



Inventory of the Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair) Collection

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Biographical Note

Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.) was born in Greensboro, North Carolina. He graduated from Dudley High School and attended A&T with an A&T College Alumni Association Scholarship. His freshman roommate was Joseph McNeil.

On February 1, 1960, he, his roommate McNeil and fellow A&T college freshmen David Richmond and Franklin McCain sat down at the whites only lunch counter in Woolworth's in Greensboro, NC and refused to leave. This act of civil disobedience would launch other sit-ins. By July 25, Woolwooth agreed to integrate its Greensboro store. The company had lost \$200,000 in business during the sit-ins.

He earned a B.S. degree in sociology from A&T in 1963. He studied law at Howard University Law School in Washington, DC, education at Massachusetts University in Dartmouth and voice at the New England Conservatory of Music. He married Lorraine France George of New Bedford, Massachusetts and had 3 children.

In 1991, he, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain received honorary doctorates of humanities from A&T in 1991. David Richmond had died in Greensboro on December 7, 1990. He received the honorary doctorate of humanities degree posthumously from North Carolina A&T State University at his funeral services on December 12, 1990. In 2002, a bronze statue featuring him and the others of the A&T Four was unveiled on A&T's campus. Also that year, the movie *February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four* aired on PBS.

Collection Overview

Container List

Box 1 (117 items)

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- 1.1.1 Biography. No source. Post 2013.
- 1.1.2 Biography. Portrait photographs of Jibreel Khazan at different ages. No source. No date. 2 copies.
- 1.1.3 Sit-In Movement Inc. names new executive, deputy directors. By Chad Roberts. A&T Register. February 19, 2004.
- 1.1.4 Brief Resumes: Original Sit-In Participants. Brief biography of Jibreel Khazan. No source information. No date.
- 1.1.5 Annual Report of President Gibbs – 1956. Page 5. Except regarding “Sit-Downs” and school’s handling of such protests.
- 1.1.6 “Mother of Civil Rights” Visits A&T. By Nettie Collins Rowland. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Rosa Parks. Aggie-Gram. Volume 14, Number 1. March, 1995. 2 copies.
- 1.1.7 Listen to the footsteps: Sit-Ins changed the South. Greensboro News & Record. Copyright 1990, 2001.
- 1.1.8 Film brings Woolworth’s sit-in in focus. Transcript of news article. By Jim Wise. The Herald-Sun. April 8, 2003.
- 1.1.9 Stamp to honor 1960 sit-ins. By Hal Sieber. The Carolina Peacemaker. September 23-September 29, 2004.

- 1.1.10 New Statues Honor 'Greensboro Four'. Pictured: statue of A&T Four. Portland Local News. Retrieved on April 22, 2002 from http://theskanner.com/special02/blk02/blk_07.htm.
- 1.1.11 King's words at Bennett live on. By Jim Schlosser. News & Record. August 27, 2003.
- 1.1.12 Bill seeks state money for sit-in museum. By Mark Binker. News & Record. March 20, 2003.
- 1.1.13 New Collaboration between Sit-In Movement, Inc. and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Sitimovement.org. June 26, 2001.
- 1.1.14 No fight between town 'n' gown, BUT... Pictured: Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain. Carolina Peacemaker. October 17, 2002. 2 copies.
- 1.1.15 Then What? Pictured: Jack Mebes, Lewis Brandon III, Jibreel Khazan. Carolina Peacemaker. September 21 - September 27, 2000.
- 1.1.16 Historic N.C. sit-in remembered. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. Photograph by Gerry Broome. USA Today. February 2, 2000.
- 1.1.17 Lunch Counter Where Sit-Ins Began. By Jerry Bledsoe. Carolina Curiosities: Jerry Bledsoe's Outlandish Guide to the Dadblamedest Things To See and Do In North Carolina. 1984.
- 1.1.18 Sitting for Justice. By William Yeingst, Lonnie Brunch. Pictured: Ezzell Blair, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. Incorrectly attributed to: Ezzell Blair (Jibreel Khazan), Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Increase & Diffusion. December issue. Retrieved April 15, 2002 from <http://sitedu/i+d/sitins.v2.4.html>
- 1.1.19 Rosa Parks Tells It Like It Was. By Rosa Parks. Pictured Jibreel Khazan, Rosa Parks. Photograph by Otis Hairston, Jr. Carolina Peacemaker. No date.
- 1.1.20 G'Boro Four Anniversary. Carolina Peacemaker. January 15, 2004.
- 1.1.21 A&T to hold annual breakfast on Jan. 30. By John Newsom. News & Record. January 19, 2004.
- 1.1.22 Film brings Woolworth's sit-in focus. By Jim Wise. Email from Jean Williams to Gloria Pitt forwarding text of article from Herald-Sun. April 9, 2003. Printed April 10, 2003. 4 copies.
- 1.1.23 Key Dates in the Sit-In Movement and Civil Rights Museum. News & Record. February 6, 2004.
- Ex-White House staffer named museum director. By Nancy H. McLaughlin. Pictured Robert Haynes, Amelia Parker. News & Record. February 6, 2004.

- 1.1.24 Sharpton speaks of debt to Greensboro Four. By Nancy H. McLaughlin. Pictured Reverend Al Sharpton, Skip Alston, Dolores Paylor. News & Record. February 7, 2004. 3copies.
- 1.1.25 Supporters rally to Chee defense. By Daniel Bayer. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. Carolina Peacemaker. April 8, 2004.
- 1.1.26 Freedom Day honors sit-in movement. By Mark Richard Moss. Pictured: Chancellor James C. Renick, J. Kenneth Lee. Photograph by Charles Watkins. Carolina Peacemaker. February 5-February 11, 2004.
- 1.1.27 Warnersville: Landmarks are gone but memories still alive for community. By Sallie Clotfelter. Pictured: Johnny Hodge, Brenda Hodge, Delores Morton Worthy, Doris Morton Jackson. Photograph by Gerry Broom. News & Record. July 3, 1986.
- 1.1.28 Own a Piece of History. A&T Today. NC A&T State University. No date.
- 1.1.29 Supporters rally to Chee defense. By Daniel Bayer. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. Carolina Peacemaker. April 8, 2004. 2 copies
- 1.1.30 Group will screen film 'February One' tonight. Pictured: Chip Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joe McNeil. The Chronicle. April 29, 2004.
- 1.1.31 Reporter who broke sit-ins story dies. By Jim Schlosser. Pictured: Marvin Sykes. News & Record. April 30, 2004.
- 1.1.32 Johns is part of '60 sit-in story. By Hal Sieber. Pictured: Ralph Johns. Carolina Peacemaker. January 20, 2005.
- 1.1.33 City a stop on civil rights journey. By Lynne Shallcross. Pictured: Gillian Kline, Jonathan Papkin, Gary Brown. Photograph by H. Scott Hoffman. News & Record. July 13, 2004.
- 1.1.34 William A. Thomas, Jr. dies at 63. Pictured: William Thomas. Carolina Peacemaker. January 20, 2005.
- 1.1.35 Walking into History. By Kevin Walker. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair Jr. (Jibreel Khazan), Joe McNeil. Pictured: David Richmond. Photographs by Jack Moebes. The Chronicle: MLK Special Edition. January, 2005.
- A&T plans special Feb. 1 sit-in events. Pictured: Thomas N. Todd. The Chronicle: MLK Special Edition. January, 2005. 2 copies
- 1.1.36 Look back, move on. Pictured: Reverend Jesse Jackson, Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.). News & Record. February 3, 2005.
- 1.1.37 Erwin was a titan in civil rights fight. By Rich McKay. Pictured: John Brown Erwin. Photography by Gerry Broome. News & Record. November 25, 1997.
- 1.1.38 Early civil rights leader (William Unthank) finally getting his due. By Jim Schlosser. News & Record. June 19, 2006.

- 1.1.39 Newspaper steps into Year 38. By Hal Sieber. Carolina Peacemaker. April 22-28, 2004.
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- A&T remembers those who initiated 1960 sit-in. By John Newsom. Pictured: Chancellor James Renick, Jibreel Khazan. News & Record. January 31, 2004.
- 1.1.41 Learning from Generation to Generation. Pictured: Ida Jenkins, teacher of Jibreel Khazan and David Richmond. Carolina Peacemaker. February 2006.
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- 1.1.43 N.Y. pastor speaks at breakfast. By Jeuron Dove. Pictured: Reverend Calvin Butts III. Photograph by Mike McCray. A&T Register. February 8, 2006.
- 1.1.44 Hurry up and wait for history. By Chad Roberts. A&T Register. February 1, 2006.
- 1.1.45 A&T preps for sit-in events. By Jeuron Dove. A&T Register. January 25, 2006.
- 1.1.46 Not Quite Ready Yet: Museum co-founder expects site will open in three or four years. By Jazmine Pierce. A&T Register. February 1, 2006.
- 1.1.47 We were told most blacks did not want change. By Miles Wolff Jr. News & Record. Circa 1990.
- 1.1.48 In Greensboro: Sit-In Pioneers Commemorate Thirty Years of Struggle. By Khalid Fattah-Griggs. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan. Photograph by Sabir-Calloway. No paper. February 10, 1990.
- 1.1.49 Ecumenical service celebrates sit-in. By Alison Davis. Pictured Jibreel Khazan. Photograph by James Parker. Greensboro News & Record. February 5, 1990.
- 1.1.50 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Pictured: statue of A&T Four. The Piedmont Triad. p. 118-119. No date. 2 copies
- 1.1.51 Sit-in breakfast: 'Have things really changed, or are there just new signs?'. By Melde Rutledge. Carolina Peacemaker. February 3, 2005.
- 1.1.52 Decade of Protest Began Here: 4 Lonely Blacks Woke a Nation. By Jo Spivey. Pictured David Richmond. The Greensboro Record. January 30, 1970.
- 1.1.53 Walk, From Page 1A. Missing first page. Pictured: Chancellor James C. Renick, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Jibreel Khazan, Melvin "Skip" Alston. Carolina Peacemaker. February 3, 2005.
- 1.1.54 One of 'Greensboro Four' will speak at Allen Jay. News & Record. February 4, 2005, 2 copies.

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1.1.56 Statuesque: Monument shows heroes standing tall. By T. Kevin Walker. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. The Chronicle. February 7, 2002.

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1.1.58 Retired newsman to discuss Civil Rights Today. Pictured: Lee Kinard. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan. The Chronicle. November 16, 2006.

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1.1.66 Leaders urge persistence in Woolworth’s fundraising. By Sue Schultz. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Walt Bellamy. News & Record. February 2, 2007.

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- 1.1.68 Greensboro woman turns 100. By Jeanna Covington. Pictured: Irene McMurray. Carolina Peacemaker. May 24, 2007.
- 1.1.69 Civil Rights Museum asks \$1.5 million from city. By Melde Rutledge. Carolina Peacemaker. August 30-September 5, 2007.
- 1.1.70 The Greensboro Four. Pictured: Franklin McCain. A&T Today. Spring 2001.
- 1.1.71 Dudley Has Historic Links to The Civil Rights Movement. By Lewis Brandon and J Ann E. Lynn. Pictured: Mr Ezell A. Blair Sr. (father of Jibreel Khazan). Pictured: sculpture of A&T Four. The Panther's Claw. February 2002.

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- 2.1.1 Their Singng (sic) Was Best. Photograph. Pictured Thurman Matthews, Willis Nochols, Ezell Blair Jr., John Wike. Afro-American. June 20, 1959. 2 copies.

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- 2.1.4 Diploma of Doctor of Humanities Honorary Degree for Jibreel Khazan. May 5, 1991.
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- 2.1.6 Letter to Jibreel Khazan from Chancellor Edward B. Fort regarding Honorary Degree. April 17, 1991. 4 copies.
- 2.1.7 Greensboro Sit-Ins: Launch of a Civil Rights Movement. Franklin Eugene McCain. Links to audio files. Print of webpage: <http://www.greensboro.com/sitins/stories/mccain.htm> Retrieved: August, 27, 1999.
- 2.1.8 Nominations Sought for Human Rights Medal. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. The Aggie Report. October 11, 2002.
- 2.1.9 Dudley to induct 12 to Hall. By Kellie Dixon. News & Record. September 26, 2003.
- 2.1.10 Interviewing a legend, kidstyle. By Jennifer Fernandez. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. Pictured: McKinzie Hilton. Photographs by Kelly Pace. News & Record. February 5, 2005. 3 copies.
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3.1.3 Taking a Stand. Pictured Clarence Henderson. News & Record. October, 2016.

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