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Yoshino cherry trees outside the D. H. Hill Library, planted by library staff during the library centennial in 1989/1990.

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Friends of the Library News

By Mary Kate Keith

2001 University Authors Days

North Carolina State University's Poet-in-Residence and Professor of English John Balaban is shown to the right, signing a copy of his critically acclaimed book *Spring Essence: Poetry of Ho Xuan Houng* for an admiring fan at the Friends of the Library's second annual University Authors Days. University Authors Days was held on January 30 and 31, 2001, in the D. H. Hill Library. Over the two days, more than 350 guests attended the readings and lectures, which provided a fascinating glimpse into the wealth of research and publishing activities pursued by university authors. Balaban was one of twelve NC State authors who participated in this popular program, which celebrates the works of the university's talented authors. Other participants were: Robert Entman (Communication), *The Black Image in the White Mind*; Linda McMurry (History), *To Keep the Waters Troubled: The Life of Ida. B. Wells*; Gail O'Brien (History), *The Color of Law: Race, Violence, and Justice in the Post-World War II South*; Raymond Murray (Nuclear Engineering), *Nuclear Engineering*; William Dunstan (History), *The Ancient Near East and Ancient Greece*; William Harris (History), *With Charity for All: Lincoln and the Restoration of the Union*; James Troyer (Botany), *Nature's Champion: B. W. Wells, Tar Heel Ecologist*; Marvin Soroos (Political Science and Public Administration), *The Endangered Atmosphere: Preserving a Global Commons*; and Robert Metzger (Philosophy), *A Master of the Century Past*. This year, a student joined the faculty making presentations: C. Franklin Goldsmith (Mechanical Engineering), *The Best Hikes of Pisgah National Forest*. ❖



NC State's Poet-in-Residence John Balaban.



Linda McMurray, Department of History, discusses her book *To Keep the Waters Troubled: The Life of Ida B. Wells* during the 2001 University Authors Days.

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[Left to right]

Seated:

Robert Bashford, Derek A. Brown, Friends President
J. Lawrence Apple, and Mansour A. Mohamed.

Standing:

Suzanne Purrington; Bobby Purcell; Vice Provost and
Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter; Patches Meares;
Brenda Wilson; Hayne Palmour III; William E. Willis, Jr;
Friends Vice President Wyndham Robertson; John Stewart;
Linda Murphy; Past President Franklin Hart; Friends Director
Mary Kate Keith; and Maryann Bitzer.

Not pictured:

A. Crane Jones, Jr.; Robert P. Kennel; Assad Meymandi;
Lyn W. Moser; Nancy R. Olson; W. Trent Ragland III;
K. C. Ramsay; Emma G. Satterfield; Alton B. Smith, Jr.;
Tom G. Ward; and *ex-officio* members Kaye Gibbons,
Terry G. Ward, and Friends Treasurer George L. Worsley, Jr.

Annual Book Sale Breaks All Records

By MARGARET HUNT,
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The eleventh annual Friends of the Library Book Sale proved an overwhelming success, raising \$14,023—the largest amount ever raised from this program. Proceeds from the sale benefit the NCSU Libraries Preservation Endowment.

The book sale opened on November 16, 2000, with a “Members Only” preview sale for Friends’ members. The general public attended the sale between November 17 and 19.

Attendees browsed among 15,000 books and other media, including CDs, videos, laser discs, and albums. Forty special out-of-print-books sold at market price. A new attraction this year featured a silent auction for cards, books, seasonal items, and handcrafted gifts donated by a member of the Friends. The auction created excitement and competition among the bidders, while other items sold at bargain prices.

The success of the book sale can be attributed to the generous donations of books and media from the NC State community, Friends’ members, and others. A special thank you goes to life members Beverly and Frank Armstrong, who have worked as volunteers since the beginning of the tenth book sale, and to all library staff who joined in making the book sale a success. ❖

In Memoriam

William R. Johnston

William R. Johnston, a life member of the Friends of the Library, died on November 28, 2000. Johnston, remembered as the “strolling professor,” was a professor emeritus of chemistry. He was preceded in death by his wife Louise and a son, William. He is survived by seven children and seventeen grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Anna B. Manning

Anna B. Manning, a life member of the Friends of the Library, died on November 16, 2000. She was a founding member of the Raleigh Moravian Church and the 1999 recipient of the Moravian Music Foundation’s Moramus Award for Distinguished Service to American Music. Edward Manning, her husband and a retired associate professor of electrical engineering at NC State, predeceased her. She is survived by a son, Henry Manning, of Moncure.

Annual Spring Dinner, April 27, 2001 McKimmon Center, 6:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker, Tony Earley, author of the critically acclaimed *Jim the Boy*. Earley's short stories earned him a place on *Granta's* list of the 20 Best Young American Fiction Writers in 1996 and a National Magazine Award for fiction. He has been included in the anthologies *Best American Short Stories* and *New Stories from the South*. In 1994 he published a collection of short stories entitled *Here We Are in Paradise*, and a new book of short stories will be published by Algonquin Press in spring 2001.



Photo courtesy of author.

For advance reservations, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841. ♦

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓ *2001 North Carolina Writers Series*

Daniel Wallace



April 10, 2001

Marcia Douglas



May 1, 2001

✓ *Spring Dinner*

Tony Earley, author of *Jim the Boy*

April 27, 2001

2001 North Carolina Writers Series

Featured speakers at the remaining evenings of this year's North Carolina Writers Series are Daniel Wallace, and Marcia Douglas.

Make plans now to attend each reading and reception.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Friends members and NC State students may purchase tickets for \$5. Tickets for the general public cost \$8. For ticket and general information about the event, call the Friends office at (919) 515-2841.



April 10—Daniel Wallace, Author of *Ray In Reverse*

What would it be like to be in heaven and receive the opportunity to look back at your life in reverse order? Daniel Wallace explores the notion in his second novel, *Ray In Reverse*. Wallace, a resident of Chapel Hill, has received a North Carolina Arts Fellowship and a PEN Syndicated Fiction Award. His first novel was *Big Fish*.

May 1—Marcia Douglas, “Writing the Caribbean”

Come and listen to the lyrical voice of Marcia Douglas as she mesmerizes listeners with readings from her books *Madam Fate* and *Electricity Comes to Cocoa Bottom*. Douglas, a native of Jamaica, will also discuss the history and culture of the Caribbean, as well as her development there as a woman and writer. She is an associate professor of creative writing with the Department of English at NC State.



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