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Yoshino cherry trees outside the D. H. Hill Library, planted by library staff during the library centennial in 1989/1990.

Photo by Terrell Crow, NCSU Libraries.
Faculty and Staff Campaign for the NCSU Libraries—Progress Report

BY TONY REEVY, LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

On September 10, 2000, University Library Committee (ULC) chair Karl Bowman and five former ULC chairs announced the committee’s Faculty and Staff Campaign for the NCSU Libraries with a special mailing to university employees. The solicitation encouraged NC State faculty and staff to support the Libraries by giving to the Faculty Endowment for the Libraries’ Collections or by founding an Incubator Endowment account either through a one-time payment or payroll deduction. Response to the campaign is heartening. As of February 13, 2001, fifty-eight members of the NC State community have given in response to the campaign. Gifts, which total $37,654, include one pledge to create a full-fledged library endowment, and twelve Incubator Endowment accounts created through payroll deduction commitments or outright gifts of $1,000 or more.

A campaign update will be mailed to the university community in spring and fall 2001. The campaign will close on December 31, 2001. To make a gift to the Faculty and Staff Campaign for the NCSU Libraries, call the Friends of the Library between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays at (919) 515-2841. The Friends office can also supply payroll deduction forms.
Tom Regan Collection Receives Development Funding

BY TONY REEVEY, LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The NCSU Libraries received funding from an anonymous donor to establish the Tom Regan Animal Rights Collections. The library plans to use the funding to organize, preserve, and provide access to the Thomas H. Regan Collection, which consists of Regan’s personal papers and books documenting his role in the animal rights movement. The $60,000 gift will be also be used to fund a library exhibit featuring the collection, at which Regan will be honored with a reception. As funds permit, the gift will also be used to expand the Tom Regan Animal Rights Collections to include materials from individuals and organizations related to the animal rights movement in this country. Regan will guide and assist the library in this crucial effort. Any funds remaining after this will be used to expand the general library collection in the animal rights subject area.

NC State’s College of Humanities and Social Sciences received a related $40,000 grant from the same donor. This grant will fund Regan’s research connected with establishment of the Tom Regan Animal Rights Collections. Regan’s gift, coupled with support from the donation, marks the first attempt in the world to establish a single central repository for rare and unique materials relating to the animal rights movement.

See the article in Part I, the Library News section, on “Documenting the Animal Rights Movement.”
Brotherton-Barnette Library Endowment Established

By Tony Reevy, Library Development

In September 2000 Associate Director for Organizational Effectiveness June Brotherton established the Brotherton-Barnette Library Endowment at the NCSU Libraries. The fund honors her parents, Ralph Shelton and Mary Cathryn Barnette Brotherton.

Ralph Brotherton, a retired textile mill worker and convenience store owner, is the youngest of twelve children. He grew up on a farm near Denver, North Carolina, and served with great distinction in World War II.

Mary Cathryn Barnette Brotherton is a native of Huntersville, North Carolina. She worked as a secretary in the Leaksville Woolen Mills and as traffic manager in a dry- and cold-storage warehouse until her retirement. During the 1950s and 1960s, Brotherton pursued her career while raising two children—an unusual achievement in those years.

The Brothertons married in 1947 and lived in Denver, which is near Charlotte, North Carolina. They reared two daughters, Linda Brotherton Williams and June Brotherton. June Brotherton felt that a library endowment was the most appropriate way to honor her parents and their achievements.

One of my earliest memories is sitting wedged between my mother and sister, as my mother taught my sister to read. We went to the library almost every week to check out books. My mother expected us to read. Education is very important to my parents. They always expected that I would go to college. My father, who has an eighth-grade education, always told me that an education is the one thing no one can ever take away from you.

During her college years at NC State, Brotherton frequently visited the library. “When I came to NC State,”
Micou F. Browne graduated with a degree in science and business from NC State in 1936. Since then, he and many other members of his family have been loyal supporters of NC State and the NCSU Libraries. His son, Micou M. Brown, continued the family’s NC State connection and is a 1975 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences graduate who has worked for NC State since 1984.

When it became time to plan his estate, the senior Browne decided that he wanted to support the library. His bequest will create the Micou and Katharine Browne Library Endowment. The fund will help students, faculty, and interested citizens by strengthening the NCSU Libraries’ collections.

For information on setting up a bequest or other planned gifts, please contact Joan DeBruin, director of gift planning, at (919) 515-9076; via electronic mail at joan_debruin@ncsu.edu; or write her at Campus Box 7501, Raleigh, NC 27695-7501.

Micou F. Browne and his son, Micou M. Browne
Library Friends Inducted into Pullen Society

BY TONY REEVE, LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

During a ceremony at the NCSU Libraries on October 13, 2000, William A. (Bill) and Jacqueline M. Jackson and Micou F. Browne were inducted into North Carolina State’s R. Stanhope Pullen Society for their gift commitments benefiting the library. The Pullen Society recognizes alumni and friends who make deferred gifts to NC State.

The Jacksons made a planned gift commitment to the library that could increase the principal in the Arnold Addison and Mildred Barner Jackson Library Endowment (see Focus, vol. 20.2, page 15, and vol. 16.3, page 5). The endowment, which produces income to support the library’s collections in all subjects and formats, is named for Bill Jackson’s parents. Jackson is the William Neal Reynolds Professor Emeritus of Soil Science at NC State and received his Ph.D. from this university.

Browne made a planned gift commitment to the library that will eventually expand an Incubator Endowment account into the Micou and Katharine Browne Library Endowment. Browne’s son Micou M. Browne created the original incubator account in honor of his parents and to produce income supporting the library’s management collections in all formats. The younger Browne, who is a life member in the Friends of the Library, accepted the induction certificate and medal on his father’s behalf.

The Browne family has a long history of supporting the NCSU Libraries and NC State. Micou F. Browne’s late wife, Katharine M. Browne (1916–1993), served as president of the Friends of the Library from 1969 through 1970. His father-in-law, Zeno P. Metcalf (1885–1956), was an NC State faculty member and administrator who built an outstanding entomological collection now held by the library. Browne’s father, Thomas Everett Browne (1881–1965), also was an NC State administrator and teacher.

The Pullen Society is named for R. Stanhope Pullen, who donated the land used for the original campus of the North Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts. More information about the Pullen Society is available from NC State Director of Gift Planning Joan DeBruin at (919) 515-9076.

Chancellor Fox (middle) congratulates Jacqueline M. and William A. Jackson on their induction into the R. Stanhope Pullen Society.

Micou M. Browne and NC State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.
Bostian Bequest Benefits
NCSU Libraries

BY TONY REEY, LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

In November 2000 the NCSU Libraries received a bequest from the estate of North Carolina State University Chancellor Emeritus Carey H. Bostian. This generous bequest provides additional support for the Carey and Neita Bostian Library Endowment, which was founded by Bostian and his son, Lloyd R. Bostian.

Carey Bostian, who died on April 22, 2000, led NC State as its seventh chancellor (1953–1959). The D. H. Hill Library opened during his tenure as chancellor. He served NC State for forty-three years and retired from the university as professor of genetics. His wife Neita and son Richard preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons, as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

The Carey and Neita Bostian Library Endowment produces income benefiting the NCSU Libraries’ human genetics collections in all formats. All books purchased with income from the fund are marked with bookplates honoring Carey and Neita Bostian.

Lloyd and Karl Bostian, the Bostians’ surviving children, receive acknowledgements of gifts made in memory of their parents. To make a credit-card gift to the Bostian endowment, individuals should call the Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University at (919) 515-2841 during business hours. Gifts to the Bostian endowment sent as checks should be written to “Friends of the Library” and mailed to the Friends office at Campus Box 7111, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7111.

New Library Endowments

The NCSU Libraries would like to recognize the recent formation of the following library endowments. Endowments provide income that enhances the library’s ability to purchase the books, materials, and technologies needed to sustain NC State University’s intellectual excellence and to attract or retain key library faculty members.

Andrew and Thelma Bartley Library Endowment
(support for the NCSU Libraries’ management collections in all formats)

Dr. Eloise S. Cofer Endowment
(provides unrestricted annual support for the NCSU Libraries and three other NC State units)

Donald E. and Verdie S. Moreland Library Faculty Endowment
(support enhancing efforts to recruit and retain the most scholarly, dedicated, and creative members of the library profession)
Frank and Eleanor Hart Create Library Endowment

BY TONY REEVY, LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Franklin D. and Eleanor Hart have pledged to create the Frank and Eleanor Hart Library Endowment. The fund will produce income supporting the NCSU Libraries’ collections in all subjects and formats.

Hart, past president of the Friends of the Library, says, “Eleanor and I decided to found a library endowment because it is a lasting way to help the library. We are pleased to have a continuing part in helping to keep the NCSU Libraries strong and vigorous.” Hart continued, As any student who has gone through the university or anyone who worked for the university knows, it is important that NC State have rich library resources. These resources benefited me a number of times during my career at the university. In addition, those who love to read and love the pursuit of knowledge understand that getting the real information that defines a particular project is like being a detective. It is important that NC State students have the opportunity to learn this in a great library.

The Harts chose to create a general collections endowment to give library staff the greatest possible choice in addressing future challenges. Donations, Hart explains, should give the greatest possible flexibility to the people who are running the library. Our endowment gives extensive leeway to the people in charge of building the collections. When you are working with a great group like the NCSU Libraries’ staff, you let them use their expertise to get what needs to be gotten. We both love books, and we both have such great respect for the people at the library that we work with. It is a pleasure to have an association with the library and with the Friends of the Library, and a pleasure to give to support the library.

Frank Hart spent most of his professional career at North Carolina State University (see Focus, vol. 19:3, page 15), as did Eleanor Hart. After attending what is now Barton College, she worked with NC State’s Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, with the Agricultural Research Service in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and with the Department of Civil Engineering. “In her work with the College of Engineering,” Hart says, “Eleanor looked after graduate students and, because of that, understands that a great university library is crucial to student success.” In conclusion, Hart adds, “The library is the beacon of intellectual enlightenment on campus. It shines over every library user, over the campus, and over the community. We hope it is ever strong, vibrant, and improving.”
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