstream of society, not as slaves but rather in justice, he said.

"Those four students who sat at the Woolworth's counter in Greensboro on Feb. 1, 1960, were Blacks attempting to oppose the injustice of racial discrimination in the South," Proctor said.

"A&T has an alumni running for President of the United States and presently a man in 23,000 miles into space."

Chancellor Edward B. Fort and SGA President Chris Onyenem presented Proctor an award for leadership and service, and being a scholar and minister.

He was also presented The Famous Black Educator's Award from Nabisco Brand by Robert Brown and John Wiggins.

Proctor is the author of "The Young Negro in America." He is presently in the senior minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York.

Aggies witness take-off

Approximately 84 Aggies crammed into two buses headed for Orlando, Fla., to witness Dr. Ronald McNair's flight into space.

"I came on this trip to witness this historic event," said Kelvin Brooks, a senior electrical engineering major from Charleston, S.C., said.

"Also to support astronaut Ronald McNair in one of his great achievements of exploring space."

"I have developed a great fascination with the space shuttle," said Franklin Hooker Jr., a senior electrical engineering major from Durham. "This trip is an excellent opportunity to see the space shuttle in operation."

About 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 1, the two buses departed from Aggie Stadium after a live remote interview with News 2 correspondent Michael Brown.

It took the chartered buses 14 hours to arrive in Orlando. The passengers checked into the Ramada Inn to rest up before taking a special tour of Kennedy Space Center.

"I have been interested in space travel since I was in elementary school," said Johnathan Hampton, a junior electrical engineering major from Greensboro. "I came on this trip to see Ron McNair's launch into space and to see the space shuttle up close."

After returning from Kennedy Space Center, the Central Florida Chapter of the A&T National Alumni Association had organized a pre-blastoff hospitality get-together for the group.

On the morning of the (see launch, page 7)
A bad corer is cause of no hot water woes in Scott Hall

By JAMIE C. RUFF
News Editor

Sections "A" and "B" of Scott Hall, which has been without hot water this semester, may have hot water by the middle of next week, according to Alfred Watson, director of the physical plant. A corer on the hot water tank has gone bad and must be replaced Watson said. Sections A and B of Scott Hall were also without hot water for much of last semester. A homemade corer was improvised but did not hold.

Dr. Judge Kornegay, Jr., director of housing operations, said not only have sections A & B of Scott Hall been without water, but section C and Zoe Barble Hall have periodically been without hot water.

"We're aware of the problem and we ask the students to bear with us," said Watson. "We're hoping to get it repaired by next week."

"The new corer was ordered five to six weeks ago and should arrive Monday or Tuesday." He added the corer will take a couple of days to install.

According to figures from the front office of the housing operation there are approximately 978 students housed in Scott Hall. Of this figure about 606 are without hot water in their sections.

"Most of the students from A and B come over to my section to take showers," said Carl Manuel, dorm councilor for section C of Scott Hall.

Some students used a January 26, meeting in Murphy Hall with administrators concerning a new co-ed visitation policy to voice their displeasure with the lack of hot water in Scott Hall. Residents complained that having to walk the distance from their section to section "C" has led to a number of colds.

Many residents are frustrated about the lingering water problem. "If we could make any sense to have it walk that far," said Jay McCollough, a freshman electrical engineering major who resides in section B. He said concerning what he's been through he wouldn't advice anyone to attend A&T.

"I'm sick and tired of having to walk all the way to Scott C to take a shower," said Charles Durant, freshman industrial technology major who also resides in section B. "If I'm going to pay all this money I think I should have hot water all the time."

"We don't have any hot water in the sinks or showers; it's cold," said Keith Gardner who is a freshman computer science major and lives in section B. "We've got a bathroom across from my room. This just doesn't make any kind of sense. If I had known about the facilities I wouldn't have come here. If I didn't think I would lose my credits, I'd be gone."

Watson, however, said that the blame cannot be placed completely on the administrators.

"So-ents need to cut the showers off," said Watson. He explained, showers left running when not in use drain off hot water supply. Watson said that the laundry room also drains off the hot water supply.

He says that Onyemem "as controller of the constitution" is the one on whom the final responsibility rests.

"The reasons given (for the delay) were not satisfactory," said Mattison. "No concrete reasons were ever presented," he added. "He (Onyemem) kept on giving excuses," said Mattison. "First it was homecoming, then it was coming down from homecoming."

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Student Body Meeting

Co-ed visitation policy remains top issue

By JAMIE RUFF
News Editor

Students were disturbed by the absence of administrators and ineptitude of the SGA in a student body meeting held recently in the Student Union Ballroom.

At a coed visitation policy protest February 26, in Murphy Hall, Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, guaranteed students ad- ministrators would be available at the next Student Body Meeting to address grievances. No administrators were present at the meeting.

"The next time I call a meeting and they (administrators) don't show we're going to protest," Onyemem said. "They will be here to give some answers before spring break or we're going to protest." Onyemem did not announce the date for the next student body meeting but said it will be before spring break.

"When we met 10 days ago there was a definite commitment on the part of Dr. Marshall to be here and have administrators here to answer our questions," said SGA President Chris Onyemem. "I do not see any of them here tonight. It would seem somebody has gone pimple." Although no administrators were present, Onyemem said there is every indication Marshall will allow a trial period this semester on a new coed policy.

In a letter to SGA Attorney General James France, concerning the Jan. 26, meeting, Marshall said, "The office (the Vice-Chancellor For Student Affairs) is amenable to a trial period wherein the student monitor rule in the visitation policy may be temporarily lifted with the understanding that the Committee on Coed Visitation will monitor and evaluate the effect and outcome. A recommendation will come from this committee after it has had input from hall council presidents, hall administrators as well as from residents.

According to France a new coed visitation policy was presented to Marshall for consideration earlier Tuesday.

France said although the procedures will remain the same the guidelines will change.

According to the proposal:
Coed visitation will be Monday through Thursday 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday 4 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday and Sunday noon-1 a.m.

Each student may have only two guests and each guest, escorted by his host, must exit by the front door no later than 15 minutes before the end of coed visitation. There will be no signing in or leaving I.D. with the host for anyone to come to the residence.

"Some progress had been made," Onyemem said. "We're going to have to campaign; we're going to have to educate the people, get the information out. By the time we come back from spring break we're going to have a new policy. It's just a matter of time."

Onyemem said he will not push the administration until he has more student support.

"I was really hoping to have a much bigger turnout," Onyemem said. "To push something through like this we need numbers."

"We have to have a plan; we have to be together. When you present a plan you're going to have to have a back up plan. That's what you call a fail-safe plan.

Onyemem said ballot boxes will be placed throughout campus Feb. 27, and students will vote on issues such as coed visitation, and housing problems. In this way he said the convictions of the student body can be gauged.

"Some students, however, disagree with Onyemem's waiting to get a broader base of support.

"I think it's taking too much time," said Joy Mclean, vice president of the freshman class. "By the time we do something, it will be next semester."

"Why not implement the trial period now and then send out ballots. That's what a trial period is for," said Ulysses Johnson, who was representing A&T's chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. "Go with what you've got as far as you can get. Quit waiting for a turnout."

Some students said although they did not disagree with Onyemem's wanting more support they didn't understand his waiting.

One student who did not want to be identified said, "If the students don't come to you you have to go to them. You know all the students aren't going to come and listen to you."

"We're currently working with the Student Affairs office and trying to work with the Student Services office to have them open for the auditors and vote for you, you want to the dorms." Onyemem said he had scheduled to meet with see coed, page 7

Senator to convene Sunday

By DWAYNE PINKEY
Staff Writer

The student senate, which has not been functional this year, will meet on Sunday. But just who and what has been responsible for the delay? SGA vice president Keith Brodias Mattison says that "those responsible for seeing that the senate is elected," are responsible for the delay.

Mattison says in his opinion "certain people had a vested interest" in not pushing for a senate.

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Prospective blood donors get temperature readings at ROTC blood drive on Thursday. (Photo by Jay Hall)
Martin-Dorsett-Jones

Leaders view political process for Blacks

By MICHAEL THOMPSON
Managing Editor
State Senator and Representative William Martin and Greensboro City Council members Dr. Katie Dorsett and Earl Jones expressed their views on the political process as it relates to Blacks in a seminar Tuesday.

The program, held in Bluford Library, was one in a series of month-long activities and events scheduled in honor of Black History Month.

Martin, a 1966 A&T graduate, said there is a strong connection between public service and policy making. However, "a big void exists in the effectiveness of Blacks in the political process," he said. Blacks should learn how to lobby for issues and organize letter-writing campaigns, he suggested.

Recalling his first term as a Senate representative, Martin commented: "Persons having influence on legislation to be passed have the biggest influence on lobbying." In regard to lobbying, it is important to know who is responsible for policy making on the local state and national levels, the only Black member of the Senate said. "There are only a few years left (for Blacks) to have an impact on what will dictate the future," according to Martin. "If we don't do anything in the next 3 to 5 years, we can forget it for the next 10 to 15 years."

One issue that Martin has had an impact on is a student aid fund which only awards money to students attending six of the 16 schools in the UNC-System: the Universities of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville, Wilmington and North Carolina State University.

The funds were generated via unherited estates, unac-

claimed bank accounts and insurance proceeds without any beneficiaries, to name a few.

In 1971 also, the General Assembly created a separate fund in which all 16 schools share, although the two funds never merged.

According to figures from the 1981-82 fiscal year, $6.28 million has accumulated in the fund; $627,000,567 of which has been awarded to the original six colleges since 1970.

Dr. Katie Dorsett, counselor for district two and associate professor of business education and administrative services, examined politics from a personal perspective.

Dorsett spoke of the rewarding and frustrating aspects she has encountered since becoming a city council member. "There is nothing greater than the contact you make, the people who believe in you and support you," she said. "I can't give enough credit to the A&T family," she said, speaking of the support she received from students and others during her campaign.

Nevertheless, there have been negative aspects, such as the "double frustration" of being a Black woman in her position. "You have to prove yourself as a female in the political arena, and then you have to prove yourself as a Black. Sometimes wearing both symbols makes it twice as difficult," she said.

She is the first Black female city council member ever in Greensboro.

Labeling is another area which she has encountered. "As minorities, it doesn't matter where you come from or where you are going, you're going to wear a label," according to the A&T professor.

She said, depending on your viewpoints, you may be labeled an uncle tom, or regarded as selling out or being bought out by the white community.

Dorsett said she has been labeled as non-compromising and not sensitive to particular see politics, page 7
Fisk is built on solid ground

The financial and administrative woes have been lurking the campus of Fisk University for several months now. First, the gas company cut off the heat because the university was behind in payments. So, students faced the oncoming winter without heat. Almost simultaneously, the president, Dr. Walter E. Beals, submitted a letter of resignation effective at the end of the 1983-84 academic year.

These two problems prompted national media coverage of the pioneer institution located in Nashville, Tennessee. Thus, public service organizations, private companies, churches and philanthropists are assisting Fisk in getting back on its feet.

However, some students of the university feel Fisk may encounter an even larger problem-enrollment.

In a recent editorial in The Fisk Forum, the campus newspaper, one writer felt that the national coverage was a big help but at the same time, it may have been a hindrance to the university.

The student said that the coverage might cause student deterrence. Prospective students who knew little about the school previously, can now identify it as “the school without heat,” “the school without money,” “the school whose president just quit.”

The Fiskite also said that some students may transfer because of these problems.

The student advised the university to develop immediately a marketing plan to erase the negative images conjured by 1983 and replace them with positive images of recovery and stability. The student went on to say it would be a shame to build a strong endowment and have not a single Black mind to benefit.

However, this Fiskite should not worry about an negative image problem because Fisk’s image was built on solid ground from the school’s beginning, among whom were/are Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Dr. John Hope Franklin and our own history professor, Dr. Fernise Logan attest to the solidity of Fisk’s reputation and its image. The financial troubles, like other things, we believe, will be resolved.

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Does trouble really brew?

By GINA E.E. DAVIS

Have you ever noticed that whenever the local media have anything to say about A&T people, it is usually in a bad light?

Rarely do we see, read or hear about the good things that happen, such as the theatre department making it to the Nationals last year, or their going to the Regional competition this year.

It hasn’t been said by any media folk that the first Black male to run for president, Jesse Jackson, is an Aggie.

Not one mention was made by the local media that Dr. Ronald McNair, the astronaut, was an Aggie, until the satellite got lost.

Then, Bill Kopald on WFMY news said that A&T’s first astronaut, Ronald McNair, was responsible for releasing the $75 million satellite.

That is bad publicity, for us anyway. It may be said that everyone on that shuttle was responsible for everything that happens, regardless of who pushed the button. More than likely, it was faulty design that caused the satellite to go off course.

It’s about time to “break”

By MICHAEL THOMPSON

Now that you have completed five weeks of classes, endured the agony of “air” mail and wonder meals, (to name a few) don’t you think it is about time for a break?

Friends, (acquaintances, strangers, enemies, whoever) if you can survive three more weeks at Adversity filled & Trial prone State University, Spring Break will be at your disposal.

Just think, for one week you will be able to feast on the kinds of meals human beings eat. “Special” day will be everyday, and you won’t have to stand in line. You’ll be able to receive the best medical attention, the homemade kind. Living in a dormitory can make you think that clean bathrooms are obsolete; therefore, you can appreciate some of the little things about your “permanent residence.”

Washing your clothes should be less difficult for one week, too.

And let’s not forget the financial benefits, money is a lot easier to come by at home. However, college students can cope with being broke at home, compared to being penniless in school.

So, if you can bear three more weeks of madness and matriculation in this institution, you’ll be free. Warning! This is a limited offer, so, let the break expire, and not your education.
Are we united?

Editor of the Register:

The Black race is a heterogeneous multi-faceted majority within a minority. Black skin tones vary from the palest ivory to the darkest ebony. We are people "who think" that we are proud of our heritage.

Have you ever noticed that the lighter the person, the more accepted they will probably be as a person. Sounds familiar doesn't it? Well let's take a look at our race and see how we, as Blacks, discriminate within ourselves.

How many of you have ever called or heard someone call a person Black, because of his or her complexion? Many Black people have this idea indoctrinated in their heads that the light-skinned person is more intelligent, pretty or handsome and most likely to succeed than their dark-skinned counterparts.

These people probably got the idea from personal experiences by whites' degrading them because of the skin color and then passing the buck, starting the stupid cycle over again.

I have seen light-skinned Black people get their kicks making fun of dark-skinned Black people by calling them names like Coal, Midnight, Blackie and Smokey. These people are so hung up on themselves that they choose only friends who are their complexion or even lighter.

Guys, how many of you have ever been turned down by that special girl who refused to date you because she and her friends thought you were too Black? It wasn't the fact that you were unattractive, but more than likely, it was your skin color putting you down.

Girls, that guy you dated for two months suddenly dumps you for a "fireball", not as if things were not working out, but because he and his friends agreed that the light-skinned girl was more desirable than you.

Black people have actually disowned family members because of their skin color. Some social clubs on this campus don't accept members whose complexions are dark. It's already bad enough that many people on this campus are on "go to" trips, trying to belong.

Well, for all you people who are like this, go ask a white friend to describe the Black neighbor down the street. He or she is not going to say that the neighbor is a light-skinned or dark-skinned Black, just a Black. You don't hear other races degrading each other because of skin complexion.

So why should we, as Black people do such immature things to hurt each other's feelings? Remember, we are supposed to be united, but some of us are not acting that way.

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Women begin indoor track season

By TIM NIXON
Staff Writer
The 1984 A&T women's track team began its indoor season with an impressive showing at the University of North Carolina Invitational. Such nationally ranked teams as N.C. State, East Carolina, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, S. Augustine's and Wake Forest participated.

"We're excited about the opportunity to compete against some of the best teams in the country," said Pam Monroe, an A&T relay runner Mary-Anne McNeil won the 600-yd dash at the All-MEAC performance in the 600 meters, won the quarter mile in 59.1. Cathy Graham placed third in the 600-yard dash in 7.1. The mile relay team won its event in 4:45.

The irony of the women's victories and good placing is that there are only four women on the entire team. Coach Ray "Spaceman" Thompson said, "Due to academic and financial problems, some of the girls on the team were unable to return." The four team members are All-MEAC captain Monique, a 5ft. 7in., 120-pound runner from Asheboro. She placed third at the Spring Outdoor MEAC Track and Field championships. The Aggies will also hold the school record for 400 meters in 55.8.

Monique, a sophomore from Durham, runs the 400, 500 and 600 meter events. She owns the school's indoor record in the 600 and 500 meter races, in 1:26 and 1:16, respectively. Cathy Graham, a 5ft. 8in., 130-pound runner from Durham, runs the 100 and 200 meter events. Graham is coming off an injury-ridden freshman year, and hopes to run up to her highest capabilities.

Finally, freshman runner Charlene Samlin rounds out the quartet. She is a 400-meter runner from Fayetteville.

Last year the mile relay team missed going to the NCAA Nationals by 4 seconds. Coach Thompson said, "Depending on the conditioning and injuries, our goal is to run 3:41 in the 4 by 400 relay. We want to move from mediocrity to quality."

The team is concentrating on recruiting athletes who can run on a national level. Thompson said, "Right now we are above the marginal teams, but below the top 15 teams in the nation. We have moved from the cellar, up."

"I am pushing for quality because I come from a quality program at A&T."

Thompson was an All-CIAA long jumper from 1966-68 and an All-CIAA triple jumper from 1967-68. Thompson said A&T has been a university endowed with great leaders and ac- complishments, and he wants to install this "pride and heritage" theme in all of his athletes.

Thompson said, "I want to put A&T on the map as a quality women's track program."

He foresees indoor track as a developmental process that will lead the team into outdoor seasons.

He will put the most emphasis on the 4 by 100 and 4 by 400 relay teams, and each runner will concentrate on one special event. Thompson said, "I feel that we can become nationally ranked in these two relay events."

The team will get a chance to shine when it travels to the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore for the 1984 Indoor MEAC Track and Field championships on February 17-19.

In order to prepare for this major meet, the team has morning and evening prac- tices. The morning workout consists of a conditioning-run of 3-4 miles. The afternoon workout consists of basic exer- cises, right lifting, hill, stadium steps and running with a 3 pound weight in each hand.

He said, "We normally start off with 15-20 girls, and end up with five. Only the pure in heart will make it."
Politics

Groups. Some have said she doesn't understand the problems because she works at A&T, according to the councilwoman.

She said fund raising has been difficult, citing "we (Blacks) give very sparingly." "It hasn't been a part of our experience, but in order to get elected, it takes a lot of dollars," she acknowledged.

Dorsett said she has to appeal to different audiences. Therefore, it appears that Black audience varies from that of a white one. Using an example, she noted how jobs and housing appeal to Blacks, whereas business training and economic development (which is job related) appeal to whites.

She said Black women do not have extensive corporate or executive background, meaning "they don't feel comfortable supporting other Black women in the Black community." Women feel uncomfortable supporting Black males.

In another sense, the representative said she knows

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of people neglecting to support a candidate only because he or she is Black.

Blacks have to be "super kinds of human beings," she said. "Don't expect that person to be any more than a normal human being. Look at the person as not being perfect."

Although he is not superhuman, Earl Jones is a district two representative on the city council. Jones, a graduate of North Carolina Central University and Texas Southern University, spoke on the at-large and district voting systems.

He said the at-large system is "a scheme set up to disadvantage Blacks as far as the electoral process is concerned." Jones praised the district system: "Blacks have the ability to elect the representative of their choice."

Jones said you should "support those individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to uplifting the community. Don't listen to lip service, look for action."

Senate

Prime legislative body of the SGA, he said, "It is the senate that deals with student complaints, inquiries, anything of that nature," he added.

"Without the senate the president has a free hand in spending (SGA funds)," said Mattison.

Onyemem denies allegations that he was the hold up. He attributes the delay to "proper procedures."

"There are channels, and we must follow the framework," Onyemem said.

Onyemem said that "Mattison wanted to take matters into his own hands."

"My response (to Mattison's allegations) is the same as the public statement I have already made," he continued, "I am for an effective student senate."

"I can't take responsibility for some people not performing their duties," he added.

Coed policy support at the dorms Sunday, but only to go out of town.

Onyemem also announced that the Student Senate will convene Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in room 212 of the student union.

Keith Mattison, vice president for external affairs and head of the student senate, said those persons who are members of the senate will be contacted by mail and a list will appear in the A&T

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Register. Mattison said the Senate will probably meet once or twice a week until it is caught up on its work. The senate usually meets once a month.

Onyemem said the senate could also be used to pressure the administration about a new coed policy.

"I think it is up to the students if it will go," France said. "It is up to us to prove we can handle responsibility like anyone else."

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Onyemem says the senate is the vice president's responsibility.

This was echoed by Ms. Dorothy Bailey, director of student activities.

"The vice president is responsible for the senate, according to the (SGA) constitution," Bailey said.

Onyemem says the senate "should have been elected when I was elected."

"I asked him (Mattison) for a report on election procedures and did not receive it," said Onyemem.

"(He (Mattison) knew that the senate should have been elected)," Onyemem continued, "but he wanted to handpick the senate of his choice."

"I didn't want a dictator-ship," he added.

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launch, the group assembled at the hotel for the 50 minute bus trip to Kennedy Center. Blue and gold baseball-type caps, with a replica of the space shuttle Challenger surrounded by the A&T and NASA logos, were in prominent display. After nearly three hours of waiting at the designated launch viewing site, the final countdown began. When that was concluded and the high white shuttle was propelled into space by the two powerful and noisy rockets, the Aggies and their friends joined the thousands of other watchers in a sustained round of applause.

"It made me feel like crying," said Mrs. Walter Hunter of Charlotte. Mrs. Nancy Williams, a retired Charlotte school teacher, echoed, "It was more like a religious experience."

The five-man crew for the 10th space shuttle mission is led by commander Vance Brand, who also commanded the first operational flight of the shuttle, STS-5. He is joined by pilot, Robert "Hoot" Gibson, and three mission specialists, Bruce McCandless, Robert Stewart and McNair, who earned a B.S. in physics from A&T in 1971 and a doctorate in laser physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), was the first astronaut ever from a historically Black institution and only the second Black to travel in space.

The shuttle's primary goal will be to deploy into orbit two commercial communication satellites: Western Union's Westar VI and the Indonesian Palapa B-2. Also, on this voyage the first untethered space walk, using a pair of gas powered back packs, took place. The walk demonstrated techniques important for the successful retrieval and repair of the disabled Solar Max- imum Spacecraft.

When astronaut Ronald McNair began orbiting the earth February 3, as a crew member of the space shuttle Challenger, he carried with him the hopes and aspirations of more than 23,000 A&T graduates and former students.

A contingent of proud A&T alumni, more than 250 strong, were on hand at the huge national space center and of course, thousands of others watched by television, when on a picture-perfect morning McNair and his associates rocketed into orbit in the shuttle.

Space shuttle Challenger is positioned on launch pad before Friday's schedule lift-off from the Kennedy Space Center. (Photo by Jay Hall)
Virus to last at least another three weeks

By GAIL HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

The new year has brought in not only colds, but also a flu virus. The majority of A&T's students have been affected by this virus.

"Over the 125 daily services we render, there have been at least 350 cases who have had the virus symptoms," said Sullivan Welborne, acting director of health services.

Welborne said this has been the most patient load since the eighties and he expects the virus to last at least another three weeks.

Bennett's students as well as A&T's students have been affected. According to one of the attendants at Bennett's health center, Alice Hughes, "Eighty per cent of the students have had some viral symptoms. We are averaging about 35 students a day at the center."

Jewel Hamrick, a junior speech communications major from Shelby, said, "I had such a severe case I was hospitalized for an entire week. I lost 12 pounds."

"The doctor said that the virus affected the small intestine, but he was not able to find out what type of virus it was and that he had three other patients with the same symptoms."

Hamrick was hospitalized in Charlotte's Mercy Hospital, where they performed a biopsy and ran numerous blood tests for five hours. Doctors still do not know the cause, just that he is still in a fatal stage of relapse.

"I have to go back to the doctor this Saturday because he couldn't guarantee me that the virus was completely gone," Hamrick said. "I catch colds every year but nothing like this; the colds usually last three or four days but this virus has gotten me down. I am a week behind in classes."

He said, since his illness, he has had a lot of time to think about the things he needs to do. "I still feel kind of weak but hopefully by tomorrow I will be able to return to work." Jeananne Click a freshman fashion merchandising major from Greensboro, said, "This was the worst flu I have ever had. My appetite decreased, but I drank plenty of liquids."

"I missed four days and got behind in my major courses but I made up by getting notes from other students and talking to instructors." Another student, Carol Nixon, a sophomore social work major from Durham, said, "Last Saturday I got sick and Sunday I was aching all over and I had a fever, but I only had a mild case and I recovered quickly."

A senior industrial engineering, Joe Lewis, said, "It started with a cough then my throat was aching. I was nauseated and dizzy with a nose drip, headache and my body ached."

Lewis said, "Although I felt bad I did go to all my classes and I lasted about four days, I went to the infirmary; they gave me some medicine called Trimisinic and Codeine, for the virus. It was the triminicol that helped to know the cold out and I feel a lot better now."

Marietta Douglas, head nurse of Sebastian Infirmary said, "The beginning of last week we were seeing more cases of this kind. Four students had to be put to bed in the infirmary for twenty-four hours due to severe headache, body ache, and the continuous cough."

She said, "We have dispensed two and half times as much medicine this year, such as tylenol, aspirin and other cold suppressants."

She recommends students eat well, get plenty of rest and drink plenty of citrus juices.

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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY will have a Pre-Valentine's Dance on Sunday, February 11, 1984, at 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. in Moore Gymnasium. The admission will be $1.00 with college I.D. and $1.50 without.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GOSPEL CHOIR will be in full concert on Sunday, February 12, 1984, at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Ballroom. Their theme is "Rise, Shine and Give God The Glory."

ALL STUDENT SENATORS. The first Senate meeting for this semester will convene on Sunday, February 12, in Room 212 of the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. It is imperative that everyone attend this meeting. There will be a vote of the campus ads given by Christopher Onyemen, SGA President. Bring your Handbooks.

ALL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS-Keith Mason, SGA President would like to meet with you or one of your representative on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Student Union, to discuss your possible participation in our first annual "Funny Farm Olympics," scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 29.

A&T STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC. Dr. Linda Bragg, renowned writer and lecturer, will read from her upcoming novel to be published in 1984, "Rainbow Round My Shoulder." This program is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Union Student Union.