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# Friends of the Library News

By Mary Kate Keith

## Tony Earley's New Book Debuts at Spring Dinner

Novelist Tony Earley spoke at the Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner on April 27, 2001. His third book *Somehow Form a Family*, a collection of personal essays published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, made its debut at the dinner. Earley's first novel, *Jim the Boy*, was published in 2000 to wide acclaim and received the Southeastern Booksellers Association's 2001 award for best in fiction. The *Christian Science Monitor* cited the book as its top choice for 2000.

Earley, a native of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and a graduate of Warren Wilson College and the University of Alabama, is a professor of English at Vanderbilt University. His fiction and nonfiction stories have appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *Esquire*, *New York Times Book Review*, *Oxford American*, *Story*, and *Granta*. In 1996 *Granta* named him to its "Best of Young American Novelists" list. The *New Yorker* also named him as one of its "twenty writers for the 21st century."

Lawrence Apple, president of the Board of Directors, served as emcee during the evening program. He announced the appointment of W. Trent Ragland III to the Friends' board. Ragland will fulfill a term left vacant by a resignation, and his term expires in 2004. He is a real estate developer and president and owner of Ragland Properties, Inc., in Raleigh.

Three other new board members announced at the dinner were Sue Daughtride, Helen Evans, and James Fulghum III, all elected to five-year terms. Daughtride, from Banner Elk, North Carolina, is the retired president of Salem Sales Associates and Lee Valve Company. She served as a director with the NC State



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[Left to right] Friends' board member Nancy Olson and novelist Tony Earley.

Foundation from 1996 through 2000. Evans is an active community volunteer in Raleigh, having served a variety of organizations including Hospice of Scotland County, Junior League of Raleigh, Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood, and Scotland County Arts Council. Fulghum, also of Raleigh, is a neurosurgeon with Carolina Back Institute in Cary. He completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center, Division of Neurosurgery.

Apple thanked outgoing board members Robert Kennel and Alton Smith. He also mentioned the sad news of the recent death of the third outgoing member, Crane Jones (see page 6).

Susan Nutter, vice provost and director of Libraries and secretary of the Friends' Board of

Directors, welcomed eight new life members of the Friends of the Library. She also recognized eleven new endowments and twenty-three new incubator endowments established during the past year that support the NCSU Libraries. ❖

### *Spring Dinner Photo Highlights*



*[Left to right] Friends' supporters Donald Bitzer, Thom Hodgson, and Benton Satterfield.*



*[Left to right] Friends' president Lawrence Apple with new life member Eloise Cofer.*



*Shannon Ravenel [left] of Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill with novelist Tony Earley [right].*



*[Left to right] NC State Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies Charles Moreland and Michael Stoskopf, professor of clinical sciences with NC State's College of Veterinary Medicine.*

## Message from J. Lawrence Apple President, Friends of the Library Board of Directors



**T**he Friends of the Library (FOL) of North Carolina State University, a volunteer organization operating in support of the NCSU Libraries, enriches the intellectual and cultural environment for faculty, students, and the community by raising funds, attracting distinguished special collections, and sponsoring special events. As early as 1936, the State College Library Committee discussed the idea of developing a friends organization, and the FOL was formally established by the State College Board of Trustees on June 4, 1947. The single objective cited for the FOL was “to make the D. H. Hill Library the outstanding technical library of the Southeast.”

I am pleased to report that the Friends has made great strides toward the achievement of its objective set forth some fifty-four years ago. The FOL takes great pride in the Libraries’ rank of number 35 out of 112 academic and research libraries and in its receipt of the first Excellence in Academic Libraries Award, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Nevertheless, the challenges and opportunities that confront the Libraries and the FOL have never been more paramount than at present.

During this period of unprecedented cost escalation for library operations, the library is faced with very severe reductions in state appropriations for the next biennial budget (and likely beyond). This means that the FOL must effectively use its ability to educate the broader public on the library’s critical role in campus-based research and teaching and in outreach programs across the state. We must also plan and implement aggressive fund-raising initiatives in the private sector.

Another concern for the Friends is the critical need for capital funds to effect much-needed renovations and to construct a new library facility. A coordinated vision for the library’s future will be greatly enhanced by the master-planning process outlined on page 3 of *Focus Online*, “Part I, Library News.”

The FOL Board of Directors has made a major commitment to itself, the library, the NCSU Board of Trustees, and the community to advance the interests of the NCSU Libraries. On behalf of the FOL board, I invite everyone to join in support of this effort. The future of the library’s resources may depend upon the success of these collective efforts in the years ahead. ❖

### 2001 Fall Luncheon Program

The Friends’ 2001 Fall Luncheon will be held at the McKimmon Center on Friday, November 9, 2001, from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M. The featured speaker will be National Academy of Sciences member Ronald Sederoff, NC State Distinguished University Professor of Forestry and director of the Forest Biotechnology Group. Sederoff’s topic will be “Let’s Talk About Your Lunch—Genetic Modification: Plants, Animals, and the Environment.” Advance reservations are required, and tickets are \$13 for Friends members and \$16 for the general public. For ticket information, please call the Friends office, Monday through Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., at (919) 515-2841. ❖

## Nancy Olson— Bookseller of the Year

**Q**uail Ridge Books and Music, owned by Friends of the Library board member Nancy Olson, was selected as the recipient of the prestigious 2001 Publishers Weekly Bookseller of the Year Award. Quail Ridge also received other notable awards this year, including the 2001 Louise Micheel Pannell Award for Excellence in Children's Bookselling and the 2001 Charles B. Haslam Excellence in Bookselling Award.

Guests at the Friends' 2001 Spring Dinner all wore pins celebrating Olson's Bookseller of the Year award and her many contributions to literacy and the Raleigh community.



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Quail Ridge Books has served the Raleigh area with quality programs and services since 1984. It is located in the Ridgewood Shopping Center at the corner of Wade Avenue and Ridge Road. ❖

## 2002 Spring Dinner

The Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2002, in the McKimmon Center. The guest speaker will be Robert Parker, acclaimed author of the Spenser private-eye series. A reception and dinner with Parker will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. A special "Evening with Robert Parker" will follow at 8:00 P.M. in the McKimmon Center. Nancy Olson, a board member of the Friends of the Library, will host the discussion.

Tickets will be available for the reception, dinner, and evening program (access to all three events purchased with one ticket) or just for the evening program. Advance reservations are required for either option. For more information, call the Friends at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.; or visit its Web site at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/fol/events.html>. ❖

## New Life Members 2000–2001

Stanley Backer

Eloise Snowden Cofer

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Council, Jr.

Mrs. L. Aubrey Goodson, Jr.

Dr. Suzanne Kennedy-Stoskopf

Tom and Nancy Regan and Family

Dr. Michael K. Stoskopf

Amelia and Gene Woolf

**In Memoriam**  
**Life Members of the Friends of the Library**

**Micou F. Browne**

Longtime library supporter Micou F. Browne died on July 15, 2001. Browne graduated from NC State in 1936 and began a career in life insurance, working at Occidental Life Insurance Company of North Carolina from 1936 until 1968. He then joined Durham Life Insurance Company as executive vice president and retired from there in 1981. Browne was very active in the Raleigh community throughout his life. He was a member of Raleigh's Jaycees and Kiwanis clubs and its Chamber of Commerce. He also joined the NCSU Alumni Association and Wolfpack Club. He served on the first Friends of the Library Board of Directors at NC State in 1963 and established the Micou and Katherine Browne Endowment for the library. Browne also served as a trustee for Peace College and the College Foundation, Inc. He is survived by his daughter Martha Luella Browne and by his son and daughter-in-law Micou M. and Mary Anne Browne. ❖

**A. Crane Jones**

A. Crane Jones, a member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors, passed away on April 23, 2001. Jones served in the United States Army during World War II and graduated from NC State University in 1951 with a B.S. in civil engineering. After a distinguished railroad career spanning forty-five years, he retired in 1989 as senior vice president of the CSX Corporation. Following retirement, he dedicated himself to organizations serving Jacksonville, Florida, and actively supported many NC State endeavors. Crane remained a dedicated alumnus, serving as an Alumni Association board member and as president and director of the NCSU Foundation. At the time of his death, he was co-chairing the NCSU Alumni House Capital Campaign. Jones is survived by his wife Jane, their children, and grandchildren. ❖

**North Carolina Literary Festival Replaces  
2002 Writers Series**

**T**he North Carolina Literary Festival, which will be held at UNC-Chapel Hill on April 5 and 6, 2002, will replace this year's North Carolina Writers Series. The literary festival will feature a weekend packed full of discussions, readings, and performances. Check the schedule of authors and events on the Web at [www.lib.unc.edu/nclitfest](http://www.lib.unc.edu/nclitfest).

The new North Carolina Literary Festival is an educational and outreach project cooperatively

sponsored by the UNC-CH, NC State, and Duke University libraries through their respective Friends of the Library programs. It will be held on alternating years, with Chapel Hill hosting the 2002 festival. NC State will host the festival in 2004, while Duke University will feature the 2006 event. ❖



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- ✓ *2001 Fall Luncheon* November 9, 2001  
Ronald Sederoff, NCSU Distinguished University Professor of Forestry
- ✓ *2002 University Authors Days* TBA  
Two days of readings featuring NCSU authors
- ✓ *2002 North Carolina Literary Festival\**  
UNC–Chapel Hill April 5 and 6, 2002  
A literary weekend featuring North Carolina authors
- ✓ *Spring Dinner* April 11, 2002  
Robert Parker, author of Spenser private-eye series

\*The 2002 North Carolina Literary Festival replaces the 2002 North Carolina Writers Series. The festival is cosponsored by Friends of the Library programs of the NC State, UNC–Chapel Hill, and Duke University libraries.