

A&T Alumni Give Support To Sitdowns

The sitdown movement of college students at variety store lunch counters was given the endorsement of the A&T College Alumni Association at their annual meeting here yesterday.

The group also voted to contribute to the legal defense of students arrested on charges resulting from the movement designed to force service at lunch counters previously serving only white people.

The association paid tribute to Warmoth T. Gibbs, who is retiring as college president this year, and called the college's admission to full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools the outstanding achievement of the scholastic year.

Other resolutions adopted by the group:

1. Commended Gibbs for loyal service to the college and the state during the past 34 years.

2. Pledged full support and cooperation to the newly-elected president, Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, currently president of Virginia Union University in Richmond, Va.

3. Adopted a program calling for an increase in the scholarship fund this year.

Howard C. Barnhill of Charlotte, head of the organization, reported 30 chapters of the association had contributed \$10,000 to college scholarship fund.