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Many recall first day of sit-ins
By FRANCES WARD
Staff Writer

Customers, Black and white, sit at the Woolworth serving counters ordering lunch, drinking beverages, or just making conversation. Although the counters are cluttered, Blacks sit on one side while whites sit on another. Several young Black cooks and two elderly white cooks rush from one customer to another, taking orders or serving food.

This is a common scene for many lunch counter patrons in the downtown Greensboro Woolworth store. Whites have been receiving food at that counter since the store opened in 1918. Prior to 1960, however, any cook serving a Black person would have lost her job.

But 24 years ago, on Feb. 1, four A&T freshmen staged the sit-in at the Woolworth counter.

They demanded service at the counter sporting the sign: “Whites Only.”

A white waitress refused to serve Jibreel Khazan (the former Ezel Blair), one of the demonstrators, a cup of coffee.

Although they were not served that day, Khazan, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain and David Richmond, along with other Blacks, staged sit-in demonstrations at eating places and boycotted stores where Blacks traded.

Sit-ins spread across the nation.

“The problems that students face today are very medial compared to the ones we confronted 20 years ago,” Richmond, who today lives with his parents in Greensboro, said.

“I was very fortunate to have three friends and we all leaned on each other,” he said.

McNeil is a stockbroker for E.F. Hutton & Co. Inc.; McCain is a group leader in the marketing technical department of the Celanese Corp. in Charlotte. McCain has a son who is a freshman at A&T.

Khazan is an evaluator for the CETA program in Bedford, Mass.

Richmond said the four remain close friends and have private reunions every five years. He also said they talk to each other every month often times on four-way telephones.

“Many people’s attitudes and prejudices have not changed,” he said. “Things will change one day, but we’ve got a couple of generations to go. A lot of people will have to die.”

Many people remember the day that Richmond and his friends ignited the spark that broke the racial barrier in Greensboro dining areas and restaurants throughout the country.

Margie Bishop, a retired teacher from the Woolworth store, said, “It was wonderful.”

Numerous Aggies and Greensboro citizens traveled to Florida to witness (Aggie) Dr. Ronald McNair’s shuttle launch on Friday morning from the Kennedy Space Center. (Artwork by Malcolm Aaron).
Black History is still important

By Dwayne Pinney
Staff Writer

From the books on his shelf, Black Rage and Black Identity among them, and a poster of the television episode of Roots on his wall, one can readily see that Dr. Ernest Bradford, English professor at A&T, is very much concerned with Black history.

"Black history has been involved in the whole human condition," he said, "whether it be things social, things political, psychological, whatever."

Bradford does say there is a distinction about Black history.

"The distinctiveness of Black history is Blacks' predicament of slavery," Bradford said.

This distinction is also a part of the history of any oppressed people.

"Whoever the slaves or the peasants were of another land, they were the soul, the creators of that land," he said.

The key to success is knowing your wants

By Dwayne Pinney
Staff Writer

Knowing what one wants to do and being willing to take the steps necessary to get there are the keys to success said Ernest Pitt, founder and publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle, a Black weekly newspaper, in a speech here on Wednesday.

Pitt, a native of Greensboro, says that success did not come easy for him. "It took me ten years to get a degree," he said.

I dropped out of A&T in '64, 'I've been in the army, and I've been to prison," he continued.

"Architectural engineering was too hard for me," said Pitt. "I didn't have the will, the determination," he continued.

"I was arrested for having a little drug paraphernalia," said Pitt responding to a student's question of his prison term.

"It (jail) set me down and made me think," he said. "I came to grips with the fact that I was a failure and had to figure out where I wanted to go."

"Everybody in prison can write," said Pitt of his turning to writing. "What else is there to do?" he added.

Pitt went on to graduate from UNC at Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism.

"I did four years of work in two," said Pitt of his entrance to Greensboro Daily News and to the recognition of his dream.

"I went to Winston-Salem from Chapel Hill with no money and a 1964 Volkswagen," he said.

"I would work at the Greensboro Daily News in the day, and when I got off, I would go over to Winston-Salem and do whatever was necessary to get the paper (The Chronicle) started," Pitt said.

"We have come a long way," he said. "We have fourteen full-time employees, one of whom is Audrey Williams, a 1983 graduate of A&T.

"We are willing to do whatever it takes to get what we want," said Pitt of The Chronicle's success.

"Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying," he told the students.

"I don't know anybody who owns a business who has not failed," he continued.

"The person who has never failed at anything has not tried to do anything," Pitt said that racism is not that big a factor in a person's success or failure.

"You are your biggest problem," he told the students. "The color of your skin is not all important," Pitt continued.

"I don't put all my problems in racism," he said. "We (Blacks) spend too much time talking about it (racism)."
FRESHMAN CLASS will be having a Carnation, Card and Candy Sale on February 1 - February 6, from 4:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. They will deliver the carnations, cards with messages, and candy at midnight, February 13, 1984. All proceeds will go towards the Freshman Spring ’84 Ball. Prices will be as follows:
One Carnation (red or white) --- $1.25 with complimentary card for message
One box of Conversation Candy --- $0.35
One Carnation/Card/Candy --- $1.40

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE STUDENT UNION ADVISORY BOARD presents: “The Mr. Aggie Contest” for 1984-85. Applicants may pick up applications in the Student Union at the information desk on January 24, 1984. Deadline for applications is February 15, 1984. Requirements: 2.0 cumulative grade point average, 32 semester hours must have been completed at A&T excluding summer sessions. Applications may be turned in at the information desk or Room 106 of the Student Union.

FRESHMAN CLASS would like to recognize the most well-rounded freshman female on Valentine’s Day. There will be applications available in the Cafeteria during the Carnation Sale (Feb. 1-6) and in the Student Union until Feb. 4, 1984. Ms. Freshman Sweetheart, the title of the winner, will receive recognition in the Register, $20 for dinner for her companion and herself, a dozen carnations, and special recognition at our Freshman Spring ’84 Ball. More information is available on the application.

The A&T Chapter of the INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS (IEE) will host the 1984 Regionals (III & IV) Student Conference at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons February 29-March 2. Participatory prices are $15 for members and $27.50 for non-members.

Girls like Tracy never tell their parents about guys like Rourke.
OPINIONS

The Council without your presence

This is a call to all leaders (so-called) leaders of campus organizations.

Several times this semester, a few leaders have taken time out of their hectic schedules to attend the council of presidents meetings. Each time it has been the same leaders who have taken time to attend these unsuccessful meetings.

Each meeting, usually scheduled for 6 p.m., has started at 6:30 because the meeting can not be called to order until a certain number of leaders are in attendance.

The attendance was so bad at one meeting that an attempt was made to let some leaders who served as president of more than one organization count as two persons in order meet the quantum needed to convene.

Some very interesting and informative information has been on the agenda several times but it is always put on hold because there is no one at the meeting to hear it.

There are more than 100 organizational presidents on this campus and it is a shame that 10 presidents can not attend a meeting periodically.

Presidents not attending the meetings are poor excuses for leadership, no matter how effective they are within their respective organizations. The council of presidents is supposed to be your source of guidance. How can a person lead someone else through the dark if he has not seen the light?

Some leaders may ask, why aren’t the minutes printed in the student newspaper?

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The Reaganut Quiz

By JAMIE C. RUFF

Since Ron has made it official that he will once again play on the foolishness of the American public, a little quiz has been devised to separate the Reaganuts from the human beings. Circle one answer for each.

1. I am a Republican because:
   1. I recently escaped from a mental institution.
   2. I happen to be a billionaire who’s fond of spreading it around. (And the more little people who walk in “it” the better.)
   3. Does not apply. I’m for Jesse Jackson.

I intend to vote for Ronald Reagan because:
   1. No hablo English.
   2. I happen to be fond of poverty.
   3. Does not apply. I want a sane president.

I am a Reagan supporter because:
   1. I have always liked athletics and my friends have always told me I was a natural supporter. (And I enjoy the smell.)

2. I would like to experience firsthand the effects of a nuclear blast.
3. Does not apply. I’m for humanity.

Ronald Reagan is my kind of man because:
   1. I too am old and senile.
   2. Ron was great playing opposite Bonzo.
   3. Does not apply. I want to see tomorrow.

I’m for Ron because:
   1. I consider going from the outhouse to the whitehouse without stopping to wash your hands unsanitary.
   2. The grand wizard told me I was.
   3. Does not apply. I have higher than a third-grade education.

For those persons whose answer was the first or second for any of these it can safely be said you deserve to be locked away. However, those whose choices were the third for each of these, it can safely be said, yes, Virginia, there is a strong possibility of a sunny tomorrow.

Who do you think you are?

By MICHAEL THOMPSON

Those of you who frequent Corbett Sports Center on game nights are well aware of the Pep Club and the manner in which they entertain themselves.

During the game against the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, an editor for the Register became quite aware, as well as infuriated, with this bunch.

This state of mind stemmed from witnessing Pep Club members tearing copies of the Register into shreds in celebration of points scored by the A&T basketball players.

There isn’t anything wrong with showing some excitement, but why should newspapers have to be destroyed in the process?

Considering all the effort put forth toward producing the paper, it is not the most worthwhile or rewarding thing to see it fluttering in the air like confetti.

It appears the Pep Club is the only guilty segment of the audience. If it is such a meaningful and exhilarating act, why isn’t everyone in Corbett doing it?

Maybe the games would have more pep if everyone were compelled to fill the atmosphere with mangled bits and pieces of newsprint.

Since you pep clubbers consider your actions fulfilling, why don’t you add a personal touch: provide your “own supplies”?

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A&T REGISTER is having a reporters' meeting on
Monday, February 6, 1984, at 6:00 p.m. in the
Register House. All reporters please attend. Everyone
is invited.

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION, WEIGHT CON-
TROL AND AEROBICS will be taking place on
February 6, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. in Holland Hall. Ms.
Linda Bowling will be heading this event.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE USE OF
ALCOHOL will be taking place on February 7, 1984,
at 7:00 p.m. in Barbee Hall. Heading this will be Ms.
Betty Thompson.

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By Gina E.E. Davis
Associate News Editor

L.R. slipped into the basketball game and to his utter amazement, the Aggels were well ahead of the other team 95-5.

It seemed as if all this week L.R. was missing the excitement. He groaned as the tall guard stuffed the ball in the basket, another two points.

"I was so sure the Aggels would lose," he muttered. "There goes my tuition."

L.R. had foolishly made a bet that the Aggels would lose by at least 15 points. Not realizing they were the best team this side of the city.

Yet even when he bet on winners he lost. In the early 1970s, he bet a huge sum of money on the Manna Alli-Freezer boxing match. He just knew Manna could build more boxes, but Freezer just stuffed his jaws.

Another time he bet some apples that the referee would get up after he was punched by some crazed boxer. Would you get up if a boxer hit you? That could mean more licks.

L.R. is just one of those people who is always missing the boat.

Why just two years ago he bought one, a ship. Only to find it was buried at sea nine years ago.

The reason he is late for today's game is because he had been standing outside the Student Union since last week waiting for his date. She never arrived.

"Shucks," he said. "No girl. No money. Maybe I should start taking care of real responsibilities."

Then again, after losing so much, one cannot help but realize, you can go wrong but so long.

Members of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Championship are left to right): Joe Willis, Kenny Keith, Joe Brown and Chris Taylor. (Photo by Walter Dukes).

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was fair weather that day and the store was crowded.

"Nobody showed anger. Everybody was afraid. We didn't know what would happen."

Bishop, who was a salesclerk at the time, said although the store had received bomb threats that day, her closest fear of violence came when she heard a firecracker go off.

"I was scared to death. I thought someone had been killed," she said.

Bishop began working at the store when she was 19, and there have been many changes since.

"The long straight counter that the four young men sat at has been replaced with a new one," she said.

Besides higher prices, the store has fewer employees, she said.

"When I came here, there were 160 employees; when I left the store last August there were only 38 employees."

Bishop said the store does not have a racial problem today.

"Today things go real smooth," she said. "The biggest percentage of the trade is Black."

Annie B. Herbin, an A&T English instructor, said she was among the crowd that gathered around the Woolworth counter during the sit-in.

"I didn't know what to expect about the outburst of students. At first, I thought they were from the North and didn't know the rules here," she said.

"It was fantastic. When the A&T students challenged the system, it was a new chapter of history in human rights," Herbin said.

Dr. John O. Crawford, an English professor at A&T, said he recalls hearing about the sit-in demonstration on his car radio as he drove home from work.

"I don't know if anyone had a clear idea of the way events would move," he said.

"I think, even from the very first day, it was clear to many that this was going to be the downfall of segregation for the whole nation."

Dr. George Simkins, Jr., a dentist and president of the Greensboro NAACP for 25 years, said, "We were holding an NAACP meeting that same night. The students came by the meeting and told us what they had done and asked for our support."

"We were all for it," he said. "We provided them with legal council and cooperated 100 percent."

Simkins said, during demonstrations, stores not on-

ly lost Black trade, but white trade too.

"When whites saw us boycotting, they were scared and stayed away from the stores. Finally, when the stores were losing business so bad they finally did something."

R.O.T.C. NEWS - Scholarships

By TIM NIXON
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Colonel Willie R. Skinner, professor of military science, has recently announced that the Army R.O.T.C. Department is now accepting applications for two and three-year scholarship candidates.

Captain Arthur Crawford, the enrollment officer, said, "These scholarships pay full tuition, plus the flat rate fee for books and supplies each semester they are in effect."

"The scholarships, in addition, will pay a $100 per-month stipend each year they are in effect."

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THE A&T REGISTER is looking for a student with an artistic eye and technical drawing skills, to assist in the layout of the newspaper. The only qualifications needed are the want and ability to learn.

Come by the Register House or call 379-7701.

TAU ALPHA TAU ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY will be holding a general body meeting on February 9, 1984, at 8:00 p.m. in Cherry Hall, Room 203. Details will be concerning National Engineering Week. A representative from the dean of the school of engineering will be in attendance. Please attend.

STUDENT UNION ADVISORY BOARD will celebrate Black History Month by sponsoring a series of three free movies that will be shown in the Student Union Ballroom on February 3-18, at 7:00 p.m. The series is as follows:
- February 3 and 4, “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman”.
- February 10, “A Raisin in the Sun”.
- February 17-18, “Wholly Moses!”

All movies will be shown at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T JAYCEES will be holding a general body meeting on February 9, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Room 214. Details about the Black History Month program will be discussed. New members are welcome.

TAU ALPHA TAU ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY will conduct an engineering school T-shirt sale. Deposit is required. For more information call 621-1690 or 852-6296.