astronauts their first flight is generally the the thing that's most exciting from that's the thing that they remember the most and I still remember rocketing up going from zero velocity to 18,000 miles an hour and about eight and a half minutes so the ride up was excited and then the view our orbit is spectacular you get to see the earth from 150 260 miles up and you realize how wonderful this planet is and you get very pretty vistas and that sort of thing and then the other thing that I enjoyed was zero-g and the freedom that
you have in zero-g so for me flying in

space was a wonderful experience

I was excited about flying on STS a I

recognized that I was opening the door

for other African Americans to fly in

space but I was also part of a team with

reference to learning how to fly the

shuttle at night

as well as landing so I take a great

deal of pride in that not only for what

we did as a team

so from my contribution to opening