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[Left to right] College of Design Professor Tim Buie, student Barbara Nee, Associate Professor of Computer Science R. Michael Young, and students Rhys Harwell and Jessica Frucht, discuss a class gaming project in the Collaboration Room named in honor of Lucinda Hardwick MacKethan in the D. H. Hill Library's Learning Commons.

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President's Column

By Cyma Rubin

PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No End in Sight

All good things don't always have to come to an end. This is how I feel about my FOL presidency that ends in July. The last two years have been terrific, and the projects endorsed by the board are beginning to flourish and with no end in sight. That's a good thing.

So what was it like, being president? Classic. Lively, well-attended board meetings and a bunch of new ideas were bounced back and forth, without discussions getting too overheated. I'm not sure what I would have done if they had, since the president doesn't have a gavel, only a loud New York voice. It takes a deft hand to swing disagree to agree, without anyone figuring out how it's done. In the end, we all agreed to agree.

The American Soldier exhibition was a monumental success: 355,287 guests visited the D. H. Hill library. Amazing! It was no easy task fitting the 116 oversized photo panels into the limited wall space in the library. Yet, the accomplished library staff prepared and installed the exhibition to perfection. At the opening night ribbon cutting and reception, alumni veterans came in uniform, including an original member of

the 82nd Airborne, who made his first jump in North Africa, at the start of World War II.

It took me three years to assemble, curate, and produce *The American Soldier* exhibition. As an alum of NC State, seeing it displayed in the library will forever be one of the highlights of my career.

After the opening of the renovated library and seeing the pleasure it affords students, the board initiated a Student Library Enrichment Fund, which eventually will help create new programs at the library. Support for the fund has come in from students and alumni because they realize that the library is becoming the home away from home.

Our initiative to bring students on the board has worked. We wanted the students' voice and now we have it. We know better what students are thinking and how we can better serve their needs. The library is here for students and faculty, but it's more than just a place to research and study. It's a wholesome environment surrounded by unique niches of art. There's the ever-changing collection of bright ceramics, discreetly displayed on shelves and countertops; the exquisitely designed showcases, often filled with the work of North Carolina artists; and the multifaceted reflections of Joy Wolke's glorious glass sculpture.

I can only laud the staff and library administrators who guided and nurtured me throughout the years. I'll miss working with them and having a voice in *Focus*. But I'll still be around to encourage you to visit your library and come into the light.

So you see, there is no end in sight. ❖

Friends of the Library Spring Dinner

Hold the Date: Friends of the Library Spring Dinner 2008

May 1, 2008

Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center, Centennial Campus

Featured Speaker: **Craig Dykers**, a partner at Snøhetta (*see* page 10), the lead architectural design firm for the new James B. Hunt Jr. Library that will be built on Centennial Campus

For more information, visit www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/events.html, call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841, or send an electronic-mail message to friends_of_the_library@ncsu.edu. ❖

Friends of the Library Special Reading

Cokie Roberts

Friday, May 16, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

McKimmon Center

The Friends of the Library and Quail Ridge Books and Music present Cokie Roberts, award-winning correspondent, political commentator for NPR and ABC News, and author of the national best sellers *We Are Our Mother's Daughters*, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*, and the new book *Ladies of Liberty*, featuring the stories of remarkable women who helped build our nation.

Tickets are \$5 each, or attendees may receive one free ticket with the purchase of her new book from Quail Ridge Books and Music. Tickets are free to NC State students (available for pickup at the D. H. Hill Library Circulation Desk; please present campus ID).

The admission ticket also functions as a book-signing-line ticket: the earlier purchased, the earlier your place in line. Cokie Roberts will also personalize and sign her older books. Photography is allowed. ❖

In Memoriam: Joan M. Barkalow



Joan M. Barkalow, wife of the late Frederick S. Barkalow, died on November 25, 2007, at the age of ninety. She is survived by her daughter Joanna B. Kann, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Barkalow was a Friends of the Library life member and member of NC State University's Association of Retired Faculty. She was a Raleigh resident for more than fifty years, and in that time was an active member and supporter of the Raleigh Fine Arts Society, North Carolina Museum of Art, Graduate Dames Club, and Faculty Wives Club at NC State, as well as numerous other clubs in the Raleigh area.

Barkalow was a longtime supporter of the NCSU Libraries and helped to donate the papers of her late husband, Frederick Schenck Barkalow Jr. Her contributions to the North Carolina Wildlife Federation live on through the Dr. Fred S. and Mrs. Joan M. Barkalow Lecture series held each spring at North Carolina State University, which enhance students' learning experiences in biology, wildlife, natural resources management, or other conservation-related fields. ❖

Presidential Biographer Sheds New Light on Lincoln

BY ANNA DAHLSTEIN, EXTERNAL RELATIONS

“Biography provides an interesting window on history and makes it come alive,” said NCSU Professor Emeritus of History William C. Harris as a preamble to his presentation “Abraham Lincoln: The Myth and the Reality” at the Friends of the Library’s well-attended Fall Luncheon on November 12, 2007. An award-winning scholar who has authored ten books on Civil War and Reconstruction topics, Harris poked holes in several popular misunderstandings and misrepresentations of



this larger-than-life American icon. Among the widely circulated myths that he challenged were claims that Lincoln was not really antislavery and that he sought to consolidate the powers of the federal government and the executive branch specifically. Offering an interesting lesson in historiography, Harris cited examples of how both scholars and novelists have cherry-picked from the historical record and from Lincoln’s (actually quite rare) public declarations to make a particular case.

Harris credited the Libraries for working closely with his students and for providing the essential materials to support his comprehensive research, which has resulted in authoritative titles such as *Lincoln’s Last Months* (awarded the Abraham Lincoln Institute Award for best book in 2004), *With Charity for All*, *Lincoln and the Restoration of the Union* (winner of the Lincoln Prize in 1998); *The Day of the Carpet-bagger: Republican Reconstruction in Mississippi*; and

William Woods Holden: Firebrand of North Carolina Politics. Most recently, he received a glowing review from the History Book Club for his new book, *Lincoln’s Rise to the Presidency*.

Another highlight of the Fall Luncheon centered on the presentation of the NCSU Libraries Faculty Award, which has been given every year since 1989 to recognize notable contributions to the operation and development of the NCSU Libraries. This year’s honoree, Michael R. Hyman, an associate professor and the director of graduate programs in NC State’s Department of Microbiology, marked the occasion by wearing a tie and joking that this only happens two or three times a year but that the Libraries merited special treatment. As described in *Focus* volume 28.1 (2007), Hyman served on the University Library Committee (ULC) for six years, three as chair, and played an important leadership role on several initiatives, including the 2003 Faculty Senate resolution supporting tough negotiations with scholarly publisher Reed Elsevier, and the reinstatement of overhead funding for library collections in 2005–2006. ❖

2007 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award winner Michael R. Hyman (Microbiology).





[Left to right] Rob Rucker (NCSU Libraries), Karl Bowman (NCSU Clinical Sciences, 2003 Faculty Award winner), and Richard Bernhard (NCSU Industrial Engineering, 2004 Faculty Award winner).



FOL President Cyma Rubin.



[Left to right] NCSU Librarian emerita Margaret Hunt, Quail Ridge Books and Music owner Nancy Olson, and former NCSU librarian and donor Cy King.

[Left to right] Fall Luncheon speaker and Professor of History Emeritus William Harris and Civil War historian Joe Mobley.

Fall Luncheon speaker William C. Harris signs copies of his book *Lincoln's Rise to the Presidency*.





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