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Carrboro, NC, 9 January 2007 – the North Carolina Writers' Network (www.ncwriters.org) is hosting a fundraiser brunch to honor writer, Will Blythe and his family on Saturday, February 10th at the Fearington Barn beginning at 10:30 am. In addition to serving as editor of Esquire Magazine, Blythe also earned renowned for his book

To Hate Like This Is to Be Happy Forever: A Thoroughly Obsessive, Intermittently Uplifting, and Occasionally Unbiased Account of the Duke-North Carolina Basketball Rivalry

The event additionally recognizes the other literary members of the Blythe family including Will's sister, Anne and his grandfather, Literary Hall of Fame inductee, William LeGette Blythe.

The brunch occurs at the Fearington Barn in Pittsboro, NC before the Carolina-Wake Forest basketball game on February 10th with traditional southern cuisine by Mama Dip, a reading and book signing by Will Blythe, live Celtic Music, and a cash bar.

Will's book is getting so much buzz, with the incredible title *To Hate Like This Is to Be Happy Forever*, ostensibly about the Carolina-Duke basketball rivalry, but really about so much more. It's hilarious, pensive, poignant, Southern, Northern, and altogether charming.

Like the rest of us, Will worries about his sanity. He consults famous Columbia professor Robert Thurman and ruminates, "I had to know from the point of view of a renowned scholar and practitioner of Tibetan

Buddhism whether hatred of Duke might cause me to be unduly reincarnated, forced to spend billions of years as praying mantis or a screech owl or a coyote baying at a coldhearted moon...Baying seemed an especially apt fate."

Duke fans will be welcome at this unique event----you may want to come just to defend yourselves!

Tickets to the event are \$79.00, based on Will Blythe's graduation date from Carolina in 1979.

Proceeds go to help the NC Writers' Network continue their efforts to support and connect NC writers.

For details or to reserve tickets, please call 919-967-9540.