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Students Stage Sitdown Demand

Students from A&T College began Monday afternoon what they called a "passive sitdown demand" for service at the customer lunch counter at Woolworth's downtown five and dime store in Greensboro. Shown above are five students who, while they sit, are getting in a little study time.

The counter has approximately forty stools, and at times during the third day (Wednesday, when this photo was made) there were only three or four seats left vacant by the students.

Get In Study Chores
Rozier

Action For Justice Lauded

Several students here have engaged in what they term a peaceful protest against the failure of the CIAA to curb acts of violence at athletic events. It must be realized by our elders, both black and white, that the conference does not act solidly on these matters they will continue (Evans) to remain in Virginia in a hospital for two days and 30 nights.

The question is, What Is The Purpose Of The CIAA? The traditional annual anecdote is that it has existed since 1878 and was created to separate the races. Could it be possible that by a corresponding change in local custom, this situation will ever be changed? It is true that a change in local custom would make it possible for discrimination to be lifted.

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The time has come when officials of this conference must realize that America can not continue its pre-war attitude among the students. For instance, when officials of this conference met recently with members of the Student League to discuss the situation, they were told that the "sit in" movement was not going to be tolerated.

There has been local editorial comment to the effect that the "sit down" demand for service, which went unheeded in the past, will be met with a similar group at North Carolina College in an effort to curb acts of violence at athletic events.

The group has stated that they hold no resentment toward the company, but "hope for a mutual understanding of the gross inequality and discrimination placed by one American upon another American who happens, by the Will of God, to be of another color."

Also, in evidence to the fact that the students are allegedly within their rights to seek fair treatment is the support they have received from students of local white institutions. It must be realized by our elders, both white and colored, that the time of day is fast approaching when boys who have been excluded from school because of race relations badly need the fatherly guidance that will be their hands in the very near future.

The time has come when officials of this conference must realize that they are not alone, and that the world will be in their hands in the very near future. The conference, they state, must cut all face up to the facts, and realize that America can not continue its present position of leadership in world affairs with the stigma of the "sit down" movement cast over it. They state that it is the students of today — both black and white — who have the responsibility of being leaders in the fight for equality. They state that it is the students of today — both black and white — who have the responsibility of being leaders in the fight for equality.
Students Hit Woolworth's For Lunch Service

Freshmen Group Stages Sitdown Demonstration For Food In Dime Store

By ALBERT L. ROGERS, JR.

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Four freshman students of this institution started Monday afternoon what they termed a "passive demand for service" at the lunch counter of a downtown five and dime store.

According to Ezell Blair, leader of the group, and three other students — Franklin McLain, David Richmond, and Joseph McNeill — went into the store at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Monday, purchased near the lunch bar and took seats at the lunch counter.

TALK WITH WAITRESS

Followed by a dialogue of the initial conversation between Blair the counter and the waitress behind the lunch. Blair: "I'd like a cup of coffee, please."

Waitress: "I'm sorry. We don't serve colored here."

Blair: "I beg to disagree with you. You just finished serving me at a counter only two feet from here."

Waitress: "Negroes eat on the other end."

Blair: "What do you mean? This is a public place, isn't it? If it is, then why don't you serve member-card patrons? If you do that, then I'll understand that this is a private concern."

Waitress: "Well you won't get any service here."

After brief conversation, said Blair the waitress left him and went to the other end of the counter.

Immediately following this conversation, however, he stated that a Negro girl, a helper on the counter, came to the counter, saying, "You are stupid, ignorant! You're dumb! That's why we can't get anywhere now, while we are young, we have to do things."

GROUP IGNORED

After this brief encounter, the students said they were completely ignored. Blair stated that the demonstration was originally planned for two or three weeks; but that now, "We are preparing to continue to sit for as long as is necessary — until we are served."

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Students Plan To March On Other Stores In City

The 'Sit-Down' campaign, an extension of the non-violent protest to draw more students into the campaign, was held at an off-campus location, and made many suggestions to be used in the future by the group. The Committee did not state the time or day that they plan to strike next, but indicated that it will be in the near future. They did indicate, however, that they are preparing a list of names which will be used in the future.

Whites Join In 'Sit-Down'

From all indications, the slowdown has caused much talk, not only among Negro colleges, but also among white students. "A year and a half, at least," said one white student. "It was very much bigger than expected.

Prize Trophies

Miss Jacqueline Bell, "Miss A&T", displays a few of the attractive trophies which will be the stakes at the 25th annual CAA Basketball Tournament set for the Greensboro Coliseum, February 12-13.

Summer Job Directory Available

The new enlarged 1963 summer placement directory, the largest and most comprehensive listing of actual summer jobs, projects, and internships is now available. Copies can be examined at most University Placement offices or on request to the Office of Student Placement, Greensboro, N. C., will be one of the business in visiting players participating in the big dribble derby.

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Get To Know The Groundhog

Campaign Here Is No Precedent

By CLEVELAND M. BLACK

"It is more important to prevent movement against a multi-town F. W. Woolworth store close to similar other incidents which have happened throughout the United States."

For instance, one of Lexington, Kentucky's large restaurants has worked out a plan of "progressive integration" because of occurrences similar to the situation prevailing here.

In South Carolina, a group formed on the Greenboro Airport in protest of the Jim Crow service lines.

A Durham group denounced service at the Durham bus terminal's main restaurant, joined in a delegation to the R. A. M. restaurant urging integration.

In North Carolina, the Negro student group won the right to sit at the Greensboro Diner, and the Atlanta Airport Restaurant. "It's a step in the right direction," said the leader of the group. "It's a step which will help to start the struggle for民主 equality."

Only time will tell.

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