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LIBRARY AWARDED OVER \$232,000 IN GRANTS



Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner, Director of Library Services, announced in July that the Carrie Rich Memorial Library has been awarded \$232,886 in automation grants for installation of a new and improved library system. The first was an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) federal grant of \$100,000 obtained via application through the State Library of North Carolina. This grant had a matching requirement of at least 25%. This was more than met by the matching grant from the Felburn Foundation of Silver Springs, Maryland, which granted the library an additional \$132,886 in funding to assist in completion of this project in the 2005-06 academic year.

“We are most gratified by these two awards,” said Dr. Faulkner. “They are a strong indication of the confidence the state, the federal government, and private foundations have in the work the library performs in the educational process at Campbell University.”

The Geac system has been in place for ten years and was gradually becoming more dated and the company had scaled back support because of declining revenues. The new system, Sirsi Unicorn, will expand our capabilities by providing for such things as complete electronic ordering and federated searching. The latter will allow users to search multiple databases simultaneously.

“We will still call our online catalog CamelCat,” commented Dr. Faulkner. “The users are used to that name. Nevertheless, the software platform behind the catalog will be significantly different than our old system.”

All Campbell libraries, including Law and Business, have worked together to bring this new system to our campus. The projected completion date for installation of the new system is set for January of 2006.

JOHN HAIRR SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TO FRIENDS

John Hairr, local author, historian, and documentary film maker, is scheduled to speak to the Friends of the Library on Friday, September 30, at 6 p.m. in the renovated Pine Burr Room of Marshbanks Dining Hall. “His topic will be ‘Bizarre Tales of the Cape Fear Country,’” stated Judge Ed McCormick, president of the FOL.

Hairr has written several books, including Harnett County: A History; Big Sharks of the Carolina Coast; Guilford Courthouse; and Colonel David Fanning, to name a few. His articles have appeared in publications such as Our State and Wildlife in North Carolina. In addition, he has written and directed several educational documentary films and DVDs, including Flora MacDonald in America and Great White Sharks of the Carolina and Georgia Coast.



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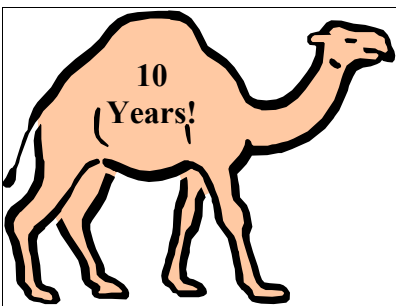
John worked for a dozen years as curator of local history at the Harnett County Library in Lillington. There he built a collection of materials pertaining to Harnett and surrounding counties which was sought out by researchers from across the United States and Great Britain. He received an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local Historians for his efforts preserving the heritage of the Cape Fear River Valley, and was named Historian of the Year in 1996 by the NC Society of Historians.

In addition to these accomplishments, John occasionally teaches classes through Central Carolina Community College and NC State University. His popular courses include Harnett County History, The Cape Fear, and River Navigation in North Carolina.

Hairr received his education in the public schools of Harnett County, graduating from Erwin High School. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida, where he received a BA in History & Geography. Civic duty has long been important to John Hairr. A veteran of the US Naval Reserve, he has served his community and state in a number of ways. He served on the NC Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority, the Raven Rock State Park Advisory Committee, and the Harnett Cemetery Board of Trustees.

Any Friend of the Library member wishing to attend the annual meeting should either come by the office of Linda Martin in the Carrie Rich Library, Room 110, or call her for tickets at 910-893-1460. As usual, FOL members attend for free and non-members can attend at a cost of \$10 per person.

MICHELLE FOUND CAMPBELL SO NICE THAT SHE WORKED FOR US TWICE!!!



“I worked at the Carrie Rich Memorial Library the first time from January 1994 until November 1998. I resigned to go to work for an attorney,” said Michelle Gregory, Acquisitions Assistant. “Dr. Faulkner told me that I would not find that job to my liking and that I would be back. Well, he was right. I was rehired by him in February of 2000 and I’ve been here ever since.”

Michelle’s husband Dale is a Sales Account Manager with Pepsi. They have two boys, Caleb and Austin. Austin is a rising first grader at Meadow. Caleb, an academically gifted 7th grader, was inducted into the Beta Club last year.

Michelle has worked as a technical services assistant in the library, but most of her time at Campbell has been spent with acquisitions. In this position she is responsible for ordering, doing preliminary processing, and paying the invoices for the books that are used by faculty, staff, students, and Friends of the Library. She recently served on the Integrated Library System Search Committee, which has recommended the installation of Sirsi Unicorn. “It was a pleasure to work with this group,” concluded Michelle. “I learned a lot from everyone and appreciated being picked to represent the support staff of the library.”

“I like working at Campbell,” observed Michelle. “I like to see the books coming through. Of course, sometimes faculty members do not order books they need for classes until the last minute and things get a bit rushed.”

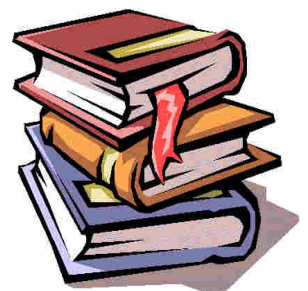
Dr. Faulkner, Michelle’s supervisor, noted that he received one of the most impressive recommendations he ever got for any candidate for any position. Sophia Gregory, a hard-working cataloger in the Law School Library and Michelle’s mother-in-law, had been asked a number of times about possibly working in the Carrie Rich Library. Mrs. Gregory called Dr. Faulkner the first time her daughter-in-law applied for a job and said, “Hiring Michelle is the next best thing to hiring me!” “After that,” noted Faulkner, “Michelle was a shoe-in.”

“I’ll probably be working here as long as Sophia,” concluded Michelle, noting her mother-in-law had worked at Campbell for over twenty-five years. This certainly will not be a disappointment to those who know her!

INVENTORY STARTED IN PREPARATION FOR SIRSI

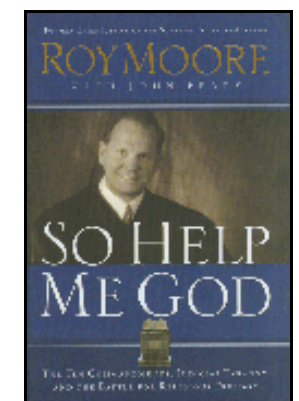
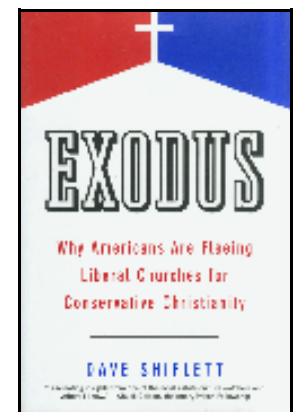
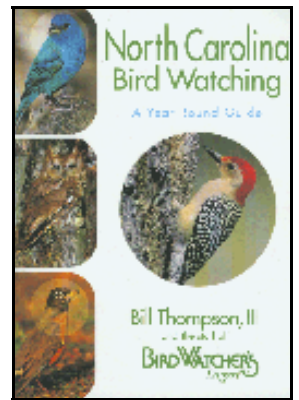
The librarians have commenced an inventory of the collection of the Carrie Rich Memorial Library. While it is doubtful that this will be totally completed before the new Sirsi Unicorn system comes on line in the Spring, it will nevertheless help to clear up a number of problems relative to missing or incorrectly shelved items.

“We have done no inventory in recent years,” noted Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner, “though we have reordered a large number of items that were not returned by users or that were discovered missing. This will help us find any illusive items that had not been recently checked out, but are still not where they should be on the shelf.”



THE LIBRARIAN'S BOOK CORNER

Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner's Reading—Readers will not be surprised to learn that I have read some worthy books during the past few weeks. Bill Thompson's book, North Carolina Bird Watching (2004), is for bird lovers. The first few chapters deal with general birding topics, but this is followed by a section where each bird is treated separately with a color photograph, a map of the bird's range, and interesting facts about habitat, feeding, nesting, etc. I was so impressed with this book that I have even created a quick PowerPoint program on 21 of NC's most notable birds. Mike Adams lambastes political correctness on campus in Welcome to the Ivory Tower of Babel (2004). Adams, a professor of criminal justice at UNC-Wilmington, effectively skewers gay activists, feminists, and other members of the diversity police. He gives a number of particularly egregious examples of kowtowing to radicalism on his home campus and has some tongue in cheek solutions: Affirmative action for Republicans and a Men's Resource Center where men could go for counseling when falsely accused of sexual harassment. Exodus: Why Americans are Fleeing Liberal Churches for Conservative Christianity (2005) is a fascinating book by David Shiflett, a Presbyterian layman. In attempting to explain a notable phenomenon of our time, he concludes that a church must offer something more than the prescriptions of the modern secular world in order to be vibrant. If you do not believe in the divinity of Christ, the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection of Christ, or the sanctity of human life, then you can get satisfaction from ABC News and without getting up early on Sunday. Shiflett believes that the fate of the Episcopal Church looms in the future for mainline Protestants and their imitators (the American Baptist Convention, for example). Michael Phillips's Make Me Like Jesus (2003) is a book about prayer for the mature Christian. The author goes through his own struggle to, as he says, "pray dangerously." Phillips argues that Jesus was fully human and had free will. Given the ability to choose, He chose to die for our salvation. He warns readers that one not pray to be like Jesus unless one is serious even unto death! Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore has produced a book well worth reading. So Help Me God (2005) is the story of one of those rare men who stands athwart history shouting, "Stop!" He notes the illogic of a judge stating that the Ten Commandments Monument was an "establishment of religion," but going on in the same opinion to say that the meaning of the word "religion" is beyond the purview of the Court. From the beginning of the country, Congress, the Courts, and similar branches of state governments have opened with prayer. Every official even today takes an oath to uphold the constitution and/or laws "so help me God." Such oath-taking was not viewed as a frivolous act until the latter half of the 20th century, wherein a number of courts ruled such actions constitutional only because they have been robbed of religious meaning. This was not the intent of the founders, concludes Moore. In his book, the judge quotes extensively from historical and legal sources over the nation's history to make a compelling case for the constitutionality of his own acknowledgment of God in the public arena. Dare I say it: This man should be Chief Justice of the U.S.! All the books reviewed are available in the Carrie Rich Memorial Library.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

N.C. Reconstruction Bonds Found Signed by W. W. Holden, Only N.C. Governor Ever Impeached—A student working in the Library Archives came across \$1000 in North Carolina Reconstruction bonds in the papers of Gilbert T. Stephenson. These bonds, which were repudiated by the state, are only of value because of

their historical interest, including the signature of Governor W. W. Holden and State Treasurer D. A. Jenkins. The bonds have been framed and now hang in the hallway of the Carrie Rich Memorial Library. Everyone is invited to come by and take a look at this piece of Tar Heel history.

Google Earth—Modern satellite technology now brings us Google Earth, a program that can be downloaded from <http://earth.google.com/>. This program permits you to get down to street level in many of the major cities of the world, and in some cases you can even identify the types of vehicles on the street or in the parking lots.

The Wonders of the Carolina Consortium—Campbell University has joined the new Carolina Consortium, a group of academic libraries in North and South Carolina that have united to make more electronic resources available to users. For a few hundred dollars we have thereby gained access to the databases of major publishers, including Wiley (300 journals), Blackwell (700 journals), and Springer-Kluwer-Brill (1200 journals). Being a part of this group has especially expanded our full-text holdings in the sciences. Our e-journal access has jumped from 9,500 to over 11,700!

Friends of the Library Continues Monetary Growth—the Campbell Library FOL group currently has assets in excess of \$206,000. The FOL accounts continue to exhibit brisk growth. Plans are developing for establishment of a new Eric Brodin Endowment Fund.

Fantastic Year of Collection Growth in 2004-05—Some persons think that automation ends the need for books, but nothing could be further from the truth. In 2004-05 the Carrie Rich Memorial Library exhibited one of the most dramatic years of growth in its history with the addition of **8,267 volumes added** to the collection. This growth was especially intense in the areas of religion and the social sciences.

Mrs. Sharron Bortz Takes Post at Sunnyside Public Library, Yakima Valley, Washington—Sharron Bortz, Coordinator of Curriculum Materials/Media at Campbell University for six years (1999-2005), took a position as a public library director in Washington State in June 2005. She reports that she is enjoying her new job, which has the added benefit of being near her children. The search for a suitable replacement is underway.