

## African-American History Month celebrates culture, contributions



KSC employees enjoy an array of food offered during the African-American breakfast held at the Space Station Processing Facility. The breakfast, which was held in place of the traditional luncheon, attracted a sellout crowd of 224 people.



THROUGHOUT the month of February the contributions of Kennedy Space Center's African-American employees were highlighted during activities planned to commemorate African-American History Month. In the photo at left, Fred Gregory, associate administrator of the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance at NASA Headquarters, speaks at the Training Auditorium Feb. 2 on the month's theme "Building for Tomorrow on the Foundation of Our Past." Prior to accepting his current position in 1992, Gregory logged 455 hours in space as a pilot on STS-51-B, and spacecraft commander on STS-33 and STS-44. In the photo below, Kimberley Jenkins, chairperson of the Black Employee Strategy Team, presents a plaque to Amanda Harris, deputy director of Safety and Mission Assurance at Marshall Space Flight Center. Harris spoke at the BEST breakfast, Feb. 14.



## Torch bearers to carry Olympic spirit through Kennedy Space Center

Kennedy Space Center will be well represented when the Olympic flame passes through Brevard County and the space center on its way to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. At least 22 KSC employees will be among those carrying the flame through Central Florida after it begins its journey in Los Angeles.

The number of KSC employees selected surprised even the organizers of the event.

"We had a disproportionate number selected from Brevard," said Judy McGinty, director of Community Initiative and Fund Raising for the United Way of Brevard County. The United Way agency was used nationwide as the local coordinating group for the torch teams.

McGinty said the selection process was complicated by the fact that candidates from Brevard, Orange, Seminole and Lake counties were all chosen by a team of 24 judges at a central judging site in Orlando. Two-thirds of the more than 400 nominations received at that location were sent in from Brevard County, McGinty said.



the positions.

Marty Winkel, a Lockheed Martin Space Operations Company employee who assists with KSC's intercenter runs and coordinates running events for the Space Coast Runners organization, said he was pleasantly surprised to learn he had been selected for the relay.

"I knew my wife had put my name in but I guess a couple other people did too," he said.

Team members have been given T-shirts and hats with the Olympic emblem but won't be told until a few weeks before the event

Olympics officials told the United Way that a number of the positions would be allotted to KSC employees to carry the flame through the center. Application forms were distributed to all KSC employees, who were encouraged to nominate themselves or others for

where exactly they will carry the flame.

The relay begins April 27 in Los Angeles after the flame is delivered from Greece. It is scheduled to arrive in Atlanta July 19.

Torch bearers were selected on the basis of outstanding contributions to the community. Kennedy Space Center employees selected include:

**NASA employees Robert Nagy Jr., Lee Davies, Joanne Maceo, Jill Burkard, Jane Hodges and Loren Shriver; EG&G employees Thomas Arceneaux, Kathleen Weaver and Maria Emmick; Lockheed Martin Space Operations Company employees Michael Phillips, Claude Overfelt, Robin Seymour, Mike Chappell, Marty Winkel, Sara Delmonte, Tom Grimm and Michael McCulley; McDonnell Douglas Space and Defense Systems employees Donna Hoven and Thomas Anderson; Rockwell International Corp. employees Theresa Clifton and Richard Unrue and Analysis & Technology Inc. employee Deborah Prongue.**