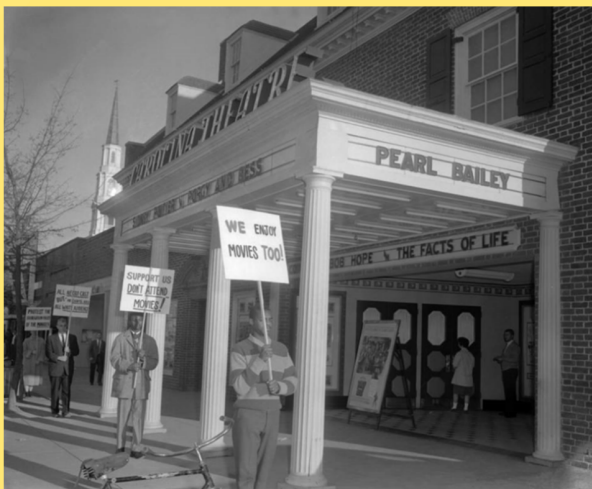


Key Dates

Civil Rights Struggle in Chapel Hill

1960

- February 1- Greensboro 4 sit-in at Woolworth lunch counter
- February 28- Colonial Drug sit-in in CH; lasts 8 months, 50% of business lost.
- May 8, 1960- MLK, Jr., visits Hargraves Center in Northside and meets with Black leaders



1961-62

- January 2-9- Picketing of “Porgy and Bess” during its week-long run at Carolina Theater.
- Picketing continues: Dairy Bar, Carolina Theater and other businesses on Franklin Street. In early 1964, 25% of Chapel Hill businesses were still segregated (Ehle)

1963

- Harold Foster forms COB (Committee for Open Business) to challenge public accomodation laws
- CORE leaders teach students nonviolent tactics
- May 25, 1963: March (Eat at Joe’s, Black and White); 350 demonstrators (black and white)
- July 29: Merchants Assoc sit-in
- Aug 28: March on Washington and MLK’s “I Have a Dream” speech.



- Brady's Restaurant Sit-in; disturbing photos of police arrests lead to new instructions for treating protestors with less force.
- Dec 1: Quinton Baker and other protestors doused with ammonia at a sit-in at the Rock Pile.
- Dec 7: Holiday March, "Send Freedom Letters" [to political leaders urging anti-discrimination legislation]
- Three-week span of intense protesting. 75 people arrested. Local churches host rallies, including First Baptist



1964



- January 12: Durham-CH "Walk for Freedom"; James Farmer speaks (CORE national director), 3-hour march in freezing rain; two-page ad taken out in Sunday edition of Chapel Hill Weekly supporting public accommodation ordinance, signed by hundreds of local citizens
- Jan 13: Board of Alderman rejects accommodation ordinance by vote of 4-2.
- Feb 1: Large-scale demonstration in CH to mark fourth anniversary of Greensboro sit-ins, 23 arrested
- February 8- massive "lay-in" on Raleigh St. after UNC-Wake football game; many demonstrations follow including sit-in on Franklin St.
- March: 8-day Holy Week fast (2 Lincoln High and 2 UNC students); KKK rallies in opposition
- July 2- Civil Rights Act is signed by LBJ; all Jim Crow laws struck down

1966

- CH/Carrboro schools officially desegregated.



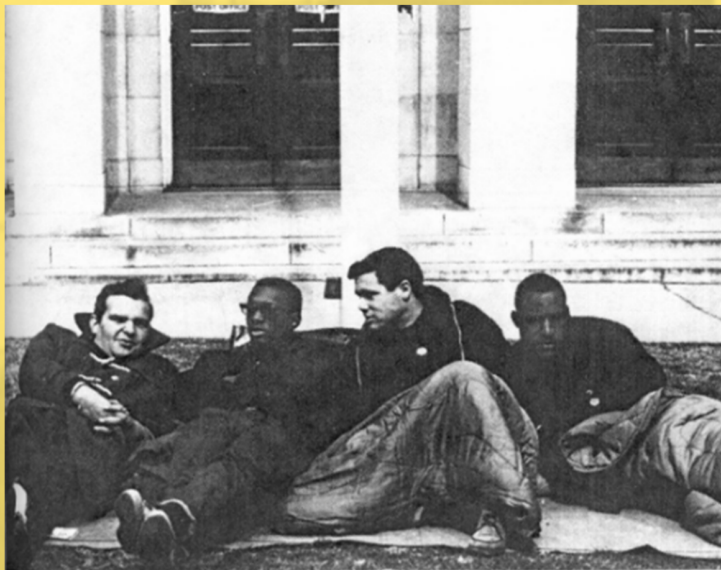
1969

- March 2- Lenoir cafeteria workers begin strike at UNC
- May 6- Howard Lee elected first mayor of predominantly white southern town



1970

- November 21- Northside son James Cates slain in Pit. University largely ignores this, destroying evidence and remaining silent. (Reported by DT as "Brawl" even though Cates was a bystander.) White supremacist motorcycle gang responsible but receive no sentence after trial by all-White jury. Unleashes outrage in community. Northsiders remembered Cates on the anniversary of his death for years following.



The Easter fast on the lawn of the post office, showing, left to right, Pat Cusick, LaVert Taylor, John Dunne and James Foushee. (Al Amon)