Chronicle wins seven awards

The (Fredericksburg, Texas) Standard. "I'd like to subscribe to the Chronicle it's that good -- even though I live halfway across the country."

As for the first-place award in appearance and design, Paul Durham of the Diboll, Texas, Free Press, noted, "Seldom have we seen a weekly with such sharp, clean layout throughout."

Diboll, in awarding the top spot in use of photographs, praised Chronicle photographer James Parker for his "technical competence and creativity" while saying that the Chronicle is "an excellent example of how photographs can and should be used in weekly newspapers."

In the feature writing category, former Chronicle Assistant Editor Robin Adams,

who is now a part-time reporter for the paper, won first place for her story on "Alzheimer's Disease: This Century's Medical Mystery."

Professor Martin J. Gibson of the University of Texas at Austin's Journalism Department judged the category and said that Ms. Adams "does a fine job of telling us about this disease by focusing on one of us -- one of the townspeople."

Gibson also judged the community service entries and awarded the Chronicle third place for its extensive coverage of the Deborah Sykes murder and the arrest and trial of Darryl Hunt, the defendant in the

"In our opinion," Gibson wrote, "the newspaper gave its readership the kind of coverage that readers probably did not get from other area media sources. ... This newspaper showed enterprise and the willingness to reach beyond coverage one might anticipate in light of a major crime."

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Judge Bill Bishop of The Bastrop County Times in Smithfield, Texas, said he awarded the third place in editorials to the Chronicle on "guts alone."

"I don't think this writer will win over many not already believers, but what the heck. I bet he/she has a lot of readers," Bishop said.

Ms. Adams also was awarded a thirdplace award for news writing for an article called "Livingstone Students Give Jesse Cold Reception."

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Ronald McNair

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showing together our grief and sadness, perhaps we may find the strength to bear our sorrow and the courage to renew our hope. Words will never suffice to measure the horror and sacrifice of those we have lost. They were very different, yet in their mission, their quest, they held so much in common with one another -- and with us."

Mayor Forbis also read from a Greensboro City Council resolution that praised McNair as an honorable man who loved his country.

Although each speaker remembered McNair in his own personal way, each stressed that McNair's struggle for excellence must be continued by today's and tomorrow's students.

"The greatest tribute we can give him is to be as great as he said Dr. James Gooch, president of A&T's national alumni association.

Dr. James Johnson, chairman of the faculty senate, called McNair a great American and compared him with Booker T. Washington, Denmark Vessey and Mary McLeod Bethune.

The struggle and spirit of McNair must be continued at A&T and around the world so other McNairs may come into their own, said Jackson, himself a presidential contender in 1984.

"There are some potential Ronald McNairs out there," said Jackson. "There are some Ronald McNairs all over this building today."

As a tribute to McNair, Fort presented the students in the space shuttle program a plaque in honor of McNair from the Guilford County Board of Commissioners. The plaque will be permanently enshrined in the building where the space shuttle program is housed. In addition, Ahrens told the audience that

McNair's name will be engraved on the two payloads the students are preparing for a future space shuttle mission.

Ahrens told the audience that, during the weeks when McNair was preparing for this shuttle mission, he asked the school to send him something with A&T's name on it. McNair, said Ahrens, had an Aggie pennant and a picture of the school's mascot, a bulldog, on board with him when he died.

Dr. Samuel Massenberg, university affairs officer for NASA and an A&T graduate. said McNair was a Renaissance

A&T's memorial service for McNair and the six others who died aboard the Challenger was carried live by several television and radio stations. For many, it was the only way to see and hear the program.

The words, "I can't believe they didn't use the bigger Corbett Sports Center," were said over and over.

One lady standing just outside the gym's interior door, drove from Dunn, approximately 150 miles away, to attend the service. And, although she could hear only bits and pieces of the service. she stood the entire 90 minutes.

After all, it was a fellow Aggie she was remembering.

Tisdale's friend

January that charges could be filed against Tisdale pending the outcome of the Oakley case. Whether to charge Tisdale in a

case such as this, is the decision of the officer at the scene of the accident (Miss Setzer), Moreau said. As in any case, he said, the officer may receive advice or guidance from superiors.

Capt. B.R. Pearman is Setzer's superior. Pearman said he is referring all questions about the case to Assistant Chief Sweat. Sweat was unavailable for comment at press time.

Tisdale, whose office prosecutes all drunk-driving-related cases, has been personally involved in such cases before. In 1981, he pleaded guilty in Greensboro to DWI charges, received a suspended 29-day jail sentence and paid a \$100 fine. He also paid \$31 in court costs and at-

tended a state-sponsored DWI school.

Aiding and abetting a drunk driver is called "allowing" in police terminology. It is a common-law violation that refers to helping someone commit a crime. According to police warrants, allowing DWI is "unlawfully and willfully allowing another person to operate a vehicle while subject to an impairing substance."

Allowing violators are charged under the DWI statutes but are punished under separate statutes. The violator may be a fined up to \$100 and must be sentenced to prison for from one to 60 days. The term of imprisonment can be suspended and community service, one day's sentence and special probation, or loss of driving privileges for 30 days, or any combination of the conditions

may be required instead.

Tisdale was unavailable for comment on Wednesday morn-

Assistant District Attorney Walter Holden appeared in court on Jan. 7 to prosecute the case. Miss Oakley is being represented by attorney Dan Johnson.

The accident occurred at the 1700 block of Reynolda Road at 12:16 a.m. Tisdale's car collided with a 1979 Honda driven by Todd Apperson Mercy of Charlotte, causing \$3,000 damage to Mercy's vehicle and \$1,200 damage to Tisdale's car. Tisdale suffered a cracked bone in his foot.

Tisdale said in January that he was not drunk on the night of the accident. He said he would have been charged if the police thought he had done anything



\$10,000 raised

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arrested to satisfy an angry white public and then prosecuted on no real evidence. Stennis said Conference

members have decided to let the numerous checks collected during the program clear before sending the money directly to Hunt's appeal lawyers. Hunt is being represented by James Ferguson and Adam Stein, of the Charlotte-based Ferguson, Stein, Watt, Wallace and Atkins law firm.

Stein, who works out of the firm's office in Chapel Hill, said Thursday that a proposed record on appeal is due to be filed in the state Supreme Court by Feb. 14. Stein said the defense team will file appropriate motions before

An overflow crowd of more than 2,000 packed the church Jan. 20 to hear speakers and choirs commemorate the life of Dr. King on the first national holiday in his honor. They also entertained a special appeal by the Rev. John Mendez, the cochairman of the Darryl Hunt

Defense Committee.

Mendez asked the audience to remember Dr. King by supporting the cause King believed in most: justice. Mendez led off a roll call of the Conference's member-churches with a \$1,000 check from his own church, Emmanuel Baptist. Mendez said the Conference

had asked the ministers to gather collections from their various

congregations before the program. He estimated that 80 percent of the money came from the

"This should send a message to (District Attorney Donald K.) Tisdale and others downtown that you can't just railroad someone and then expect people to sit by and do nothing," Mendez said Friday. "It's particularly

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