



On Feb. 1, 1980, North Carolina A & T students Joseph McNeill (from left), David Richmond, Franklin McCain and Jibreel Khazan, sit at the F.W. Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., as they celebrate the 20th anniversary of their historic sit-in. The four were not served in 1960 but their action launched the sit-in movement in more than nine states. (AP photo)

Sit-In Protester Remembered

(AP)—Franklin McCain, who helped spark a movement of nonviolent, sit-in protests across the South by occupying a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960, died last week in North Carolina. He was 73.

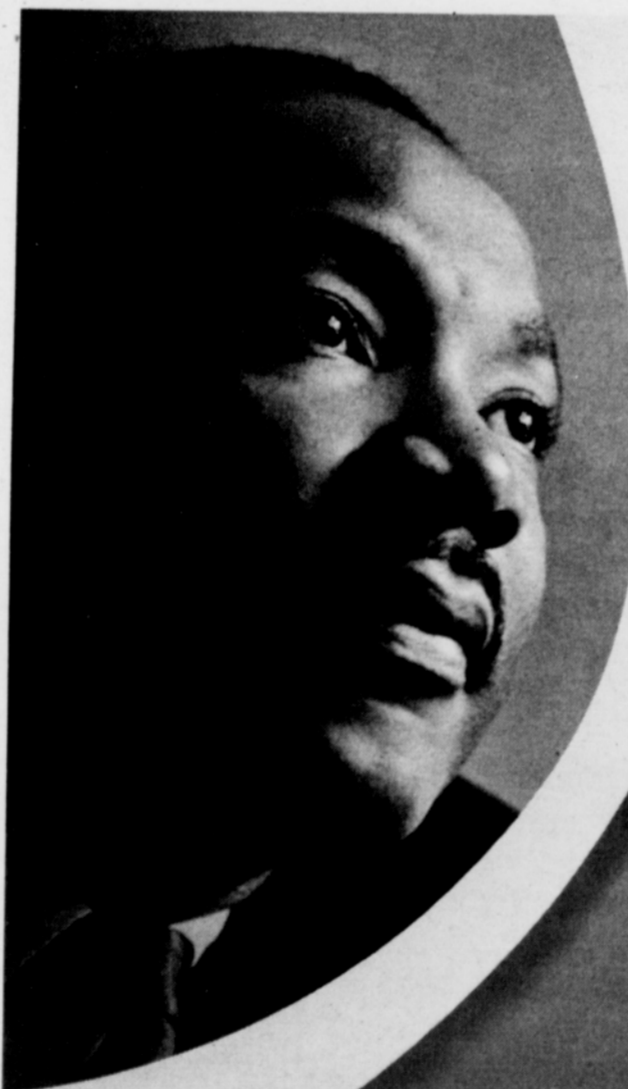
Franklin McCain was one of four freshmen students from North Carolina A&T State University who sat down at the "whites only" lunch counter on Feb. 1, 1960.

McCain, Joseph McNeil, Ezell Blair Jr. and David Richmond returned the following days with other protesters growing to at least 1,000 by the fifth day. Within weeks, sit-ins launched in more than 50 cities in nine states. The Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro was desegregated within six months.

McCain became a research chemist. Richmond died in 1990.

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