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Campbell University Friends of the Library

## JOHN HAIRR'S CAPE FEAR REGIONAL TALES!

John Hairr, local author, historian, and documentary film maker, spoke at the Campbell University Friends of the Library annual meeting on September 30. His topic was "Bizarre Tales of the Cape Fear Country," loosely based on his book by the same title.



JOHN HAIRR

"All you have to do is look around you, and you'll discover the Cape Fear region... has one of the most bizarre and colorful folklore histories of any place in the country," Hairr said.

Take the story of the wake of an elderly man in which a boy was left alone with the corpse. The boy was frightened when the dead man sat up in the coffin. The old man suffered from arthritis and rigormortis had a levitating effect on him.

In another story, a girl succumbs to a coma and is thought to be dead. On the day of her funeral, a slave steals back to her grave at night to retrieve a valuable ring and is horrified when the young woman yells at him to leave her alone. The legends of the Maco lights and the light at Neil's Eddy are also part of Cape Fear lore. In the first two stories, an eerie light dances across a lonesome stretch of railroad in Vander and on the Cape Fear River at a point where several prisoners reportedly drowned. No one has discovered the source of the light, but many have witnessed the phenomena.

Now at the Smithsonian, the Moore County meteorite actually fell from the sky in the 1800s while farmers were working in a field. The molten rock burned their hands, causing the men to declare that "God Almighty" hurled it at them. Scientists later discovered that the rock came from an asteroid millions of miles in space.

After Hairr's talk, Life Memberships were presented to a number of persons at the annual meeting. Those presented with this honor, in recognition of gifts of \$1000 or more to Friends of the Library, included Dr. Jerry and Dr. Louise Taylor, longtime members of organization. Dr. Taylor is a professor of mathematics at Campbell and his wife is a retired English professor from Meredith College. Dr. William Freeman, chairman of the Campbell Department of Exercise Science, was also presented a Life Membership. Finally, Mr. Ben Snellings and his wife Geri, a former librarian and victim of Alzheimer's, were presented Life Memberships.

Dr. Ronnie Faulkner gave his report on the finances of the Friends of the Library, noting that over the past year the Friends of the Library assets surpassed \$203,000. This fact, along with the library winning over \$232,000 in automation grants in 2005, indicates that support for the library is growing.

Finally, the current officers of the Friends of the Library were reelected to serve another one year term. Judge Edward McCormick will continue as president and Dr. Carl Broadhurst will continue as vice-president.—

*Written by Public Information and Ronnie W. Faulkner*

**NEW LIFE MEMBERS L. TO R.:** Judge McCormick Presents Life Membership to Dr. Bill Freeman, Judge McCormick Presents Life Memberships to Drs. Jerry & Louis Taylor, and Wensell Grabarek, Ben Snellings. and Dr. Ronnie Faulkner.



## GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING TO LIBRARY PATRONS

The Carrie Rich Memorial Library staff arranged for the sale of approximately 2,000 volumes of the Eric Brodin collection to Stevens Book Shop in Raleigh, North Carolina. This combined with the sale conducted during Homecoming on October 1, 2005, has provided a nucleus of \$2,500 for the Eric Brodin Library Endowment Fund. This Fund established in conjunction with Friends of the Library is designed to assist collection development in those areas of the humanities and social sciences of particular interest to the late Professor Brodin, which includes business philosophy, history, political science, literature, music, and dance. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this fund in memory of Professor Brodin should make the check out to "Campbell University" and in the note field write: "Brodin Endowment Fund."

The library recently received a gift of approximately 1,500 volumes from the estate of former Professor L. T. "Jerry" Easley. This gift was made possible by his daughter, Mary. The vast majority of the books were in the area of American history.

The library will soon receive a gift of papers from the estate of the late Frances Saunders, who was engaged in extensive research on the life of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Green, a graduate of Buies Creek Academy. These materials are scheduled to arrive in April of 2006 and will be a valuable asset to researches into the life of this distinguished author. The materials are made available through the good graces of Green's daughter, Betsy Green Moyer of Wayland, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Saunders' son, Eric Saunders of Pittsboro, North Carolina.

"The Campbell University Library is always grateful for gifts to the collection," stated Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner. "because such gifts are of great benefit to both students and faculty at the University. Nevertheless, stack space remains a critical issue. We will need to shift the entire collection in the summer of 2006 to make room for the additional growth."

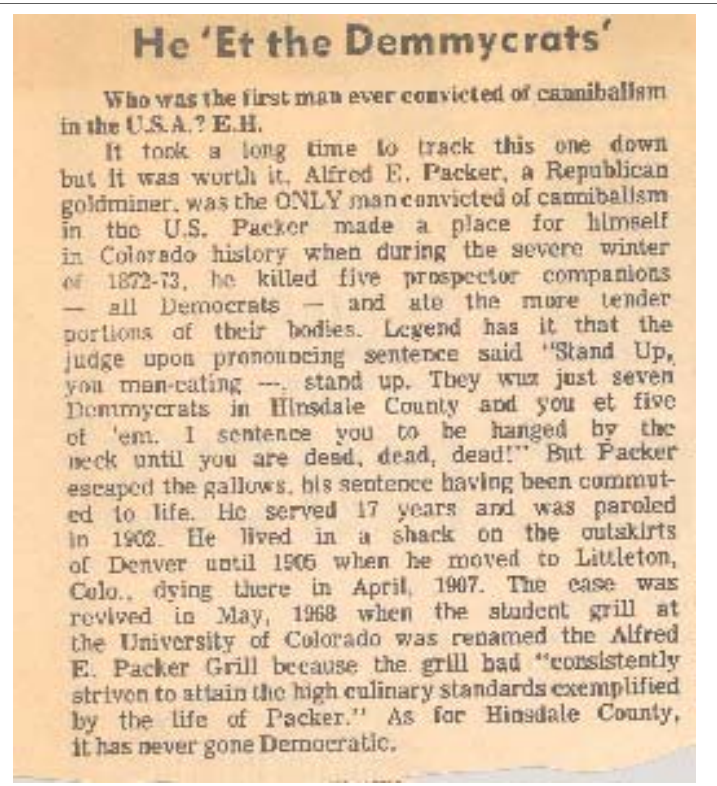
Dr. Faulkner noted that usage statistics continue to grow and it appears the library has "already reached capacity and must soon level off. Despite the growth in use, there is no doubt that statistics are inhibited by the lack of adequate study rooms, additional computer space, and the shortage in seating for patrons."

## CHILIAN NEW CURRICULUM MATERIALS LIBRARIAN

Linda Chilian, former librarian for fourteen years at GlaxoSmithKline in Zebulon, has been hired as the new Coordinator of Curriculum Materials/Media. Ms. Chilian holds a BS in elementary education from Longwood University and an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"I wanted to do something away from the corporate world," stated Ms. Chilian, "and this position offered me the opportunity to combine my two degrees, education and library science."

Linda looks forward to the variety of work that one can do in an academic setting, especially serving students who plan to pursue careers in public school teaching. She welcomes visitors to the Curriculum Materials/Media Center on the second floor of the Carrie Rich Memorial Library. Her telephone number is 893-1595.



**Humorous Article Located in a Book From the Estate of Mr. L. T. "Jerry" Easley, Former Campbell University Professor of History.**

## "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT..."

These figures reveal that Campbell is **17th** in overall library square footage and **33rd** in square feet per student among 33 schools surveyed. To reach the median CU would need a library of over **96,600** square feet. Clearly, **CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY NEEDS A NEW LIBRARY.**

### TOTAL SQUARE FEET RANKING

Institution	Sq. Feet	Rank
Duke	311,409	1
Wake Forest	218,892	2
Davidson	100,000	3
Guilford	81,166	4
Johnson C. Smith	60,000	5
Elon	75,000	6
High Point	48,544	7
Lenoir-Rhyne	48,000	8
Gardner-Webb	45,000	9
Mars Hill	42,000	10
Wingate	42,000	11
St. Augustine's	40,570	12
Pfeiffer	37,500	13
Lees-McRae	35,220	14
Queens	34,759	15
Methodist	34,500	16
<b>Campbell</b>	<b>31,625</b>	<b>17</b>
Shaw	30,301	18
Salem	30,000	19
Meredith	30,000	20
Catawba	29,000	21
Chowan	28,325	22
Warren Wilson	26,000	23
Mount Olive	24,794	24
Brevard	22,837	25
Belmont Abbey	22,500	26
Montreat	22,000	27
Barton	22,000	28
St. Andrews	18,168	29
Bennett	16,000	30
N.C. Wesleyan	14,700	31
Peace	11,800	32
Barber-Scotia	10,576	33
<b>Coll/Univ Ave.</b>	<b>49,854</b>	
<b>Coll/Univ Median</b>	<b>31,625</b>	

### SQUARE FEET PER STUDENT RANKING

Institution	Sq. Ft/Student	Rank
Guilford	64.67	1
Davidson	59.56	2
Lees-McRae	49.40	3
Johnson C. Smith	38.07	4
Chowan	36.60	5
Wake Forest	36.26	6
Lenoir-Rhyne	36.20	7
Salem	36.12	8
Mars Hill	34.45	9
Wingate	34.17	10
St. Andrews	33.41	11
Warren Wilson	33.04	12
Brevard	32.16	13
Pfeiffer	30.64	14
Queens	28.58	15
Duke	27.88	16
Shaw	27.69	17
Bennett	25.85	18
Belmont Abbey	24.54	19
Mount Olive	24.17	20
Catawba	21.92	21
Barber-Scotia	19.48	22
Montreat	19.18	23
Elon	18.71	24
High Point	18.51	25
Barton	18.30	26
Gardner-Webb	16.41	27
Methodist	16.17	28
Peace	13.20	29
St. Augustine's	12.66	30
Meredith	12.34	31
N.C. Wesleyan	10.57	32
<b>Campbell</b>	<b>9.06</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Coll/Univ Average</b>	<b>27.88</b>	
<b>Coll/Univ Median</b>	<b>27.69</b>	

\*Medical and Law Libraries are not included in these totals. Greensboro and Livingstone College did not supply their data. Also, off-campus enrollments were not included in the square feet per student count. If off-campus enrollment were counted, then square feet per student would be much lower for Campbell. Data was compiled by Ronnie W. Faulkner.

## LINDA MARTIN AT CAMPBELL OVER SEVEN YEARS



Linda Fields Martin is administrative assistant and archive coordinator at the Carrie Rich Memorial Library. She started her employment at Campbell in July of 1998, seven years after her husband Dr. James Martin started his career at the institution. Dr. Martin is now chairman of the Department of Government, History and Justice. They have one son, James Jr., an honors graduate of the University of North Carolina with a BS in geography. He is currently pursuing graduate work at the National University of Singapore.

Prior to coming to Campbell, Linda was director of the Stokes Day Care at Memorial Baptist Church. Mrs. Martin has reported to Dr. Ronnie Faulkner for her entire time at Campbell.

An avid reader and lover of literature, Linda's interest in books was fomented as she grew up in Durham, North Carolina. After graduating from Southern High School, she attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, receiving a degree in Bible and English from that institution.

With her responsibilities at the Library, Linda has proven herself a dedicated and loyal assistant and advocate for the needs of the staff and patrons alike. She can honestly be referred to as "the director's right hand."

## LIBRARIANS PREPARE FOR SIRSI UNICORN SYSTEM

Tech Services and Systems Librarian Siuki Wong and Theology Librarian Derek Hogan went to St. Louis between December 5 and 9 for training on the administrative aspects of the new Sirsi Library System. The system will become operational in the Spring of 2006. This latest training follows two-weeks of in-house training of all library staff on the specific modules related to work responsibilities, including circulation, acquisitions, cataloging, reserve, etc. Everybody eagerly anticipates the full implementation of the new system.

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