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NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

51st Sit-In Anniversary Breakfast Celebration

"Saluting our past; Securing our future"



2009 Photo by Charles

The A&T Four (Left to Right): Son of the late Dr. David L. Richmond, Dr. Franklin McCain, Dr. Ezell Blair Jr., (MAHAJI Ras-Ala -A.K.A. Jibreel Khazan), and Dr. Joseph McNeil.

February 1, 2011

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The Significance of February 1, 1960

The Observance of the Sit-In Anniversary celebrates the trail-blazing "sit-down lunch counter protest" at the F. W. Woolworth in Downtown Greensboro, N.C., on Monday, February 1, 1960, by the A&T Four - Drs. Franklin McCain, Mahaji El-Mi'Raji Apostle Jibreel Khazan, Philosopher of Hope-Disciple of Truth (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David L. Richmond, and Joseph McNeil.

As A&T freshmen students in 1960, Blair (later known as Khazan), McCain, McNeil and Richmond requested service at the segregated lunch counter of the F. W. Woolworth's store in downtown Greensboro, North Carolina. After being refused service, they sat at the lunch counter until closing. The next day twenty-five other students from A&T and other Greensboro colleges and universities joined them. During the next ten days, students across the state participated in similar sit-ins. By the third week of February 1960, demonstrations had spread to other states throughout the South. The "Sit-In Movement" spread to at least 250 major cities and towns in America in which over 400 demonstrations took place by the end of 1960. Millions of Americans joined this movement for equal rights. This led to: (1) The passage of the 1960 Civil Rights Bill; (2) The interstate commerce commission ruling in September, 1961, against racial segregation on interstate carriers and terminals and, (3) The first National Public Accommodations Act in 100 years (Khazan, 2004). By the end of July 1960, the "Greensboro Four" had succeeded. Woolworth's was desegregated. Dr. Jibreel Khazan recounts the following:

On Sunday night, January 31, 1960, we decided we were going to request equal service for all Americans at F.W. Woolworth's lunch counter on Monday, February 1, 1960. We thank our life giver, Rabboni Yashua Al-Masih, our Parents, Relatives, and Teachers. Friends, Believers in our life giver, Bishop Apostle Marcelino Manoel Da Graca, Mahatma Gandhi, Mrs. Rosa Parks, Drs. King and Abernathy, Their Families, SCLC, NAACP, Ms. Ella Baker, SNCC, Core, The Labor Movement, the Martyrs, I.B.P.O. Elks of the world, Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, F. & A. M., A. E., A. E. A. o. -Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and millions of Americans for "Helping to set the captives free." God sent us. We fulfilled the prophecy. All praises and thanks are due to our life giver for "Gods amazing grace."

The legacy of our four heroes proves the true potential and appeal of nonviolence. It was their protest that became the model and inspiration for later civil rights, anti-war, and women's liberation movements. Their courageous actions contributed to a chain of events that changed the destiny of Americans.

The A&T Four

Dr. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.)

Dr. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell A. Blair, Jr.), one of the **A&T Four**, was born in Greensboro, NC in 1941. He received his education from the Greensboro Public Schools. As a member of the Crown and Scepter Club and National Honor Society, Dr. Khazan received an academic scholarship to attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. During his tenure, he served as President of the Student Government Association and was an honor student. Dr. Khazan graduated in 1963 with a Bachelors of Science degree in sociology and social studies. He has studied at Howard University Law School, Massachusetts University in Dartmouth, Massachusetts in the field of education. He also studied voice at the New England Conservatory of Music. He received the honorary doctorate of humanities degree from A&T State University.

Dr. Khazan has served as a tutor/counselor for Rodman Job Corps Center, a minority history teacher at OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Center) in Boston, Mass., programming coordinator for Boston area construction trades program – AFL/CIO, skills teacher/counselor for CETA,. He taught a pilot course on Afriyqaan American history and for the New Bedford, Mass. public schools, and worked as program assistant for adults who are developmentally disabled. Dr. Khazan is a Mass-Star Story teller, Oracle, Oral Historian, and Lecturer.

Dr. Franklin Eugene McCain

Dr. Franklin McCain, one of the **A&T Four**, currently a resident of Charlotte, N.C. retired from the Hoechst Celanese Corporation Headquarters in New York, N.Y. and Charlotte, N.C... He held a number of positions in the technical and marketing/sales divisions, progressing from development chemist to division executive. Dr. McCain received the honorary doctorate of humanities from North Carolina A&T State University. He graduated from A&T with a B.S. degree in Chemistry and Biology. He did further study and training at N.C. State University, Princeton University, Farr Associate, Clemson University and American Management Association, New York, N.Y.

Dr. McCain has remained extremely active in his community while holding leadership positions in the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Bond Campaign for Mecklenburg County, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, to name a few. Dr. McCain is an Elder at Memorial Presbyterian Church and formerly sat on the Board of Visitors at Bennett College and the Board of Trustees at North Carolina Central University. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees at the Nivens Center for the Retarded, McCorey YMCA, and the Charlotte Business League, among many others. Dr. McCain is presently a member of the UNC Board of Governors and also holds membership in the A&T State University Alumni Association. He is a man with many honors and awards. He and his wife, Betty, have three sons.

Dr. Joseph Alfred McNeil

Following graduation, Dr. **Joseph McNeil**, one of the **A&T Four** served active duty in the U.S. Air Force as a flight navigator. Thereafter, he worked in investment banking and financial management, and consulting services. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in May, 2002 located in Jamaica, New York. Mr. McNeil served for over 15 years and was the head of the Flight Standards Division for the Eastern region of the United States.

Dr. McNeil retired from the United States Air Force Reserve in February 2000 with the rank of Major General. General McNeil served for over 37 years and was involved with efforts in Desert Storm and Vietnam. He retired as the Mobilization Assistant to the Chief of the Air Force Reserves, and previously served as a Wing Commander and Numbered Air Force Commander. Upon retirement, he received the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal.

Dr. McNeil has been awarded honorary degrees from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. McNeil graduated from North Carolina A&T in 1963 with a degree in Physics. He and his wife Ina, have five children and nine grandchildren.

(The late) Dr. David Leinail Richmond

Dr. David Richmond, one of the **A&T Four**, was born in Greensboro, N.C. and graduated from James B. Dudley High School. He entered North Carolina 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. Dr. Richmond received the honorary doctorate of humanities degree posthumously from North Carolina A&T State University at his funeral services on December 12, 1990. He is survived by two children.

Dr. Richmond's life was celebrated with the play, *David Richmond*, written in 1998 by Dr. Sam Hay, former A&T faculty member and former executive director of A&T's Paul Robeson Theatre.

Human Rights Medal Award

The Human Rights Medal, designed by Charles E. Watkins, is awarded annually by North Carolina A&T State University to recognize individuals who have endeavored to correct social injustice and have significantly contributed to the betterment of the world. The design features The A&T Four as they appeared as freshmen, a dove with an olive branch in its mouth, and four stools and a torch, all encircled by the name of the university.

The award was established to honor individuals whose courageous actions are a reflection of the extraordinary action against social injustice that was demonstrated by Dr. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.), Dr. Franklin Eugene McCain Sr., Dr. Joseph Alfred McNeil, and the late Dr. David Richmond Jr. Their bold move to lead a group of students to take a stand for justice by sitting down at the lunch counter of the local Woolworths "five and dime" store initiated a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the South.

Honorees include:

Mr. Lewis A. Brandon, 2001

Civil Rights Activist

Mr. Vincent G. Harding, 2002

Civil Rights Activist,

Co-Founder, *the Veterans of Hope Project*, Author

Mrs. Rosemarie Freeney Harding, 2002

Peace and Reconciliation Activist,

Co-Founder, *the Veterans of Hope Project*, Author

Mr. J. Kenneth Lee, 2004

Attorney and Civil Rights Activist

Dr. Julius Chambers, 2005

Attorney, Leader, Educator, Civil Rights Advocate

Dr. Alvin Blount, 2007

Physician and Civil Rights Activist

Dr. George Harrison Evans, 2008

Physician and Civic Leader

Dr. Diane Nash, 2009

Civil rights and peace activist, author, educator

Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II, 2010

Pastor, Civic Leader, Civil rights activist

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Candidates for this award are selected from nominations submitted to the Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Fall Convocation / Honors Day. The membership of this committee is appointed annually from N.C. A&T faculty and staff. The committee adheres to the criteria listed below when reviewing candidates. Following the committee's review, the Chair of the committee sends recommendations to the Chancellor who announces the honoree.

ELIGIBILITY

The Human Rights Medal is presented to an individual who has had a positive impact on correcting social injustices and other humanitarian activities. Other humanitarian activities might include human welfare and social reform, acts of heroism, promotion of fellowship, dedication to technological discovery, academic advancements or contributions, diplomatic endeavors, and community contributions. Candidates for this award may be locally, nationally, or internationally recognized. Nominees for the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Human Rights Medal are evaluated according to the need fulfilled and actions demonstrated by the individual and the scope of his or her contribution within the community.

2011 Human Rights Medalist Recipient *Reverend Dr. Howard Chubbs*



For nearly half a century, the **Rev. Dr. Howard Chubbs**, has been a force of progressive change in the community of Greensboro, North Carolina, where he has been recognized for his pastoral and civic contributions towards society.

Born on February 16, 1936, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Rev. Chubbs displayed an aptitude for leadership at an early age. He was spreading the message of Christ as a minister of the gospel, having preached in 23 states by the age of 12, and shortly after was licensed into the ministry at the West Side Baptist Church in Chattanooga. After graduating from high school at the age of 16, he enrolled in Tennessee State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Following graduation, he moved to Chicago to help his family and was employed as a social worker for the Cook County Department of Welfare. He was ordained into the ministry at Greater Bethesda Baptist Church in 1958. After leaving Chicago, he moved to Richmond, Virginia, to attend seminary at Virginia Union University, where he obtained his master's of divinity degree in 1962.

While in Richmond, he witnessed some of the tumultuous sit-in movements that were making an impact on the Civil Rights Movement across the South. It was also during this time that he became a teacher for the Virginia Public School system and served as pastor at Mosby Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond. He resigned in 1966 to take over as pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he currently serves.

Rev. Chubbs' life mission has been one of helping others and serving his community. He is a staunch believer that the church is the cornerstone from which positive change can come. Many members of his congregation have made significant strides in local government and business.

Arriving in Greensboro in the racially turbulent 60s, his non-confrontational style of rhetoric and actions quickly gained him the respect of many of the traditionally non-black establishments in the city. He was invited to join the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and other groups of influence. In the late 60s, when the National Guard marched onto the campus of North Carolina A&T State University to suppress on-campus race riots, he was called to stand by the side of then-college president, Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy.

In 1994, he took a trip to Israel with other Arabs, Christians and Jews through a joint effort of the local Jewish Federation and the National Conference for Community and Justice. During the journey, he was baptized in the Jordan River; an experience which he described as a "personal renewal."

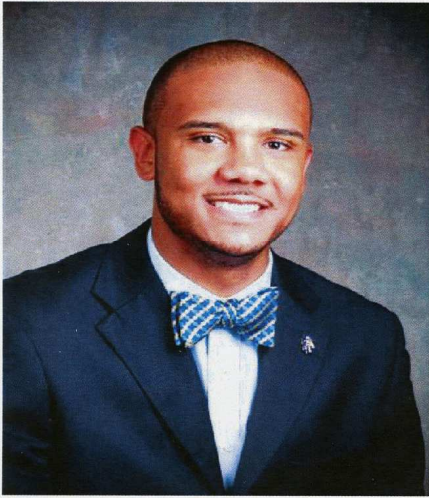
Outside of his pastoral responsibilities, Rev. Chubbs finds time to dedicate himself to many community causes. He presently serves as chairman of the Bryan Park Complex Commission. He is a board member for the Center for Creative Leadership and for the National Conference For Community and Justice. He is a member of the Board of Visitors at Greensboro College and assists with the Well Spring Retirement Group.

His past professional duties include serving on the Board of Directors of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Board of Trustees at N.C. A&T; board member for the Community Foundation of Greensboro; president of the Clergy Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; vice president of the Department of Education General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; president of the Greensboro Ministers Fellowship; and president of the Greensboro Pulpit Forum.

Rev. Chubbs received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University in 1993. He has been honored with Doctor of Humane Letters from Florida Memorial College and Shaw University. He has served as an adjunct professor at Duke University, Greensboro College, Howard University and Virginia Union University.

His memberships include the Beta Epsilon Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and 100 Black Men of America.

He is married to the former Louise Miles. They have one son, Howard Douglas Chubbs.



Wayne Kimball, Jr.
President, NC A&T State University Student Government Association 2010-2011

Wayne Kimball, Jr., a native of Roanoke Rapids, NC, is a senior Civil Engineering major at NC A&T State University. He is a USDA 1890 National Scholar, US Department of Energy Scholar and O'Brien and Gere National Scholar. Since entering NC A&T, he has remained an active member of the University Honors Program where he serves as a Senior Mentor.

Wayne currently serves as President of the Student Government Association, and formerly served as President of the Sophomore and Junior Class. He is also an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers and is a member of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated.

Wayne has been named 2010 National Outstanding College Brother of the Year and received the Save Our Children National Achievement Award from the National Society of Black Engineers. In 2009, Wayne became the youngest leader to ever receive the MLK Keeper of the Dream Award from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Additionally, he has received a host of other awards and recognitions on all levels for his outstanding scholastic achievements, leadership and oratorical skills.

He has worked as an intern for the NC Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Transportation, and the United States Forest Service. Wayne is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dow Kimball Enterprise, a business development company.

He is also the Founder of Wayne Kimball, Jr. International, whose mission is to help better mankind through motivational communication, community outreach and personal and professional development. His passion for public speaking and leadership coupled with a zeal for humanitarianism, Wayne is recognized as a catalyst for change among today's generation.

While fulfilling his company's vision and representing his alma mater, Wayne has traveled internationally to Ghana, West Africa, Trinidad, and Tobago, France and Italy to speak and render service to all mankind.

Wayne is the son of Dr. Georgette (1977) and Wayne Kimball, Sr. and sibling of Waynette Kimball (2008).

51st Sit-In Anniversary Breakfast Celebration

Alumni - Foundation Event Center

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Presiding

Mr. Christian Robinson, SGA Vice President for External Affairs
North Carolina A&T State University

6:00 a.m.

Sit-In Breakfast

Musical Interlude NC A&T State University Choir

6:50 a.m.

Posting of the Colors NC A&T State University Army and Air Force ROTC

7:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Welcome.....Dr. Judy Rashid, Committee Chairperson

Prayer..... Ms. Diatra Langford

Black National Anthem..... NC A&T State University Choir

Greetings

Mrs. Pamela McCorkle – Buncum, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Ms. Sierra Morton, SGA President, Bennett College for Women
Ms. Katie Marshall, SGA President, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Recognition of Special Guests.....Ms. Carla Saunders, Miss NC A&T State University

Introduction of Guest Speaker Mr. Todd Porter, Mister NC A&T State University

Guest SpeakerMr. Wayne Kimball, Jr., President, NC A&T SGA

Presentation of the Human Rights Medal.....Chancellor Harold L. Martin, Sr.

Guilford County Schools Essay Reading....."What Would You Be Willing To Sit-in For Today?"

Introduction of the A&T Four.....Mr. Raymond Beamon, Vice President for Internal Affairs

Remarks by the A&T Four

Retrieval of the Colors

Event Announcements and Dismissal

9:00 a.m.

LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL WREATH
FEBRUARY ONE MONUMENT
A&T FELLOWSHIP GOSPEL CHOIR, ALMA MATER

9:30 a.m.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE A&T FOUR in HARRISON AUDITORIUM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening 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 with that tears have 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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led is into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from 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

Alma Mater

Dear A. and T., dear A. and T., a monument indeed,
Around thy base with grateful hearts behold thy students kneel,
We bless the power that gave thee birth to help us in our need,
We'll ever strive while here on earth all loyalty to yield.

Refrain

With joy, with joy, dear A. and T., thy students turn from thee
To spread thy trophies year by year from Dare to Cherokee.

II

Dear A. and T., dear A. and T., the signet thou shall be
Set by our great old common wealth, proud boaster of the free;
She'd have the record of her worth on granite not inscribed-
Nay let the children of her birth proclaim it by their lives.

III

Dear A. and T., dear A. and T., henceforth our aim shall be,
By precepts wise and deeds more sure to bless the State through thee;
The arts of industry to wield against an idle foe.
A harvest rich from ripened fields of what thy students sow.

51st Sit-In Anniversary Celebration Committee

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