

# Four men return to former 'whites only' lunch counter

**United Press International**  
**GREENSBORO** Four North Carolina A&T State University graduates returned to Greensboro Friday, the 25th anniversary of their lunch counter sit-in, which historians say changed the face of civil rights protests. "The four of us — our minds were on the same thing that year," said David

Richmond, who works at Greensboro Health Care Center, a convalescent home. "We talked from September until the Christmas holidays, and we came back and talked some more prior to Feb. 1. "I think it was Frank McCain who finally said, 'OK, we've talked about it. We know what's expected. Let's do it,' "

Richmond said. McCain, Richmond, Joseph McNeil and Ezell 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 their actions while city leaders agreed to look for a solution.

asked to be treated the same as 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.

Once during 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.

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 right revolution," wrote William Chafe, a history professor at Duke University and author of *Civilities and Civil Rights: Greensboro, N.C., and the Black Struggle for Freedom*.

It took until July 25, 1960, for the first black to eat a meal sitting down at Woolworth's.

History remembers the students as four brave young men, but they say they were 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 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

## Four arrested by CHP for basketball ticket scalping

Three UNC students and a school teacher from Martin were arrested Sunday for scalping tickets at the UNC — Georgia Tech basketball game.

William Edward Barksdale, 18, of 2318 Granville South; Sheldon Davis Bradshaw, 19, of 311 Mangum Dorm; Steven David Daskal, 19, of 503 Ehringhaus Dorm and Jerry Leon Ange, 26, of Rt. 1 Box 173-A Jamesville, a teacher in Martin County were each arrested on one count of ticket scalping following an attempt by Chapel Hill Police Detective Barry Thompson to buy a game ticket from each man outside Carmichael Auditorium. Ange is a teacher in the Martin County schools.

and Daskal both offered to sell Detective Thompson game tickets for \$20 each, and Barksdale and Bradshaw offered to sell Thompson tickets for \$15 each. Police spokesman Keith Lohmann said that Chapel Hill detectives did not actively monitor people trying to sell tickets at all UNC athletic events. "They do it once or twice a season at football and once or twice at basketball," Lohmann said.

Under N.C. law, selling tickets to musical concerts or athletic events at prices greater than the face value is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 dollars, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

— LISA BRANTLEY

According to police reports, Ange

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A joint declaration issued also repeated a call to the United States and Soviet Union and three other nuclear weapon nations to freeze production and deployment of such arms.

## Politburo discusses Chernenko

**LONDON** — The ruling Soviet Politburo has discussed a plan that would steadily decrease the duties of ailing President Konstantin Chernenko, the Times newspaper reported yesterday.

Chernenko, 73, was last seen in public in a televised awards ceremony Dec. 27 and Soviet officials confirmed he was ill. Soviet sources have admitted a Warsaw Pact meeting was canceled two weeks ago because of his illness.

## Freeze called disaster

**LAKELAND, Fla.** — One-third of Florida's 300,000 farm workers will be out of work because of a freeze called the worst agricultural disaster in the state's history, officials say.

The three-day freeze, which lowered temperatures to a record 4 degrees in parts of Florida last week, will also force many citrus growers to consider other uses of their land, experts predict.

## Pope visits Venezuela

**MERIDA, Venezuela** — Pope John Paul II flew yesterday to the Andes Mountain city of Merida on

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the third stop of a 17-city missionary tour, preaching the need for family unity and education.

Before he left the hot and humid lowland city of Maracaibo, a red-coated marching band and military honor guard lining a red carpet saluted the pontiff as his motorcade arrived at the airport in his bullet-proof "Popemobile."

## Oil minister walks out

**GENEVA, Switzerland** — United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Saed Otaiba stormed out of yesterday's Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting, charging Nigeria with "stabbing OPEC in the back" by breaking production and price agreements.

"I'm going home," Otaiba told reporters as he left the conference, which broke up a short time later.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheik Zaki Yamani said there had been "a misunderstanding" and that the UAE official would return when the session resumed yesterday.

## Protestors dispersed

**MANILA, Philippines** — Police used clubs and tear gas yesterday to disperse protesters who barricaded major streets to support a nationwide transit strike over gasoline prices. At least 16 people were hurt and 74 were arrested.

Authorities said transportation in most major urban areas of the country was running normally, except for Davia City, 600 miles south of Manila, which was paralyzed by the indefinite strike that began there Saturday.

# Man charged in Student Stores robbery attempt

UNC Campus Police arrested Ronald Steven Brown, of 511 Craig St., at the Carolina Inn Friday night after Brown, charging him with robbing \$1,600 from UNC Student Stores. The robbery occurred about 8:20 p.m. and the money was recovered.

Brown, 33, is being held under \$30,000 bond for armed robbery at the

Orange County Jail. According to Officer Ned Comar of University Police, Brown had a long list of past offenses. The Chapel Hill Police also served Brown with a warrant for his arrest in the armed robbery of a Winn-Dixie grocery store last March.

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