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One of the colorful plates from E. A. Seguy's *Papillons*, recently acquired by the Special Collections Research Center, NCSU Libraries. See "Special Collections Acquires Elusive Butterfly Portfolio," in Library News.

Friends of the Library News

By Anne Schnatter

Anne Schnatter Named Interim Director

North Carolina State alumna **Anne Achurch Schnatter** joined the Friends of the Library (FOL) as its interim director on July 5, 2005. Schnatter directs a growing membership organization of more than 1,200 individuals and serves as executive secretary for the FOL Board of Directors. Schnatter manages and coordinates FOL activities, directs membership drives, participates in fund-raising, and contributes to public relations initiatives. She plans and organizes FOL events, such as the annual Spring Dinner and book sale, as well as a variety of special lectures and programs for FOL members, the university, and the community. She also directs day-to-day operations of the FOL office.

Schnatter is a former employee of the NCSU Libraries who served as administrative assistant in the Office of the Director and as the personnel office manager. She left the Libraries in 1989 to pursue a career in social work and held highly responsible positions in that field in New York and Wake County. In her work at the NCSU Libraries, she supervised office staff, wrote and edited library publications, provided administrative support to the director, and regularly communicated with donors, faculty, staff, and other library visitors. Schnatter earned a bachelor's degree in social work from NCSU and a master's in social work from UNC-Chapel Hill. ❖



2004–2005 Friends of the Library Life Members

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Fred Gould
Frederick and Lynn Greenberg
Institute of Textile Technology
Invista Performance Technologies

Cyma S. Rubin
Glenn R. Rudner
Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Swaisgood
Georgie B. Tilley

President's Column

By Suzanne Purrington
President, Friends of the Library
Board of Directors



My first year as president of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors has been exciting and rewarding. Some special highlights of the year that particularly pleased me were the events featuring such well-known writers as Tom Wolfe, Robert Dole, and Tim Tyson. The first two authors were cosponsored by the FOL and Quail Ridge Books and Music. The FOL is also partnering with Quail Ridge Books and Music on two upcoming events. Jan Karon will appear on November 14 to promote her new book *Light from Heaven*, and Emyl Jenkins will appear on December 8 to read from her book *Stealing with Style*. The Friends also hosts its annual Fall Luncheon on October 24, which features Mary Schweitzer (see "T. rex To Headline at 2005 Fall Luncheon," on page 4).

This year promises to be equally exciting. On September 23 NC State kicked off its major capital fund-raising campaign, *Achieve!* On September 29

the Friends celebrated the kickoff of its participation in the *Achieve* campaign with its own special event called the "Carousel of Knowledge." The event, geared toward NCSU students, faculty, and staff, was held in the Brickyard and featured free food, a working carousel, the NC State men's and women's basketball teams, library information booths, and prizes. All of the activity was designed to highlight the library's fund-raising goals, centering on renovating the D. H. Hill Library and building a new library on the university's Centennial Campus.

I would like to recognize outgoing board members Emma-Garnett Satterfield, Maryann Bitzer, John Stewart, and Brenda Wilson for graciously contributing their time, talent, and resources to the board. Their expertise will be missed. I also wish to welcome the FOL's newest board members, Robert Bashford, Linda Murphy, Erich Bumgardner, and George Worsley. We will run brief introductions and photographs of Bashford and Bumgardner in the winter issue of the *Focus*.

Linda Murphy has been reappointed to the Board of Directors. Murphy is a past president of the Friends of the Library and also serves on the Board of Directors of the NCSU Wolfpack Club. She has given generously of her time and support to the Friends for many years.



Karen McCannless, a long-time Wolfpack supporter, received her M.B.A. from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. She has been a financial planner for fourteen years and serves as a vice president with the firm of Smith-Barney in Greensboro.

George Worsley, chancellor emeritus of finance and business, retired recently after forty-one years of service to NC State. As the university's chief financial officer, he was responsible for all business and finance functions supporting the university's teaching, research, and extension programs. He is respected throughout the university and will be a great asset to the Friends.



President's Column, continued

I would like to extend my thanks to all FOL donors who have made the growth in collections and enhancement of services possible. The NCSU Libraries has achieved recognition as a leader among academic research libraries, particularly in the area of technol-

ogy. We look forward to your continued support. If you have any suggestions about the FOL program, please call the Friends at (919) 515-2841 to share your ideas. ❖



***T. rex* To Headline at 2005 Fall Luncheon**

The Friends of the Library's 2005 Fall Luncheon will feature Mary Schweitzer, the acclaimed paleontologist who has a joint appointment with NC State's Department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences and the North Carolina Museum of Natural History. The luncheon will be held on October 24, 2005, from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M., in NC State's McKimmon Center.

Schweitzer has received international attention for her work with colleagues in Montana, where they discovered that the femur of a sixty-eight-million-year-old *Tyrannosaurus rex* contained soft tissue that revealed microscopic interior structures resembling blood vessels as well as cells. Schweitzer also discovered specialized bone tissue that revealed the gender of the dinosaur, which was a young female producing eggs when she died. In a paper published in the journal *Science*, Schweitzer and her technician Jennifer Wittmeyer, along with colleagues at Montana State University, discussed the presence of the bone tissue that provided evidence of the dinosaur's gender and a connection between the extinct dinosaurs and living birds, specifically flightless birds such as ostriches and emus.

To learn more about this fascinating research, plan to attend the Fall Luncheon. During the luncheon, the library will also honor a university faculty member with its annual NCSU Libraries Faculty Award. For ticket information, please call the Friends office at (919) 515-2841. ❖

Jan Karon To Give Special Reading

Jan Karon, author of the hugely popular Mitford series, will discuss *Light from Heaven*, the latest and final book in the series. The program will be held on November 14, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. in NC State's McKimmon Center.

This event is free to all FOL members, NCSU students, and to those purchasing *Light from Heaven* at Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh. Although there will be no book signing at the event, there will be a receiving line to meet Jan Karon. Signed copies of her book are available at Quail Ridge Books and Music on a first come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and can be purchased at the Friends office, Quail Ridge Books and Music, or at the door. ❖

Spring Book Sale Raises \$10,000

The Friends of the Library (FOL) hosted its fifteenth annual book sale from April 14 through 16, 2005. Shoppers braved chilly winds and cool temperatures to shop in the tent located on the Brickyard. Friday was a particularly busy day, with students looking for and finding book bargains. The sale raised \$10,000 for the NCSU Libraries, which will be used to support such critical initiatives and needs as the acquisition and preservation of library collections, exhibits, and refurbishment of public spaces. The FOL is grateful for the book donations that are received steadily throughout the year. Without the generous support of many individuals donating books, the sale would not be possible. ❖

One Soldier's Story Packed the House

Former United States Senator Robert Dole visited Raleigh on April 29, 2005, to discuss his new book, *One Soldier's Story, A Memoir*. More than 600 guests attended the special event, cosponsored by the NCSU Friends of the Library and Quail Ridge Books and Music. Senator Dole spoke about his time in the army during World War II, specifically addressing his injuries and recovery after the war. He also touched on his life in politics and the pleasure he took in pursuing a career in public service. William Block, professor emeritus of the NCSU Department of Political Science and Public Administration and a World War II veteran, introduced Senator Dole.

Dole graciously stayed to sign books and other memorabilia for several hundred guests, many of whom were WWII veterans or the family members of men and women currently serving in the country's military forces. ❖

MARY KATE KEITH

Former United States Senator Robert Dole signed books and met young admirers following the discussion of his new book, *One Soldier's Story, A Memoir*.



Special FOL Program on Vietnam

BY MARYLU LAWRENCE, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Photographer Geoffrey Clifford and NCSU English professor and Poet-in-Residence John Balaban collaborated on the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service exhibition *Vietnam: A Journey of the Heart*, which appeared in the D. H. Hill Library from January through early-March 2005. Fifty-two color photographs of the people and landscapes of contemporary Vietnam were illuminated by Balaban's textual descriptions of the country. [See "Viewing Vietnam Through the Lens of Peace," *Focus Online*, volume 25.2 (2005), *Library Seminars and Events* section.]

On February 17 the two men discussed their work on the exhibit and the book *Vietnam: The Land We Never Knew* during a special lecture at the NCSU Libraries. The presentation was accompanied by the music of a dan tranh, a Vietnamese stringed instrument, played by Thuy-Duong Pham. ❖

[Left to right] Geoffrey Clifford and John Balaban.



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Historian Tim Tyson Featured Speaker at the 2005 Spring Dinner

By MARYLU LAWRENCE, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

North Carolina native Timothy B. Tyson exuberantly addressed this year's annual Spring Dinner attendees, telling stories in varied southern accents. Tyson read from his acclaimed book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, reflecting on passages that described his parents' impact on his intellectual development. The book is a personal and historical account of a racial murder that occurred in Oxford, North Carolina, when he was a young boy. Tyson's book explores the facts of the murder case and the racial turmoil it spawned. Geoffrey Galt Harpham of the National Humanities Center introduced Tyson.

Tyson received the 1999 Outstanding Book Award given by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America for his first book, *Democracy Betrayed: The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and its Legacy*. He later acquired two Organization of American Historians awards, the James Rawley Prize and the Frederick Jackson



Tim Tyson.

[Left to right] Carolyn and Cy King (FOL life members), Walter A. Jackson (NCSU Department of History), Tim Tyson, and Everett Ward (North Carolina Department of Transportation) gather before the start of the Spring Dinner.



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[Left to right] Friends board member Maryann Bitzer invited Apex High School senior Rachel Will to be her guest at the Spring Dinner, because of Will's interest in writing, literature, and poetry.



[Left to right] Bobby Purcell of the Wolfpack Club and an FOL board member took the opportunity to have Tim Tyson sign his copy of Blood Done Sign My Name.

Turner Award, for *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power*. He was a 2004–2005 Fellow of the National Humanities Center and currently is a visiting professor of American Christianity and southern culture at the Duke Divinity School and senior research scholar at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.

Suzanne Purrington, president of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors, opened the Spring Dinner festivities. Faculty Senate Chair Dennis Daley greeted the audience and Assad Meymandi, chair of the board's Nominating Committee, announced the election of new and returning board members. Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter reported on the induction of twenty-five new life members and the establishment of fifteen library endowments and four incubator library endowments. After Tyson's speech and a warm standing ovation, the audience enjoyed a dessert reception and book signing. ❖



[Left to right] Former library director I. T. Littleton and his wife Dorothy chatted with Tim Tyson.

Several life members passed away in recent months. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of these distinguished individuals and sent to the Friends of the Library, Campus Box 7111, Raleigh, N.C. 27695. For information on the endowments established by these individuals, call Jim Mulvey at (919) 515-3339.

In Memoriam Helen Abel Brown

Helen Abel Brown, former head librarian of St. Mary's College in Raleigh from 1937 to 1971, died July 13, 2005, at the age of 103. Brown was born July 6, 1902, in Naugatuck, Connecticut. Her beloved husband, Harlan C. Brown, former director of the D. H. Hill Library at NC State, preceded her in death in 1982.

Brown had a distinguished career as an educator and librarian. She earned a degree in library science at the University of Michigan in 1935 before coming to St. Mary's College.

Brown read and traveled extensively, was a life member of the Friends, and also supported

the Friends of the St. Mary's College Library, the North Carolina Zoological Society, the North Carolina Museum of Art, and the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. She established several memorials in her husband's name, including the **Harlan C. and Helen A. Brown Endowment** to support the NCSU Libraries' collections in all subjects and formats. Brown also left a bequest to the Libraries to add to this endowment.

She is survived by her devoted friend Elizabeth Libero and her husband's nieces and nephew, Karen Rowley and Stephanie and Joel Anderson. ❖

In Memoriam: Claire Simmons Allan

Claire Simmons Allan died at the age of seventy-six on June 9, 2005, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She was a major benefactor of the NCSU Libraries, having established one of its largest endowments, the Claire Simmons Allan—Samson Memorial Archival Endowment, named in part for her beloved dog. This endowment helped to build the Tom Regan Animal Rights Archive in the library's Special Collections Research Center. This collection is now recognized as the world's premier collection pertaining to the animal rights movement.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Allan was a daughter of Thomas C. and Roselle M. Simmons. She attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill and sang with the Charlotte Opera Association, perform-

ing the lead in many operas, including *Madame Butterfly*, *La Boheme*, and *La Traviata*. She studied in Vienna, Austria, and with Jan Peerce of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Allan and her late husband, Bill Allan, once owned the Duke Mansion in Charlotte and were responsible for its early 1980s restoration.

She was a passionate animal rights activist and chose to support the NCSU Libraries out of respect and admiration for Tom Regan, NCSU professor emeritus of philosophy.

She is survived by her brother, Mansfield Simmons; her sisters, Roselle Byorick, Lillian Adickes, and Bonnie Plyler; a number of nieces and nephews; and her beloved Shelties, Mimi and Tosca. ❖

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**In Memoriam:
Jack Levine**

Professor **Jack Levine** died on June 9, 2005, at the age of ninety-seven. He received a B.A. degree with honors in mathematics and physics from UCLA in 1929, and he received a Ph.D. in mathematics from Princeton University in 1934. From 1935 until his retirement in 1976, Levine taught mathematics at NC State, becoming a full professor in 1946. He continued to teach part time until 1995.

In 1970 Levine was inducted into the Academy of Outstanding Teachers at NCSU. His areas of research included tensor analysis, differential geometry, theory of symmetric functions, algebraic cryptography, and mathematical physics. Levine also published

extensively, including a definitive four-volume work on pattern word lists used in cryptography.

An avid reader, Levine donated well over 2,000 mystery books to the NCSU Libraries. In the mid-1990s he also donated a collection documenting his career as a cryptographic researcher and mathematics professor at NC State.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Minnie Levine, and several nieces and nephews: Bill Burgin, Gloria Conover, Tom and Dan DeSilva, Betty Donnell, Allen Gaer, Maurice Hattem, Michael Hattem, and Marty and Robert Sik. ❖

**In Memoriam:
Roy L. Lovvorn**

Roy L. Lovvorn died in Raleigh on March 26, 2005, at the age of ninety-five. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, who died in June 2003.

Lovvorn was a graduate of Auburn University, the University of Missouri, and the University of Wisconsin. In 1936 he became an assistant professor in agronomy at NC State. In 1953 he became director of instruction in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He was named director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1955 and served in that capacity until 1969, when he resigned to head the Cooperative State Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D.C.

He received many accolades and honors, including “Tar Heel of the Week” in the *News and Observer* (Raleigh) and an International Gamma Sigma Delta award for distinguished service to agriculture. His life is chronicled in *From a Log Cabin to the Nation’s Capital*. In 1994 the Lovvorns established one of the Libraries’ first incubator endowments, the **Roy and Virginia Lovvorn Endowment**.

Lovvorn is survived by three sons, Larry and wife Linda; Lee and wife Nancy; and Brian and wife Cindy; as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nephews, along with his faithful companion and supporter, Mildred Fosnight. ❖



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