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## Jail, Yes; Bail, No

Suit asking  
out off of  
S. funds

CHICAGO, Va. — "We're  
tired of having to file a new  
suit every bit of time. We  
decided to go to the court-  
house and see the way Attorney



100 students stay  
behind bars as  
drive is launched

By CHESTER K. HAMPTON

ATLANTA — "We are prepared to stay here for  
100 days," said a group of 100 Atlanta students today  
as they began a series of sit-ins. The students were  
brought over to the Fulton County grand jury in city court.  
They chose to remain in jail for 100 weeks until the  
grand jury rather than pay a \$100 bail.  
"We will make the jail



store in NYC protesting jail on nine youths for their sit-in. A southern store of the company. counter. The pickets, from the Congress of Racial Equality, wear striped prison costumes and carry signs demanding CORE and the nine jailed youths. They said they were connected with various garment stores.

January 31- February 1, 2003



FOURTEEN IN HERE — This is the scene inside York County Prison Camp at Rock Hill, S.C., where 14 students are serving 30 days at hard labor.

for. Their crime: they asked for sandwiches.

## Editor Fears 'We're In For'

By SAMUEL HOSKINS  
AFRO Staff Correspondent

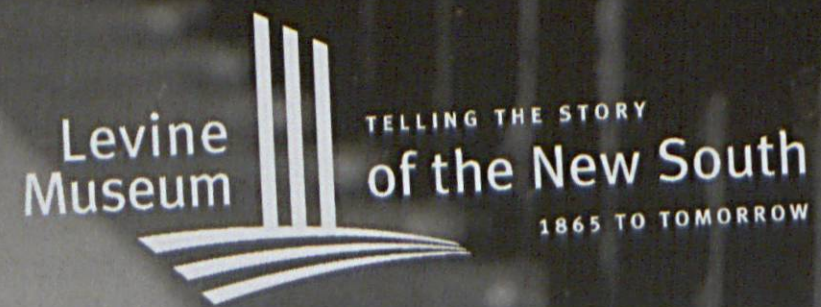
### INSIDE ROCK HILL

ROCK HILL, S.C. — "Jail"

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ROCK HILL





# Charlotte and Rock Hill SIT-IN Reunion

January 31 - February 1, 2003

## Featured speakers:

**Diane Nash**, key national leader of SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee), jailed in Rock Hill, important organizer during the 1961 Freedom Ride through the South.

**Tom Gaither**, led Rock Hill's "Jail, No Bail" protest, field organizer for the Freedom Ride protest against bus segregation, active in CORE (Congress of Racial Equality).

**J. Charles Jones**, led Charlotte's sit-ins, became one of SNCC's main leaders, jailed in Rock Hill, participated in Freedom Ride, voter registration in Mississippi.

**Charles Sherrod**, SNCC activist jailed in Rock Hill, went on to lead the famed "fill-the-jails" protests in Albany, Georgia.

**Charles Payne**, Duke University, author of *I've Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi Freedom Struggle*.

**Pamela Grundy**, Davidson College, historian of the desegregation era in Charlotte.

**Heyward Davenport** and **B.B. De Laine**, co-organizers of Charlotte's sit-ins.

**Dub Massey** and **Willie McCleod**, jailed in Rock Hill's 1961 sit-ins.

**Elsie White Springs**, **Edith Strickland De Laine**, **Betty Houchins Lundy**, **Thelma Johnson**, activists in the Charlotte and Rock Hill protests.

**Abe Plummer**, leader of Rock Hill's 1960 sit-ins.

## FRIDAY January 31 – Withers Hall, Winthrop University, Rock Hill

• 3:00 – 4:30pm **Round-table Discussion** with Diane Nash

• 8:00pm **Keynote Address** by Diane Nash  
Sponsored by The Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium in African American Studies and The African American Experience

## SATURDAY February 1 – Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte

• 9:00am **Welcome**, Dr. Charles Payne, Duke University  
Dr. Pamela Grundy, Davidson College

• 9:30am **Charlotte's Sit-In Leaders**, oral history interview

• 11:00am **Rock Hill's "Jail, No Bail,"** oral history interview

• 12:00noon **Informal Luncheon with Sit-In Participants**, downtown restaurants

• 2:00pm **Women in the Sit-ins**, oral history interview

• 3:30pm **"Outside Agitators:" SNCC & CORE**, discussion of the national impact of the Charlotte and Rock Hill sit-ins

• 4:30pm **Summing up**, Dr. Payne and Dr. Grundy

Events are free and open to the public.

Contact Kemuel Murray at  
Levine Museum of the New South  
200 E. Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202  
(704) 333 – 1887 x222  
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Ask about transportation, dinner and tour options.



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# "YOU CAN'T SIT HERE."

Before 1960, African Americans were not allowed to sit and eat at lunch counters in the South.

A "SIT-IN MOVEMENT" began in February 1960 when four well-dressed black college students sat down at a counter in Greensboro, NC, and politely refused to leave until served.

SIT-INS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH. In hundreds of cities, thousands of young people took action to end racial segregation.



## IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

students at Johnson C. Smith University launched one of the largest sit-ins, mobilizing over 200 protestors the first day alone.



HOW LONG DID IT TAKE? Students kept up the protest for six months before restaurants finally gave in.

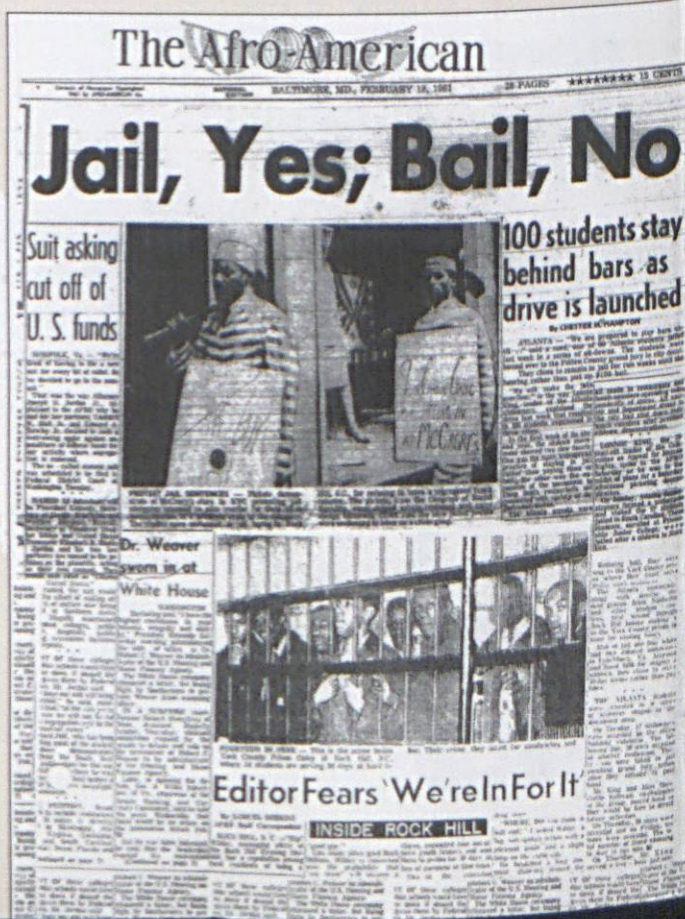
HOW DID THEY DO IT? Where did those young people find the skills, the courage, the persistence to carry out such a campaign?

## IN ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

protests were still going on a year later. On February 1, 1961 nine young people made a pact to sit-in and go to prison – refusing to pay the fine or post bail.

AMERICA TOOK NOTICE. The national Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee sent four of its members, who were also jailed. Rock Hill made headlines across the U.S.

ROCK HILL'S "JAIL, NO BAIL" CAMPAIGN gave the Civil Rights Movement a powerful new tactic, used by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others in subsequent years.





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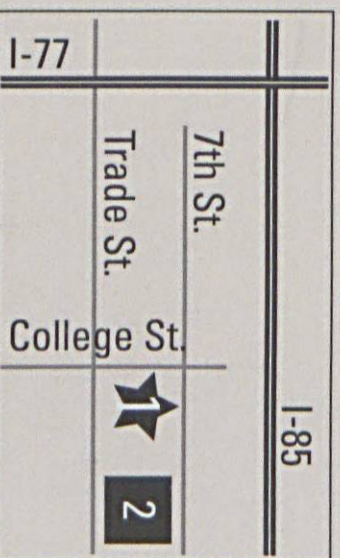
7:00pm, March 18, 2003

Dr. David Goldfield and Dr. James  
Hogue, UNC Charlotte

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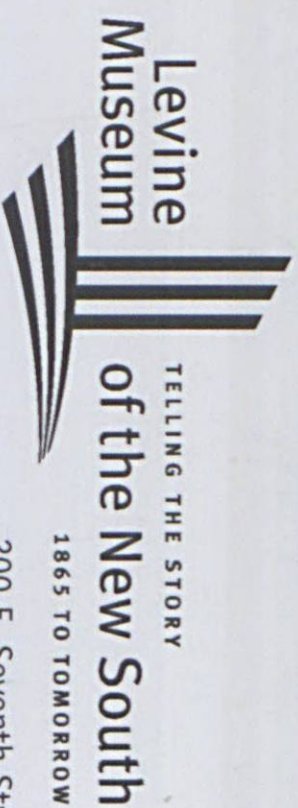
7:00pm, April 23, 2003

Dr. Karla Holloway and Dr. L. Gregory  
Jones, Duke University



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