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Kristin Antelman, associate director for the digital library at the NCSU Libraries, holds the attractive trophy received by the Libraries as the recipient of the 2006 Endeca Navigator Award—an exact working replica of a sextant used in the early-twentieth century.

Friends of the Library News

By Anna Dahlstein

From the Libraries: Dahlstein Named Director of FOL

Anna Dahlstein, the NCSU Libraries' Director of External Relations, has expanded the scope of her responsibilities to include management of the Friends of the Library. The External Relations program helps to raise the Libraries' visibility with alumni and the public, often leading to the identification of library supporters, while the Friends program builds and maintains an ongoing relationship with those supporters. Both programs will benefit from this administrative alignment, and the Friends board gains enhanced support for communication in its advocacy role.

Dahlstein's education and experience make her uniquely suited for this new role. In her work with External Relations, Dahlstein has delivered effective public relations for the Libraries, including publicity for numerous library developments, news, and events; interviews with donors for the *Focus*; and preparation of the NCSU Libraries' *Progress Reports* covering the past four years. Among her accomplishments as an NCSU Libraries Fellow for 2002–2004, Dahlstein coordinated the highly successful exhibit, *Transforming Society: The G.I. Bill at NC State*. Dahlstein earned her B.A. in government from Harvard University. She received an M.A. in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin–Madison (UW–Madison), where she was awarded a fellowship from the Friedman Fund.

After completing her undergraduate degree, Dahlstein worked in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for five years. She held positions as an English teacher, a news editor for the Buenos Aires Herald, and a news ana-



lyst at Esmerk Information. In addition, she authored a book on Swedish immigration to Argentina over the past two centuries and volunteered as a librarian/editor for the local Swedish Association and Church. At UW–Madison, she served as a news librarian for the university communications department. ❖



CHRISTIAN STEINER

President's Column

By Cyma Rubin

President, Friends of the Library Board of Directors

Finally, I'd like to introduce three new FOL board members who firmly believe in a close union between the students and the Libraries.



M. S. "Brick" Brown III is a senior vice president of Wachovia Bank in Raleigh and serves as the regional managing director in the bank's Wealth Management Division. A native of Washington, North Carolina, Brown earned his bachelor's degree in business management from NC State

and currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the university's Graduate School, as well as on the boards of UNC-Chapel Hill's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Boys and Girls Club of Wake County, and North Carolina A&T State University.

After all these years, it's not so bad being a freshman. Actually, I'm the 2006 plebe president of the Friends of the Library. My presidency ends in 2008, but I'll be around as emeritus until 2010. I graduated from NCSU, and although they gave me an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts a few years ago, I'm titillated by the idea of finishing my library term with the Class of 2010. Now, this doesn't mean that I'm only interested in freshmen—to the contrary. The only reason I agreed to the presidency was to work toward bringing all students closer to the campus Libraries.

For me, it started last year when students flocked to our "Carousel of Knowledge" outdoor celebration. They rode the carousel, waited in line for cotton candy, shot baskets with the team, and devoured the informational material in the library tent. The students made it clear that they care about the Libraries. My goal is to find the way to create a partnership that will strengthen an intellectual and financial bond between the students and the Libraries. How to do this?

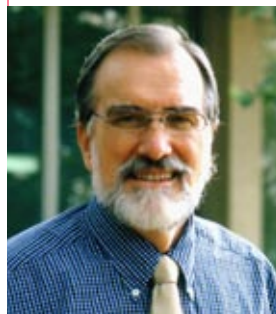
I would like to see a strong and active library student council. Their involvement would be important as the Libraries moves toward completing its goals to: improve and expand library space, improve special collections, enhance digital technology, and support innovative career development. I want to create a special student Web site so that we have immediate knowledge of student's suggestions, criticisms, and why they love the library.

If any of the above is to be achieved, we need to plan for the future. Together, we will bring new energy, enlightenment, and enhancement to the Libraries and its "Carousel of Knowledge."

Frank A. Daniels III is the CEO of Raleigh-based Vital Source Technologies, the leading provider of digital textbooks and other curricular materials in dentistry, nursing, and law. Previously, Daniels served as executive editor of Raleigh's *News and Observer*, which was founded by his great-grandfather, Josephus Daniels, in 1894. During his tenure as editor, the paper established NandO.net as one of the first Internet newspaper sites. It became a pioneering model for later news Web sites.



COURTESY NEWS AND OBSERVER



Harold E. Swaisgood, NC State professor emeritus of food science and biochemistry, joined the university in 1964 and retired in 2001 with more than 160 peer-reviewed journal publications, thirty-five invited book chapters, and five patents to his credit. During his career, he mentored thirty doctoral students and ten graduate students seeking a master's of science degree. He is the vice president and program chair of NC State's Association of Retired Faculty. In 1999 he was awarded the Holladay Medal for Excellence, the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member by NC State. ♦

Selling in the Rain

The Friends of the Library held its seventeenth annual Book Sale from April 20 through April 22, 2006, under its trademark tent on the Brickyard. The sale attracted hundreds of faculty, students, and Friends of the Library members, and students seemed especially excited to capitalize on the opportunity to purchase great books at great prices.

Wild weather on the Saturday sale day turned the area into a flood zone, with heavy winds driving torrential rain under the tent's sides. Staff saved most of the materials, and the sale continued until its planned conclusion Saturday evening. Despite the weather, the Book Sale raised \$8,815 to benefit the NCSU Libraries. Thanks to all the book donors and volunteers for their wonderful help in making the sale a success. ❖

*Anne Schnatter
Friends of the Library*

Margaret Coles Joins FOL Staff

Margaret Coles joined the Friends of the Library office in the summer of 2006 after serving as a library assistant in the NCSU Libraries' Collection Management Department for two years. A graduate of Brigham Young University (BYU) with a bachelor's degree in history and minors in Spanish and teaching English to speakers of other languages, Coles spent several months in Paraguay and the Dominican Republic as a volunteer worker and student, respectively. As an undergraduate, she also worked as a faculty delivery service supervisor at BYU's Harold B. Lee Library.

In her free time, Coles volunteers with her church and enjoys traveling and hiking with her husband, a doctoral student in NC State's Department of Crop Science. Her library experience and vocation for public service are proving helpful in her new role as administrative assistant for the Friends of the Library. ❖



2005–2006 Friends of the Library Life Members



Risa S. Ellovich
Ralph E. Nollner and Lorraine Pierce
Nancy and Jim Olson
G. Milton Small III
Elisabeth A. Wheeler

Baseball Tailgate BY SUZANNE WEINER



On May 6, 2006, more than 100 NC State Wolfpack fans gathered at Doak Field to enjoy the Friends of the Library's spring Baseball Tailgate. This event, for life members of the Friends and library staff and their families, provided an opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones. Kids of all ages had their faces painted, wore red-and-white beads, ate hot dogs and burgers, and had a howling good time watching Coach Elliott Avent and the Wolfpack baseball team demolish Virginia's Longwood Lancers 18 to 4. **Go Wolfpack!** ❖

IN MEMORIAM Bernard B. Blanchard

Bernard Berkeley Blanchard died at the age of eighty-four on July 18, 2006. Born in Saluda, North Carolina, she was the granddaughter of Governor and Mrs. Richard I. Manning of Columbia, South Carolina. In 1952 she married Charles Fuller Blanchard, a former president of the Friends of the Library. Both Blanchards became life members of the Friends and created the **Blanchard Endowment**, which supports the NCSU Libraries' collections in all subjects and formats.

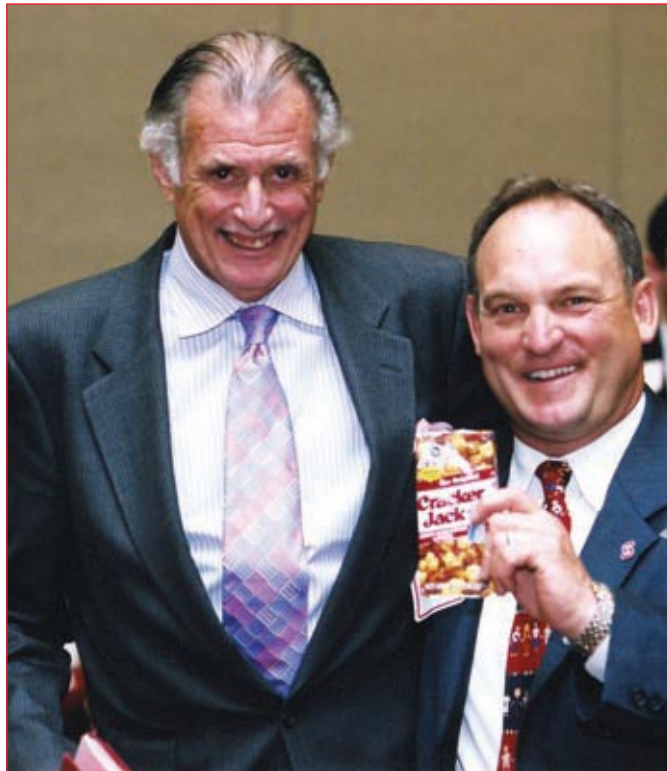
She is survived by her husband, Charles Fuller Blanchard; daughters Lelia Bernard Blanchard and Anna Neal Blanchard; sister, Lelia Eastburn of Santa Rosa, California; and numerous devoted nieces and nephews.

For information on sending a memorial donation to the Blanchard Endowment, please call Jim Mulvey at (919) 515-3339 or send an electronic-mail message to jim_mulvey@ncsu.edu. ❖

Frank DeFord Hits a *Home Run* at the Spring Dinner

BY ANNE SCHNATTER, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

[Left to right] Frank DeFord and NC State baseball coach Elliott Avent enjoyed a staple of baseball games everywhere—Cracker Jacks.



The Friends of the Library's festive Home Run Dinner was held on March 30, 2006, at the McKimmon Center. The evening commenced with a cocktail reception, complete with live blue grass music performed by Charlie Pennell of the NCSU Libraries' Metadata and Cataloging Department and his fellow band members. Guests took the opportunity to mingle and meet the distinguished guest speaker, Frank DeFord.

Following the elegant dinner, **Susan K. Nutter**, vice provost and director of libraries, and **Suzanne Purrington**, FOL board president, welcomed guests and new life members **Nancy and Jim Olson**, **G. Milton Small III**, **B. Lorraine Pierce** and **Ralph Nollner**, **Risa Ellovich**, **Elisabeth Wheeler**, and **Frederick and Lynn Greenberg**. On behalf of the Friends, Nutter recognized the contributions made by Purrington, who was concluding her two-year term as FOL president. Nutter also introduced new FOL President **Cyma Rubin**, Vice President **Charlotte Martin**, and new board members **Frank Daniels** and **Harold Swaisgood**.

As part of her remarks, Nutter recalled her first encounter with **Elliott Avent**, head coach for NC State's baseball team and an honored guest at the evening's

festivities. She remembered how very pleased she was to meet the head coach of the university's successful baseball team, and she expressed her pleasure in being able

to introduce him to the audience at the Spring Dinner.

Avent, who has read and admired Frank DeFord's writing for years, provided a warm welcome and introduction to the guest speaker. DeFord, a commentator for National Public Radio, is the senior contributing writer for *Sports Illustrated*, a correspondent for HBO's *Real Sports* with Bryant Gumbel, and the author of fourteen books. DeFord, who has been voted U.S. Sportswriter of the Year six times by his peers, discussed his decades of sports writing, famous athletes he has covered, and current issues facing major league sports. He noted that the only sports picture he displays in his office is one of himself and a woman from Cameroon taken at a bar during a sports broadcast there during the 1990 World Cup soccer quarterfinals. Cameroon was playing against England, an incredible feat for that country. The woman's excitement and happiness when she turned and grabbed him in a hug captured the pure joy of sports for him. The evening concluded with dessert and a book signing by DeFord. ♦



[Left to right] Friends President Cyma Rubin and keynote speaker Frank DeFord.



New Friends life members Jim and Nancy Olson.

[Center and right] Provost Larry and Sharon Nielsen took the opportunity to purchase books from Quail Ridge Books and Music owner and FOL life member Nancy Olson [far right] and have them signed by Frank DeFord at the Spring Dinner.



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[Right to left] FOL life member Hayne Palmour and FOL board members Harold Swaisgood and Sory Bowers.

[Left to right] Amy and Elliott Avent with Associate Vice Provost for Library Advancement Suzanne Weiner.

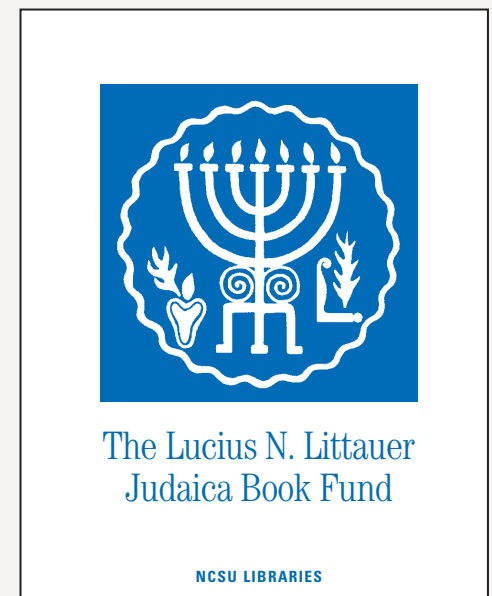
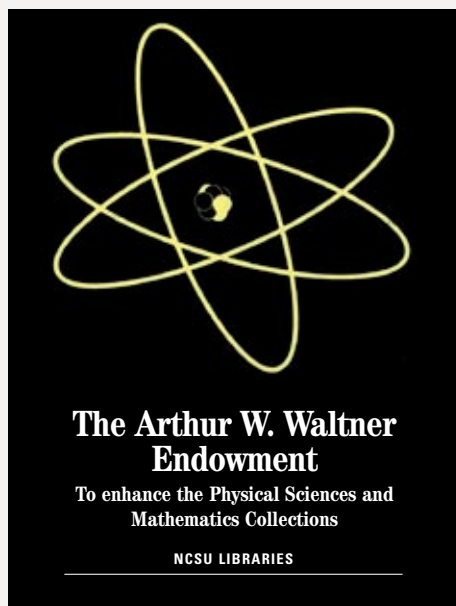
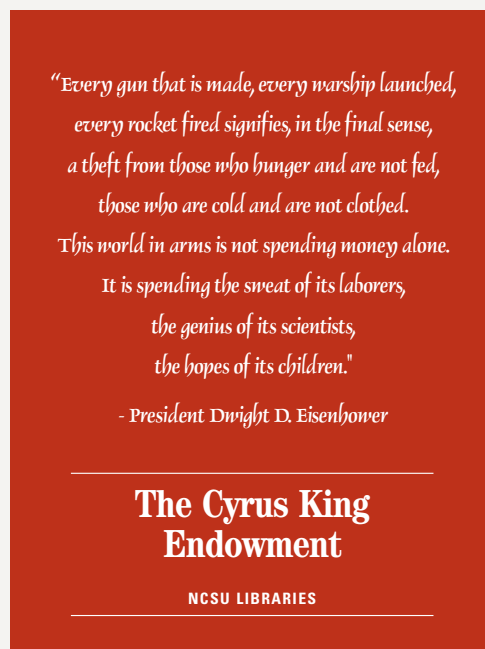
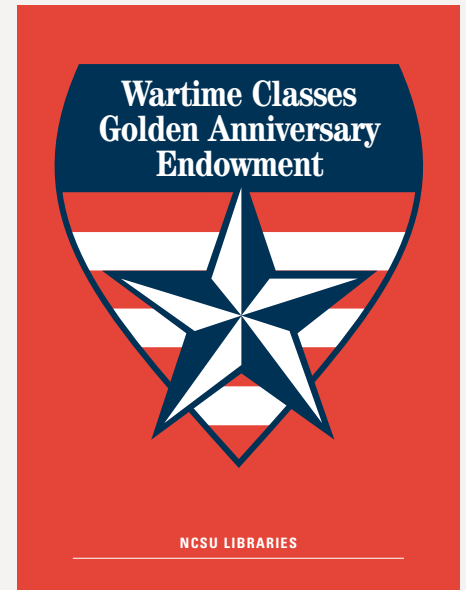
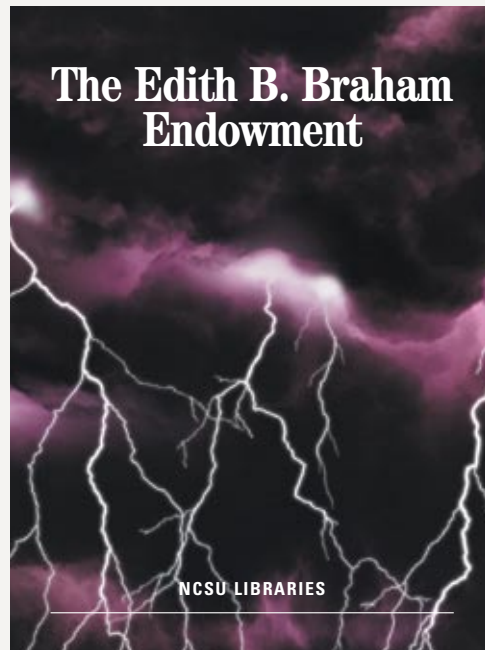
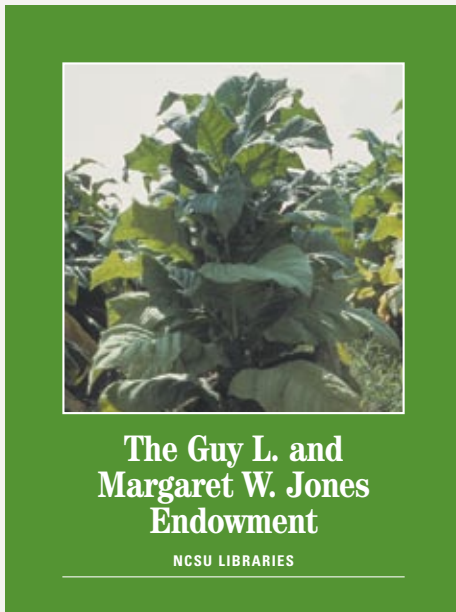


Lyn Moser won a signed basketball as a door prize at the Spring Dinner.



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