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Thousands Expected In Greensboro For 30th Anniversary of Sit-Ins

GREENSBORO — A commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the sit-in's first lunch-counter sit-in is expected to attract thousands to Greensboro on January 31 - February 4.

The big event of the celebration will take place on Thursday, January 31, when there will be a re-enactment of the original sit-in by four men who accomplished it on February 1, 1960 at the downtown F. W. Woolworth Store. The four at that time were freshmen students at A&T State University just nine blocks away from the store. Coming back for the reunion will be David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan (formerly Ezell Blair Jr.), and Joseph McNeill. This observance will be an event of historic and national significance," said Claudette Burroughs-White, chairperson of the sit-in. "What happened in 1960 served to launch people of the city and nation on a relentless pursuit of human dignity."

"We are pleased to join with our many friends in the Greensboro community in honoring the tremendous courage of these four men," Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor. "What they did can never be forgotten."

The observance will also be marked by a symposium of noted civil rights leaders, a student-led march from A&T to the original sit-in site, a commemorative jazz concert by Dizzy Gillespie, a series of public school and college seminars, a gala commemorative awards banquet, a mayor's luncheon, and a concluding city-wide ecumenical service on Sunday, February 4.

Barbara Farlow, co-chair of the event, said other nationally prominent personalities who have already accepted roles in the observance are: King Carter, Jr., noted publisher; Floyd McKissick, longtime civil rights leader; Barbara Reynolds, author and USA Today editor; and William Chafe, author of "Civilities and Civil Rights."

Greensboro street near Woolworth's will be renamed Greensboro Place in honor of the sit-in participants, and permanent sidewalk signs will be placed in front of the store, and bronze plaques - one on the store and one at A&T will be unveiled in their honor.

Co-sponsoring A&T in sponsorship of the observance are the city of Greensboro, Bennett College, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the February One Society, headed by Dr. James Johnson. The civil rights symposium will be co-sponsored by the city of Greensboro for the American Way.

The sit-in movement in the United States began on February 1, 1960, in Greensboro, N.C., when four students, Richmond, McCain, Khazan, and McNeill, then freshmen at A&T, took seats at a Woolworth's lunch counter and asked to be served. Because of segregation laws, they were refused service.

The students' action triggered similar protests throughout the nation, and lunch-counter demonstrations ultimately led to passage of federal civil rights laws. Richmond, Richman in Greensboro, McCain in Charlotte, N.C., Khazan in New Bedford, Mass., and McNeill in New York.

Reservations for the commemorative banquet, at which Reynolds will be the keynote speaker, and additional information about the observance may be secured by calling Richard E. Moore at 334-7582 or by telephoning at 274-6210.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — At the third biennial Frito-Lay Make It Happen awards banquet, five outstanding African-American women were presented with awards for their incredible contributions to their communities. Pictured here, from left to right: Charlene Johnson, vice president and co-founder, REACH, Inc.; Ruth Poole, advocate for the poor, homeless and imprisoned; Myrtle Davis, co-founder and president/CEO of St.

Louis Comprehensive Health Center; Clementine Barfield, founder and director of Save Our Sons and Daughters, and Melba Moore, singer and guest performer of the awards banquet. Front row, from left to right: Dr. Marjorie Joyner, beauty culturist and community activist; Oprah Winfrey, tv/talk show host and mistress of ceremonies for the banquet, and Dorothy Heist, president of the National Council of Negro Women.

Ms. Ruth Poole Honored By National Council of Negro Women, Frito-Lay

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A nationwide search for unsung African-American heroines culminated in Washington, DC earlier this month with the naming of the five winners of the "Salute to Black Women Who Make it Happen" awards program. The "Salute" sponsored by Frito-Lay and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), was hosted by Oprah Winfrey, who announced the 1989/1990 winners.

Chosen from a field of 15 finalists, the five winners included: Clementine Barfield, Detroit, founder/director of Save Our Sons and Daughters (SOSAD); Myrtle Davis, St. Louis, MO, president/CEO of St. Louis Comprehensive Health Center; Charlene Johnson, Detroit, president of REACH, Inc.; Marjorie Joyner, Chicago, beauty culturist/community activist, and Ruth Poole, Durham, advocate for the homeless, hungry and imprisoned.

Ms. Winfrey, who also was

honored by NCNW as an "Outstanding Woman of Achievement" said, "As black women, we have a history of struggle, coupled with a strong work ethic. The outstanding, tireless and often thankless public service extended by the

"Salute" finalists is in the spirit of Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and other sisters who seek no recognition for their good deeds."

In addition to being honored by the nation's foremost black women's organization, the "Salute" finalists were also invited to the White House by Barbara Bush, for an afternoon visit and personal tour of the First Family's private quarters.

"Mrs. Bush is an enchanting, personable woman who sincerely extended a warm welcome to us, giving us a feeling of being close friends who hadn't seen each other in years," said Grace Stephenson, one of the finalists.

In his keynote address at the "Salute" dinner, Frito-Lay president and CEO, Robert H. Beeby said, "Our finalists serve as an inspiration for us all to do more in the area of public service." He paid

tribute to the countless numbers of African American women throughout the U.S. who include public service as a daily part of their lives.

This year's contest, attracted 160 nominees, from the fields of: politics/law, education and medicine, arts/music, and all aspects of community and volunteer services. All were judged on the following criteria: The need for the contribution, the level, the current and future impact of the achievement and the obstacles overcome by the nominee.

Each of the five winners received a 21-inch bronze statue designed by Black sculptor, Elizabeth Catlett, and a \$31,000 cash award from Frito-Lay. American Airlines provided complimentary air travel for the 15 finalists.

In addition to the winners, the other 10 finalists were: Helen Austin, San Antonio, TX, a social worker; Laura Bush, Bluffton, SC, executive director of the Institute for Community Education; Jeffie Frazier, Hamden, CT, principal of Helene Grant school; Deborah Hyde-Jackson, Encino, CA, a neurosurgeon; Dorothy Mays, New

Gardens, NY, administrative supervisor of Little Flower Children's Services; Thelma Nelms, Memphis, TN, founder/director of Mission Possible; Joe Ella Rice, San Antonio, TX, a volunteer foster grandparent; Grace Stephenson, Fairfax, VA, director of Rent-A-Teen, and Juanita White Jardeeville, SC, community activist and state representative for Beaufort and Jasper counties.

The NCNW, a coalition of more than 4 million women, focuses on the social, economic and political aspects of American life to ensure participation by the woman and their families. The organization sponsors the annual Black Family Reunion Celebrations throughout the U.S. — a testimony to the spirit and strength of African-Americans and the extended family structure.

In addition to supporting the "Salute" program, Frito-Lay has an ongoing commitment to the ethnic market which includes an extensive Minority Business Development (MBD) program, scholarships and other community service initiatives.

Greensboro Sit-In 30th Anniversary Commemoration Celebration Schedule

JANUARY 31, 1990
10:30 p.m. Panel Discussion - UNCG, Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics, Room 160. Panelists: Richard E. Moore, William Chafe's "Civilities and Civil Rights," and account of the sit-in demonstrations in Greensboro 30 years ago. Members of the panel include George Perkins, Linda Brown, and Bill Snider. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Richard Bardolph, UNCG Professor Emeritus of History.

FEBRUARY 1, 1990
10:30 a.m. Re-enactment of Sit-In at Woolworth's
11:45 a.m. Assemble at A&T for March from campus to Woolworth's 8:00 a.m. March to Woolworth's
12:45 a.m. Dedication of February One Place (Sycamore and Elm St.)
1:00 a.m. Dedication of Plaque and Footprints (in front of Woolworth's)
2:00 a.m. Luncheon - Memorial Union at A&T State University
3:00 p.m. Dedication of Sit-in Sculpture at A&T (Union quad)
4:00 p.m. Civil Rights Symposium, Anne Merner Pfeiffer Chapel at Bennett College (hour has not been scheduled)
Moderator: Hodding Carter; Panelists: Floyd McKissick, and Fred Powledge.
5:00 p.m. Reception - Bennett College

FEBRUARY 2, 1990
9:00 a.m. Colleges/Universities Forums on Civil Rights. All area colleges including Duke and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have been visited by People for the American Way (PFAW) encouraging students to participate in the February 2 seminars/workshops. Student reception has been good.
10:00 p.m. Gala Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel Keynote Speaker: Barbara Reynolds, USA Today Public Invited - \$30 donation
11:00 p.m. Commemoration Jazz Performance by Dizzy Gillespie Harrison Auditorium

FEBRUARY 3, 1990
10:00 p.m. The Touring Theatre Ensemble presents "Down A Lonesome Road" by Alice Walker. To be performed at St. Stephen United Church of Christ, 1000 Gorrell Street

FEBRUARY 4, 1990
9:00 a.m. Local Churches are being encouraged to observe celebrations of the sit-in during worship
10:00 p.m. City-wide Ecumenical Service at Shiloh Baptist Church. Possible speakers are: Jim Forbis, First Baptist Church in New York; Walter Fauntroy, and Cecil Bishop
11:00 p.m. All events are open to the public with the exception of the February 1 luncheon hosted by A&T State University.



BUCHAREST — A young boy sits with a soldier on an armored personnel carrier in Bucharest's Republic Square. The city remains quiet following the downfall of the Ceausescu government as citizens enjoy a three day New Year holiday. (UPI Photo)