

Day of Commemoration and Re-dedication

Freedom Riders in Chapel Hill

1947-2009: The Struggle Continues

Saturday, February 28, 2009

All events sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP and the Community Church

We remember the 1947 Journey of Reconciliation by unveiling a permanent State Highway Marker at the site of the original bus stop on Columbia & Rosemary Streets. It was here that Freedom Riders endured arrests and mob violence when they defied segregated seating on a Trailways bus. Chapel Hill was a Jim Crow town until the 1960s. Today, the legacy of Jim Crow persists in our schools, at UNC, and in the town. We have a choice: to take the path of least resistance and tolerate institutional racism or to identify it and act forcefully to eradicate it. Unless we acknowledge our true history and commemorate all the "freedom riders" that challenged injustice, we can never build a just and sustainable community for future generations.



February 28 Events

**Endorsed and funded by the Town of Chapel Hill
and the Orange County/Chapel Hill Visitors Bureau**

Opening Program....Hargraves Center (Gym)	12:00-1:30
March to dedication site	1:30-2:00
Dedication (Rosemary & Columbia)	2:00-2:30
Closing Program/Refreshments.....Town Hall	2:30-4:00

February 26 Events

Sonja Haynes Stone Center, Hitchcock Room 5:30-7:00

Co-sponsored by Department of African and African American Studies, Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, Feminist Students United, Black Student Movement, African American History Workshop, Triangle Labor and Civil Rights Group

Horace Williams House 7:30-9:00

Co-sponsored by Chapel Hill Preservation Society and Fellowship of Reconciliation

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