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# Friends of the Library News

By Mary Kate Keith

## Preservation and Collection Seminars

The Friends of the Library hosted two seminars on February 1, 2003, which covered “Preservation Solutions for Private Collections” and “Rare Book Collecting.” Scott Devine, head of the NCSU Libraries Preservation Department, presented information on preserving personal collections of papers, books, and family photographs. Thirty seminar participants learned valuable information on how to store and care for their documents and photos properly. Linda McCormick, assistant curator for rare books and research services in the library’s Special Collections Department, conducted the second seminar. She presented an introductory workshop on building personal libraries and book collections. She offered suggestions on ways to collect as well as how to determine values of individual books and whole collections. One participant, energized by what she learned, remarked that she was renewing her commitment to preserving her collection of important family documents, which she plans to leave to the library. ❖



MARY KATE KEITH, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.

*Attendees at the preservation and collection seminars.*



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*Scott Devine, second from left, discussed the preservation of private papers and photographs at the FOL seminar.*



MARY KATE KEITH, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.

*Linda McCormick, at right, discusses book collecting with a seminar attendee.*



## Lee Smith To Be the Featured Speaker at the 2003 Spring Dinner

The accolades keep coming for Lee Smith's latest best-selling book, *The Last Girls*, published in September 2002 by Algonquin Press of Chapel Hill. ABC's *Good Morning America* selected the novel for its monthly reading club in January 2003.

Smith will speak about *The Last Girls* and other projects at the Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner on Wednesday, April 30, 2003. The dinner is at NC State's McKimmon Center. Advance reservations are required. Please call the Friends' office at (919) 515-2841 for ticket information.



SUSAN WOODLEY RAINES

Lee Smith.

For more information about Lee Smith, visit her Web site at <http://www.leesmith.com> or the Libraries' Web exhibit on her career, entitled "A Diamond from Coal Country," at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/exhibits/leesmith/>. ❖

## Melinda Blankenship Joins FOL Staff

The Friends of the Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Melinda Blankenship as the Friends' development associate, effective January 13, 2003. Blankenship has worked in airline operations and flight dispatch. Before joining the Friends of the Library, she was a project coordinator in the land development department of a local engineering company. She managed the details of new construction projects, from site selection to the final building inspections. Mary Kate Keith, director of the Friends of the Library commented that, "Melinda's professionalism, efficiency, and friendly manner will certainly be an asset to the Friends' office. I am looking forward to introducing her to our members at upcoming events, and I am sure they will enjoy getting to know her." Blankenship lives in Apex, North Carolina, with her two daughters. ❖



### In Memoriam NCSU Libraries Life Members

**Daisy Lee Tate** died on January 12, 2003, in Sylva, North Carolina. She and her husband, the late William Lynn Tate, founded Power Transmission Systems, Inc., a Baltimore industrial distributor. She was co-owner, office manager, and treasurer; and she worked in the business until the death of her husband in 1993. In 1996 she moved to Tuckasegee, North Carolina. Two daughters, Alice Lee Cushing and Betty Lynn Kirwan, survive her. Betty Lynn Kirwan's husband, William J. Kirwan, is university librarian emeritus at Western Carolina University.

Daisy Lee Tate founded the William Lynn Tate Endowment at the NCSU Libraries in memory of her husband. The endowment supports the Design Library's collections. The bookplate for the endowment was designed by Alicia Kirwan, Daisy Lee Tate's granddaughter. Alicia Kirwan graduated from NC State's School of Design in 1995. ❖

**Marvin L. Speck** passed away on January 22, 2003, at the Glenaire Retirement Community in Cary. Speck received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in bacteriology from the University of Maryland and his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He joined the NC State faculty in 1947 and retired in 1979 as the William Neal Reynolds Professor of Food Science and Microbiology. He helped to found the microbiology department at NC State, and one of his many professional accomplishments was developing Sweet Acidophilus milk. His wife, Jean, preceded him in death.

Both of the Specks were life members of the Friends and together established the Marvin and Jean Speck Library Endowment to support the Libraries' microbiology collection in all formats. He is survived by his daughters Linda Speck, Martha Huggins, and Susan Sexton. ❖



#### ✓ *Spring Dinner*

**April 30, 2003**

**Lee Smith**, the award-winning author and former faculty member with the Department of English at NC State, will be the featured speaker at the 2003 Spring Dinner.



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