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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 this country," Proctor said. Blacks adapted the Anglo-Saxon and Protestantism ways. Black culture was exed 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.



Students pose with Dr. Samuel Proctor after his speech Wednesday night in Harrison Auditorium. Proctor served as president of A&T from 1960-64. (Photo by Jay Hall)

Blacks had to deal with alienation, he said.

"President Woodrow Wilson back in 1915 tried to segregated 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 attempted to oppose the injustice of racial discrimination in the South," Proctor said.

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

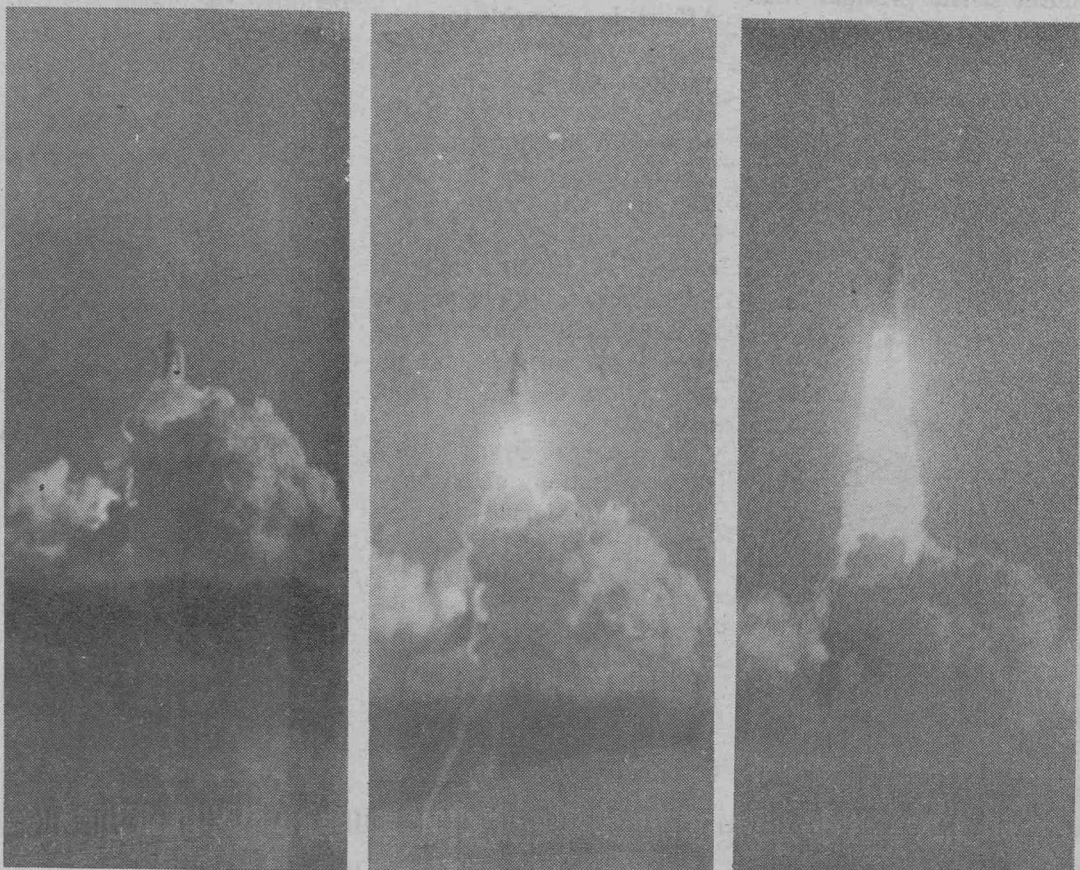
Chancellor Edward B. Fort and SGA President Chris Onyemem presented Proctor an award for leadership and

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



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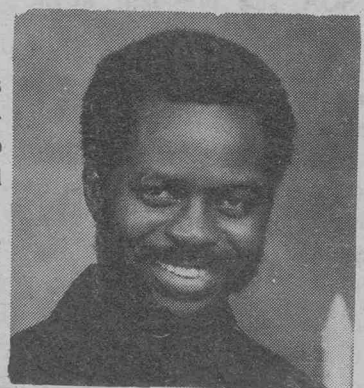
Approximately 84 Aggies cramped into two buses headed for Orlando, Fla., to eyewitness Dr. Ronald McNair's flight into space.

"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



Dr. Ronald McNair

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

According to figures from the office of 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.

"It doesn't make any sense to have to walk that far," said Jay McCollough, a freshman electrical engineering major who resides in section B. He said considering what he's been through he wouldn't advise 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're 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 can not be placed completely on the administrators.

"Students need to cut the showers off," Watson said.

He explained, showers left running when not in use drain off the hot water supply. Watson said that the laundry room also drains off the hot water supply.

## 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 administrators 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 goose pimples."

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, "This 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 Co-Ed Visitation will monitor and evaluate the effect and outcomes. 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 guest and each guest,

escorted by his host, must exit by the front door at least 15 minutes before the end of coed visitation. There will be no signing in or leaving I.D. with the monitor.

"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 try to 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 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 Ulyseus 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 that 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."

Mustafa Ture, formerly Steven Raikes, said, "When you (Onyemem) were running, (for office) you didn't wait for the students to come to the auditorium and vote for you, you went to the dorms."

Onyemem said he had scheduled to start soliciting

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## Senate to convene Sunday

By DWAYNE PINKNEY  
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 Broadas 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.

He says that Onyemem "as chief protector 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," Mattison continued.

Mattison says that

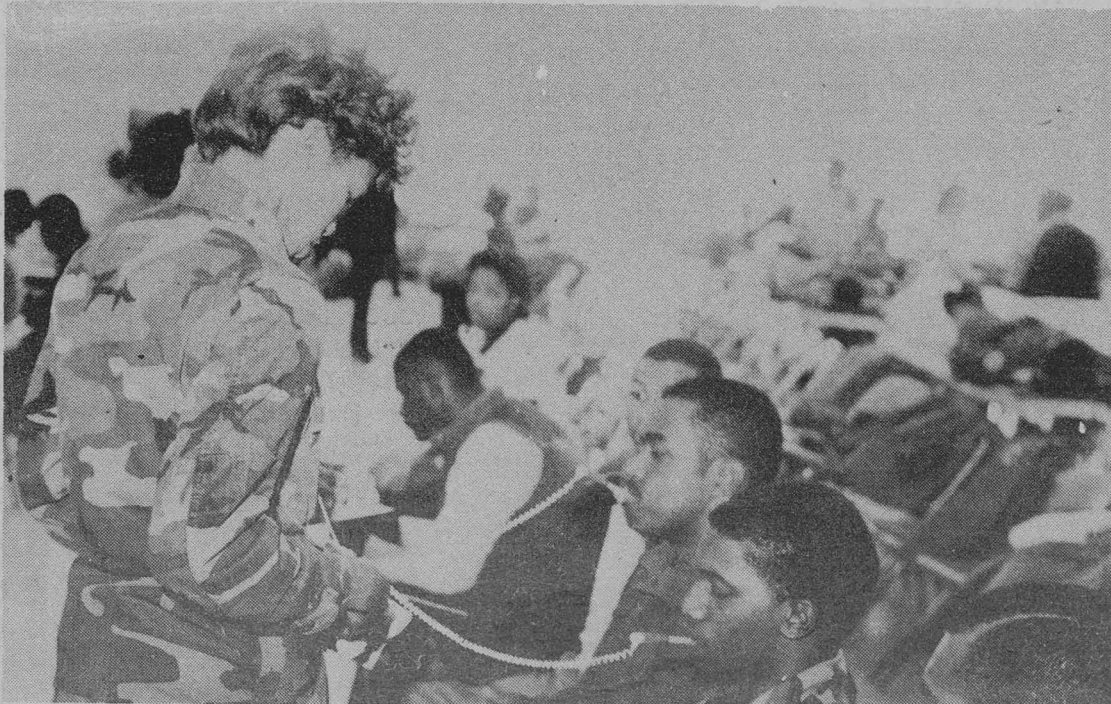
"Onyemem's personal fears and prejudices," are a factor in the delay.

According to Mattison some who have signed up to be in the senate are dissatisfied with Onyemem's handling of SGA affairs.

"Some (of the senate members) were talking about impeachment," he said.

According to Mattison the student senate provides vital functions.

"The student senate is the (see page 7)



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 Senate 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 uninherited estates, unac-

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

Martin introduced a bill last February in the senate to alter the funds, although it was defeated. However, Luther Jeralds, a Cumberland County representative, introduced it in the House of Representatives this past June and it passed, according to Martin.

In 1971, when the 10 remaining schools joined the system, they did not share in the awards, known as the Escheats Fund. Martin said revisions were made, but upon investigation, there was no evidence to support the revisions.

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 1790.

Dr. Katie Dorsett, councilwoman 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.

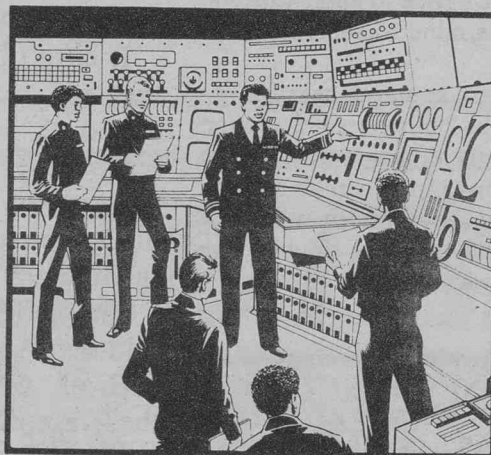
Labeling is another area which she has encountered. "As minorities, it doesn't matter where you come from or where you are going, you're going to wear a label," according to the A&T professor.

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

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The deadline for personals and poetry is February 13. No exceptions will be made.

\*Secret admirers, your names can be withheld upon request.

## 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 J. Leonard, 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 Fiskite 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 he felt 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 outset. The achievements of its alumni, among whom were/are Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Dr. John Hope Franklin and our own history professor, Dr. Fernise Logan attest to the solidarity of Fisk's reputation and its image. The financial trouble, like other things, we believe, will be resolved.

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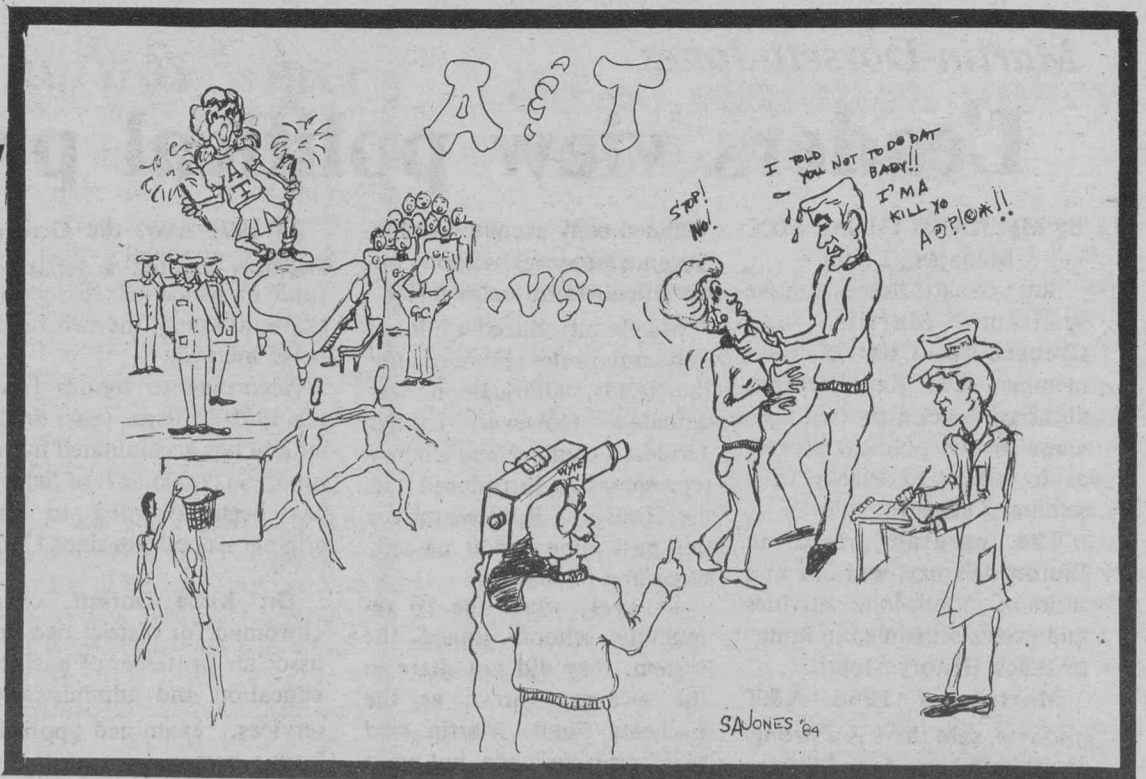
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## Does trouble really brew?

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.

Now the whole city will think an Aggie bungled.

It is a shame to think the only time A&T was mentioned, was after the satellite was lost.

All the time that passed since the announcement of McNair's scheduled space flight, yet there was no mention of his Aggie status.

Mind you, situations like this, aren't unusual. Very seldom are basketball games aired unless a fight breaks out.

It is time we, as Aggies, speak out against these injustices. It doesn't seem fair that we should only be seen when something goes wrong.

Our good points should be brought out, so that we can be seen as the great group we are.

We have a history of greatness. We have produced a society of high achievers.

We should be tired of the way the media attempt to make us look. We've made our achievements. We do produce great quality.

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## 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 pulling you down.

Girls, that guy you dated for two months suddenly dumps you for a "redbone," 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 "ego" 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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# Aggies nip tigers

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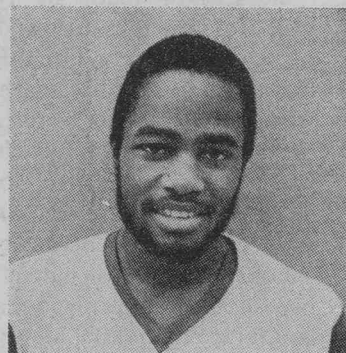
A&T, in Corbett Sports Center, played two halves of basketball but the similarities in the two performances were few.

The Aggies opened the contest playing crisp basketball for the first 20 minutes and built a 14-point lead with 4:31 before intermission, but had to rely on uncanny foul shooting in the end to escape with a narrow, hard fought 80-77 win.

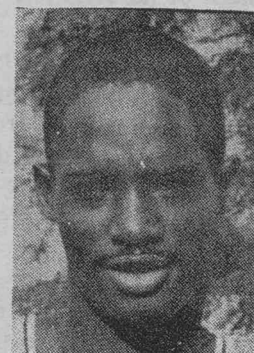
But in the second half, A&T looked like an entirely different ball club, and TSU gradually crept back into the game and took its first lead of the ball game at 59-57 when Jose Passe hit jump shot with 10:35 remaining to play.

The two teams played nip-and-tuck the rest of the way as neither team was able to muster more than a six-point lead. A&T managed to lead 67-62 with 5:45 left in the contest, but crisp shooting by Russell Sanders and Ronnie Cage kept the Tigers within striking distance.

The two combined for 31 of their team's 44 second half



Brown



Boyd

points. For the game, Cage hit 10-of-13 from the floor and Sanders connected on 10-of-16. TSU only missed seven attempts in the second half for a blistering 72 percent shooting. But it probably took most of their gas to stage the ill-fated comeback and the fatigue took its toll when the Tigers went to the charity stripe. They hit only 11 out of 22 free throws.

"We had an opportunity to win the game," said Ed Martin, TSU's head coach, "But we couldn't hit our free throws."

Don Corbett, A&T's mentor, who served four years as an assistant coach at TSU under Martin, was savoring a victory in which the charity

stripe saved his team from apparent Doomsday.

"We shot our free throws well, and we handled the ball well when we were in crucial situations," Corbett said. "State did what they had to in order to get back in the game."

Point guard Eric Boyd paced the Aggies, 14-6, with 19 points and five assists. Running mate Jimmy Brown pumped in 16 before fouling out with 4:32 remaining. The loss left the Tigers with an 8-13 record.

"I have to give credit to Donald and his kids," Martin said. "They are experienced and a good ball club. But we never gave up. We may give out but we'll never give up."



## Alan Hooker signs letter of intent

By RICHARD WILLIAMS  
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Alan Hooker, a first-rate passer by any standards and undeniably the top signal-caller in North Carolina, has signed a national letter of intent to play for A&T next fall.

Wednesday was the first day a high school could officially sign a football grant-in-aid.

"We are extremely pleased with his decision to join us," said Mo Forte, A&T's head football coach. "Alan is a unique individual who is looking for an education as well as a place to play football."

"We think we can offer him both here at A&T. We can offer him an education and a chance to play football and

play early."

Forte said he is not considering red-shirting Hooker at this point, thus yielding the starting role to returning senior Alvin Grier.

"I welcome the opportunity of having both Alvin and Alan," the coach said. "I think this will mean that Alvin will be playing his best football of his career to hold the job. I know one thing; we will have a strong person at that position whether it's Alvin Grier or Alan Hooker."

A&T finished with a 3-7-1 record last fall in Forte's second season. In 1982, the Aggies were 2-8.

Forte said he will announce the remaining list of recruits next week.

### Football recruitment

## Grants approved

The Executive Committee of the A&T State University Alumni Association recently approved a \$15,000 grant to assist the university in its journey toward athletic prominence.

The grant will be used by the athletic department in the recruitment of student-athletes for the football program to assure optimum returns as A&T seeks and strives to be successful with its competitors.

This grant will enhance and undergird the efforts of the athletic department in recruiting a quarterback from a junior college program who will be able to step in and play a major role with the Aggies immediately.

Not only will the football team benefit from this grant but this donation will highlight and supplement other programs necessary in athletics with regard to other sports this year.

The National Alumni

Association answered the call last year for assistance in the form of a \$10,000 grant for the purpose of football recruitment.

As a result, the football staff was able to cover more ground and see more potential student-athletes than would have been possible. While much progress was made in the team this past season, additional support in the areas of recruitment and scholarship will be needed if this current trend is to be maintained.

This grant confirms a genuine commitment on the part of the A&T Alumni to propel A&T along the path of greatness which it has enjoyed since 1891.

The \$10,000 contributed to the athletic program last year generated much excitement and motivation among alumni. It opened the annual giving process and attracted many additional former Aggie greats as contributors.

## 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, St. Augustine's and Wake Forest participated. In 1.28.3; Pam Monroe, an Aggie runner, Mary-Anne McNeil won the 600-yr dash

All-MEAC performer in the 600 meters, won the quarter mile in 59.1. Cathy Graham placed third in the 60-yr dash in 7.1. The mile relay team won its event in 4.05.

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 Monroe, a 5ft. 7in., 124 400 meter runner from Asheboro. She placed third at the Spring Outdoor MEAC track and field championship. Monroe also holds the school record for 400 meters in 55.8.

McNeil, 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., 130lb runner also from Durham, runs the 100 and 200 meter events. Graham is coming off an injury-riddled freshman year, and hopes to run up to her highest capabilities.

Finally, freshman runner Charlene Sumlin 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 meter 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 track program at A&T."

Thompson was an All-CIAA long jumper from 1966-68 and an All-CIAA triple jumper from 67-68.

Thompson said A&T has been a university endowed with great leaders and accomplishments, and he wants

to instill 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 power."

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 practices. The morning workout consists of a conditioning-run of 3-4 miles. The afternoon workout consists of basic exercises, weight lifting, hills, 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 how "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, her approach for a 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 comfortable 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."



Nate and Pam Hines with Nate III at Kennedy Space Center.

## Senate

prime legislative body of the SGA," he said. "It (the senate) 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 says 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.

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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.

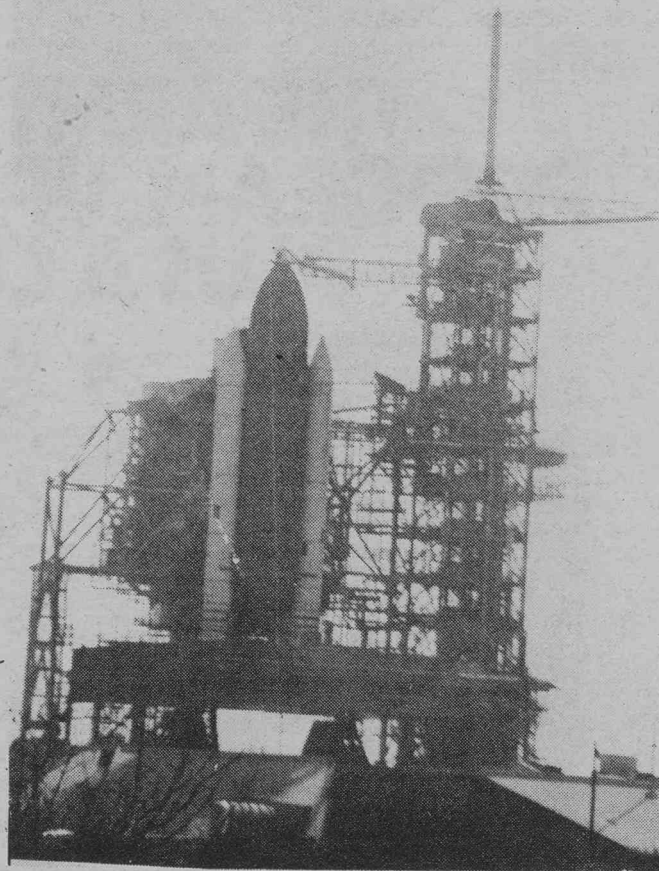
Onyemem says the senate "should have been elected when I was elected."

"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 dictatorship," he added.

Onyemem says he is not worried about what people say, but only with "doing things right."



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 scheduled liftoff from the Kennedy Space Center. (Photo by Jay Hall)

## launch

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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 hugh 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 you 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 specialist, Bruce McCandless, Robert Stewart and McNair. 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 powdered back packs, took place. The walk demonstrated techniques important for the successful retrieval and repair of the dissable Solar Maximum Spacecraft.

The duties McNair performed were launching both satellites and assisting the two astronauts who walked in space.

After the launch the group visited Disney World or Epcot Center.

That evening a post blastoff party was held by the Alumni Chapter. The hotel's club, "the worst bar," provided added entertainment with the clubs band "Thriller."

"I am the youngest person to be associated with the Student Space Shuttle Program," said Juan Guthrie, a junior at Greensboro's Dudley Senior High School. "I came on this trip to see the space shuttle blastoff. It is really something to see! I can tell my children and my children's children about this historic event."

The tour sponsors and guides for the trip were Dr. Ethel Taylor, Dr. Stuart Ahrens, Dr. Vallie Guthrie, Dr. Richard Moore and Dr. Sampson Buie.

## coed policy

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support at the dorms Sunday, but had 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

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."



## Virus to last at least another three weeks

By GAIL HAIRSTON  
Staff Writer

The new year has brought in not only cold weather, 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 merchandise 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 it lasted about four days. I went to the infirmary; they

gave me some medicine called Triminicin and Codeine, for the virus. It was the triminicin that helped to know the cold out and I feel a lot better now."

Marrietta 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 citric juices.

### CAMPUS HAPS

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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY** will have a Pre-Valentine's Dance on 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 state of the campus address given by Christopher Onyemem, SGA President.

**Bring your Handbooks.**  
**ALL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS.** Keith Mattison, SGA Vice president would like to meet with you or one of your representative on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00p.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 Shoulders." This program is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Union Student Union.

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