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UNIV. OF GEORGIA DEDICATES BUILDING TO ITS FIRST BLACKS

Charlayne Hunter-Gault, one of the first two Black students to enroll at the University of Georgia, recently returned to her alma mater on the 40th anniversary of its integration for a building dedication in her and her former classmate's honor.

The 169-year-old structure at Georgia's flagship university in Athens was renamed the Holmes-Hunter Academic Building for Hamilton Holmes, an Atlanta orthopedic surgeon who died in 1995 and Hunter-Gault, the South Africa bureau chief for CNN.

Holmes' and Hunter-Gault's college applications were rejected repeatedly by the University of Georgia. However, after the NAACP filed a lawsuit against the school, a federal judge ruled they should be immediately admitted to register.



Charlayne Hunter-Gault, who along with Hamilton Holmes integrated the University of Georgia, addresses audience at the 40th anniversary of the school's segregation.

On Jan. 9, 1961, Holmes and Hunter-Gault walked to register at the same academic building that now bears their names, while a crowd of Whites chanted, "Two-four-six-eight, we don't want to integrate."

Their enrollment ended 175 years of segregation and came years before other Southern state schools integrated.



Hunter-Gault and Holmes walk to the administration building at the University of Georgia in 1961. The building is now named for the pair who integrated the university.

Now 40 years later, Hunter-Gault and relatives of Holmes returned to the university to be honored.

During a seminar on the campus, Hunter-Gault said, "This is not about me or Hamilton Holmes, it's about the spirit of love and getting along."

Today's race relations at the university still remain stressful. Blacks represent only six percent of the 30,000 students and comprise only four percent of the faculty and last year a federal judge turned down the university's affirmative action admissions policy.

Hunter-Gault added, "If anyone had given (Holmes) and me a crystal ball into which we could have looked to the future 40 years hence and seen only 6 percent students of color in a student body of 30,000, I think instead of walking through that arch we might have sat down and cried."

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