



Walkers take part in the Sister, Speak! stroll in 2008.

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I can always be a survivor. No matter whether its sickness or whatever it is in life, you can always be a survivor."

Sister, Speak! participant Brenda Sloan, a longtime breast cancer survivor, said the women involved in Sister, Speak! activities developed a strong bond with Meadows and were shocked when they learned at a holiday program in December that Meadows was no longer with the YWCA. Sloan, who was unable to attend the event, said her phone was flooded with calls from volunteers who were shocked by Meadows' sudden departure and upset that no one from the YWCA had notified them of the change.

"Even though we were volunteers, it was a 50/50 partnership. We helped the program to be successful," she said. "So we were quite hurt when nobody



Sloan



Robin Ervin speaks at a Sister, Speak! event several years ago.

told us anything about Betty being dismissed."

A native of Fredericksburg, Va., Sloan said she sought out a program like Sister, Speak! when she moved to Winston-Salem in 2003 to care for her ailing mother.

"Even though I'm 16 years out

(from my original diagnosis), I still worry," Sloan confessed. "Through the support group, we can support each other with things like that—we can talk to each other."

Sloan says she and other survivors questioned whether the program would continue without Meadows, whom many saw as being synonymous with Sister, Speak!

YWCA Vice President Robin Ervin said the program would continue under the direction of Jewel Mitchell, who started work at the YWCA earlier this week. Ervin repeatedly declined to discuss Meadows' departure, citing that it was a personnel issue.

Meadows is uncertain what the future will hold for her, though she plans to continue being a breast cancer advocate. She says she has high hopes for the continued success of Sister, Speak!

"I wish there were a thousand Sister, Speak! programs out there that could bring education and awareness (to underserved communities)," she declared. "I just wish the Sister, Speak! program the best; I wish them only the best."

For more information about the Sister, Speak! program, call 336-354-1590 or visit www.ywcaws.org.

SGA President to keynote Sit-in Breakfast at A&T

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina A&T State University will celebrate the 51st anniversary of the famous sit-in staged by four Aggies at a downtown Greensboro Woolworth lunch counter with events from Jan. 31 - Feb. 1. This year's theme is "Saluting Our Past: Securing our Future."

The activities pay tribute to the four N.C. A&T freshmen - Ezell Blair (now Jibreel Khazan), Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and the late David Richmond - who sat down in protest on Feb. 1, 1960.

The university's annual Sit-In Anniversary Breakfast will be held Feb. 1 in the Alumni-Foundation Event Center. The breakfast begins at 6 a.m. and the program will start at 7 a.m. It is free and open to the public. The keynote speaker will be Wayne M. Kimball Jr., 2010-2011 president of N.C. A&T's Student Government Association.



Kimball

"It is a truly humbling honor to be asked to participate in this event and I am very excited to be a part of its history," said Kimball. He also believes that the impact made by the A&T Four is a testament to the type of leaders the institution produces.

Following the breakfast will be the Laying of the Memorial Wreath, at 9 a.m. in front of the historic Dudley Memorial Building. A Sit-In Roundtable discussion will take place with the A&T

Four from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Harrison Auditorium. "The Sit-In Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon: Honoring Unsung Heroes," will take place on Monday, Jan. 31, 12 noon in the Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom. The luncheon will be used to honor individuals who contributed to the Civil Rights Movement and the fight towards social justice in Greensboro and across the nation.

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ny's overall campaign goal. The much-anticipated sales drew thousands of shoppers from around the Triad area and even from other states, seeking bargains to benefit a worthy cause. The company's first community sale in 2001 raised approximately \$12,000, and the annual events have grown in scope and scale to meet community demand.

"We are extremely grateful for the leadership that

Hanes gives our community. Their campaign just seems to get better every year," said Ron Drago, president and CEO, United Way of Forsyth County.

"Hanes employees really went the extra mile in 2010 with three product sales and their Day of Caring outreach."

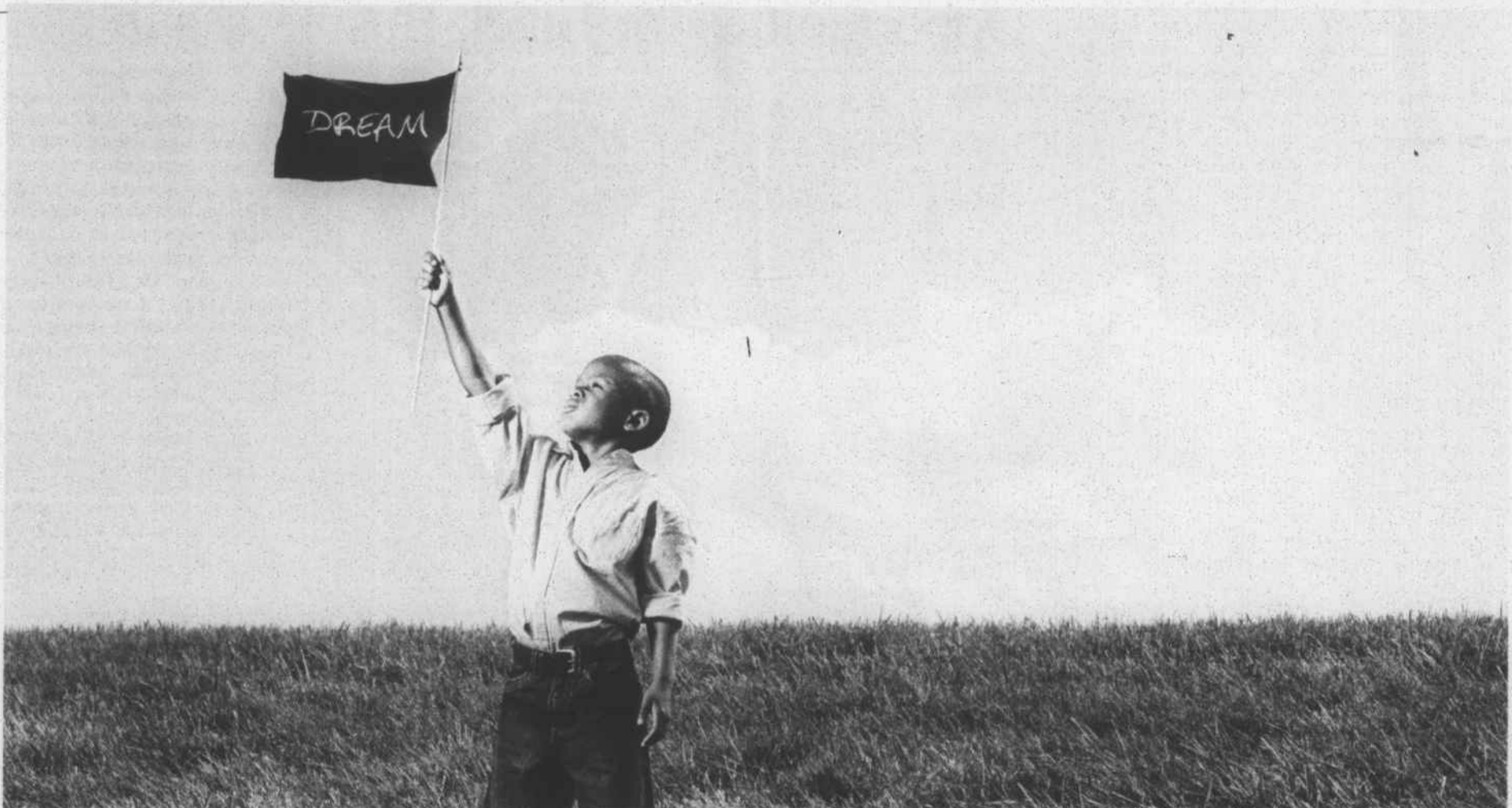
The United Way of North Carolina honored Hanes with the 2009 Corporate

Spirit award, recognizing the company for having the best campaign for its size in North Carolina. The company also won the Employee Spirit award in 2006 and 2008.



Drago

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