



# Saltire

Friends of Houston Cole Library ♦ Volume 1, Issue 1 ♦ Spring, 1998

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING

### Friends of the Houston Cole Library Initiates a Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of *The Saltire* -- the Newsletter produced by The Friends of Houston Cole library. We feel the name is a fitting symbol: escutcheon with bend and bend-sinister crossing at the center, diverse fields firmly held together.

For a long while the Library has been more than just the repository of information. Houston Cole Library is, and has been, blessed by dynamic leadership and a resourceful staff. Special events-- notable writers, scholars, speakers-- are scheduled from time to time to speak on issues of the day, moments from the past, possibilities for the future that enlighten and entertain those

who participate in these gatherings.

The mission of *The Saltire* is to see that such upcoming programs are made known abroad on the campus and in the community along with other special announcements of interest, feature stories on significant people affecting the Library's strength and growth, and a summary of the Proceedings of the board meetings of the Friends of Houston Cole Library. Anyone interested in becoming a supporting Friend of the Library will find a membership form in the newsletter.

Stay alert and on the watch for *The Saltire* -- big things are coming.

### Lovett Honored at Annual Spring Meeting



Each year, the annual Friends Spring meeting, held at Houston Cole Library, features a writer with a new book to present. This year's guest was Wayne Greenhaw of Montgomery, the author of *Alabama: Portrait of a State*, a

photographic volume, and *King of Country*, his latest novel. Mr. Greenhaw read his recent essay on writing and then autographed copies of his books for a very appreciative audience at a reception afterwards.

At the start of the evening, Mr. Greenhaw and those attending joined the Friends in honoring Mrs. Opal Lovett for her contributions to the Friends of Houston Cole Library. Until this year, Mrs. Lovett, a retired member of the JSU English faculty, had been President of the Board of Directors of the Friends since its inception. She is responsible for guiding the organization through its infancy, implementing such events as the author's reading at which she was honored.

A number of books, chosen by Mrs. Lovett, will be purchased by the Friends and donated to Houston Cole Library in her honor.

Our thanks to Opal Lovett for her devotion to the Friends.



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## Friends Board Meets

**O**n May 21, 1998, the Board of Directors of Friends of Houston Cole Library met to discuss ideas and recommendations for further growth and expanded visibility. The meeting was called to order by Kenneith Calvert, Board Chairperson. Mary Williams was introduced as a new Board member, and copies of the Constitution and Bylaws were distributed. Other members present were William Hubbard, Robert Lokey, Betty Rowe, Douglas Wilson, and Steve Whitton.

Kenneith Calvert suggested that the spring program be moved to the fall so as not to compete with "On the Brink" or "Kaleidoscope." The change, she suggested, might increase atten-

dance at our programs. Mr. Wilson pointed out that the Bylaws would need to be changed in order to make the move.

Ms. Calvert also expressed the need to schedule a well-known writer who would attract a larger audience, add memberships, and increase interest in the organization. As a part of the discussion that followed, it was agreed that this would require the allocation of more funds to cover the costs for such a person. Mary Williams made a motion that we bring such a writer for a Fall, 1999 program. It was approved by a majority of the Board. Mr. Whitton, Mr. Lokey, and Ms. Williams volunteered to make inquiries and explore grant possibilities.

A third item of discussion was a proposal by Ms. Calvert that the Friends produce a newsletter. After reviewing an example from another Friends organization and discussing possible costs, the idea was accepted and work has begun for the first issue.

Because of time constraints, a review of the Constitution and Bylaws was postponed to the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 9.

## NEEDED!

New members in an important organization that promotes JSU's Houston Cole Library!

For more information see membership form in this issue!



Left to Right: William J. Hubbard, Robert Lokey, Douglas Wilson, Mary Williams, Kenneith Calvert, Betty Rowe, Steven Whitton.

## Two Houston Cole Librarians Retiring

With almost 100 years of combined service as educators, two Houston Cole librarians--Miss Jimmy Nell Williams and Sister Janice Costello, O. P.--are retiring.



*Jimmie Nell Williams*

After 40 years as an educator, Jimmie Nell Williams will retire August 31. She earned a B. S. degree in education with a social science major and library science minor at the University of North Alabama. Later she earned an M. S. degree in library science from George Peabody College, now associated with Vanderbilt University.

Williams began her career at Fairview High School in Cullman County, where she was librarian for four years. She then worked as librarian for 10 years at the University of Montevallo.

In 1968, she began her 30 year tenure at JSU as government documents librarian. Bill Hubbard,

Director of Houston Cole Library for 10 years, points out that the library is going through a gradual progression from paper and microfiche to a digital format. "Jimmie Nell has been in the midst of these changes and functioned well," he says. "The library is a depository for government documents and undergoes federal inspections frequently. We passed with flying colors under Jimmie Nell's supervision in both 1990 and 1997."

Williams served as moderator of the Government Documents Roundtable. She has been an active member of the Alabama Library Association, AEA, and NEA. She is a member of Friends of Houston Cole Library, Reading, Thinking, Sharing--a discussion group at Anniston/Calhoun Library, Reading Our Lives and Writing Our Lives, also at Anniston/Calhoun Library and a local writing group in Jacksonville.



*Sister Janice Costello, O. P.*

The appeal of the gulf and Mobile is partially responsible for the retirement of Sister Janice Costello, O. P., on May 31, after 45 years in education, the last six of which have been as a librarian at Houston Cole Library. Sister Janice has spent years in the classroom, as an administrator and as a librarian.

Sister Janice earned the B. A. degree in elementary education at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. She later earned the M. A. degree in library science at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, and a second master's in education and administration at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, where she spent six years as librarian.

Twenty-two of Sister Janice's 45 years in education have been spent in the South. During her six years here at JSU, Sister Janice has received Faculty Research Award certificates presented by Dr. David Watts, Vice President of Academic Affairs for 1993-94, 1995-96 and 1996-97.

She and Kaye Batchelor have planned and mounted the historical and educational displays in the lobby of Houston Cole Library. Sister Janice has been funded to spend a month this

October in Rome, Italy, at Angelicum College where she will create a video to teach students there how to do research in their own library.

Sister Janice's memberships include American Library Association, the Association of College Research Libraries, Alabama Library Association and Phi Delta Kappa.

### Did You Know?

Among Alabama's academic institutions, Houston Cole Library is the second most active (after Auburn) net interlibrary lender of books to public libraries.

In 1996-97, Houston Cole Library added 12,588 volumes of books and bound periodicals, to bring its total volume count to 627,698.

Last year's Houston Cole Library door counts exceeded a quarter million, and over a half million photocopies were made on the library's copy machines.



# COMING EVENTS!

## October 27

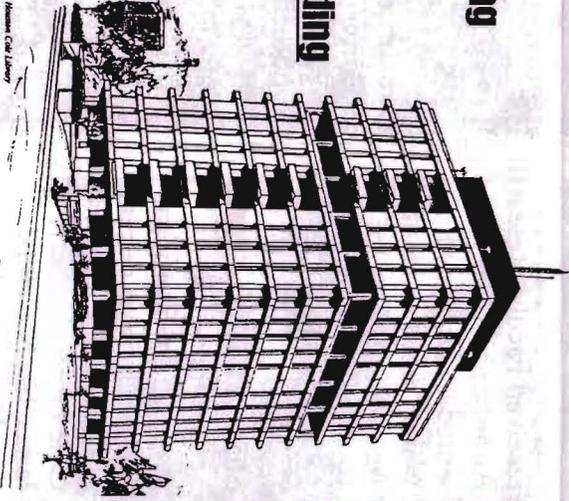
**Kathryn Tucker Windham,  
Writer and Internationally-Known  
Storyteller**

## November 9

**Dr. Robert Felgar  
Reading from**

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commenting  
on  
his book  
Understanding  
Richard**

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"Black  
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