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*North Carolina  
Agricultural and Technical State University  
Greensboro*



**A  
Luncheon  
Commemorating the  
31st Anniversary of the  
Historic 1960 Greensboro Sit-ins**

MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM  
N.C. A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

**FEBRUARY 1, 1991**

**11:30 A.M.**





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### THE QUEST FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

The quest for human dignity is most fundamental in the experience of men and women throughout the world. It has proven time and time again to be the motivation for great and noble deeds. It was such motivation which gave rise to the historic 1960 lunch-counter sit-ins at the F. W. Woolworth Store in downtown Greensboro.

You know the story all too well. Four of North Carolina A&T State University's freshmen students became literally fed up with a social system which continuously encouraged the denial of basic rights to a segment of its citizenry. What they did that day by refusing to dignify any longer wicked and demoralizing practices, was no idle or impetuous act; it was a deed born out of great and festering frustration.

What Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeill, Jibreel Khazan and the late David Richmond accomplished that day by sitting down in Woolworth's for justice, has become deeply interwoven into the fabric of the history of the nation and of the world.

Their deed was not selfish as it freed both the oppressor and the oppressed. It was not punitive nor vindictive, but uplifting and redemptive, in that it continues to encourage and remind men and women of all races to walk nobly in the sunshine with their heads held high.

We are gathered here to commemorate the historic sit-ins, and these magnificent apostles of brotherhood. Let us be reminded that all remaining vestiges of mistrust, hatred, and exclusion in America must be eliminated, if this great nation is to become all that she was intended to be by the founding fathers. Let each and everyone of us join hands to see that the promises of freedom and justice are no longer dreams, but reality.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Fort  
Chancellor



# **ABOUT THE HONOREES**

## **JIBREEL KHAZAN (Ezell Blair Jr.)**

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

## **FRANKLIN EUGENE McCAIN**

Mr. McCain was born in Union County, North Carolina, 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 joined the Celanese Corporation in Charlotte, N.C. in 1965 as a chemist. He is currently group leader in the Marketing Technical Department. He is married to the former Betty Davis. They have three sons.

## **JOSEPH ALFRED McNEIL**

A native of Wilmington, North Carolina, Mr. McNeil graduated from Williston Senior High School. He earned a degree in engineering physics from A&T in 1963. Mr. McNeil spent six years as a U.S. Air Force officer, attaining the rank of captain. Since then 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 Ima Brown. They have five children.

## **THE LATE DAVID LEINAIL RICHMOND**

Mr. Richmond was born in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated from Dudley High School. At A&T he majored in business administration and accounting. After leaving A&T, he became a counselor-coordinator for the CETA program in Greensboro, a position he used to assist disadvantaged youth and adults. Mr. Richmond died in Greensboro, N.C. on December 7, 1990.







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