



Inventory of the A&T Four Collection Box 0003

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Descriptive Summary

Repository

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Creator

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Dr. Ezell Blair, Jr. (Dr. Jibreel Khazan),

Dr. David Richmond, Sr.

Dr. Joseph Mc Neil

Title

"A&T Four" Box 0003

Language of Materials

English

Extent

1 archival boxes, 1.25 linear feet (16 inches)

Abstract

The Collection consists of events programs, newspaper articles, and editorials commemorating the 1960 sit-ins over the years from 1970s to 2000s. The articles cover how A&T, Greensboro and the nation honor the Four and the sit-in movement and its place in history. They also put it in context of racial relations contemporary with their publication. Articles and papers also cover the erection of the statue at A&T of the four, the establishment of the Civil Rights Museum in downtown Greensboro and the airing of the documentary *February One*.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

On February 1, 1960, NC A&T SU freshmen Franklin McCain, David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan) sat down at the whites only lunch counter at the F.W. Woolworth store in Greensboro, NC and refused to leave. Over the course of several days, the protest would attract participants from other area students and community leaders. Originally called “sitdowns”, this act of civil disobedience would launch other sit-ins as a form of nonviolent protest. By July 25, Woolwooth agreed to integrate its Greensboro store. The company had lost \$200,000 in business during the sit-ins. There have been numerous salute to the A&T Four over the decades.

On February 1, 2002, a bronze statue of the A&T Four was unveiled on NC A&T SU campus. There has been a commemorative breakfast each year on or near the campus of A&T, in which a Human Rights Award is presented.

Collection Overview

Container List

- 3.1 The 45th Sit In Celebration Anniversary. Pictured: Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair Jr., David L. Richmond, Joseph McNeil Postcard. Division of Student Affairs. NC A&T SU. February 1, 2005. 3 copies.
- 3.2 Bullet-pocked landmark will fall to wrecking ball: After more than a half-century, A&T’s Scott Hall – the setting for defining moments in civil rights history – will be torn down. News & Record. May 2, 2004. 2 copies.

- 3.3 Never Forget February 1, 1960. The Register. February 1, 1985.
- 3.4 A&T Four speak with current Aggies. By Jennie Covington. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan. Carolina Peacemaker. February 7, 2008.
- 3.5 Film brings Woolworth's sit-in in focus. By Jim Wise. Emailed copy of article. Durham Herald. April 8, 2003.
- 3.6 Name middle school for Rev. Otis Hairston. By Shirley J. McFarland. News & Record. April 12, 2001.
- 3.7 A&T Students Launch 'Sit Down' Demand For Service At Downtown Lunch Counter. By Marvin Sykes. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McLain (sic), Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. Copy of page from historical edition of newspaper. Greensboro Record. February 2, 1960.
- 3.8 A vote for Hairston. By Shirley J. McFarland. Carolina Peacemaker. April 13, 2001.
- 3.9 Greensboro 1961: A challenge for old notions: an 'open' tournament. By Irwin Smallwood. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. News & Record. April 22, 2001.
- 3.10 Newspaper steps into Year 38. By Hal Sieber. Carolina Peacemaker. April 22-28, 2004.
- 3.11 Civil Right Celebrates Two Anniversaries. By Erica Franklin. Register. September 23, 2004.
- 3.12 Lunch with Four. Reproduction of painting by James Huff of A&T Four. February One Committee. February 1, 1980.
- 3.13 City a stop on civil rights journey. By Lynne Shallcross. Pictured: Gillian Kline, Johnathan Papkin, Gary Brown. H. Scott Hoffmann. News & Record. July 13, 2004. 3 copies.
- 3.14 February 1, 1960. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. Jet Magazine. February, 2001.
- 3.15 Civil Rights Bus Tour scheduled to make stop in Greensboro tomorrow. By Courtney Gaillard. Pictured: Greg Tanner. Chronicle. August 5, 2004.
- 3.16 Speech and Communications Hosts Candidate Meet & Greet. By Shevaun J. Lassiter. Register. October 28, 2004.
- 3.17 Celebrating Greensboro's Sit-Ins History. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair Jr., David Richmond. Illustrations by Tim Rickard. News & Record. February 1, 2010.
- Readers Share Their Memories of Civil Rights Era. By Faith M. Golden, Andy Sykes, Ronald J. Dixon, Inez Morris Jones, Richard B. O'Neal, Bob Rosier, Fannie Mae Weatherly, Maggie Alston, Regina Mahatha-Brooks, Thomas E. Enoch. News & Record. February 1, 2010.
- 3.18 Annual Report of President Gibbs – 1956. Page 5. Except regarding "Sit-Downs" and school's handling of such protests. 2 copies.
- 3.19 Sit-in hero leaves a 41-year legacy of public service. By Jim Schlosser. Page 3 of 3. Retrieved on April 15, 2002 from www.sitins.com/020601.htm.

- 3.20 The Forgotten Four?. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. Erroneously captioned as: Ezell Blair, Franklin McClain (sic), Joseph McNeil & David Richmond. Malcolm "Speaks". Volume 1, Issue 5. February 1998.
- 3.21 Greensboro Sit-Ins: Launch of a Civil Rights Movement. Joseph Alfred McNeil. Pictured: Joseph McNeil. Links to audio files. Print of webpage: <http://www.greensboro.com/sitins/stories/mcneil.htm>. Retrieved: August, 27, 1999.
- 3.22 Who Was The Woman In Sit-In Photo?. Pictured: unknown woman, Jabreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain.
- 3.23 Local colleges remember sit-ins. By Tim Thornton. News & Record. February 2, 2000.
- 3.24 G'Boro Four Anniversary. Carolina Peacemaker. January 15, 2004.
- 3.25 Walking into History: 'February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four' will air on 45th anniversary of sit-in. By T. Kevin Walker. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair Jr., David Richmond. Pictured: David Richmond. MLK Special Edition. Chronicle. January 2005.
- A&T plans special Feb. 1 sit-in events. Pictured: Thomas N. Todd. MLK Special Edition. Chronicle. January 2005.
- 3.26 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. The East Woods Press. Charlotte, NC. 1984.
- 3.27 Own A Piece of History. A&T Today. No date.
- 3.28 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 5-11, 2004.
- 3.29 'Love leads to freedom'. Pictured: David Richmond, Joseph McNeil. Carolina Peacemaker. February 22, 2001.
- 3.30 N.C. A&T sponsors discussions on rights movement. News & Record. December 4, 2003.
- 3.31 International Civil Rights Center and Museum. Pictured: Jabreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith and Clarence Henderson (from Day 2 of the sit-in). News & Record. December 7, 2003.
- 3.32 Reporter who broke sit-ins story dies. By Jim Schlosser. Pictured: Marvin Sykes. News & Record, April 30, 2004.
- 3.33 Sit-In Movement Inc. names new executive, deputy directors. By Chad Roberts. Register. February 19, 2004.
- 3.34 February One. Carolina Peacemaker. March 18, 2004.
- 3.35 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Pictured: statue of A&T Four. The Piedmont Triad. p. 118-119. No date.
- 3.36 Ecumenical service celebrates sit-in. By Alison Davis. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. Photograph by James Parker. News & Record. February 5, 1990.

- 3.37 We were told most blacks did not want change. By Miles Wolff Jr. Pictured: Allen Johnson, Miles Wolff Jr. News & Record. February 4, 1990.
- 3.38 Famed freshmen take another stand: Sculptor immortalizes sit-in heroes in bronze. By Cathy Gant Hill. Pictured: James Barnhill, sculpture of David Richmond. Pictured: Jabreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain. Pictured James Barnhill. Pictured: Figures of Jabreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain. Photographs by James Parker. News & Record. November 2, 2001.
- 3.39 Group will screen film 'February One' tonight. David "Chip" Richmond Jr., Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil. Chronicle. April 29, 2004.
- 3.40 Johns is part of '60 sit-in story. By Hal Sieber. Pictured: Ralph Johns. Peacemaker. January 2005.
- 3.41 Bill seeks state money for sit-in museum. By Mark Binker. News & Record. March 20, 2003.
- 3.42 Civil Rights Museum asks \$1.5 million from city. By Melde Rutledge. Carolina Peacemaker. August 30, 2007.
- 3.43 Not Quite Ready Yet: Museum co-founder expects site will open in three or four years. By Jazmine Pierce. Register. February 1, 2006.
- 3.44 A&T preps for sit-in events. By Jeuron Dove. Pictured: Statue of A&T Four. Register. January 25, 2006.
- 3.45 N.Y. pastor speaks at breakfast. By Jeuron Dove. Pictured: Reverend Calvin Butts III. Register. February 8, 2006.
- 3.46 Campus Events Honor A&T Four. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain. Photograph by Mike McCray. Register. February 8, 2006.
- 3.47 Sit-in museum starts national fund campaign. By Margaret Moffett Banks. News & Record. March 31, 2006.
- 3.48 From Our Past. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith and Clarence Henderson. Business Journal. October 8-14, 2004.
- 3.49 Early civil rights leader finally getting his due. By Jim Schlosser. News & Record. June 19, 2006.
- 3.50 Human Rights Medalist Sought for 2007. Aggie Report. October 6, 2006.
- 3.51 Retired newsman to discuss Civil Rights today. Pictured: Lee Kinard. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil. Chronicle, November 16, 2006.
- 3.52 Aggies to host Bill of Rights conference. Carolina Peacemaker. December 4, 2003.
- 3.53 New Collaboration between Sit-In Movement, Inc. and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Press Release. International Civil Rights Center & Museum. June 26, 2001.
- 3.54 Discover the Triad. Photograph of Museum Mural. News & Record. 2003.
- 3.55 Greensboro woman turns 100. Pictured: Irene McMurray. Carolina Peacemaker. May 24, 2007.
- 3.56 New Statues Honor 'Greensboro Four'. Pictured: Statue of A&T Four. Portland Local News. Retrieved online from theskanner.com on April 22, 2002.

3.57 Resolution honors N.C. A&T four. News & Record. March 9, 2015.