



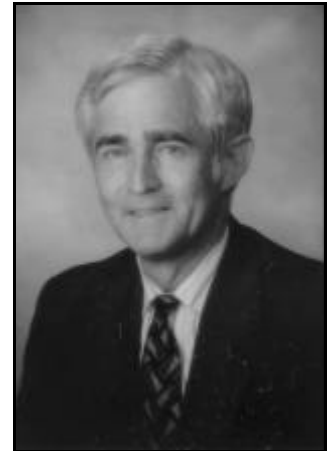
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Campbell University Friends of the Library

WILLIS P. WHICHARD TO ADDRESS FRIENDS

Dr. Anthony R. Harrington, president of the Campbell University Friends of the Library, has announced that the speaker at the Friday, September 24 meeting of the group will be Dean Willis P. Whichard of the Norman A. Wiggins School of Law. Dean Whichard, a former associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, is author of a well-received biography entitled Justice James Iredell, a volume that was selected as an outstanding academic book for 2000. Iredell will be the subject of his address to the Friends of the Library.



Dean Willis P. Whichard

Whichard has been dean of the Wiggins Law School since 1999. He received his A. B. and J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his LL.M. and S.J.D. from the University of Virginia. Whichard was a practicing attorney, who was elected to both the North Carolina House and the Senate, prior to service on the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

Dean Whichard has given numerous presentations on both the personal and legal aspects of the life of James Iredell since the appearance of his full-length biography. The first North Carolinian appointed to the United States Supreme Court by George Washington, Iredell had been largely forgotten by the average person. Whichard has reintroduced this important early Federalist leader and distinguished jurist to a new generation of lawyers, historians, and laymen.



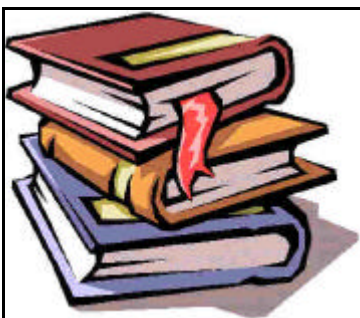
Justice James Iredell :
Subject of Whichard's
Biographical Study

Iredell was born in England and emigrated to North Carolina in 1768. One of his dissenting opinions became the basis of the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which bars individuals from suing states. Iredell was an early proponent of the Court's declaring laws unconstitutional if they were not in accord with the Constitution. He took this position long before *Marbury v. Madison*.

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will take place at 6 p.m., September 24, in the Pine Burr Room of Marshbanks Dining Hall. Members may attend at no charge, others may attend for a payment of \$10. Contact Mrs. Linda Martin about tickets at 910-893-1460 or come by the Carrie Rich Library Office, Room 110.

NEW FOL OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED SEPTEMBER 24

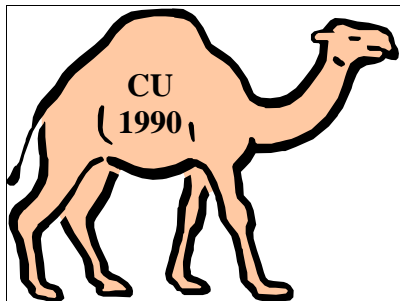
The Executive Committee of the Friends of the Library has voted to recommend that the following persons be elected as officers at the September 24 business meeting of the organization:



Judge Edward McCormick, retiring NC District Court judge, as president, and **Dr. Carl Broadhurst**, chairman of Business Administration & Economics at Campbell, as vice-president.

These persons are elected by the membership via voice vote, but nominations of others may be made from the floor at the time of the annual meeting. Please note that Dr. Ronnie Faulkner is already designated as secretary-treasurer under the by-laws of the Friends of the Library organization. He will continue in that capacity for 2004-05.

BARBARA FAULKNER'S 14 YEARS AT CAMPBELL



Barbara Faulkner of Coats has worked at the library of Campbell University for fourteen years. She started in July of 1990 working at the circulation desk, where she assisted faculty and students. She later became a Technical Services Assistant and was trained in cataloging of books and materials.

Barbara said, "Working at Campbell is one of the very best jobs I have ever had." She added that she really enjoyed the cataloging of materials because "everyday you have visible evidence of what you have accomplished."

Barbara, having an associates degree in criminal justice, stated that her hobbies are reading mysteries, horror tales, and crime stories. She especially loves movies that are characterized by action accentuated with a mild degree of violence, blood, and gore. Over the years, she has become somewhat of a movie trivia buff.

"I have made wonderful friends at Campbell," Barbara said, "among both students and employees."

ERIC BRODIN : AMERICAN, 1931-2004

It is regret that we report the death by drowning of a longtime friend of Campbell University and the library, Professor Eric Brodin, age 73. He held degrees from San Francisco State College and the University of California at Berkeley. He was the only conservative columnist on the student newspaper at Berkeley in the early 1960s, during the days of the so-called "free speech movement." He later did his doctoral work at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Professor Brodin was a mass of contradictions. A native of Sweden, the most socialist of the Western European countries, he came to America in 1947 and became an outspoken proponent of the free enterprise system, serving as Lundy Chair of the Philosophy of Business at Campbell University from 1980 to 1988. He spoke frequently on economic and political subjects in North Carolina and around the world.

Professor Brodin found a home in the Republican Party, became a local activist, and hardly ever missed any GOP event. He also reported on these events for the newspapers and wrote regular columns for the *Dunn Daily Record* and *The Community Leader*, published in Erwin.

Though born in a country that was secular in the extreme, he became a devout adherent to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and even taught Bible classes to Mormon students at Campbell. He helped train Mormons for missionary work. Also, ever aware of the obligation of a follower of Jesus to help the less fortunate, he volunteered at the Harnett County Food Pantry.

But the final contradiction of Professor Brodin's life was that this Swedish-born immigrant became more American than many persons born in the U.S.A. He was a world traveler who loved America and defended her wherever he went. He wrote in January of 1984, "Let our faith in America motivate us to a stronger love for and a more consistent commitment to it than ever before. The nightmare of George Orwell's *1984* was not meant for us."

"I will most surely miss Dr. Brodin," said Ronnie W. Faulkner after attendance at the funeral on July 16. "He has meant a great deal not only to Campbell University, but to me personally as both friend and philosophical colleague."

So there is no more fitting end to this tribute than to say: Farewell and Godspeed to Eric Brodin, American.



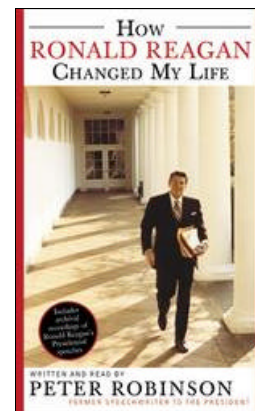
Eric Brodin

REPORT ON FRIENDS TO ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL

On July 29, Dr. Ronnie Faulkner reported to the Campbell University Advancement Council. He noted that total assets of the Friends of the Library amounted to an historic **\$183,247**, of which \$110,156 was in the various endowment funds administered by the FOL. Dr. Faulkner also indicated that the goal for 2004-05 was to surpass \$200,000 in assets. He was especially pleased that the Faulkner Endowment Fund, established by him to support professional development activities of library staff, had been activated by surpassing the \$15,600 level. "In the future," concluded the Director, "additional funding will be available for vital professional activities, above and beyond the usual library travel allocation."

THE LIBRARIAN'S BOOK CORNER

Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner's Reading—Within the past few weeks I read a number of books. Years ago, as an adolescent, I read Edgar Rice Burroughs' John Carter of Mars. More recently I took up The Princess of Mars and The Gods of Mars and returned to that swashbuckling world of Barsoom (Mars), where John Carter battles for his princess Dejha Thoris and inevitably saves the planet from destruction and superstition. These are fast-paced action novels that make light, quick, and enjoyable reading for young and old alike. I also read the science fiction novel Saturn's Race (2001), co-authored by Larry Niven and Steven Barnes. In the year 2020 the main characters are confronted with a world run amuck due to weird genetic engineering by a shadowy corporate conglomerate. The plot is complex, but keeps the reader intrigued. In a more serious vein, I have read Bush Country (2004) by John Podhoretz. This book is so laudatory of Bush that it even gives me pause. Podhoretz finds both the costly prescription drug bill and the constitutionally questionable McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Law to be praiseworthy strokes of genius. Well, I guess you can't have everything! Another really great book, and one especially notable given the recent death of President Reagan, is Peter Robinson's How Ronald Reagan Changed My Life (2003). Robinson, a former speechwriter and author of the historic line, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," explains how he was made a better man and a better citizen by the indomitable Gipper. Each chapter deals with a specific lesson and one is impressed with the touching stories and relevant examples given. Character does matter! Finally, along with virtually every member of my church, I read The Purpose Driven Life (2002) by Richard Warren. Therein we learn that we are created to love and serve God and that human purpose is not found in the transient, but in the eternal. The search for meaning, which many vainly pursue through pop-psychology or self-esteem lessons, is found only through the ever-present Word of the Living God as found in Holy Scripture. "Praise God and pass the ammunition!" All the books listed in this essay are available at the Carrie Rich Memorial Library, with the lone exception of Saturn's Race.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for a New Library System has been forwarded to ten library automation vendors. The 47-page RFP outlines in detail the system requirements that Campbell wants in its new system.

In a Recently Unearthed 1959 Interview of Paul Green Found in the Library Archives, the Author Described Dr. James Archibald Campbell, Founder of Buies Creek Academy: "In appearance—well, he was very much like Robert E. Lee. He was not a tall man—about 5 feet 10, I suppose. He had reddish, sandy hair, fair complexion... He was a staunch, orthodox believer and orthodox religious education was his dream... He was narrow, but he was not a fanatic. His loving heart overcame his narrowness."

Collection Development in the Social Sciences: The areas that will be given special attention in collection development over the next two academic years are history, government, criminal justice, geography, sociol-

ogy, psychology, social work, and military science. If you are in any department with responsibility for these subjects, then your department has additional funds for collection development in 2004-05.

Shifting of the Collection Nears Completion: The entire book collection is being shifted to create room in social sciences and religion, both major areas of collection growth. Completion by the Fall term is anticipated.

Relocation of Curriculum Materials/Media Center: Persons will note that the hut where CMMC and ROTC were located is no longer standing. The CMMC has been completely relocated to the second floor of the Carrie Rich Memorial Library. This, unfortunately, required elimination of two study rooms and the loss of some seating. Nevertheless, users will now have longer hours of access provided by library reference staff.

New Machine Converts Film and Fiche to Machine Readable Format: Faculty can now convert microforms to machine readable format and put them on a disc to utilize on their office and home computers. The new equipment is in locked room 116-A of the microform room. Inquire at the reference desk.

Alex Castellanos, Well-Known National Media Consultant, born in Cuba, and currently working for the Bush campaign, recently wrote Dr. Faulkner about Coats, NC: "Growing up in a small town like Coats was one of the best things that could ever happen to anybody. I think Coats was the best of America, wonderful people who opened their hearts and arms to our family and shared the blessings of this great country with us over and over. If my family gave me a lot of faith in the freedom and opportunities that could be enjoyed by everyone in this country, it was validated every day by our friends and neighbors in Coats."

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