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

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The NCSU Libraries celebrated former North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham’s career as North Carolina’s commissioner of agriculture for thirty-six years with an exhibition, reception, and establishment of the Jim and Helen Ida Kirk Graham Agricultural Heritage Endowment, which will be used to acquire books, journals, and electronic media relating to agriculture for the general library collections. The exhibit, entitled “The Sodfather: A Friend of Agriculture in North Carolina,” opened on January 4, 2001, in the D. H. Hill Library. It will run through April 4, 2001. The evening of the opening, the D. H. Hill Library was transformed into an elegant reception area, where guests heard remarks from library administrators and guest speakers, including North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue and North Carolina Congressman Bobby Etheridge. The following photographs show highlights of the evening’s festivities.

Jim Graham Exhibit Opening Highlights

Jim Graham’s famous boots.

North Carolina Congressman Bobby Etheridge spoke to the audience.

The reference area at the D. H. Hill Library was transformed into a gala reception area.

[Left to right] North Carolina state representative and Jim Graham’s daughter, Alice G. Underhill; Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue; Jim Graham; and Robert W. Eaves, Jr., shared a happy moment at the exhibit opening held in the D. H. Hill Library.

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the exhibit featured [left to right] College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Dean James Oblinger, Bernie McTigue (NCSU Libraries), Congressman Bobby Etheridge, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, Jim Graham, Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue, and Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan Nutter.

[Left to right] Graham and North Carolina State Auditor Ralph Campbell at the January 4 event.

Bob Beasley, former president of the Friends of the Library, tours the Graham exhibit.
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