

The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University

The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University is sponsoring a one day conference in observance of the 50th Anniversary of the sit-in movement, with a special focus on the 1960 Alabama State student sit-in campaign at the Montgomery County Courthouse. The conference will be organized into four sessions, beginning with an introductory plenary session featuring civil rights activist and visionary, Rev. C. T. Vivian. A second session will focus on the *St. John Dixon v. State of Alabama* litigation, which overturned the expulsion of the nine Alabama State College students, and is considered the nation's leading case on due process rights for students in higher education. The third session will spotlight institutions connected with the ASU sit-in movement, including representatives from state and local government, law enforcement, the media and Alabama State University. Session discussants will talk about the conditions leading to the sit-ins, their individual experiences, as well as their views on the implications of the sit-ins. The last session will feature the actual Alabama State student sit-in participants, who, at the insistence of Governor John Patterson and the State Board of Education, were expelled from the college.



Thursday, 9 A.M to 4 P.M., Feb. 25, 2010

**Ralph David Abernathy Hall
On the Campus of Alabama State University**

The Student Sit-In Movement

at

Alabama State University



A One Day Conference

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary

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