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# Friends of the Library News

By Mary Kate Keith

## Spenser Fans Enjoy an Evening with Robert Parker

Mystery lovers and fans of the acclaimed Spenser private-eye series gathered at NC State's McKimmon Center on April 11, 2002, to meet writer Robert Parker, the "dean of American crime fiction." Parker was the guest speaker for the Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner. He entertained an audience of more than 300 guests during a casual and humorous interview hosted by Nancy Olson, who is a member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors and owner of Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh.



Parker's open and honest answers to questions posed by Olson and the audience gave fans a fascinating look at this best-selling and prolific author. No question was off-limits as Parker discussed everything from his writing and the development of the Spenser series to his unique relationship with his wife Joan. After the interview, Parker met with members of the audience, signed books, and even posed for a few impromptu photos with delighted fans.

Parker began writing his Spenser novels in 1971 and has written more than forty novels, including the Spenser series and two new private-eye series featuring Jesse Stone and Sunny Randall. The Spenser character was developed into a popular television show, *Spenser for Hire*, which aired from 1985 to 1988 on ABC. Most recently, the cable channel A&E created two new Spenser movies, *Small Vices* and *Walking Shadow*.

Attendees at the Spring Dinner reception included Parker and his wife Joan as well as Kaye Gibbons, the NCSU Libraries' Author-in-Residence. Guests then

enjoyed an elegant dinner and a brief program for the Friends of the Library, hosted by Lawrence Apple, the outgoing president of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors. Susan Nutter, vice provost and director of Libraries, welcomed fifteen new life members and announced the establishment of two new library endowments and four new incubator endowments. She also delivered a wonderful tribute to Apple for his many years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors. ❖

The NCSU Libraries wishes to extend a special thanks to the sponsors who generously supported the 2002 Spring Dinner:

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## *Spring Dinner Highlights*



*[Left to right] Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and FOL board member Cyma Rubin.*



*[Left to right] Judge William Creech, FOL President Assad Meymandi, and James Whitesell enjoy the Spring Dinner reception.*

*[Left to right] Dave Cook, writer Kaye Gibbons, and Nancy Olson.*



## Message from Assad Meymandi President, Friends of the Library Board of Directors

Besides all the usual protocol, I have some special feelings about the Friends' outgoing president, J. Lawrence Apple, that defy ordinary English words. I wish it were appropriate to write these lines in Greek, Latin, Farsi, Turkish, Arameic, or even French. All those languages are far richer in their affective reservoir than the impoverished English! The privilege of knowing, working, and learning from Larry, and his generosity of the soul in offering himself as a role model, friend, and wise counselor make a mere "thank you" seem not enough. But that is all I have to offer.

We are so pleased to welcome board members Wyndham Robertson of Chapel Hill, Cyma Rubin of New York, and Elizabeth Bell of Raleigh. Robertson, whose advancement expertise will serve the Friends well, has been a member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors since 1990. She retired from the University of North Carolina (UNC) system in 1996, where she served as the vice president for communications for ten years. Before her service with UNC, Robertson worked as an editor at *Time* and *Fortune* magazines. Rubin, an alumna and ardent supporter of NC State, graduated with honors from the university's College of Textiles in 1947. Currently, she is president of Business of Entertainment, Inc., located in New York City. She produced and directed the Emmy Award-winning documentary "Moment of Impact: Stories of the Pulitzer Prize Photographs." She is also the curator and producer of a major exhibit, *Pulitzer Prize Photographs: Capture the Moment*, which is touring the country. Bell is a long-time supporter of the NCSU Libraries. Her efforts to establish an endowment at the Libraries in memory of her father led to the creation of the Charles D. "Zack" Arthur Memorial Endowment [see *Focus*, volume 13.1 (1992): 24-26]. She is an artist and colorist who has shown her work at the Little Art Gallery in Raleigh and the Sumerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill.

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### New FOL Board Members



*Wyndham Robertson.*



*Cyma Rubin.*



*Elizabeth Bell.*

The mission of the Friends of the Library, among other things, is to advocate for the library and give reality to the vision of the board, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan Nutter, and the staff of the NCSU Libraries. I know how to be an advocate. In the practice of medicine, very early one learns how to be an advocate for one's patients. If necessary, you even put your life on the line. Our advocacy should take the following forms:

1. Everyone on the board is a bibliophile, but I hope we all have the psychiatric condition known as bibliomania. This symptom complex clinically manifests itself as an addiction to reading books, taking unusual pleasure in holding books, reviewing books for newspapers and magazines, and even writing books. We need to spread this malady community-wide.
2. In these difficult times of budget crisis, we must be ready to support the library. The Libraries, beyond the state funds, relies heavily on private funds to maintain collection purchases.

3. We must support the Libraries to maintain up-to-date digital library services and other equipment and furniture.
4. Finally, as advocates, we need to demonstrate the value of the library to, and foster support from, a wider audience. We must develop effective strategies for involving people, press, and elected officials in the beautiful tapestry of our work. We must offer the library and its staff the means and opportunities to develop new initiatives to provide services to students, faculty, and the community at large. Building bridges between the Libraries and the community is the backbone of advocacy. ❖

### Michael Stoskopf To Speak at 2002 Fall Luncheon

**M**ichael Stoskopf, an NC State professor of aquatics, wildlife, and zoological medicine and of molecular and environmental toxicology, is the guest speaker for the Friends of the Library's annual Fall Luncheon, scheduled for November 1, 2002. He will provide a fascinating introduction to the Red Wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP) and Recovery Program in North Carolina, as well as other animal conservation programs and issues.

The goal of the of Red Wolf Species Survival Plan is to save the species from extinction and to reintroduce red wolves to North Carolina. The faculty and students of NC State's School of Veterinary Medicine support this project and work in cooperation with three red wolf recovery programs in the state. The SSP facilities are located at the Western North Carolina Nature Center in Asheville, the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro, and the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham. The mainland release site for red wolves in North

Carolina is the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge near Manteo.

Stoskopf received his D.V.M. from Colorado State University and a Ph.D. in environmental and biochemical toxicology from Johns Hopkins University. He is a diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine, director of the Environmental Medicine Consortium, director of Veterinary International Programs, and chair of the NCSU Marine Sciences Council. Stoskopf is also a former winner of the NCSU Libraries' Faculty Award.

The fourteenth annual North Carolina State University Libraries Faculty Award will be presented during the Fall Luncheon. This award is given to an NC State faculty member who has contributed consistently or notably to the operation and development of the Libraries.

The luncheon will be held at 12:00 P.M. in NCSU's McKimmon Center. For ticket information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841. ❖

*Hill of Beans ongoing book sale.*

## **Hill of Beans Ongoing Book Sale a Success**

Those who have not visited the D. H. Hill Library's Hill of Beans Coffee Bar may not have noticed the bookshelves at the back of the seating area. These bookshelves are filled with used books for an ongoing book sale, maintained by the Friends of the Library. Books of all types that have been donated to the library are offered for sale, with proceeds benefiting the NCSU Libraries Preservation Endowment. Sales are conducted on the honor system, and customers deposit \$1.00 per paperback and \$4.00 per hardback into a box attached to the shelves. Since the sale began in March, proceeds have totaled more than \$1,200. The next time you visit the D. H. Hill Library, grab a cup of coffee and take advantage of these great buys on books.

The Friends of the Library also hosted a book sale from April 25 to 27, 2002, in the College of Textiles atrium on Centennial Campus. The successful spring sale raised more than \$5,000 for the Burlington Textiles Library Endowment. ❖



## **2001–2002 New Life Members**

Anonymous  
Claire Simmons Allan  
June M. Brotherton  
Katherine Isabelle Buckley  
Marjorie M. “Ding” Campbell  
Jack and Joy Downs  
Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Glazener  
Ann and James Goodnight

W. Robert Maddin and Nancy J. Kuivila  
Margaret J. Melton  
Dr. and Mrs. Mansour Mohamed  
Joseph and Nancy Phillips  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Trent Ragland III  
Edward O. and Anita L. Stejskal  
Bill and Allison Willis

## In Memoriam

### Life Members of the Friends of the Library

**Edward M. Griest**, retired senior research associate with Corning Glass Works, died on March 14, 2002. Griest received both his B.S. and Ph.D. in chemistry from Penn State University. He joined Corning in 1950 and enjoyed a long career as a physical chemist, earning twelve patents. He retired in 1984. Griest was active with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Chemical Society, the American Ceramic Society, and the NCSU Friends of the Library.

**Paul H. Harvey**, NC State emeritus professor and lifetime member of the Friends of the Library, passed away on April 12, 2002. Harvey, a professor with NC State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for fifty years, was a plant geneticist. During his tenure, he was appointed to a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professorship. He also helped to establish the Farmhouse Fraternity and Gamma Sigma Delta. Harvey became a member of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis, Men's Garden Club of Raleigh, and the Friends of the Library. He was

preceded in death by his first wife Ethel and by two daughters, Barbara and Lois. He is survived by his wife Ola, daughter Ann Harvey Scott, son David Paul Harvey, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Paul H. and Ethel M. Harvey Library Endowment at the Friends of the Library, NC State, Campus Box 7111, Raleigh, NC 27695-7111.

**Ezra L. "Zeke" Howell**, NC State professor emeritus from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, passed away on March 20, 2002. Howell was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army from 1941 until 1946. In 1947 he joined the faculty at NC State, where he stayed until his retirement as a full professor in 1982. Howell was an active member of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, the Wolfpack Club, and the NCSU Friends of the Library. He also worked with North Carolina's State Fair. His son, Donald, predeceased Howell. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and a sister and brother. ❖



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✓ *2001 Fall Luncheon*

November 1, 2002

Michael Stoskopf, NCSU professor of aquatics, wildlife, and zoological medicine and of molecular and environmental toxicology, will discuss North Carolina's Red Wolf Recovery Program. McKimmon Center, 12:00 noon.

✓ *Tony Horwitz Special Reading*

November 5, 2002

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of the national bestseller *Confederates in the Attic*, will discuss his new book, *Blue Latitudes: Boldly Going Where Captain Cook Has Gone Before*. McKimmon Center, 7:30 P.M.

✓ *Tony Reevy Special Reading*

November 13, 2002

Tony Reevy will read from his new poetry chapbook *Greem Cove Stop*. Eric Weil will read from *A Horse at the Hirshhorn*, his newly released chapbook. The authors will sign books after the reading. Quail Ridge Books and Music, Ridgewood Shopping Center, 7:30 P.M.