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The 41st Sit-In Movement Anniversary Events

... Leadership 2001



The Observance of the 41st Anniversary of the trail-blazing “sit-down protest” at the F.W. Woolworth lunch counter on Monday, February 1, 1960, by the Greensboro Four: Franklin McCain, David L. Richmond, Joseph McNeil and Ezell Blair Jr., later known as Jibreel Khazan

February 1-3, 2001

**Theme: “Understanding Our Responsibilities
and Utilizing Our Power”**

**North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina**

The Greensboro Four

JIBREEL KHAZAN (Ezell Blair Jr.)

A native of Greensboro, N.C. Khazan graduated from Dudley High School. He earned a B.S. degree in sociology from A&T in 1963. Currently, he is an evaluator for the CETA program in New Bedford, MA. He has also worked with the AFL/CIO Trade Council in Boston, the Opportunities Industrialization Center, and the Rodman Job Corps Center. He is married to the former Lorraine France George of New Bedford. They have three children.

FRANKLIN EUGENE McCAIN

McCain was born in Union County, N.C., but he grew up in Washington, D.C. After graduating from Eastern High School, he entered A&T and earned a B.S. degree in chemistry and biology in 1964. He worked as a chemist for the Celanese Corporation in Charlotte, N.C. from 1965 until his retirement. He also served as group leader in the Marketing Technical Department. McCain is married to the former Betty Davis. They have three sons.

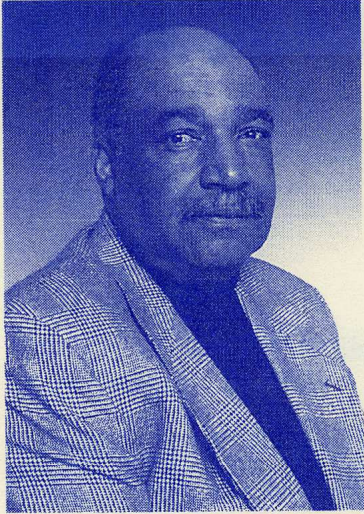
JOSEPH ALFRED McNEIL

A native of Wilmington, N.C., McNeil graduated from Williston Senior High School. He earned a degree in engineering physics from A&T in 1963. McNeil served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Captain and the rank of Major General in the reserves. He has worked in computer sales for IBM, as a commercial banker for Bankers Trust in New York City and currently as an aviation safety inspector in Valley Stream, NY. He is married to the former Ina Brown. They have five children.

THE LATE DAVID LEINAIL RICHMOND

Richmond was born in Greensboro, N.C. and graduated from Dudley High School. He entered A&T in the fall of 1959 and majored in business administration and accounting. After leaving A&T, he became a counselor-coordinator for the CETA program in Greensboro, a position that permitted him to assist disadvantaged youth and adults. Richmond died in Greensboro on December 7, 1990. He is survived by two children.

* The Greensboro Four were awarded honorary doctorates from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University at commencement in 1991.



Human Rights Medal Recipient

Lewis A. Brandon III

Brandon, is described by his friends and colleagues as a man who has a love for freedom, justice and equality. A native of Asheville, N.C., Brandon is a science teacher at Smith High School in Greensboro. Brandon received his B.S. in biology and M.S. in education from A&T.

Brandon was a student organizer during the early 1960s when he was matriculating at North Carolina A&T State University. As a member of the Student Executive Committee for Justice, he played a key role in formulating protest strategies during the civil rights demonstrations of the 1960s.

Brandon's activism did not stop during the 60s. He continued in the struggle for social, political and economic justice in his community. He was actively involved in CORE (Congress of Racial Equality), Greensboro Association of Poor People and NAACP. Today he continues to play an active role in the struggle for social justice with the Beloved Community Center.

A community leader, Brandon was vice chairman of Forcast 2015, Guilford County's long range planning process. Brandon is affiliated with numerous organizations including the Greensboro Branch of the NAACP, the Black Child Development Institute (Greensboro) and the Piedmont Land Conservancy (founding member). He also is a member of the North Carolina Board of Licensing of Geologist, Beloved Community Center and Uplift Inc. Additionally, he is a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators (Guilford County Unit), National Education Association, the N.C. A&T Alumni Association and the A&T Aggie Club.

In 1986, Brandon was elected to the Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. At present, he is serving as chairman of the board.

Brandon has received awards for his participation in the Sit-In Movement including the One Community Award, February One Society and the Sit-In Participant Award, Sit-In Movement Inc. Additionally, he received the Service Award, Greensboro Senior Club; the United Negro College Fund Meritorious Service Award; and the 1974 Man of the Year Award (Greensboro Branch of the NAACP). He was recognized by the African American Atelier, Inc., Men of Distinction and was honored by the Greensboro Peacemaker (Citation of Honor - Greensboro 100).

An amateur photographer, Brandon's works have appeared in numerous publications. He has developed a chronicled collection of photographs of many of his community activities.

Thursday, February 1st

7:00 a.m.

Sit-In Breakfast

Williams Cafeteria Annex

Musical Interlude Greg Drumwright and The Magnificent Voices of Praise
A&T Student Group

7:30 a.m.

Program

Nikkita Mitchell, *Presiding*
President, Student Government Association

Prayer Zenya Cleveland
President, Bennett College SGA

Music "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*" April Johnson
A&T Student

Greetings Brian Johnson
Vice President for Internal Affairs, SGA

Nicole Watlington
Miss A&T

Music Greg Drumwright and The Magnificent Voices of Praise

The Significance of February 1, 1960 Dr. Franklin McCain

Presentations Chancellor James C. Renick

Special Awards
Human Rights Medal

Dialogue with Students and Community

Closing "*We Shall Overcome*"

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

I

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

II

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

III

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

2:00 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion

Gibbs Hall 123

“Sit-In Movement and Civil Rights: The Struggle Continues”

Dr. Claude Barnes Jr., Chair

Political Science Department

Dr. Millicent Brown

Department of History

Allison Walser, President

Political Science Society

Student Leadership Conference

Friday, February 2nd

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Conference Registration/Hospitality

Memorial Union Ballroom

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Opening Session I

Donna Coletrane, *Presiding*

Aggie Angels

Speaker: Lewis A. Brandon III, *Keynote Address*

Human Rights Medal Recipient

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Session II

Memorial Union Ballroom

Allison Walser, *Presiding*

Political Science Society

**“Understanding Our Responsibilities
and Utilizing Our Power”**

*As young leaders of the new millennium, we inevitably acquire two things: **responsibility and power**. This session will focus on the who, what, when, where, why, and how to effectively understand and utilize our power and responsibility.*

Speaker: Dr. Olenda Johnson

School of Business and Economics

6:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Break

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Session III

Memorial Union Ballroom

“Bush vs. Gore” Supreme Court Decision

Moderator: Dr. Claude Barnes Jr.

Chair, Political Science Department

Dr. James Steele, Department of Political Science

Attorney Margaret Dudley, Department of Political Science

8:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Pizza Party

Memorial Union Ballroom

Saturday, February 3rd

Kassandra Hart, *Presiding*
Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Opening Forum

Webb Hall

Presenters

Former North Carolina A&T SGA Presidents
and Former North Carolina A&T COP Presidents

“Balancing of Self and Organizational Demands”

Speakers: David Miller and D. Tyrell McGirt

“Utilizing Leadership Skills in Corporate America”

Throughout high school and college we are taught to join every organization, play every sport, lead every function while attempting to accumulate the best GPA as possible...and for most of us, these were attainable goals. What happens when you reach the realms of corporate America and your scholastic achievements are no longer applicable to your positions. This session will focus on how to make that transition from academia to the professional world.

Speaker: Melanie Ellis

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Session I

Webb Hall Auditorium

Brian Graham, *Presiding*
ALOBAM Accounting Society

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

“The Power of Breakfast and Fast Breaks”

Wake up 7:15 just in time for that 8 o'clock class...forget about breakfast. Almost forgot about that meeting with my professor at 11:00...no time for lunch...the closest snack machine (Snickers and a Mountain Dew, maybe)...let's see one hour until time to go to work...eat or sleep?...eat or sleep?...no time to contemplate. Does this sound like a typical day for you? Well, this session will focus on the importance of eating balanced meals and seeking a healthy attitude towards those quick snack breaks.

Speaker: Greg Eason – Certified Nutritionist
Health Nuts, Inc.

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<i>Session II</i> Ashante Allen, <i>Presiding</i> Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority	Webb Hall Auditorium
	“Let’s Get Physical...Exercising Responsibilities” <i>Between the hustle and bustle of our days with classes, meetings, study groups, tests, organizations, and the occasional game...who has time to exercise? This session will focus on the importance of exercise and how to incorporate exercise into your daily routine.</i> Speaker: Carl Baker, Director of Intramural Sports North Carolina A&T State University	
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch	Webb Hall Lower Lobby
1:45 – 3:00 p.m.	<i>Session III</i> Byron Simpson, <i>Presiding</i> National Society of Black Engineers	Webb Auditorium
	Theme: “Mirrors vs. Windows” <i>As leaders we have two kinds of glass that we are able to look out of, mirrors and windows. A mirror is the glass that only allows us to see our reflection and selfish ambitions while the individuals who are seeking our leadership are standing in the background. A window is the glass that allows us to see our image vaguely, while allowing us to see more clearly those that we are put before to lead. This session will focus on striving to be the kind of leaders who look out of windows and not mirrors.</i> Speaker: Lolalisa D. King Local Entrepreneur	
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Conference Evaluation	
9:00 p.m.	“Stop the Violence Increase the Peace” <i>Go Go Gym Jam</i>	Moore Gym Metro Aggie Club

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