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## Remembering May 28, 1963, in Jackson, Mississippi: Hear from Joan Trumpauer Mulholland on the CBS Saturday Morning Show

**TOUGALOO, MISS** – Seeing no victory in boycotting segregation of white owned stores, on May 28, 1963, students and faculty of Tougaloo College walked into the downtown Jackson Woolworth's lunch counter for a staged sit-in. Student activists were trained in nonviolence taking on the downtown storefront with great courage.

During the sit-in, a mob garnered by law enforcement surrounded John Slater, Jr., an English professor and students, Anne Moody, and Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. The duration of the attack was marked by the abuse of fists, brass knuckles, and broken portions of glass from sugar containers, as well as the scaring of lite cigarettes.

FBI agents stood by allowing these unjust and inhuman acts to take place. Now 59 years later, just one short of 60 years, then student Joan Trumpauer Mulholland still lives to tell the story. Tune into a special interview by her and her son, Loki Mulholland, on the CBS Saturday Morning Show, May 28.

## More About Joan Trumpauer Mulholland

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a white southern woman exemplifies courage and fortitude that is highly regarded and recognized today as a jewel of the movement we know as the Civil Rights Movement. She is the recipient of many awards and recognitions for her courageous decision to participate in sitins and demonstrations. She is most widely known as a Freedom Rider, Tougaloo Alum, and the first white member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Gamma Psi Chapter). Her belief in fighting to settle injustices led her to participate in the Jackson Woolworth's Sit-in, the March on Washington, the Meredith March, and the Selma to Montgomery March.

Over her life, she has been attacked and abused yet still lives to tell the truth we know about the broken and cruel acts that occurred in Jackson, Mississippi during the 1960s. Her path has crossed with some of the most profound leaders of the Civil Rights Movement including Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, and John Lewis. Most famously, her encounter with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is depicted in a mural on campus today, in the Bennie G. Thompson