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# The 42<sup>nd</sup> Sit-In Movement Anniversary Events

...Leadership 2002



*The Observance of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the trail-blazing "sit-down protest" at the F. W. Woolworth lunch counter on Monday, February 1, 1960, by the A&T Four: Franklin McCain, David L. Richmond, Joseph McNeil and Ezell Blair Jr., later known as Jibreel Khazan*

February 1-2, 2002

**Theme: "Echoes of Our Heritage...Embracing Our Future"**

*The Division of Student Affairs  
Dr. Roselle Wilson, Vice Chancellor*

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
Greensboro, North Carolina

## The A&T Four

### **Dr. 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.

### **Dr. 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.

### **Dr. 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 inspector in Valley Stream, NY. He is married to the former Ina Brown. They have five children.

### **Dr. 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 A&T Four were awarded honorary doctorates from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University at commencement in 1991.*

## **RONALD S. McNEIL**

### **A BIO**

#### **About Ron McNeil:**

Dr. McNeil, the great-great-great grandson of Chief Sitting Bull and son of Joseph McNeil (one of the A&T four), served as the President of the American Indian College Fund and is currently President of Sitting Bull College, a tribally controlled college in North Dakota. A member of the Hunkpapa band of the Lakota Sioux Nation, McNeil is a graduate of the University of South Dakota Law School. Prior to earning his law degree, Dr. McNeil graduated from Black Hills State University with a Baccalaureate Degree in Political Science and was also a student at Standing Rock College in 1982-83 where he majored in Criminal Justice. Ron McNeil worked in a private law practice in South Dakota before turning his professional interest to Indian education.

From 1991-1993 McNeil was the President of Standing Rock College, where he taught federal Indian Law and tribal government. In 1993-1995 McNeil was selected as President of the American Indian College Fund and through his work actively raised funds from the private sector to support 29 Indian colleges in the United States. In 1996, McNeil returned to serve as President of Sitting Bull College and under his leadership, the college formally changed its name from Standing Rock College to Sitting Bull College, earned 10-year accreditation status, and added five four-year programs to the curriculum.

President McNeil has been actively involved in promoting economic development for the Standing Rock Reservation through several programs. 1) The Tribal Business Information Center provides technical assistance in business development for residents of Standing Rock. 2) The Sitting Bull College Construction Company provides jobs for graduates of the building trades program as well as local contractors. 3) Sitting Bull College is an invited participant in the Ford's Foundation's Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI), providing economic leadership and serving as an agent for community development.

Dr. Ron McNeil currently serves as a board member for the American Indian College Fund, American Indian Higher Education Consortium, North Dakota Tribal College Association, and the North Dakota Historical Society.

Friday, February 1, 2002

**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

William Dudley, Jr., *Presiding*  
Vice President of Internal Affairs, Student Government Association, N.C. A&T

Posting of the Colors.....Air Force Junior ROTC Honor Guard, Dudley High School

Prayer.....Greg Drumwright, SGA President, N.C. A&T

Music.....Ms. Patricia Gainer, Vocalist  
Black National Anthem

Greetings.....Mr. Ralph Shelton , Chairperson – N. C. A&T Board of Trustees  
Ms. April McNeill, SGA President - Bennett College  
Jafarr Bertram, President of the Council of Presidents, N.C. A&T

Introduction of the A&T Four.....William Dudley

Introduction of  
Guest Speaker.....Jeanelle Feimster, Miss N.C. A&T State University, 2001-2002

Guest Speaker.....Dr. Ron McNeil, President Sitting Bull College  
Fort Yates, North Dakota

***“The Significance of February 1, 1960”***

Presentation of Human Rights Medal & Remarks..... Chancellor James C. Renick

***VIDEO PRESENTATION (February One Monument)***  
***Department of Speech and Communications Arts Department***

**8:45 a.m.**     Adjournment to the  
**UNVEILING OF THE FEBRUARY ONE MONUMENT**  
Mr. Obrie Smith, President of the A&T Foundation



*Human Rights Medalist Recipient*

**Rosemarie Freeney-Harding**

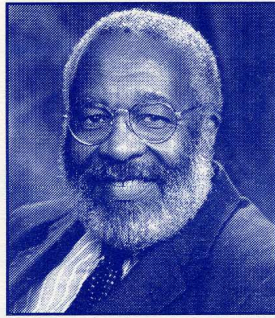
Counselor. Organizer. Writer. Healer. Advocate. For over forty years, Rosemarie Freeney-Harding has worked as a national and international peace and racial reconciliation activist, beginning in the 1950's in Chicago and later in the Southern Freedom Movement as an associate of the Mennonite Central Committee.

In addition, she has taught in public and private schools, done social work in Illinois, Georgia, and Colorado, and served as an organizational relations consultant to various groups and institutions. Ms. Freeney-Harding gives lectures and conducts workshops on aspects of Peacemaking, Reconciliation, Mystic Spirituality, Empowerment of Women, and Personal and Societal Healing. She also facilitates retreats on these issues for many religious, community, and educational organizations.

Rosemarie Freeney-Harding is co-chairperson of the Veterans of Hope Project, an interdisciplinary initiative on religion, culture and democratic renewal located at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. She is also the Project's special consultant for workshops and training and a member of the adjunct faculty at Iliff and the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work.

In 1997, she was awarded the Peace Fellowship at the Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College at Harvard University where she began work on a manuscript on the conjunction of mysticism, social change and family history in her lifelong work as an activist and counselor.

Rosemarie Freeney-Harding has a private practice integrating Gratitude Therapy, Feldenkrais, and family and personal counseling in Denver, Colorado.



## *Human Rights Medalist Recipient*

### **Vincent Harding**

Vincent Harding is a native of New York City, a graduate of the City College of New York and Columbia University, and holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. From 1961 to 1964, he and his wife, Rosemarie Freeney-Harding, worked in various capacities as full-time teachers, activists and negotiators in the Southern Freedom movement. In 1968, after several years as a chairperson of the history and sociology department at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, working with Mrs. Coretta King, he became the founding director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center, and also served as the chairperson of the nationally televised "Black Heritage" series. Harding was one of the organizers and the first Director of the Atlanta-based Institute of the Black World, serving from 1969 to 1974.

After several research opportunities and visiting professorships in the Philadelphia and Durham areas, Harding has been Professor of Religion and Social Transformation at the Iliff School of Theology on the University of Denver campus since 1981. He has lectured widely in this country and overseas on history, religion, literature, and contemporary issues. With his family, he has been active in various movements for peace and justice in this country and overseas. He and Rosemarie conduct workshops and lead retreats on the connections between personal spirituality and social responsibility. Harding was senior academic advisor to the award-winning PBS television series, "Eyes on the Prize." He is currently co-chairperson of the Veterans of Hope Project: A Center for the Study of Religion and Democratic Renewal, based at Iliff.

Harding's essays, articles, and poetry have been published in books, journals, and newspapers. His best-known book, *There is a River*, has been in print for almost two decades, and recently appeared in a new paperback edition from Harvest Books (Harcourt Brace). One of his latest books is *Hope and History*, a work that calls attention to the issues and lessons available to teachers in the story of the modern African-American freedom movement. Harding's most recent publication is Martin Luther King: *The Inconvenient Hero* (Orbis, 1996). Focusing on the last years of King's life, this series of essays reflects on how we might take King's closing years as a challenge and resource for the future of our nation. In 1997 he worked with Robin Kelly and Earl Lewis to produce a text for high school students, *To Make Our World Anew: A History of African Americans* (Oxford).

# **FEBRUARY ONE ...THE UNVEILING**

**February 1, 2002**

**9 a.m.**

**In front of the Dudley Building**

**Presiding, Provost Carolyn Meyers**

**Greetings.....James C. Renick  
Chancellor**

**Invocation.....Joseph Morefield  
A&T Student**

**Musical Medley.....University Choir**

**Importance of Sculpture.....Ralph Shelton  
Chairman, Board of Trustees**

**Recognition of Guests.....Colleen Grotsky  
Executive Assistant to the Chancellor**

**Introduction of Sculptor.....Ebonie Johnson-Cooper  
A&T Student**

**Remarks from Sculptor.....James Barnhill  
A&T Professor**

**Introduction of A&T Four.....Nikia Isley-George  
A&T Student**

**Remarks from A&T Four.....David "Chip" Richmond (Son of the late David Richmond)  
Joseph McNeil  
Jibreel Khazan  
Franklin McCain**

**Unveiling of February One Monument**

**Alma Mater.....University Gospel Choir**



**Council of Presidents  
Student Leadership Conference**

**Friday February 1, 2002**

3:00-4:00p.m.  
Hospitality  
Hall

Conference Registration/  
Memorial Union/Exhibit

4:00 p.m.

Opening Session I  
Memorial Union /Exhibit Hall

*Round Table Discussion With the  
Human Rights Medalist and the A&T Four :  
Current Issues in Social Justice and Human Rights*

**Presiding:** Dr. Judy Rashid,  
Dean of Students NCA&T  
State University

**Moderator:** Dr. Claude Barnes, Jr.  
Chair Political Science Dept.  
NCA&T State University

5:00p.m.  
Reception  
Memorial Union

Exhibit Hall

5:30 -6:30p.m.

Aggie Sit-In Tour  
Memorial Union  
Lobby Court Area

**Saturday February 2, 2002**

9:00-9:30a.m.

Conference Registration/Hospitality  
Stallings Ballroom  
Lobby Area

9:30 -10:45a.m.

Opening Session II  
Stallings Ballroom

***Forum: Leadership Now and in the Future***

***The former COP and SGA Presidents give their perspectives of how their leadership positions at A&T have helped them to lead in the professional world. This session will deal with the opportunities that leadership positions in college provide for student leaders in the future.***

**Presiding:** Jafarr Bertram  
President, Council Of Presidents, 2001  
NCA&T State University

**Speakers:** Riza Jenkins, Former  
President, Council Of Presidents, 2000  
Keith Bryant, Former  
SGA President 1994

10:45 –11:00a.m.

Break

11:00a.m-12:30p.m.

***The Cutting Edge for Careers***

**Presiding:** Steven Cole  
Student Director, A&T  
Fellowship Gospel Choir

**Speaker:** Carolyn Mark  
Associate Director, Career Services

***With all that is happening in today's society, students are constantly looking for ways to stand out amongst the competition. Jobs are becoming increasingly competitive, especially due to the economic downturn of our nation. This session will include tips that students can use to make themselves more marketable in today's struggling economy and gain a cutting edge on the competition.***

12:30-1:30p.m.

Luncheon

**Presiding:** Jaquan Thompson,  
SGA Senator

**Speaker:** Mr. Cameron S. Falkener  
Senior Account Manager, First Medica, Inc.

**“Echoes Of Our Heritage ... Embracing Our Future”**

1:30-2:45p.m.

Afternoon Session  
Stallings Ballroom

***The Impact of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attack on student leadership***

**Presiding:** William Dudley Jr.  
Vice President, Internal Affairs, SGA

**Speaker:** Dr. Claude Barnes, Jr.  
Chair, Department, Political Science  
NCA&T State University

*This session will describe how the attack has affected the economy and therefore, has also affected the need for students to be active leaders in order to make themselves more appealing to companies when searching for jobs after graduation.*

2:45-3:50p.m.

***Stress Management: A Look Into The Mind's Eye***

**Presiding:** Najah Palmer  
Vice President, Psychology Club

**Speaker:** Dr. Roxanna Anderson  
Chair, Department of Psychology  
Bennett College

*Many student leaders strive for academic excellence and attempt to maintain the highest GPA possible. As work continues to pile up in classes and deadlines have to be met in extracurricular activities, students become more and more stressed. This session focuses on tips that students can use to manage stressful situations necessary to excel in college while maintaining leadership positions in extracurricular activities.*

3:50-5:00p.m.

Closing Session  
**Presiding:** Priscilla Bullock  
Assistant Secretary, COP  
NCA&T State University

## **Biographical Sketches of Conference Presenters**

### **Riza Jenkins**

Riza Jenkins served as president of Council Of Presidents 2000-2001 and currently she is North Carolina Coordinator of the Voter Empowerment Program for the NAACP.

### **Keith Bryant**

Keith Bryant a 1996 graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and recent candidate for Greensboro City Council. While pursuing a degree in Mathematics Education, Keith was elected to several key local and state positions. In 1994, he was elected student body president and member of the NCA&T Trustee Board. The following year, Keith became the first student from a Historically Black University, to be elected to represent, over 150,000 students of the University of North Carolina sixteen-campus system, as UNC-Association of Student Governments President and UNC-Board of Governors member. Keith is Chair of the Board of Directors for Greensboro Academy, a public K-8<sup>th</sup> grade charter school located in Greensboro, NC.

### **Cameron S. Falkener**

A native of Greensboro, NC, grandson of Henry Falkener, a member of the NC State Senate and a founding member of Agricultural & Mechanical College (Now NCA&T State University) and a member of its faculty and of Margaret Mitchell Falkener, founder of Music Education at NCA&TSU and first woman supervisor of Guilford County Schools a for Negroes. Son of the Late Greensboro City Councilman Waldo C. Falkener, Sr. and Margaret Evans Falkener, former English Professor at NCA&TSU. Attended Guilford County public schools and graduated from Howard University, B.S. Business Management/Minor in Sociology, Dan Mohr School of Real Estate, and Dale Carnegie Professional Development Program. Currently, Falkener is Senior Account Manager for First Medica, Inc. Greensboro, NC.

### **Dr. Claude Barnes, Jr.**

Dr. Claude Barnes, Jr. is the Interim Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at North Carolina A&T State University. Dr. Barnes received a B.A. in Political Science from North Carolina A&T State University and he received both the M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University. His teaching and research interests include Research Methods, Transportation Policy, Urban Political Economy, and African American Politics.

### **Carolyn R. Mark**

Carolyn R. Mark is Associate Director of the University's Office of Career Services. She has been with the Office since 1992. Before coming to A& T, she worked as Director of Admissions at Bennett College, where she served 14 years in various positions. Mrs. Mark received her B.S. and M.S. from North Carolina A&T State University.

### **Dr. Roxanna Anderson**

Dr. Roxanna Anderson is a full-time faculty member at Bennett College in the Psychology Department. She is responsible for teaching courses in social psychology, health psychology, psychology of religion, statistics, and general psychology. She also serves as an adjunct assistant professor here at NCA&T, where she teaches Industrial and Organizational Psychology and general psychology. Dr. Anderson has spent the last couple of years investigating self-esteem and its antecedents. She has presented papers at national and regional conferences on the relationship of self-esteem, religion, and psychological adjustment among African American women in Black churches.

# *Sit-In Anniversary Celebration Committee*

February 1, 2002



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