On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, the Wiggins Memorial Library was dedicated in honor of Campbell University’s third president, the late Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins and his wife, Mrs. Mildred Harmon Wiggins. The dedication was held on the steps of the newly renovated building that once housed the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. Among those present were members of the Wiggins family, members of the Campbell University Board of Trustees, and other distinguished guests.

In his address, Campbell President Dr. Jerry Wallace thanked Dr. Dwaine Greene, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, for his leadership on the renovation project. He also reflected on the importance of a great library and its resources as well as the late Dr. Wiggins’ love for the library as a place to go for “recess.”

Compared to Carrie Rich Library, the Wiggins building’s renovation produced approximately 90 percent more square footage and 69 percent more shelving capacity. The project also doubled the seating capacity and introduced the latest digital technology, 10 group study rooms, and a 24-hour study area.

Wiggins’ nephew, David Courie, a member of the Campbell University Board of Trustees, compared the new facility to the Wiggins themselves, always at the forefront of learning. “We are so proud of Uncle Adrian and Aunt Millie because this beautiful facility named in their honor clearly demonstrates that their lives have not been in vain,” Courie said. ‘I can think of no better way to honor them now and in the future than continuing their tradition of education and excellence.”

Photo copy: Campbell University dedicates the new Wiggins Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 27. Pictured from left are, Dr. Jack Britt, Assistant to the President; Wiggins family member David Courie; Mildred Harmon Wiggins, wife of the late Norman A. Wiggins; Campbell President Jerry M. Wallace and Bob Barker, chairman of the Board of Trustees. (Photo by Bennett Scarborough)
Greetings, Friends of Wiggins Memorial Library,

We hope you have been well, happy, and reading a lot since we last met.

At the June 15th meeting of the Executive Council of the FOL (which is composed of Dean Borrée Kwok, Dr. W. Lin Coker, and I), we made the following decisions:

1. Marshbanks will be the site for future meetings;
2. A Friday evening in late October or early November is the best time for our annual meetings;
3. It is appropriate to have for our meeting this year a speaker to talk about the King James translation of the Bible and its influence since its publication in 1611, especially its influence on language and literature; and
4. During the spring semester the FOL should consider supporting or providing refreshments for the Student Symposium—comparable to the one held last spring.

In addition, we agreed that future programs need not only just consist of speeches but can take other forms such as actors doing an "evening with" type programs that would focus on a writer such as Charles Dickens, the bicentennial of whose birth will be celebrated next year.

Furthermore, programs may focus on subjects in areas such as the sciences and technology as well as the humanities—as our programs have done to some degree in the past. For example, one subject we considered for one of this year's program was, “Women in Science" with special emphasis on Marie Curie who was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1911 (incidentally, Dr. Coker recalled seeing a notice about an actress who does a one-woman show about Marie Curie). Wiggins Memorial Library does, after all, serve all disciplines. We welcome your suggestions for future programs—and for all other matters as well.

In this issue of Newsline we have a submission by Dr. Louise Taylor that concerns a former member of the CU faculty and Friend of the library—the late Mary Christian. All members of the FOL should feel free to submit pieces of a non-partisan nature for consideration for future Newsline publications.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Friday, November 4th at 6pm at Marshbanks Dining Hall.

Respectfully Yours,

William P. Tuck
President of Friends of Wiggins Memorial Library

Pictured from left are, Dr. Jaclyn Stanke, Dr. M. Dwaine Greene, Mr. William Tuck, and Dean Borrée Kwok.
April 26, 2011 marked the First Annual Wiggins Memorial Library Academic Symposium. During the symposium, these bright students, selected by faculty members, presented their work to peers, faculty, and visitors.

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Memories of Mary Christian
by Dr. Louise Taylor

When I arrived at Campbell College in the fall of 1964 as a young teacher in the Department of English, I was impressed by the credentials and experience of many of my colleagues. Among the more interesting was a married couple who shared not only an office but a desk. He sat on one side of the desk—she, on the other. They were Harold and Mary Christian. He was a charming extrovert from Kentucky, and she, a reserved English woman, who held a prestigious degree from Oxford and had been invited to work on the *Oxford English Dictionary*. The way everyone knew of Mary’s honors was that Harold proudly proclaimed them.

Although Harold and Mary were an unlikely couple, they seemed devoted to one another. They were almost always together—whether working in their office, supervising the construction of their new home, or attending college events. One happy memory my husband Jerry and I share is of travelling with the Christians to Chapel Hill to see Hal Holbrook perform in *Mark Twain Tonight*.

In 1966, Jerry and I left Campbell to pursue graduate degrees at Florida State, and when we returned to Campbell in 1969, the Christians were still here. But they were no longer an inseparable couple. Harold had entered into a relationship with someone else and soon moved away. But Mary Christian had found a home at Campbell, where she continued to teach until her retirement in the 1980s. And she remained our good friend until her death in 2003.

Now I find myself, like Harold in those long ago days, wanting to tell others what a remarkable person Mary was. Mary Christian seemed destined to be an English teacher: she was gifted with a facility of language, a love of English literature, and an astonishing memory. No matter what was said or what happened, Mary had a quotation to fit the occasion. If someone announced that he was hungry, Mary would respond: “As Dr. Johnson says, ‘He who is not mindful of his belly will scarce be mindful of anything else.’” When Harold stepped on a roach, Mary quoted Shakespeare: “The poor beetle that we tread upon…finds a pang as great as when a giant dies.” Dumbfounded, Harold replied, “Good heavens, Mary, have you memorized lines to use when squashing bugs?” I remember the quotation she inscribed on a card congratulating me on the arrival of our third son. In her neat unslanting script, she wrote: “Bring forth men-children only; /For thyundaunted mettle should compose /Nothing but males.”

Since this is what Macbeth says to his wife after she talked him into murdering the king, Mary added a post-script, “I hope you’re not offended.” In addition to her impressive intellect, Mary Christian demonstrated character traits that caused me to envy those in her classes. One was her sense of propriety. Mary wanted things done in the proper way. A proper meal, to her, should be served at a table and consist of foods that can be eaten with a fork and knife. A properly organized society should offer public transport. The proper attitude toward
one’s superiors is respect. A proper presentation should have a clear introduction, a well organized development, and an effective conclusion, preferably punctuated by an apt quotation. And that is exactly how I picture Mary’s classes. I cannot imagine her caught at the ragged end of class, shouting an assignment to students already headed for the exit. Mary was guided not only by a sense of propriety, but also by her fidelity to those people and institutions she cherished. She cherished her friends and was faithful to them. Long after she retired to Raleigh, she returned regularly to Buies Creek to attend her book club, to visit with friends, to participate in university events, and to patronize the same hair dresser. She remembered friends on special occasions with notes or gifts. She was faithful to her religious convictions and to her church. She was a loyal supporter of Campbell University. And she remained a loyal subject of the British royal family, taping their photos to her dining room wall when they appeared in the newspaper.

But this very proper English intellectual had a sense of humor. Her taste in humor ran to irony and verbal wit. Her favorite comedy was Oscar Wilde’s, *The Importance of being Earnest*, a work she knew almost entirely by heart. I suspect that in her classes she deftly worked in amusing anecdotes about those authors whose works she loved. And I know that she could find and send funny greeting cards that made you laugh out loud at how well she knew you. Finally, Mary Christian was a realist who planned ahead. Although she participated fully in the life of Buies Creek, Mary was a city person at heart. When she retired, she knew that she wanted to live in a place with public transportation and many cultural opportunities. So she bought a condo within walking distance of Cameron Village, moved to Raleigh, and took advantage of seminars, performances, and lectures on offer in the Triangle. She planned to travel, and in retirement made several trips abroad, travelling sometimes on tours organized by Campbell

Doris Mary Christian

University. Near the end of her life, she began arranging her affairs to benefit others even after her death. The descendent of a long line of Methodists, Mary owned a pair of sugar tongs that had once been used by John Wesley. It delighted her to give these to a younger cousin, who crossed the Atlantic to visit Mary and carry the sugar tongs home. Mary established charitable trusts to support the institutions that had been important in her life. She gave pieces of her Royal Dalton china to newlyweds she wished to honor. She gave books from her collection to friends she thought would treasure them, and I was one of those lucky friends. But her great gift to me was her friendship. And her legacy was the lesson that a life well lived cannot be left to chance.

*Note:* Dr. Louise Taylor has generously donated to the Wiggins Library collection a two-volume set of the sixth edition of Samuel Johnson’s *Dictionary of the English Language* (1785). This set was a gift to her from Mrs. Christian.


Friends of the Library Keynote Speaker

Friends of the Library President William P. Tuck has recently announced that the Annual Meeting of the group will be held Friday, November 4, 2011, in the Alumni Room of Marshbanks Dining Hall. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Lydia Huffman Hoyle. Dr. Hoyle will be speaking on the topic, “400 Years of the King James Bible: A Story Worth Telling.” She is a graduate of Appalachian State University (B.A.), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and the University of North Carolina (M.A. and Ph.D.). Dr. Hoyle teaches Church History and Baptist Heritage at the Campbell University Divinity School. Her research and writing focuses on the historical study of women, children, Baptists and missions. A native of Drexel, North Carolina, Dr. Hoyle resides in Cary with her husband and three children.

What Are You Reading, Mr. McGirt?

David McGirt, the University Registrar, has been spotted by several of his colleagues engaged in his daily ritual of reading in his truck before he enters the office. His colleagues have been both intrigued and impressed with his dedication to the written word.

“Thankfully, I can report to you that I am reading a five part expositional commentary by James Montgomery Boice, *The Gospel of John*. It is tough and I wish I had a New Testament scholar in the truck with me to answer my questions.” By McGirt’s own account, he is an average student, and he has always had to study and work hard. The early morning readings began as a way to pass the time.

“A couple of years ago, we began jogging around and claiming parking spaces. I discovered quickly if I didn’t get here early then someone would get my spot.”

Now this early arrival to work has become his time for personal Bible study, or to read what he calls, “trash” mystery. McGirt’s short-term goal is to read the entire New Testament.

Most of 2010-2011 McGirt was reading only a number of editions of literary value. Among those were: Carlos Zafon’s, *The Shadow of the Wind*, Abraham Verghese’s, *Cutting for Stone*, and Justin Cronin’s, *The Passage*.

“My Kindle is overflowing with trash. I enjoy reading C.J. Box, William Kent Krueger, and Lee Child novels because I am what Jack Reacher will become when he turns 65!”

David McGirt’s Must Read Novels:

*The Autobiography of Mark Twain 3:16*, by Max Lucado
Salutations and Valedictions

WIGGINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY SAYS “HELLO” TO NEW COLLEAGUES AND “FAREWELL” TO OTHERS

JACQUELYNN SHERMAN

Jacki is the new Catalog Librarian for Wiggins Memorial Library. Jacquelynn shared some thoughts about the most memorable novel she has read. “The most memorable novel I’ve read was The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck. Growing up in West Virginia, I developed a deep love for natural surroundings, and I love this novel because it stresses values such as respecting nature and remaining humble.”

LAKEISHIA DARDEN

LaKeshia is the new Curriculum/Media Librarian for Wiggins Memorial Library. LaKeshia shared some thoughts about the most memorable novel she has read. “When I was in middle school, I read the novel, Are You There God, It’s Me Margaret?, by Judy Blume. I was able to relate to Margaret’s struggle with going through puberty and the plot was extremely funny.”

JENNIFER CARPENTER

Jennifer, Head of Reference Services, retired in February 2011, after 18 years of service at Campbell University. Although ready for retirement, Jennifer said she will miss the Campbell staff, faculty and especially the students. “The library staff is wonderful and the reference staff works so well together,” she said. “It has been a really rewarding experience.”

PAMELA GUILLIAMS

Pam was the Serials Assistant at Wiggins Memorial Library from May 16, 2007, until July 31, 2011. She moved out West to be closer to her four children and grandchildren. Pam was known for the beautiful African violets she kept in her window. Upon leaving, she graciously shared these flowers with her co-workers.

DR. DEREK HOGAN

Dr. Derek Hogan served as the Theological Reference Librarian for Wiggins Memorial Library from July 8, 2002, to August 15, 2011. He has been named Assistant Dean for Academic Programs and Assistant Professor of New Testament for the Campbell University Divinity School. What will he miss most about Wiggins Memorial Library? “I will miss seeing students, faculty, and staff from across the university enjoying the new space. I will particularly miss working with Dean Kwok and the other librarians and staff as they continue to seek to provide vital resources and services to the entire university community.”
I/We wish to join Friends of the Library of Campbell University as indicated below:
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