Bibliophile Book Bash Brings Big Bucks

"On for a book and a study nook, either indoor or out; With the green leaves whispering overhead, or the street cries all about, Where I may read all at my ease, both of the new and old. For a jolly good book wherein to look is better to me than gold."

By John Wilson from, For a Catalogue of Secondhand Books

book lovers of all persuasions apparently felt the same and availed themselves of the Friends of Spring Hill College third used book sale, to the tune of $1950, an increase in sales for this year. The event was held Nov. 3rd at the Book Nook where fresh coffee and donuts greeted the early bird shoppers, some of whom arrived nearly an hour before the doors opened. The Book Nook has over 35,000 slightly used books for sale and the Saturday crowd took full advantage of the diverse collection.

Children's books, mysteries, and biographies were the biggest sellers.

The Friends who made all things run smoothly included Chairwoman, Patrice Baur, Bob Bantens, Bob Bau, Jackie Burt, John Calamonti, Karl Causo, Bill Darr, John Halter, Judy Hatcher, Mary Frances Hallet, Karlie Richer, Barbara Knight, Charlene Patterson, Moore Riley, Richard Weaver, Bruce Whitham, and Sharon Williams.

Customer examine some of the many book titles available at the Book Nook during the last book sale. (Photos by Nan Coalella)

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The Marnie and John Burke Memorial Library Dedicated
By Pitty Wilson

"This is holy ground..." were apt words in the program for the dedication of the new Marnie and John Burke Memorial Library, the Rydex Commons, and the Essex Outdoor Learning Center held on September 24th. President of Spring Hill College, the Rev. Gregory Lucey, S.J., welcomed all who came to share the occasion and the feeling that they were, indeed, "standing on holy ground." Dr. Noreen Carrocci, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, gave the statement of purpose and former Congressman Sonny Callahan, Congressman Jo Bonner, and Sen. Richard Shelby were recognized for their efforts to secure $7.6 million in federal funding for the library. John Burke, Jr. '54, responded on behalf of himself and his brother, Kevin '67, who made gifts and pledges to the college of $7.5 and named the library in honor of their parents. Andrew Crider, SGA president, presented a Time Capsule to mark the occasion and the Most Rev. Oscar H. Lipscomb, Archbishop of Mobile, gave the blessing of the library, followed with a benediction by the Rev. Stephen Saxer, S.J.

Following the ceremonies, all were invited to take advantage of tours of the library conducted by members of the friends to avail themselves of a book signing by Dr. Charles Boyle of his latest book, Gleanings, sponsored by the Frye's, to enjoy an alfresco lunch on the grounds of the Rydex Commons.


Below: Students, parents, faculty and guests enjoy the view of the new library across the Rydex Commons, following the dedication of both. (Photo by Pitty Wilson)

Frye Gaillard to Speak at February Literary Event
By Barbara Knight

The next author to speak at the Friends "Coming Home" Literary Series on February 24th will be Frye Gaillard, a Mobile native. He is a publisher, freelance writer and author of 19 books about the culture, religion, politics and social history of the American South. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, he was the former Southern editor of the Charlotte Observer and a frequent contributor to nationally recognized newspapers and magazines. Gaillard has lectured at Duke, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest Universities and Vassar and Spring Hill Colleges among others.

In the powerful and provocative literary, Cradle of Freedom: Alabama and the Movement That Changed America, Gaillard recalls the pivotal events of the civil rights movement in Alabama during the 1960s. This fresh and moving account gives a human face to both the ordinary people and the familiar icons who rose to face the many challenges of the turbulent era. "Cradle of Freedom is a welcome reminder that good history and good storytelling can go together."

The event will take place at Stewarfield at 7:00 p.m., with dessert and coffee to follow. Dr. John Hefner, Friends vice-president and SRC English professor, will interview the author. The Alabama Humanities Foundation and Spring Hill College are also sponsors of the Friends' annual Literary Series. A donation of $3 is suggested.

Special Thanks to Our Supporters

The Estate of Valentine Swider for a bequest of $50,000 to the Friends to be used for the rare book room of the new library.

The Alabama Power Foundation for a one-time gift to the College of $30,000 for help in funding construction costs of the new library.

The Sigma Tau Delta English honorary society for pledging to do volunteer hours in the Book Nook. Moderator is Friend member, Dr. Margaret Davis.

Dr. Patricia Neal for organizing the special reception November 11 to honor all the wonderful Book Nook volunteer workers.

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Boyle Book Sales Benefit Library
By Robert Banter

The Friends of Spring Hill College Library have sponsored the publication of three books by Spring Hill College archivist and rare books librarian, Charles Boyle. "Sound Mind, Sound Body" is about the history of academics and sports at the College, and "Gleanings" is an assemblage of historical notes about the college, its history, and its development. These writings bring together the experiences of different eras and in such a way as to allow readers to see, as if they were a part of those times. "Twice Remembered," is scheduled to hit bookstores on October 30th.

Book signings by Boyle were held in conjunction with the dedication of the new library, on Family Weekend, at Portrait Place and one is planned for Homecoming. Some signed copies are available through Friends.

Boyle books can be found at Carpe Diem, and the Gift Shops at Variation Montessori, Providence Hospital, and Spring Hill Memorial Library, as well as the circulation desk of the new Burke Memorial Library.

Proceeds from the sale of the two books are donated to the library and its capital development fund. The books sell for $15 each.

A Library Wish List

The Library has been collecting over the last year and a half, videos, primarily in the DVD format, to support various programs at the college. The nascent collection, according to Bruce Whitham, Director of Library Services, includes a selection of Holocaust related materials as well as a variety of films selected by the Communication Arts Department to support their Film Studies program.

The Library is growing a video wish list—about 300 titles at last count. According to Whitham, "Materials are selected primarily to support the curricula of the various departments but we also try to respond to the interests of our predominately residential college."

A request was made for $4000 to cover the purchase of the videos and to buy display shelves.

Memorial and Honorone Adopt-a-Book Program
By Moren Riley

Looking for a holiday gift for someone who has everything? Why not give a book to the SHC Library in honor of that special person? The Memorial and Honorone Adopt-a-Book Program was started in 1996 by the Friends to buy much needed books for the Library. It allows the giver to memorialize or honor someone with a permanent reminder of that individual by placing a nameplate inside the front cover of each book recognizing both the recipient and giver. Thus far, this tax deductible program has generated approximately $38,000.

For further information, call 388-3882.

Friends Serve as Library Tour Guides
By Alan Castello

During the month of September, volunteers from the Friends offered tours of the new Burke Memorial Library to students, faculty, and staff. Nancy Bolon Beck of the library staff and Friends board member) trained volunteers Dr. Bob Banter, Patrice Bau, Nan Castello, Mary Frances Hales, Dr. Patricia Neal, Billie Pringle, and Anita Toole. Tours were scheduled at three times every Tuesday and Wednesday. In addition, tours were offered following the dedication of the library and the Rydex Commons.

Many curious Mobile residents joined families of Spring Hill College students for special tours of the facility in October for Family Weekend. The Friends will continue to offer tours on special occasions, such as Homecoming.

Boyle signs his book at the library dedication for Jan Ashmore and Mary Beth Humm. "Twice Remembered." (Photo by Nan Castello.)

Some Friends members who serve as tour guides for the new Burke Library are Dr. Bob Banter, Patrice Bau, Nan Castello and Billie Pringle. (Photo by Patulla Wilson.)
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The current membership in the Friends of the Spring Hill College Library stands at 157. Are you among the following friends who, as members in good standing, also have library privileges? Lifetime members are signified by + after the name, Sustaining by –, Patrons by *, Honorary by #, Charter by ".

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Parker Discusses her Novel Seven Laurels

Lydia Budby Parker said, in speaking of her first novel, Seven Laurels, that it is a historical novel and a family saga that spans forty years, and that no matter what race it is, it is a human story of love, loss and survival. The event was Nov. 4th, the first in the current Friends sponsored Literary Series, "Caring Home with Alabama Authors," also funded with a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

Parker gave three readings from the book: a poignant passage dealing with the death of the main character's younger brother with very moving imagery; a particularly beautiful description of an audition for laurel for music school, such as you could actually feel the flow and emotion of the music as Laurel plays, a story of Laurel's first piano competition and its effect on his father as he "sees" a series of black horses of joyous soldier saints marching in celebration.

Dr. John Halpern, Friends vice-president, interviewed Parker asking how she gained so much insight and knowledge of the black race. She replied that first, as a writer, you must be able to see beyond yourself. Secondly, she grew up in a white family living in an all-black neighborhood. The grocery store and tavern in her book are from her own childhood surroundings. Halpern also asked her to comment on the spiritual element that recurs throughout the novel. She said that this component surprised even her. As the characters unfold and develop a life of their own, the spiritual surfaces.

Her next work carries the working title Crossing the Distance and only spans one year. She expects it to be out in a year rather than the seven the first one took.

Above: Mary Frances Hallett assists Linda Budby Parker at the book signing following the Friends' first literary event of the year.

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