

Dr. Ronald McNair to lecture

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Dr. Ronald McNair, one of three black astronauts selected for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space shuttle program, will speak at the University of California, San Diego at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Mandeville Auditorium.

The free lecture is sponsored by the university's Black Science Student Organization. The theme of the lecture is "New Frontiers" and McNair is scheduled to discuss the space shuttle and the future of NASA's space program.

Dr. Percy Russell, associate professor of biology and assistant dean of the UC San Diego School of Medicine, and a representative from the General Dynamics cruise missile program also will speak during the two-hour program.

McNair was a physicist for Hughes Aircraft when he was selected for the space shuttle. He is now in training at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The shuttle is scheduled to be launched this fall. The shuttle crew will conduct scientific experiments while the shuttle is in orbit and faculty members at UC San Diego are among scientists nationwide currently developing research projects to be part of the shuttle mission.

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