

DR. JAMES D. JOHNSON TO SPEAK TO FRIENDS

James D. Johnson, former minister of counseling at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, will speak at the Friends of the Library meeting on September 26 at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Room of Marshbanks Dining Hall. **Dr. Carl Broadhurst**, president of the FOL, indicated the topic will be “**The Aftermath of Combat Trauma.**” Johnson is now working on a book related to this subject.

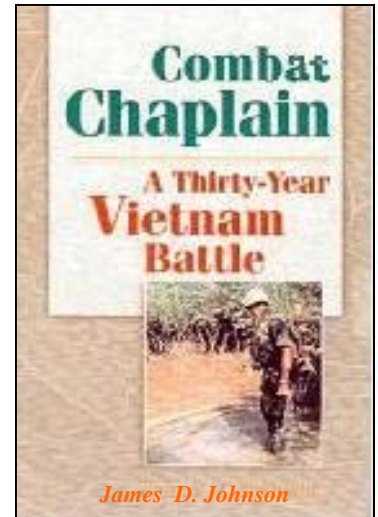
Johnson, a former military chaplain, is a graduate of Wake Forest University (1962), where he majored in religion. He holds a M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (1965) and doctorate in marriage and family from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (1994).

A Vietnam veteran, Johnson authored the widely acclaimed book *Combat Chaplain: A Thirty Year Vietnam Battle* (2001). A reviewer in *Library Journal* wrote of his book: “Johnson's gritty memoir chronicles the eight and a half months he spent in the Mekong Delta serving 350 men of the 9th Infantry Division during the war's heaviest fighting. Chaplain Johnson's personal odyssey begins with his ministering in the field and ends with a return to Vietnam almost 30 years later...

The enemy is not only the elusive Vietcong but also the awful snake-and-mosquito-ridden estuaries of the Mekong Delta. Johnson, who even performed a few baptisms in the Mekong, praises those 19-year-old heroes he knew, whose lives were so quickly lost in a conflict that consequently everybody wished to forget. His own courage in ministering under deplorable conditions and heavy fire where a dry bed, hot food, no snipers, and no incoming were a blessing was recognized with several Bronze Stars for valor, among other awards. Johnson's unusual memoir is essential reading for scholars who study the conflict and for the men and women who have suffered because of it.”

Johnson's presentation, based in large part on his own experiences, should provide fascinating insights into Vietnam and should also enlighten us about what some returning veterans of the Iraq conflict might face. This is likely to be one of the most informative programs the Friends of the Library has sponsored.

Anyone who is a member of Friends of the Library can attend the September 26th meeting at no charge. Non-members must pay \$10 per person. For tickets to the event, please contact Mrs. **Linda Martin** at 910-893-1460 or come by room 210 of the Carrie Rich Memorial Library and pick up tickets.



NEW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT FALL MEETING



STEWART-GILBERT

In accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Friends of the Library, new officers will be elected at the annual Fall meeting. The current officers recommend the following persons be elected: Mrs. **Dorothea Stewart Gilbert**, who is curator of Campbell's Lundy-Fetterman Museum and Exhibit Hall, as president and Mr. **William P. Tuck**, retired history professor, as vice-president. Both have been contacted and agree to serve in these capacities. They have served as officers before and are well aware of the responsibilities of the respective positions. As always, the secretary-treasurer is designated in the by-laws as the director of the library or the director's representative.

At the annual meeting, of course, members are at liberty to nominate officers from the floor if they so desire. Nevertheless, this newsletter serves as the official notification that officer elections will take place on September 26th.

A TRIBUTE TO SEN. JESSE HELMS (1921-2008)...

[An Excerpt From “**Jesse Helms: An American Jeremiah**” in *The Daily Record*,
7/8/2008 by **Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner**]

Like two other great patriots, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, Jesse Helms died on July Fourth. Sen. Helms was bigger than life - a legendary figure in conservative circles - who strode upon the national stage with his election to the U.S. Senate in 1972...

Fred Barnes, executive editor of *The Weekly Standard*, noted that, from the time of Helms' elevation to the Senate, "no conservative leader, save Reagan, comes close to matching Helms' influence on American politics and policy."

Political analyst Michael Barone considered Sen. Helms to be "a Jeremiah," crying out against the dangers facing America, from intrusive government to foreign aggressors and abortion-on-demand...

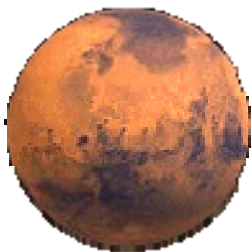
Sen. Ervin proclaimed that Jesse Helms was "one of the few men in public life who's got the courage to stand up for what he honestly believes. Courage is the rarest trait among public men. Many of them are intelligent, but there are very few of them that are courageous."

Indeed, Sen. Jesse Helms will be mourned as a fighter and a man of principle. It can be said of Sen. Helms what Thomas Jefferson said of another Tar Heel senator, Nathaniel Macon, that he was "the strictest of our models of pure republicanism, *Ultimus Romanorum* [The Last of the Romans.]"



SENATOR HELMS

AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS



**MARS or
“BARSOOM”**

Dr. Faulkner had an article entitled “**Edgar Rice Burroughs’ Martian Novels as an Early Paradigm of Racial Toleration**” recently published in the online periodical *ERBzine*, v. 2177 (May 2, 2008) <<http://www.erbzine.com/mag21/2177.html>>. Burroughs is best known as author of the Tarzan series of books. Dr. Faulkner, however, concentrated his attention on the eleven Martian novels that Burroughs produced.

Dr. Faulkner’s study contradicts the popular notion that Burroughs was a typical racist imperialist of the early twentieth century. He argues that Burroughs promoted racial accommodation and even intermarriage as a solution to race problems as is evidenced by his Martian civilization on the planet he called “Barsoom.”

Burroughs even had a little fun by reversing the popular Social Darwinism of his era by creating a race of black supremacists, who held that Martian whites were descended from the great white apes of Martian antiquity.

Dr. Faulkner argues that Thomas Dixon, author of *The Clansman*, which was the basis of the racist film “Birth of a Nation,” was a best-selling author of the era because his extreme views were in line with the racism of the early twentieth century. On the other hand, Burroughs did not sell nearly as well at the time. Today, however, Burroughs’ books are still in print and widely read unlike those of his contemporary.

In the final analysis, Burroughs was ahead of his time and represented views that were to be more popular in our own era than in the era in which he wrote. This led Dr. Faulkner to conclude: “The longevity of the Martian novels as popular literature, regardless the manifold changes in society, commend them for further serious study. Most assuredly, those reading of distant Barsoom will be entertained; and, if they likewise learn some lessons on racial toleration, that will be an added, and perhaps not altogether unintended bonus.”



BURROUGHS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Linda Chilian, Curriculum/Media Librarian, resigned effective May 2 to accept a position at the Law Library at North Carolina Central University in Durham. The primary reasons she gave was that it was much closer to her home in North Raleigh and, of course, paid more than her Campbell position. We regret her departure, but wish her the very best. The search is now underway for her replacement and we hope to bring a new person on board by the beginning of the Fall term.

Borree Kwok, part-time Cataloger, has been appointed Associate Librarian at the Carrie Rich Memorial Library. Borree was formerly head of Technical Services, a position now held by her husband, **Siuki Wong**. Everyone was happy to welcome Borree back as a full-time employee of the University on June 1. Her friendliness and abilities are well-known to everyone in the Buies Creek community. She is temporarily managing the Curriculum/Media Center as the search proceeds for a replacement of Linda Chilian.

William P. Tuck has given the Library a collection of approximately 1,000 volumes, mostly consisting of European history, religion, and literature. Professor Tuck has long been a member of the Campbell history faculty (most recently in a part-time capacity) as well as a Friend of the Library member. His collection is currently being processed and, according to Dr. Ronnie Faulkner, "will make a valuable addition to our holdings."

Dr. Ronnie Faulkner, Director of Library Services, has been very active the past few months. He attended the NC Independent College and University Purchasing Committee meeting at Duke University on May 28-29. This meeting, unlike those of the past, covered a range of topics including collection assessment, assessment surveys, information literacy assessment, transforming libraries, and TRLN's new catalog interface by Endeca. He also spoke to the Republican Men at the CU Lundy-Fetterman School of Business on July 17th about "Remembering Jesse Helms;" attended the meeting of the Baptist History Committee of the State Baptist Convention in Cary on July 24th; and recently published a review of *Sherman Invades Georgia* (2006) by John R. Scales in *The Historian* 70:2 (Summer 2008): 349-350. In his review, he found the book more suited for military instruction than for typical undergraduate history classes.

Dan Maynard, Business Librarian, acted as stand-in for Dr. Faulkner on July 24th, giving a presentation on Jesse Helms at the Coats Senior Center. His talk was well-received.

Derek Hogan, Campbell's Theological Reference Librarian, attended the annual conference of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) in Ottawa June 25-28. This ecumenical professional association has more than a thousand members and seeks to support theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. During the conference, the Editorial Board of the ATLA presented the official launch of *Theological Librarianship: An Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association*. The inaugural issue is available at <http://www.theolib.org>. Hogan participated in a workshop geared toward writing for the new journal as well as heard papers and took part in roundtable discussions on various topics related to theological librarianship. One of the interest groups in which Hogan is part is a new exploration of the role of libraries and librarians in the task of teaching and learning in the theological disciplines. Campbell is an institutional member of the ATLA and subscribes to the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.

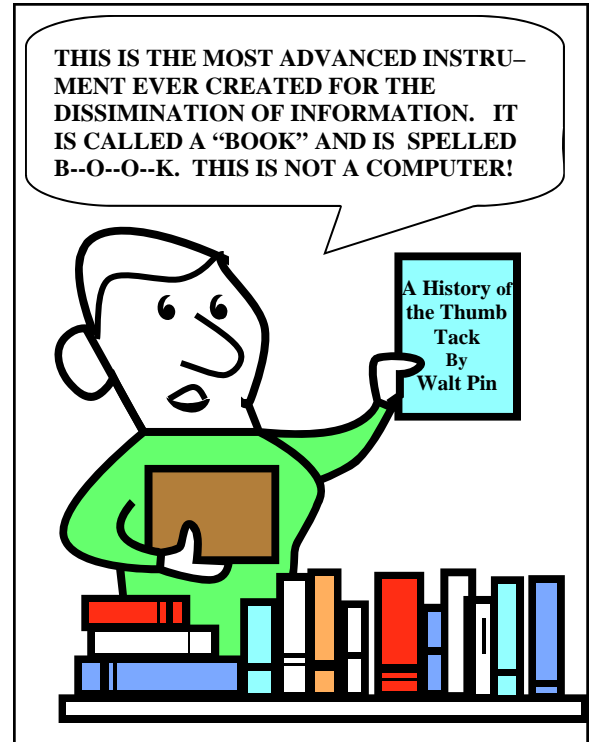
IMPORTANT NOTICE: FAULKNER STEPS DOWN; KWOK ASSUMES POSITION AS LIBRARY DIRECTOR!

On August 7th Dr. **Dwaine Green**, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, issued the official announcement that Dr. **Ronnie W. Faulkner** was accepting appointment as Associate Librarian and that Mrs. **Borree Kwok** would be promoted to the position of Director of Library Services effective August 15th.

Dr. **Faulkner** had served as Director for 16 years and, during his tenure, raised more than \$700,000 in outside funds to support the library. He served on many boards, including service as chairman of the Harnett County Library Board and current service on the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Committee for the State Library of North Carolina, which recommends millions of dollars in federal awards to libraries

each year. He created the Faulkner Library Endowment Fund at Campbell University that currently has over \$20,000 in assets. An active Rotarian, Faulkner is immediate past chairman of the District 7710 Scholarship Committee. He continues to engage in publication in the areas of history, library science, and other fields. His most recent publications included entries for *The Heritage of Coats, North Carolina* (2005), *The Encyclopedia of North Carolina* (UNC Press, 2006), and reviews in *The Journal of the Association of North Carolina Historians* (2005) and *The Historian* (2008), the national journal of Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. Faulkner, a member of the Coats Baptist Church, serves on the Historical Committee of the State Baptist Convention.

Mrs. **Kwok**, who was hired in 1993, has worked in various capacities at the Campbell Library, including Cataloger (both full and part-time), Head of Technical Services and Systems, and most recently as Associate Librarian. She was born in Hong Kong, is a naturalized U.S. citizen, and is married to Siuki Wong, who also works in the CU Library. She has two children, Eugene and Seraphina. Mrs. Kwok looks forward to her new responsibilities at the University.



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