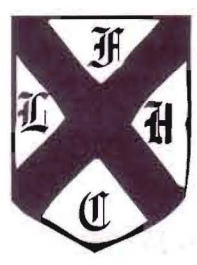


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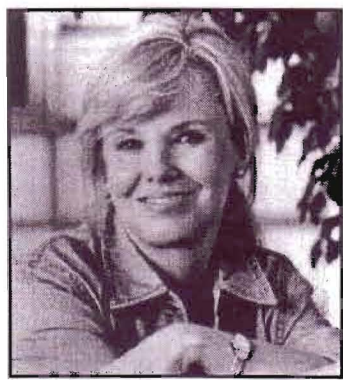
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Friends of Library will Host Nanci Kincaid



husband are college football coaches.

Ms. Kincaid grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, until her family moved to Richmond, Virginia, during her high school years. She attended Virginia Tech where, as a freshman, she was crowned homecoming queen. There she met the football team's quarterback – an Alabama boy – married him, and dropped out of college at nineteen. Her husband's job as a coach moved the family to several states, including Alabama where for a time he had a position in the coaching staff at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. She later went back to college and received a BA from Athens (AL) State College in 1987 and an MFA in fiction writing from the University of Alabama in 1991.

Mark your calendar for September 28. At 7:00 p.m. that evening, Nanci Kincaid, writer and lecturer, will be the guest speaker at the fall meeting of Friends of the Houston Cole Library. Ms. Kincaid will be reading from and commenting on both *Balls*, her latest book, and her forthcoming book set in a women's prison.

Balls is a story set in the world of southern college football where the game rivals God, motherhood, and apple pie. The characters--all women whose lives revolve around the game's coaches and players--reveal their misguided hopes and unfulfilled dreams. Ms. Kincaid's acquaintance with the world in which her characters live comes from firsthand experience, as both her ex- and her present

Ms. Kincaid's stories and poetry have appeared in several magazines, including *The Oxford American*, *Southern Humanities Review*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Southern Exposure*, and *Ontario Review*. Her stories have also been included in such anthologies as *New Stories From the South* and *Short Stories of the American South*.

IN MEMORIAM
MRS. MARTHA BELLENGER COLE
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Awards and fellowships Ms. Kincaid has received include the Emerging Artist Award from the Alabama Fine Arts Society, a Bunting Fellowship from Radcliff College, and a

grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. She now lives in Tucson with her husband, Dick Tomey, head football coach at the University of Arizona.

Joanne Gates to Speak on Elizabeth Robins



Dr. Joanne Gates, Professor in English, will discuss her recent book, *The Alaska Klondike Diary of Elizabeth Robins – 1900*, on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Dr. Gates has written extensively on Elizabeth Robins, a Victorian and early 20th Century actress, writer, and feminist. *The Alaska Klondike Diary*, which Gates co-edited with Victoria

Joan Moessner, details Robins' experiences on her 1900 trip to Nome in search of her two brothers in the gold rush. This is Dr. Gates' second book, and will be available for purchase and signing at a reception after the lecture. The public is invited.

Martha Cole Memorial Award Presented

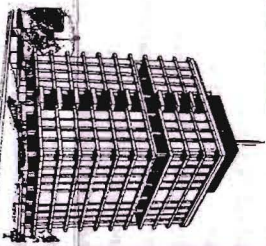
The first annual Martha Cole Memorial Award, honoring the outstanding library student assistant, was presented to Greta Lee Rogers at the end of the spring semester. Ms. Rogers has worked in the Circulation Department for three years.

The award, in memory of Mrs. Cole, who died this past spring, consists of a plaque in the library lobby and a cash award. It is financed by the Houston Cole Memorial Fund which is administered by the JSU Foundation

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