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## PSU Observes National Library Week



*Whereas, America's libraries help Americans to achieve their goals;*

*Whereas, libraries make a difference in individual lives and society as a whole;*

*Whereas, the library is in the business of empowering its patrons;*

*Whereas, the library is a unique place where all types of information can be found to change lives in homes, universities, businesses, and communities;*

*Whereas, libraries all across the United States are celebrating National Library Week, April 18 - 24, 1993, and the theme will be "Libraries Change Lives";*

*Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Joseph Oxendine, Chancellor of Pembroke State University of the University of North Carolina, proclaim National Library Week, April 18 - 24, 1993, to be observed by Pembroke State University.*



**PROCLAMATION SIGNED**

# Literary Lights to Shine

The fourth annual National Library Week Reading and Reception Program will once again turn the spotlight on local literary talent. Campus and Friends of the Library authors of creative works, National Library Week essay contest winners, and campus authors of scholarly works will share their talents in a reading program followed by refreshments on Tuesday, April 20, in the Native American Resource Center. The program begins at 3 PM, and is open to the public free of charge.

The reading program was open to the first ten authors of creative works who responded to the call for readers issued in January, and the program lineup was completed by the first week in March. Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Robert Britton.

Student readers include William Bryan Jennings II, Lynette L. Dial, and Shelby Walker Hough. Mr. Jennings is a Chancellor's Scholar and president of the campus literary honor society, Sigma Tau Delta. This will be Mr. Bryan's third appearance as a reader in the library series. Ms. Dial has been a participant in writing workshops and was the recipient of the 1991 Mark Aylmer Scholarship awarded by the Triangle Native American Society. Ms. Hough, who read during last year's program, is the winner of the Grace Loving Gibson Creative Writing Award and first-prize winner of the "Libraries Change Lives" essay contest. All are senior Literature majors.

A supporter of Pembroke State and the Friends of the Library, Mrs. Frances Butler of Pembroke, will also read. Mrs. Butler is the author of numerous works creative and scholarly in nature.

Faculty readers include Dr. Mary Boyles, Dr. Stanley Knick, Ms. Dee Shneiderman, Dr. Shelby Stephenson, and Dr. Patricia Valenti. Dr. Boyles, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, is a frequent presenter of papers at scholarly conferences. Dr. Knick, Director of the Native American Resource Center, writes, teaches, and lectures on Native American history. Ms. Shneiderman, Bibliographic Instruction/Reference Librarian on the Mary Livermore Staff, is an editor, author, and musician. Dr. Stephenson, Professor of Communicative Arts, is a prolific author of book reviews and poetry. Dr. Valenti, Associate Professor in the CMA Department, is author of *To Myself a Stranger: A Biography of Rose Hawthorne Lathrop*. Most of these faculty members have participated in past library literary programs, including the sonnet recital series.

Representing the University staff on this year's program is Kim Thompson, Publications Coordinator. Ms. Thompson has participated in several previous library literary programs and edits the *Pembroke State University Catalog*.

Winners of the "Libraries Change Lives" essay contest — Shelby Hough, Dr. Bill Fritz, Gaye Cushing, and Jane Pait — will also participate in the reading program and will receive their prize awards at that time. (see related article).

Honored at the reception following the reading program will be campus authors of scholarly works published since last year's reading program. At press time the following authors had responded to an invitation to highlight their work: Dr. Monika Brown, Dr. Robert Brown, Dr. Marie Faubert, Dr. Robert Gustafson, Dr. C. Douglas Norman, and Dr. Frank Schmallegger. A bibliography of their work will be available at the Reading and Reception Program.

The reception, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, follows the reading program, beginning about 4 PM. It is also open to the public.



## Friends of the Library to Meet

A general business meeting of the Friends of the Library of Pembroke State University will begin at 2:30 Tuesday, April 20, in the Native American Resource Center. The following nominations for office will be presented to the membership at that time:

Vice President/President-Elect:

Dr. C. Douglas Norman

Secretary:

Beth H. Carmical

Treasurer:

Patsy A. Hunt

Dr. Raymond J. Rundus will assume the office of Immediate Past President, and Sybil L. Collins will assume the office of President.

Retiring officers are:

Immediate Past President:

Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

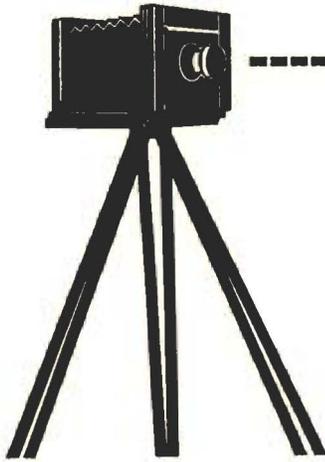
Secretary:

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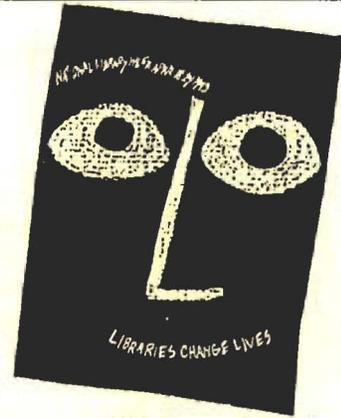
Treasurer:

Elizabeth M. McIntyre.

Following the business meeting, the Friends are invited to attend the Reading and Reception program (see related story) which begins at 3 PM.



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## Why National Library Week?

In 1954 the American Library Association and the American Book publishers formed a nonprofit organization called the National Book Committee in response to research showing that Americans were putting less emphasis on reading and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. The committee developed the plan for National Library Week in 1957 to motivate people to support libraries and read.

The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time: to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA through local and state committees, and with the help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was celebrated in 1958. The message for that first observance was "Wake Up and Read." In 1974 the American Library Association assumed full responsibility for the annual celebration.

Today, tens of thousands of supporters across the country unite during the designated week in April with the goal of focusing the nation's attention on libraries of all types. It's a time to celebrate the successes of libraries and stimulate renewed interest in supporting libraries and reading.

The need for emphasis on reading is even more acute now than when National Library Week was first observed. According to Jim Trelease in *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, "The average kindergarten graduate has already seen more than 5,000 hours of television. This is more than it takes to obtain a bachelor's degree." The nation's libraries are seeking to focus public attention on the wealth of services and materials they provide to encourage literacy and scholarship. Academic libraries have found that they must market their services to their campus communities to preserve funding in these times of budget cuts and downsizing. It is a time for letting our campus communities know that we are doing all we can to continue providing top-quality service.

Librarians and Friends of the Library groups are using National Library Week as a vehicle to increase library visibility, planning exhibits and activities for their communities. The message this year and next is "Libraries Change Lives", a theme which complements the "Books Change Lives" theme proclaimed by the Library of Congress for 1993 and 1994. ALA offers many inexpensive and attractive materials that libraries can include in their publicity campaigns — posters, bookmarks, etc. — and most libraries plan events in and around the library. Mary Livermore Library is no exception. The library staff are planning a variety of activities for our campus. Come and join the fun!

## Circulation Staff Gears up for Fine Free Week

It's time to do spring cleaning! Mary Livermore Library invites you to bring all those overdue library books you've found back to the library during National Library Week. There will be no overdue charges for books returned during the week of April 18 - 24; however, you are still responsible for charges assessed prior to that time.



## Library Chefs to Sell Hot Dogs

The Friends of the Mary Livermore Library will be sponsoring a hot dog sale on Thursday, April 23, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on the lawn behind the library. Hot dogs will be served with homemade chili and slaw for 75¢. Cokes and chips will also be available for 50¢ each. Several great prizes have been donated to be given away during the sale. Lucky soft drink cups will contain prize numbers.

Come out and meet the "Friends" and take a chance on winning a great prize. Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Library.



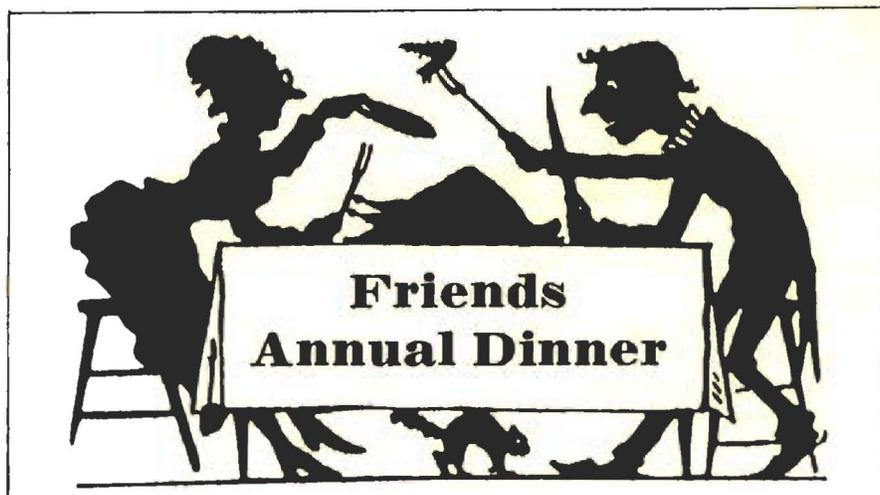
## Banquet to Feature N.C. Scholar

Speaker for the second annual Friends of the Library banquet will be Dr. Linda Flowers, Professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College and a native of eastern North Carolina. Dr. Flowers' talk will focus on her book **Thrown Away: Failures of Progress in Eastern North Carolina** (University of Tennessee Press, 1990). Dr. Flowers grew up as the child of tenant tobacco farmers, and this background provides the substance of the subject matter of her book. The topic should be of special interest to residents of Robeson and surrounding counties, where tobacco cultivation has long been a mainstay of the economy.

Dr. Linda Flowers holds the B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She holds two M.A. degrees in English, one from Ohio State University, the other from the University of Rochester. She obtained the

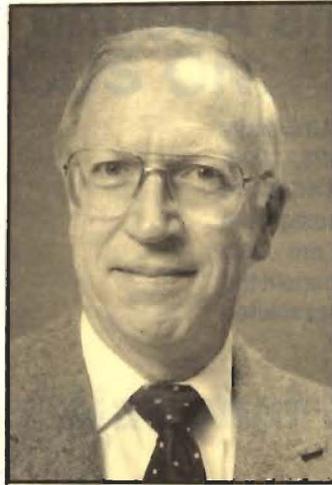
Ph.D. in English in 1983 from the latter institution, with a focus on Medieval, Renaissance, and Seventeenth Century studies.

The banquet will be held in the Chancellor's Dining Room of the University Center, beginning at 6 PM, Friday, April 16. The menu will feature lemon-baked breast of chicken, vegetable medley, twice-baked potatoes, tossed salad, strawberry parfait, rolls, tea, and coffee. Reservations are required for dinner, and the cost is ten dollars per person; reservations must be made by Monday, April 12. The contact for the banquet reservations is Elinor Bridges at 521-6212. Members of the Friends of the Library of Pembroke State University, their guests, and interested members of the public are invited to attend. Anyone who wishes to hear Dr. Flowers speak but who does not wish to attend the banquet should arrive around 7 PM.





SHELBY HOUGH



DR. WILLIAM FRITZ



GAYE CUSHING

## "Libraries Change Lives" Essay Contest Winners Announced

In conjunction with the 1993 theme of National Library Week, "Libraries Change Lives", the Friends of the Library of Pembroke State University sponsored an essay contest earlier this year. Cash awards were offered for essays of 500-1000 words which told true stories about how the lives of the writers have been affected by libraries. Eleven entries were received from PSU faculty, staff, students, and community members of the Friends of the Library.

Winners will read their essays at the Reading and Reception Program on April 20 (see related article). All entries will be represented in the national contest, sponsored by the American Library Association, in the form of 100-word excerpts of the testimonials. Two national prizes consisting of trips to this summer's American Library Association Conference in New Orleans will be awarded.

The winner of the first place award in the local contest was Shelby Walker Hough, a senior Literature major. Ms. Hough, whose prose and poetry have appeared in several publications, is the recipient of the Grace Loving Gibson Creative Writing Award.

There was a three-way tie for second place among Dr. William F. Fritz of the PSU Music Department faculty and community members of the Friends of the Library Gaye Simmons Cushing and Jane T. Pait. (Ms. Pait's photograph was unavailable at press time.)

Everyone is invited to hear these prize-winning authors read their work.



## Great Bargains Abound at Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Pembroke State University will sponsor the annual book sale from April 19-23, 1993. All materials offered for sale are gifts that were not added to the collection or materials that have been deselected from the library. Several donated software items are also included. The proceeds from the gift books will benefit the Friends of the Library. The proceeds from deselected materials must be returned to the State.

The sale will be open only to Friends of the Library on Monday: 9:00-11:00 AM and 3:00-8:00 PM

The public is invited to come during the following times:

Tuesday: 10:00 AM-1:30 PM, 5:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

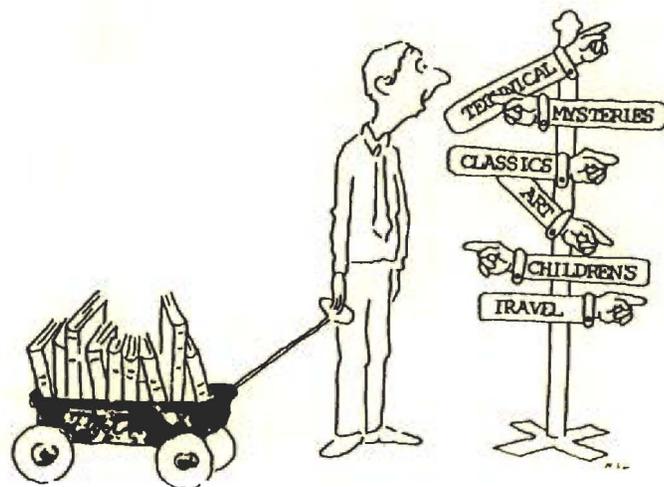
Thursday: 2:00-7:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday: by request

The prices are 50¢ for hardbacks and 25¢ for paperbacks except bid items. Bid slips will be accepted until the last hour of the sale, when they will be opened and high bidders contacted.

There are some very special bid items this year. There is a complete set of the **Academic American Encyclopedia**, a set of the **College Blue Books** for 1990, a **1993 Guinness Book of World Records**, and **Plant Life**, which is illustrated with full color photographs. Other bid lots include selected legal resources, religious reference books, old newspapers (some as far back as 1918), and other reference materials. There is also an unused, sealed copy of **Microsoft Works** that will be up for bid.



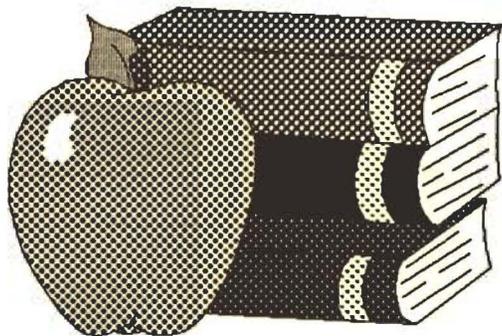
There are many good bargains just waiting to be bought at this, the Third Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale.

## Gift Book Donations Requested

Do you have old books that you aren't sure you still need? Are you running out of room and want your books to have a good home? Consider donating them to the Friends of the Library Book Sale—donations accepted all during the year. Please contact Elinor Bridges at 521-6212 or the Circulation Desk staff at 521-6516 for more information.

## Prizes Offered in Raffle

To add to the excitement of National Library Week, the Friends of the Library are holding a raffle for prizes donated by members of the community. To be raffled off are a signed and numbered print of Gene Locklear's well-known painting of the old train depot at Pembroke, and a gold bracelet, donated by McNeil Jewelers. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased from several members of the library staff. Proceeds from the raffle will be used by the Friends of the Library to enhance their many programs. Drawings for the prizes will be held on Friday, April 23, at 12 noon in the library.





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"Time flies like the wind, but fruit flies like bananas."

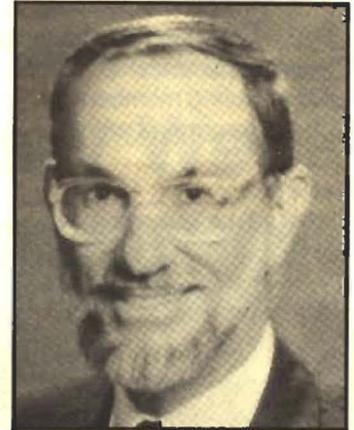
## Ave atque vale...

The epigraph quoted above offers a useful "freshening up" of a truly ancient proverb about the passage of time (*tempus fugit* in its Latin form: my title translates "Hail and Farewell") and is a provocative way to begin this column. Maybe this clever bit of semantic punning and syntactic playing will serve to illustrate my belief that my soon-to-be-completed tenure as President of the Friends of the Library at Pembroke State University has been as fast-paced as the motto suggests and also as challenging (but rewarding) as doing a sentence diagram or "tree" structure of the sentence quoted.

Just recently I finished writing my final evaluation of the "Sonnet Recital" program (concluded with a performance in Laurinburg at the Scotland County Public Library on January 15) for our funding agency, the North Carolina Humanities Council. In this report I noted the tenacious support that Dr. Elinor Bridges and the members of the Board of Directors of the PSU Friends of the Library had given to me as director of the project. I also remarked on the work done by the emcee-coaches (Dr. Robert Britton and Dr. Stanley Knick), by the two directors of the public libraries involved (Ann Goodwin in Laurinburg and Robert Fisher in Lumberton), and by the scholar-discussants (Dr. Peter Valenti of Fayetteville State University and Dr. W.D. White of St. Andrews Presbyterian College): without each, this project would have never been brought to a successful conclusion.

Let me single out two or three other people who added a special dimension to the Laurinburg program. Cristina Francescon (who now teaches Spanish, Italian, and Dance on our campus) not only finally was able to finish creating her beautiful Renaissance costume but also was adept at "public relations," getting both posters and the word out at St. Andrews and among friends. Our Community Representative there, Ann Governale, not only was dogged in getting new stories out but was interviewed about the program on a Laurinburg station. She was a jewel. Also at the Laurinburg performance Skip Jackson came early and stayed late along with Dan Polk and John Shields of Mary Livermore Library to set up and replace furnishings. And Peggy Opitz volunteered to recite once again her

## A Last Message from the President



Ray Rundus, outgoing President, Friends of the Library at Pembroke State University.

e.e. cummings sonnet as an added attraction (Peggy is the Director of our brand-new Nursing Program and a resident of Laurinburg). And Grace Gibson was willingly generous in reading for us her sonnet "Lamb," which Dr. Kitty Rileigh had recited so well at the on-campus and Lumberton programs.

These I have mentioned are among the numerous "stalwarts" - the dedicated and willing "accomplices" who were so important to whatever modest success this series of programs enjoyed.

As I indicated in my previous column, we (the Friends of the Library at Pembroke State University) would like to continue the "Literature in Performance" series for at least another year and are hopeful of finding funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council or another friendly source. This next project will most likely take place in Spring 1994 and will have two parts:

- (1) A sonnet recital in 14 "parts" - illustrating both the diversity of the sonnet form and of the Anglo-American cultural tradition;
- (2) A recital of selections of, or passages from, contemporary American poetry that images the ethnic and linguistic diversity of today's culture.

I/we will need *more help* from colleagues in many academic disciplines and from any student, administrator, public school teacher, or "civilian" who has some interests or recommendations.

Please let me or Dr. Bridges know via note or telephone call (521-6212 or 521-6246). We solicit without any qualms whatever the help of any and all *stalwarts*.

Best wishes now to Sybil Collins, incoming President of the Friends of the Library, to whom I taught a little of what I know in a classroom years ago and from whom I expect to learn much more.

# An Invitation to Join

*"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."* —Emerson

## FRIENDS OF THE MARY LIVERMORE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please use this form to become a member of the Mary Livermore Library of Pembroke State University Friends of the Library. The form and your check, made out to **PSU Friends of the Library**, should be mailed to: Friends of the Library Committee, Mrs. Lillian Brewington, Chairperson, Mary Livermore Library, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372.

I would like to support the Friends of the Library of Pembroke State University through the following (please check as appropriate):

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