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Bicentennial Book Signing by Jim Schlosser; [The Beat Goes On](#) Available at Heritage Festival

Greensboro, NC - Jim Schlosser, retired reporter for the Greensboro *News & Record*, will sign copies of his just-released book, [The Beat Goes On](#), during the Bicentennial Heritage Festival, Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13; Sat. 11 AM – 6 PM, Sun. 1-3 PM. Schlosser, who worked 41 years for the newspaper until his retirement Feb. 1, will be signing books at the McNairy House on the grounds of the Historical Museum on Lindsay Street.

The book contains a collection of stories about Greensboro's history and some of its interesting characters that Schlosser wrote about during his career. Stories range from the off beat, such as the fox that stole golf balls from golfers at the Bur-Mil Park golf course, to the historically significant, such as the civil rights and wrongs of the area, including one about William Windsor who in 1914 was forced to sell his house because of its location in a white neighborhood. Other stories feature the first graduating class of Page High School, the 1918 flu epidemic and the 1948 polio epidemic, the history of street cars, the effects of Hurricane Hazel, and architect Harry Barton. The book includes articles about Greensboro's best known writer, O. Henry, and Vietnam soldier Phill McDonald who won the Congressional Medal of Honor, as well as other military veterans.

Gayle Hicks Fripp, Chair of the Bicentennial History Committee and Guilford County Historian, served as editor of the book. She began the editing by reading over 1,500 stories written by Schlosser between 1968 and 2007. After two years of work and numerous edits, the story count came to a reasonable number covering many different aspects of the community.

The publication of the book is a project of the Greensboro Bicentennial Commission. It will sell for \$25 at several locations during the Heritage Festival weekend. Following the festival, it will be available for sale at the Historical Museum Gift Shop and local bookstores.

The Greensboro Bicentennial Celebration began March 25th and continues with official events through May 17, 2008. Many affiliated events will take place throughout 2008. For additional information on the celebration, visit www.Greensboro200.com or call 336-373-3695.