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## Historic Launch Witnessed By N. C. Wesleyan Student

(Editor's Note: This summer, John Henry Crumpler, a Wesleyan sophomore, was given passes to watch the launch of the Apollo 11 flight from the VIP section at Cape Kennedy. Following are his recollections of the historic launch as told to Ed Smith.)

"The atmosphere of the crowd was one of the most impressive things about the whole launch to me. It was

very solemn.

The last five minutes of the countdown went very fast for me.

As the puff of flame came out of the bottom, from that moment until two minutes later, nothing but that rocket existed in the world for me. As it cleared the tower, I remember tears coming down my cheeks.

That's when the sound start-

ed. It started loud and got louder. The VAB (Vehicle Assembly Building), next to which we were sitting, was literally vibrating from the sound. It was complete involvement for me, and I was overwhelmed by the sight and sound.

I remember that from then until ten or fifteen minutes later I was trembling. I was just transfixed by the sight. My reaction was complete

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## Roberts States '69-'70 Program

"I think this year a close working relationship between the appointed and the elected officers of the Student Government Association will be possible. Elections in the past, including last year's, can be considered fraternal elections, but it is my hope that this year people will be able to put aside their personal and organizational obligations and work for the good of the entire student body," said John Roberts, president of the Student Government Association.

Roberts also said that his major field of concentration for this year would be improving student life. "All of us have to learn to live together in a college community. We must improve the channels of communication that already exist in order to effectively guarantee the liberties and viewpoints of the students."

President Roberts stated, "The SGA will objectively consider all relevant proposals on the topic of hours for resident women students."

But on the question of consumption of alcoholic beverages on the campus, Roberts had no comment.

Roberts voiced strong faith in his administration and in his program. "This year the SGA had a voice in determining topics for the Convocations program. In the fu-



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ture I hope that we will continue to be consulted and be able to voice our opinions. I plan to use and change the Student Life and Services Committee, which in the past has only functioned as its name implies, so that it will be able to hear the grievances of the students. I would like to see the SLS Committee become a sounding board for student problems and bring the students more directly into SGA affairs. I plan to increase the number of students on the SLS Committee and increase its utilization."

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## 'Upward Bound' Grows

By MARILYN SCHOON

This past summer North Carolina Wesleyan College was host to approximately fifty local high school students who were participating in the Office of Education's "Project Upward Bound"--a program with its main objective being to motivate its students towards college. In describing the program it has been said that "Upward Bound is to college what Head Start is to first grade." But there is one main difference between the two programs--Upward Bound is a highly selective program. The participating students are those with college potential who can, and usually do, succeed in their college experiences.

The program is divided into two main areas: the summer session during which the students live on college campuses, attend college preparatory classes, and take part in specially planned activities; and the follow-up program in which the students meet during the school year at the colleges every Saturday morning for tutoring. Although this was only Wesleyan's second summer with the program, it has participated in the follow-up program under the excellent direction of Dr. Ralph James

since 1965.

This summer the students, all of whom were rising high school seniors except two who had just graduated, had a required schedule of classes that included a math, French or Spanish, and a reading/writing/listening/speaking seminar. These classes were all geared to accelerate their college preparation.

After the classes, each student participated in what most persons involved agree was the most successful part of the summer's program. On Mondays through Thursdays young boys from the East Carolina Training School came by bus to Wesleyan to be tutored by the Upward Bound students on a one-to-one basis. For the first time for most, if not all, of the Upward Bound students, they were in the positions of teachers and leaders. They had to motivate instead of be motivated; and for the most part, the boys for whom they were responsible were in worse life situations than they were. A protective pride of their boys grew and many deep friendships formed. The training school boys found people who really cared for them as individuals and the Upward Bound

students found that they were looked up to, admired, and needed by their boys. This program is now scheduled to be carried over into the follow-up program.

The structured part of the program ended with the afternoon session during which the students planned and constructed a model city for the year 2010. They considered all aspects of a city--government, education, culture, recreation, religion, human relations, physical layout, and so forth--and decided what they thought a city would be like in 2010. The city they constructed was displayed and observed by many of their parents and persons from the Rocky Mount area.

To round out the rest of the students' time, they could choose to participate in "special interest groups" such as original play writing and producing, movie making, choir, adolescent psychology, guitar playing, computer programming, and ham radio. The group also took side trips to Washington D. C. to visit H. U.D.'s model cities program, the beach, and Tarboro where they observed a computer in action. Because the group was equally balanced between blacks and whites, the whole

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## News Summary

By DON HENCHELL

INTERNATIONAL: A TWA jet, Israel-bound, was sky jacked by Syrian guerrillas. Pressure planned by international pilots association to force release of two male Israelis detained in Syria.

Considerable unrest followed burning of the Al Aska mosque in Jerusalem, third most holy place in Moslem

world. Arab nations flocked to this "sacred cause" to justify continued anti-Israeli actions.

President Thieu appointed Gen. Tran Shon Khiem as his new premier; Khiem's cabinet grew to 31 members. Through this action, Thieu strengthened his grip on the political stage by including supporters of his political philosophy.

Ho Chi Minh, President of North Viet Nam, died quietly in his sleep. Red leaders throughout the world attended the funeral in Hanoi last week. South Viet Nam's President Thieu, said that Ho Chi Minh's death would make the North's situation even more confused.

Tensions grew as the Sino-Soviet chasm reportedly increased through continuing border clashes of which little evidence has been seen by outside observers. Unconfirmed accusations and denials are the song sung by both governments.

Czechoslovakia marked its first anniversary of the Soviet takeover by mass protests throughout the streets of Prague, Brno, and Bratislava.

An apparent calm fell over strife-ridden Northern Ireland. Troubles had stemmed

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## 1969 'Aspects' Issue On Sale This Week

The issue of Aspects now on sale incorporates two school years in one magazine with 22 contributors, a record high. Nineteen names appear under the staff heading with Editor Eileen O'Grady heading the staff.

Out of 28 original entries emerge seven short stories, five essays, and sixteen poems. Contributors range from alumni (George Watson) to administration (Dean Wilde) to students. Art work for the magazine was created by Nann Brown, Rick Khol, Robin Rawlings, and Beth Lilley. Features of special interest in this

issue include a humorous repartee between Tom Mowbray and Dean Wilde and "Two Man Showing," an exhibition of the work of Wesleyan's poet laureates, Baxter C. Smith III and Edward F. Smith III.

The color scheme of pink, orange, and red attracts attention and updates the ideal of Aspects as Wesleyan's literary magazine.

Three new programs have been instituted in order to update Aspects even more. First, Aspects has an office. Dean Wilde and Mr. Sawyer appropriated the former DE-CREE office to Aspects, hop-

ing that a physical headquarters will give the magazine substantiality.

Second, freshman material is being compiled and will go on sale with the regular edition at a nominal additional fee of 25 cents. The object of this is to capture freshman interest and to introduce the freshman contributors to the student body.

Third, Aspects' format is changing from the annual 75 cents edition to four editions yearly at 25 cents each. The new magazine will follow the idea of a newspaper tabloid and will encourage more sales and

more varied contributions. This measure will go into effect after the sale of the 1969 Aspects and freshman supplement in September.

Tentative deadlines are the 10th of October, December, February, and April.

In summation, Aspects looks as though last year's depression helped rather than hurt. This year will be the tester, but it's off to a flying start with the package deal for \$1 on sale now.

Contributions of art and literature will be accepted at any time and considered promptly.