



# NEWSLINE

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### Around the Stacks with the President

Carrie Rich Memorial Library in the early 40s was a place for limited research and enforced study for those of us who were in high school and junior college then. Did I say research? I simply looked up things and reworded them as I took fragmented notes on 3x5 note cards for what I hoped would become a term paper.

Indeed, for me, the library was a forbidding place. We girls were required to sit, perhaps to study, in one room with the boys in another. Nothing could interfere with our education. Our librarian checked on us regularly, but as soon as we heard her footsteps growing fainter, some of the more daring of us would scoot across the great divide into the next room, where the boys were supposedly deep in the throes of study. Only the return of those dreaded footsteps would rush us, chattering and giggling, back to our assigned niche.

As a teenager in those days, I thought the library was morbidly quiet. Now, sixty-plus years later, as I enter the south entrance to the university library, I see to my right what resembles a living room, complete with sofas, soft matching chairs, and tables. How inviting! Am I in the wrong building? Is this our library?

As I walk to the right of the circulation desk and into that sitting area, I notice two things right away. To my right is a copier, available to any library user. To my left is a bookcase, as one would expect to find in a library. What is surprising, though, is the name above the bookcase: Book Oasis. Funded by the library, all books on the upper shelves form a collection of popular books on a variety of topics - politics, current events, mysteries, etc.

On the bottom shelf are audio books, funded by the

Friends of the Library and recorded by professional readers to enable a person to “read” as he or she is engaged in some other activity. Now we can enjoy not only our favorite musical recordings as we ride the highways but also a journey of our minds by hearing, for example, *Obama: from Promise to Power* by David Mendell, *American Soldier* by Tommy Franks, or *Duma Key* by Stephen King. Six audio books must be returned to the source every quarter, so hurry on over and check out one or more titles that interest you.

I would select an Oasis book, an audio book, or a magazine from other shelves to the left of the desk, but I am on a mission, and purpose drives me on. I proceed up a short flight of steps to the next level. From my left come the muted clicking of computer keyboards, the hum of copiers in full use, and the soft whisperings of two librarians as they help a student locate one of the two computer labs.

In the office of Borree Kwok, our head librarian, I mention the 2008 scavenger hunt intended for all students, who were given a list of clues about how to locate items and places in the library. The library and FOL presented all participants in the fall scavenger hunt an orange and black case for their electronic devices, and participation was excellent.

Little wonder that I am distracted from my primary reason for visiting the library, that being to meet with Borree to discuss the direction of the Campbell University FOL. Already we are discussing a possible program for the fall general meeting to be held in September, but it is difficult to surpass the enthusiasm exhibited by the students exploring CRML during their scavenger hunt and receiving their orange and black CU colors!

I smile. A not unpleasant memory and the pure delight of the present envelop me. I think I’ll write a research paper just for the fun of it.



Dorothea Stewart Gilbert  
President, FOL



## Carrie Rich Memorial Library - Past, Present, Future

It comes as no surprise that the most beautiful part of the library, the rotunda, is in fact the oldest part of the library. How fitting when we consider that Carrie Rich Library has been able to build on a tradition of excellence. As I listened to Mrs. Dorothea Stewart Gilbert's stories of the library past, I could not help but think of the many dedicated and able librarians and staff who, over the years, have worked hard together in this building to make it into what it is today.

As Mrs. Dorothea noted, our library is quite different from what it used to be. In fact, several recent changes have occurred. Just this past semester, we added a Book Oasis Collection of popular reading materials, including items such as New York Times Bestseller titles. Thanks to our Friends' generous support, we were also able to add a collection of audio books. In an effort to make the facility a more inviting, comfortable, and convenient venue for study, research, and reading, we modified our food and drink policy to allow covered drinks and small packaged snacks in the building. A drink vending machine is now available for our patrons'

use. Also available are automatic hand sanitizer dispensers, which can be found right outside our computer labs. For the first time in the history of the library, we were opened 24 hours a day during the fall exam week.

As we look to our future, we cannot help but be excited by the possibilities that lie ahead. Let me give you a glimpse of things to come: On April 6th, in celebration of National Poetry Month, Carrie Rich Library will be hosting a poetry reading and book signing by Dr. Nancy Dew Taylor, a published author and poet from Greenville, SC. We hope you can join us for this wonderful event. We are also going full steam ahead with our planning for the relocation of the library, and we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions as we move forward in this major project.

Carrie Rich is bubbling with activities these days. We hope you will stop by for a visit soon!

Borree Kwok  
Director of Library Services





This is Lois Bradley at Campbell just about the time Dr. Elmer Puryear and she met.

# A Tribute to Lois Bradley Puryear

By Dorothea Stewart-Gilbert

In early October of 2008, both Lois and Elmer Puryear felt the excitement of visiting an old friend again, and they eagerly packed their suitcases and departed for the journey of a lifetime, their “last hurrah,” as Elmer expressed it so heartily. They left their Greensboro home for a reunion with the old friend, the Grand Tetons, complete with Jackson Hole, Jackson Lake and Valley, and the meandering Snake River. They wanted to arrive there before the onset of the snows of early November.

The Grand Teton National Park was Lois’ favorite western destination, where the wind blows free over the granite summit of the Grand Teton and a few glaciers never disappear. She longed to see the forests and wildlife, meadows and wildflowers, and lakes and the area’s rugged wilderness.

To give her husband a rest from driving on that long trip from North Carolina to Wyoming, Lois took the wheel and happily anticipated breathing, one more time, the mountain air of the Tetons. In Missouri, however, Lois asked Elmer to drive because, suddenly, she was not feeling well.

Elmer reversed their direction, headed back to North Carolina, and took Lois to their doctor and subsequently to Moses Cone Hospital. She slipped into a coma, never regained consciousness, and died October 10, 2008.

It was not the outcome either of them had envisioned, but in the words of their pastor, Dr. Steve Pressley,

in his tribute at the funeral, “In the Old West they might have called that ‘dying with your boots on.’” “Indeed, Lois was headed toward the American west which she so very much loved, but it wasn’t a selfish enjoyment. During those twenty-six years that she taught social studies at Walter Hines Page High School, she incorporated her travels to all 50 states and 25 foreign countries and her love for the western United States into her class lectures, student projects, and other activities. For Lois, the pleasures and thrill of traveling superseded her enjoyment of shopping and the contentment of reading.

Her obituary read in part: “Lois was born on August 6, 1924, in Harnett County, the only child of Paul and Josephine Bradley. After attending Campbell High School, she joined the first class of women at Wake Forest College, graduating in 1943 at age 19. She later earned her Masters in Education from UNC-CH. After teaching high school at St. Andrews High School in Charleston, S.C., she served as a dedicated history teacher for 26 years at Page High School, for which she had deep affection and where she inspired many students.

She was a long-time member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority of women educators.” (A Lois Bradley scholarship for science and social studies has been established at W. H. Page High School.)

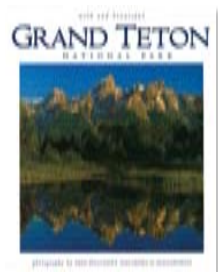
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“Lois was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother, who will always be remembered for her unflinching thoughtfulness, selflessness, and generosity. Her family, friends, and students are forever grateful for her constant support and encouragement, which enriched their lives beyond measure.”

Lois Bradley Puryear is survived by her husband, Elmer L. Puryear; son, Assistant Superintendent of the Forsyth-Winston-Salem school system Paul Jennings Puryear, Sr., and his wife Chris of Jamestown, N.C.; her daughter, Attorney Leigh Vancil of Chapel Hill; her five grandchildren, P. J. Puryear, Ben Puryear, Kate Vancil, Kyra Vancil, and Lauren Vancil.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 12, 2008, in the chapel of First Baptist Church on Friendly Avenue in Greensboro. Forbis and Dick Funeral Service of Greensboro and Thomas Funeral Home of Fuquay-Varina served the family. Lois is buried in the Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church Cemetery near the Harnett County home of her youth.

In memoriam to Mrs. Lois Bradley Puryear Friends of the Library purchased *Grand Teton Wild and Beautiful* by photographer Fred Pflughoft to honor her favorite place to visit.



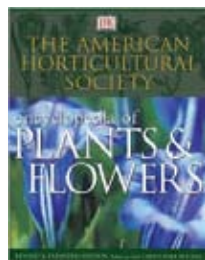
# In Memory of Mrs. Edith Hall McKinney

Mrs. Edith Hall McKinney of Buies Creek died Saturday, October 11, 2008 at age 87. She was the daughter of the late Reverend Romulus F. and Bessie Stanton Hall. She attended Meredith College and Campbell University,



Beloved wife of Dr. Hugh L. McKinney

graduating from Campbell later in life. She was married to Dr. Hugh McKinney for 66 years. She had two children, the late Richard Warren McKinney and Elaine Dawson. Longtime supporters of Campbell University, the McKinneys established scholarships in the Religion Department, the Mass Communications Department, and the Divinity School. Mrs. McKinney enjoyed playing the piano and organ as well as working with flowers. A native of Harnett County, she also lived in Austria, Alaska, and Texas before returning to North Carolina. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and also of Memorial Baptist Church, Buies Creek, North Carolina.



In memoriam to Mrs. Edith Hall McKinney Friends of the Library purchased *The American Horticultural Society Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers (American Horticultural Society Practical Guides)* to honor her love of flowers.

# Book Oasis and Audio Book Collections

Listed below are some of the titles in the new Book Oasis and Audio Book collections. Please make suggestions for purchase by contacting Linda Martin. She can be reached at (910) 893-1460 or by email at martinl@campbell.edu.

AUTHOR	TITLE
Angelou, Maya	<i>Letter to My Daughter</i>
Cornwell, Patricia	<i>At Risk</i>
Evanovich, Janet	<i>Twelve Sharp</i>
Friedman, Thomas	<i>Hot, Flat and Crowded: why we need a green revolution and how it can renew America</i>
Grisham, John	<i>Playing for Pizza</i>
Jong, Erica	<i>Inventing Memory: a novel of mothers and daughters</i>
Karon, Jan	<i>Light from Heaven</i>
Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>
Lauder, Evelyn	<i>In Great Taste: fresh, simple recipes for eating and living well</i>
McDevitt, Jack	<i>Seeker</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>True Believer</i>
Zakaria, Fareed	<i>The Post-American World</i>

## Audio Books

Baldacci, David	<i>Divine Justice</i>
Frank, Dorothea Benton	<i>Bulls Island</i>
King, Stephen	<i>Duma Key</i>
Kingsbury, Karen	<i>Oceans Apart</i>
Mendell, David	<i>Obama: from promise to power</i>
Meyer, Joyce	<i>Battlefield of the Mind</i>
Moore, Beth	<i>Breaking Free: day by day</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Cross Country</i>
Pausch, Randy	<i>The Last Lecture</i>
Phillips, Susan Elizabeth	<i>Match Me If You Can</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>Nights in Rodanthe</i>
Wood, Gordon S.	<i>The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin</i>

## 2008 FOL Meeting DVD Available

*“The Aftermath of Combat Trauma”*  
Dr. James D. Johnson

Price: \$5  
Call (910-893-1460)  
or email martinl@campbell.edu

## Upcoming Events:

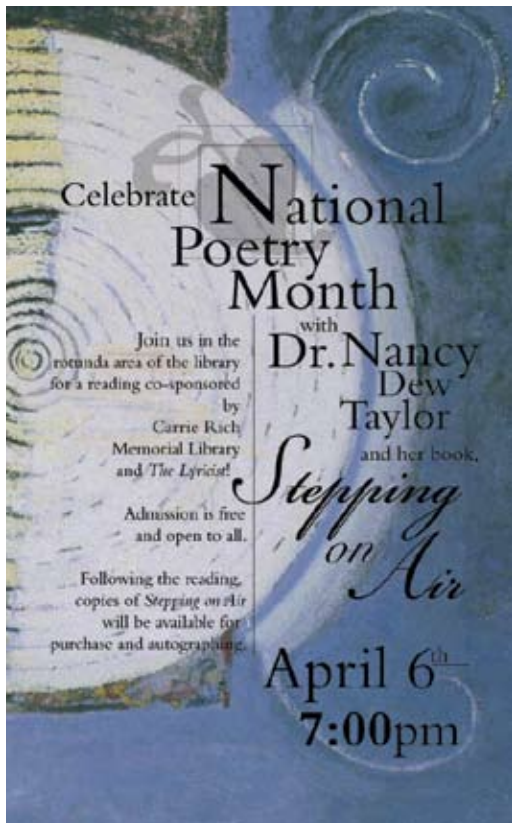
**Poetry Reading - April 6**  
(see poster on back)

**National Library Week**  
**April 12-18, 2009**

**Worlds connect @ your library**

**Exam 24hr access**

Sunday April 26 @ 2pm – Friday May 1st  
@ 4:30pm



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