NEVER FORGET
FEBRUARY 1, 1960

It All Started
At The '5 & 10'
25 Years Ago

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.

(File Photo)
Participants discuss Feb. 1, 1960

The four Aggies will return to Greensboro today, the 25th anniversary of their lunch counter sit-in, which historians say changed the face of civil rights protests.

"We finally felt we were being hypocritical because we were doing the same thing that everyone else had done, nothing," said Franklin McCain, now an executive with Celanese Corp. in Charlotte. "Up to then, we were armchair activists."

"The four of us--our minds were on the same thing that year," said David Richmond, who works at Greensboro Health Care Center Convalscent Home.

"We talked from September until the Christmas holidays, and we came back and talked some more prior to Feb. I. I think it was Frank McCain who said, OK, we've talked about it. We know what's expected. Let's do it," Richmond said. McCain, Richmond, Joseph McNeill and Jibreel Khazan (formerly Erell Blair Jr.) decided Feb. 1, 1960 to go downtown and seek service at F.W. Woolworth's whites-only lunch counter. After about a week of protests, the students agreed to halt actions while city leaders agreed to look for a solution.

It took until July 25, 1960 for the first Black to eat sitting down at Woolworth's. History remembers the students as four brave young men, but they say it were the four frightened freshmen seated at the counter 25 years ago. "I could feel my legs and hands trembling," said Blair, who lives in New Bedford, Mass., and goes by the name of Jibreel Khazan. "I was perspiring. I really had to go to the bathroom bad. You can't imagine what it was like, being 17, Afro-American, sitting in a position like that, expecting the worst."

The four men said they targeted the Woolworth's because it was part of a national chain and because Greensboro Blacks frequently shopped there. They asked to be treated like the whites at the counter, to be served coffee and doughnuts.

They were told they would not be served and were asked to leave. They refused. At one point that afternoon, a policeman paced behind them, slapping a billy club against his palm. Some whites shouted obscenities at them, but two elderly white women patted them on their backs and told them they were doing a good thing.

(see Woolworth, page 8)

KKK warns of protests

United Press International

A Ku Klux Klan leader says his group will stage sit-ins at the city's NAACP and Black Muslim headquarters in protest of the 25th anniversary of the Black struggle to integrate a Greensboro lunch counter.

"We're going to ram integration down their throats," said Glenn Miller, head of the N.C. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. "We want to show them how outrageous integration is."

But Greensboro Police Chief, Conrad Wade, threatened to arrest Klansmen for trespassing if they hold the protests on private property on today's anniversary, and Greensboro NAACP President George Simkins said he thinks Miller is bluffing.

"He's crazy," Simkins said. "I don't believe he's got that much nerve. I don't believe he's coming."

Miller said 300 to 400 white-robed and hooded Klan members will gather outside Greensboro at an undisclosed time, then split up and go to NAACP and Blacks Muslim offices, and possibly the homes of some Black ministers.

"We'll knock the doors down if we have to," said Miller, who would not give more details of his plans.

Greensboro Police Chief Conrad Wade said he had not heard about the Klan's plans, but promised to investigate.

"If there's something happening, then certainly we'll gear up to deal with it," he said.

"If it's private property and people don't wish them there, then they can be arrested," Wade said. "They could march on the sidewalk all they want, but a sit-in would be different."

Today marks 25 years since four A&T students climbed onto stools at a public lunch counter downtown and asked to be served. They were turned down because the counter in F.W. Woolworth's served only whites.

The students returned and sat at the lunch counter every day until city leaders agreed to study the problem, starting a sit-in movement across the South that tumbled down racial barriers.

In Greensboro, it took six months--until July 25, 1960--before a Black ate at the counter.

The four students, Franklin McCain, David Richmond, Joseph McNeill and Jibreel Khazan (formerly Erell Blair Jr.), will gather in Greensboro today as guests of the February One Society. The group tries to preserve the spirit of the sit-ins by honoring citizens who have helped bring citizens together.

Simkins said the Klan is trying to spoil an anniversary that is special to Blacks by planning their sit-ins on the same day. "But it doesn't bother me a bit," he said. "Not a bit."
Panties cost raiders $40 each

By JESSE MILLER
Special to the Register

and

By FRANCES WARD
February News Editor

Students who participated in last semester's panty raid will be required to pay $40 and may also face charges of trespassing, assault, damage to state property and disturbing the peace.

According to Dr. Roland Buck, vice chancellor for student affairs about 300 students were involved in the panty raid, which occurred on Dec. 12. However, only about 70 students caused damages, which were estimated at about $3000.

"When I received a telephone call at 6:30 a.m. notifying me of the raid, a feeling of utter disgust came over me," Buck said. "Panty raids are distasteful and never should be tolerated on this campus."

Buck said he used a simple method to find out the names of the male students who entered the female dormitories and damaged property.

"I went to the girls and talked to them. They gave me a name of one of the participants. Then I went through the roster and found the student's address. I called security to ask them to pick up the student and bring him to my office. I talked to the student and told him that if he did not give the names of other participants he would have to pay the costs himself."

Buck said the method had a "ripple effect" because the student gave the other panty raiders' names.

According to Buck, he interviewed about 70 males and the majority admitted participating in the raid.

"Only 10 students have come by to say that they were not there," he said. The students will definitely pay for the damages and some of them, depending on their level of involvement, will get a letter of warning or possibly be suspended from the university.

Buck said some students receiving a letter of warning is a light punishment, but "the letter will become part of their file. When students are interviewed for a job and the employer looks at their school record, he will show that they are not law abiding citizens."

He said four students have been tried in A&T's judicial student court, but because of policy, he could not release what action was taken against them.

Damage to female dorms during the panty raid included broken windows and doors.

Also, a fire extinguisher was discharged under a resident's door.

Angelo to speak on PBS

"There are facts and there are truths. Facts, oftentimes, obscure the truth," So notes famed author, poet, dancer and producer Maya Angelou, who is featured in the one-hour special "And Still I Rise: Maya Angelou," airing Sunday, Feb. 3 at 10 p.m., over the nine channels of The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television. The program will repeat Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10 p.m.

Taped at the writer's home in Winston-Salem, "And Still I Rise: Maya Angelou" juxtaposes Angelou's views with those of her interviewer, historian Nell Painter. Angelou, who holds a lifetime appointment as Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University, met Painter in Ghana in 1964. Newsreel footage creates a context for conversation between the two women who, despite differences in age, discipline and viewpoint, nonetheless share common ideals and mutual affection.

see Page 8

Don't Forget

The A&T Register will feature Valentine's Day personals and poetry in the February 14th Edition.

For a penny a letter, any student, administrator, faculty member, or employee of A&T can send a special message to a friend or loved one. Poetry will be printed without a fee. The deadline for personals and poetry is February 6. No exceptions will be made.

*Secret admirers, your names can be withheld upon request.

E. Wendoover & Lindsay Street
BIG DELUXE
REGULAR FRIES & APPLE TURNOVER
$2.09

Special good after 3 p.m.
and all day Saturday & Sunday
Free Medium Soft Drink with
any purchase.

(Just show student I.D.)

Offer only good at Hardee's
on East Wendover Ave.
across from Southern Bell
(no coupon necessary)

You've come a long way, baby

and 9 months of good prenatal
care has gotten you here

A healthy start in life is a gift only you can give your baby.
If you're pregnant, visit your doctor or clinic early and often

For more information, contact:

Hardee's

Friday, February 1, 1985 The A&T Register Page 3

OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

WORLD-SIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN!

JAPAN - EUROPE, AF. CA - AUSTRALIA - THE SOUTH PACIFIC - SOUTH AMERICA - THE FAR EAST.

EXCELLENT BENEFITS. HIGHER SALARIES AND WAGES!

FREE TRANSPORTATION! GENEROUS VACATIONS!

More than 300,000 Americans - not including members of the armed services - are now living overseas. These people are engaged in nearly every possible activity - construction, engineering, sales, transportation, secretarial work, accounting, manufacturing, oil refining, teaching, nursing, government, etc., etc. And many are earning $2,000 to $5,000 per month...or more!

To allow you the opportunity to apply for overseas employment, we have researched and compiled a new and exciting directory on overseas employment.

Here is just a sample of what our International Employment Directory covers.

(1). Our International Employment Directory lists dozens of cruise ship companies, both on the east and west coast. You will be told what type of positions the ship companies hire, such as deck hands, restaurant help, cooks, bartenders, just to name a few. You will also receive several Employment Application Forms that you may send directly to the companies you would like to work for.

(2). Firms and organizations employing all types of personnel in Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, Mexico, and South America; are listed in our Directory.

ORDER FORM

International Employment Directory
133 Elma Dr. Dept. T21
Centralia, WA 98531

Please send me a copy of your International Employment Directory. I understand that I may use this information for 90 days and if I am not satisfied with the results, I may return your Directory for an immediate refund. On that basis I'm enclosing $20.00 cash...check...or money order...for your Directory.

NAME [please print]

ADDRESS

APL #

CITY...STATE...ZIP

International Employment Directory 1984

March of Times Direct Foundation
### FEBRUARY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>FOR MORE INFORMATION</strong></td>
<td><strong>REACH BACK FOR THE FUTURE</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>CALL</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>SGA OFFICE 379-7820</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>AMIRI BARAKA, POET AND PLAYWRIGHT</td>
<td>REX HARRIS</td>
<td>DR. WAYMAN MCLAUGHLIN, HISTORY DEPARTMENT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>HARRISON AUDITORIUM 6 p.m.</td>
<td>MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td>123 GIBBS HALL 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>JUBILATION DANCE GROUP HARRISON AUDITORIUM 8 p.m.</td>
<td>JAZZ ALIVE CONCERT UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND MEMORIAL BALLROOM 8 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>&quot;MICKY&quot; MICHEAUX DURHAM ATTORNEY MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>GOSPEL CONCERT UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HARRISON AUDITORIUM 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>&quot;MICKY&quot; MICHEAUX DURHAM ATTORNEY MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td>BHM SPEECH CONTEST MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>&quot;MICKY&quot; MICHEAUX DURHAM ATTORNEY MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>DR. WAYMAN MCLAUGHLIN, HISTORY DEPARTMENT 123 GIBBS HALL 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED, AND BLACK R.B. HARRISON PLAYERS PAUL ROBESON THEATRE 8 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>JUBILATION DANCE GROUP HARRISON AUDITORIUM 8 p.m.</td>
<td>BHM SPEECH CONTEST MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEACHING REVIVAL MEMORIAL BALLROOM 7 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>SALUTE TO BACK PERFORMERS HARRISON AUDITORIUM **ROOTS **</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>BLACKS IN MUSIC THOMAS CAIN 107 FRAZIER 2:30 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>THE NAACP WAS FOUNDED IN 1909.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**BHM Committee Sponsors Contest**

The Black History Month Committee in conjunction with the Student Government Association is sponsoring a Black Collegiate Scholarship Contest.

Requirements for the contest are a 500—1000 word essay on the Black History Month theme: "Reach Back for the Future: A New Beginning." Deadlines for essays will be Monday, Feb. 18.

Papers should be turned in at Room 209 at the Memorial Student Union. In addition, the participant's grade-point average and community service involvement on and off campus will also be evaluated.

Scholarship awards, which will be presented at the Black History Month Ball on Feb. 22 will be first place, $300; second place $200; and third place $100.

### Celebrating 25 years of...

**REACH BACK FOR THE FUTURE**

The NAACP was founded in 1909.

---

**THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Remember Your History.
### February Activities

**Ball Highlights**

The Black History Month Committee is sponsoring the first annual Black History Month Ball.

The committee is asking all campus organizations to support this endeavor by purchasing an ad in the program booklet designed for the ball. The proceeds will go toward a scholarship to be presented at the ball to students participating in the Black History Month essay contest. Advertisements can be purchased at the following prices:

- **Full Page** — $50
- **One-half Page** — $25
- **One-quarter Page** — $12
- **One-eighth Page** — $6

**Patron Donations** — $1

Make all checks payable to the Student Government Association. Checks can also be mailed to the SGA, A&T State University, Greensboro, NC 27411.

Purchases before Feb. 13 will guarantee that advertisements or patron donations will be printed.

---

**FUTURE: A NEW BEGINNING**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**History Month Essay Contest**

The essay contest is open to all campus organizations. Essays should address the theme of your heritage and how you plan to celebrate it.

Essays should be submitted by Feb. 13 to the Student Government Association, A&T State University, Greensboro, NC 27411.

---

**Black History Month Committee**

The committee is seeking to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and honor their contributions to society.

---

**The Blood Bank**

The Blood Bank was set up by Dr. Charles R. Drew, a black physician from Washington, D.C., in 1941.
Deja vu for Klan?

Friday, Feb. 1, 1985, 12:09 a.m.

By the time most of you sit down to read this editorial, its main purpose will have either weathered the storm or erupted into violence.

The events that take place on this day — the 25th anniversary of the Woolworth Sit-in — could be written up as another glorious celebration of the courageous efforts of the four Aggies or as a regurgitation of 25 years of the white man's hate for Blacks.

The mere possibility of any devious activity by the Ku Klux Klan might have sparked fear in some students.

Jokingly, students are talking about going home, getting away for the weekend or attending their last class.

Perhaps their precautions are hypothetical, but must we forget Greensboro is the site of the Nov. 3, 1979 shootout?

Although the turnout of this day can not be predicted, there are a few things we should all remember.

The four students decided that it was time to do something about the white man's injustice and set out to do it.

They were afraid and probably became even more afraid once it reached its height on the national level.

Not once, did they end their mission — if they had, the mission would have been for nought.

By the same token, it is treacherous for Black people, especially Aggies, to even consider hiding out — and that's exactly what it would be — just because a group of overgrown conventional brats want to stroll down memory lane during this commemorative occasion.

It is evident that "some" people did not get the message loud and clear 25 years ago that "Blacks will stand for this nonsense no longer."

Thus, Aggies, it is our mission on this first day of February 1985 not to let "them" forget it.

THE LEAD COLUMN ON THE OPINION PAGE IS WRITTEN BY THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE A&T REGISTER. IT DOES NOT CARRY A BYLINE. NONE OF THE COLUMNS ON THIS PAGE NECESSARILY REFLECTS THE OPINION OF THE STAFF.

The struggle continues

By FRANCES WARD

It is a shame that more students were not present to hear the timely address titled, "The Struggle Continues" given by Robert L. Gordon, Grand Polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, in the Memorial Ballroom recently.

Gordon, named one of the most influential Black men in America by Ebony magazine, was the guest speaker for A&T(Alpha Nu) chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi annual Founder's Day Celebration.

He told students that they must be prepared to compete in the working world when they depart from the shelters of A&T.

Gordon warned students that white employers are looking for the "super nigger," but he does not exist.

The phrase "super nigger" refers to a Black student who has attended an Ivy league school, such as Yale University, and is talented, rich, and educated.

I understood what Gordon meant when he said that the "super nigger" does not exist.

The grim but realistic picture of most students is that of the grasshopper in the summer who knows winter is coming but does not gather food to prepare for it. Many students do not set goals for themselves, therefore, they waste four years of college "just getting a degree."

When asked what their short-range or long-range goals are, many reply in a nonchalant tone, "to graduate from A&T."

But, dear Aggies, life after A&T.

Gordon, president and co-owner of Premier Personnel Placement and Consultants Inc., concluded his speech with a mind boggling question.

"Many times I receive transcripts from Black students who made C's and D's during their first three years of college but, in their senior year, they evidently became serious and made A's and B's. Also, I receive transcripts from white graduates from Harvard who have made A's and B's all four years of college. Which student would you hire?"
Four Aggies score double

By ANTHONY JEFFERIES
Staff Writer

North Carolina A&T placed four players in double figures as the Aggies pulled away from Tennessee State in the second half for a 76 to 64 win in Nashville Monday night.

The duo of Eric Boyd and Jimmy Brown took control of the game as the Aggies stretched a four point halftime lead to a 15 point lead in the second half. Tennessee State cut the lead to eight at one point but that was as close as they could get before A&T put the game away.

Boyd led the Aggies in scoring as he dropped in 21 points while Brown hit 19. Starters George Cale and Claude Williams put in solid performances as they led A&T in rebounding with 14 a piece while scoring in double figures also. Cale scored 15 and Williams put in 13.

Even though Tennessee State had a 6-12 record coming into the game and started four freshmen and a senior, they were hanging tough with the favored Aggies. The Tigers only shot 39.3 percent for the game but were outbounding the Aggies to put in some follow shots. Jose Crisp, the Tigers’ leading scorer with 15 points, led all rebounders with 18. A jump shot by the Tigers’ Claude Williams slam dunks the winning goal to take a breathtaking 68 to 66 victory over South Carolina State College.

Anthony Mason with six points left in the half pulled the Tigers within four points at 32 to 28.

Six minutes only ...

Pegasus

BY JOE BROWN
Sports Editor

Six minutes was all a fan needed to see the crowd-pleasing Aggies stage one of the greatest and most exciting comebacks this year.

Why not 12 minutes? ... 10 minutes? ... or eight minutes? Well, because six minutes was when the writer walked into a nearly packed, tension-thick gymnasium and witnessed the Aggies down by five points.

No one was losing his cool, but the natural thought of being defeated in the conference for the first time was becoming the only thought.

Hopes were high, and hopes were low. Some Aggie pompons were shaking frantically, and “Aggie Pride” banners waved high. Other Aggie pompons lost their shake and “Aggie Pride” banners lay face down on the bleachers.

A fearful pattern was created between the two teams, a pattern highly welcomed by the opposing team and unwanted by Aggie fans, coaches and players. What pattern could be so dissatisfying? This order of play allowed the Aggies to score, but also allowed S.C. State Bulldogs to score each time the Aggies scored.

A team doesn’t want that kind of luck, especially when it’s down by 5 with six minutes to go.

Two minutes passed. A head was dropped in prayer. The buzzer went off and sharpshooter Jimmy Brown had fouled out.

More pompons and banners fell, and the crowd kept roaring, but only with less enthusiasm.

Then came an Aggie called “Ice,” and his shots from the top of the key were not cold at all. As a matter of fact, they were hot enough to keep the Aggies in the game through the closing minutes.

Foul shots and defense played to the Aggies’ advantage. The gold and blue Aggie Dog belly-slid across the entire court bringing the fans to their feet while the Aggie pep band performed the music that made the fans move to the beat.

Less than a minute, the stage was set for the aerial attack of Eric Boyd. He had his own defense policy: long-range missiles. Those shots were accurate enough to tie the game with just seconds to go.

The S.C. State Bulldogs’ flawless performance gave into one mistake and with the wink of an eye, Claude Williams came down with the game-winning dunk.

The three seconds left weren’t enough for the opposing team, so Aggie fans danced in victory after witnessing the greatest comeback this year.

HAPs

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS presents: Valentine Portraits; one 8x10 and two 4x5 (color) for only $6.50. Photos will be taken by Stroza’s Discount Photos on Sunday Feb. 3, in the Student Union of Bennett College from 1-3 p.m. and at A&T Hines Hall 4-6 p.m.

RHO EPSILON (Real Estate) FRATERNITY will present guest speaker, Jarvis Martin, on Feb. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Merrick Hall Room 314 or the auditorium. Martin will discuss “Real Estate Appraisal”.

THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION is sponsoring its annual banquet on Friday Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Commons of Williams Cafeteris. General Admission is $6.50 and $3 for Agricultural Education students. For further information call 379-7711.

Studio Theater presents auditions for “The Me Nobody Knows,” Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in Room 207 Crosby Hall. All participants should be prepared to read and sing a verse from a song. The musical drama, written by Steven M. Joseph, will be directed by Daniel Wynne, a senior Speech Communications and Theater and Arts major.

FEBRUARY 14 — Send your sweetheart a love note on Valentine’s Day through The A&T Register for 1 cent a letter. You could make someone feel very special. Deadline is Feb. 5.

ENGINEERING CAREERS DESIGNED BY PARADYNE.

There are some very important aspects to consider in an engineering career, and Paradyne has them all. A dynamic, high-energy organization in today’s hottest industry...we’ll give you the chance to prove your talent on complex data communications projects. Working shoulder-to-shoulder with real technical heavyweights, you can learn more in two years than you could elsewhere in five. This is your chance to make an impact on the Information Era.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS FEB. 8th

We’re coming to Greensboro to tell you more about Paradyne and the following opportunities:

ASSOCIATE HARDWARE ENGINEERS — To work on digital logic design of microprocessor based systems, you must have a B.S.M.E.E. and familiarity with micro’s, memory systems, peripheral controllers, TTL and LSTTL devices. The ability to move products from requirements definition through manufacturing cycle is essential.

ASSOCIATE SOFTWARE ENGINEERS — B.S.M.E.C.E., knowledge of operating systems internals (UNIX*, MISDOS, CP/M), and familiarity with hardware components, specifically 6000, 8086 microprocessors required. Must be able to design system software and program in “C” and Assembly. You’ll modify, port and enhance operating systems (UNIX*, version 7 and 5) and evaluate software/hardware products for OEM distribution.

paradyne

If unable to meet with us on the above dates, please send your resume to: David Mazurek, Paradyne Corporation, Professional Recruitment, 8559 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774. An equal opportunity employer, m/f.

*UNIX is a trademark of AT&T Bell Laboratories.
Alcohol and the law, and students 

... the four men back to eat on the silver anniversary of their actions as guests of the February One Society. The group tries to keep alive the events of that day and gives awards to citizens who have contributed to uniting the community.

The four students stayed at the counter until closing time and promised to return the next day. They kept their promise, returning each day in shifts to sit at the counter with an ever-growing number of their classmates. Pickets were set up outside the store.

"Their actions sparked the student phase of the civil rights revolution," wrote William Chafe, a history professor at Duke University and the author of "Civilians and Civil Rights: Greensboro, N.C., and the Black Struggle for Freedom".

Chafe called the Greensboro sit-ins "a watershed" in American history.

"Within two months, the sit-in movement had spread to 54 cities in nine states," Chafe wrote. "Within a year, more than 100 cities had engaged in at least some desegregation of public facilities in response to student-organized demonstrations."

"Although similar demonstrations had occurred before, never in the past had they prompted such a volcanic response," Chafe said.

"It's strange that a group of freshmen would have started it, but not that A&T students started it," said Albert Spruill, dean of the School of Graduate Studies who was a faculty member in 1960.

A&T students had been in the vanguard of social change for some time."

McCain said an undercurrent of racism remains in the South, "but what is different today is that you'll find a large part of the community willing to sit down and discuss issues and problems."

"Twenty-five years ago, a lot of those issues weren't mentioned," McCain said. "In some cases, people just denied the existence of those issues. Maybe we haven't met the ambitions of a lot of people and maybe we haven't come as far as I'd like to have seen us. But you can't write me off as pessimistic."