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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 the Library News section.

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Students Pave the Way to Success

By Anna Dahlstein, External Relations

Civil engineering major Michael Cropper was “spending practically twenty-four hours a day in the library” when Student Government issued a call for volunteers to represent the undergraduate student body on the University Library Committee (ULC). Cropper signed up right away. “I wanted to make sure that the Libraries got enough seating for students and the right type of seating. In engineering, we do a lot of team projects. We need library spaces that can accommodate group work,” he explained. Cropper served on the ULC for two years before graduating, and he returned for another term as a graduate student in 2004.

Composed of faculty, staff, and students, the ULC advises NC State’s provost and its director of libraries on the formulation of policy related to the general program of library service, the development of resources for instruction and research, and the allocation of book funds and library space.

Anuj Dhawan, a doctoral candidate in textile and apparel technology and management, was already serving as an officer for the University Graduate Student Association when he got involved in the ULC. Although volunteering for the committee represented an active commitment, Dhawan viewed his decision to serve as a no-brainer.

It wasn’t an obligation, but rather an opportunity to express our views. We [graduate students] are the prime users of the library. Many of us work full-time and can’t get to the library until late in the evening. That’s why we reacted so strongly when budget cuts threatened to reduce...
All three found that their efforts paid off. “[Vice Provost and Director of Libraries] Susan Nutter makes sure that student voices are heard and that our opinions are valued. Whatever the issue—journal subscriptions, security, the Hill of Beans coffee bar—we really got stuff done,” assured Rider. Graduate student Erich Fabricius found his involvement in the ULC so worthwhile that he has entered his sixth year on the committee. Together with fellow graduate student Chad V. Jordan, Fabricius has reviewed the floor plans and renovation goals for the East Wing of the D. H. Hill Library.

Nutter is so impressed by the dedication shown by these students and their peers that she felt their names should literally be set in stone. “Through all their hard work, these students have left a permanent mark on the Libraries. They deserve to be remembered with a permanent token of appreciation.”

Nutter joins a growing group of Friends of the Library, faculty members, alumni, librarians, and students who have ordered engraved bricks to pave the walkway into the D. H. Hill Library. For instance, NC State alumna Linda Stone reserved a white brick in memory of the late Roy A. Larson, an internationally known poinsettia breeder who served thirty-five years on the faculty of NCSU’s Department of Horticultural Science. Meanwhile, Doris and J. Rush Thompson Jr. selected an inscription recognizing several generations of proud Wolfpack alumni in their family: Joe, who attended the college in the late 1930s, Rush (Class of 1969), Doris (Class of 1970), and their son Truett (B.S. 1997, M.S. 1999). For NC State insiders, the popularity of the bricks requires no explanation. The Brickyard outside the library is the heart of the campus. Proceeds from the brick campaign are going toward the D. H. Hill Library’s renovation project. Private support of this nature is essential for enhancing the quality and function of public spaces; bond funding provided by the taxpayers of North Carolina will enable basic upgrades to the infrastructure.

As part of the university’s Achieve! Campaign for NC State, the Libraries is seeking $10 million for initiatives that will support students and faculty not only through new and renovated library facilities, but also by expanding the collections strategically, pioneering digital library services, and recruiting the best academic librarians in the nation. While an array of attractive naming opportunities is available, the brick campaign allows donors at all levels to participate in supporting the NCSU Libraries.

Jivan Moaddeb, who just graduated from NC State, is delighted that she and her sister Negela, another former ULC member, will be remembered on campus, right outside the library where they spent countless hours studying for exams, honing their research skills, and shaping the library into what they needed it to be.

New Naming Opportunities Available

In conjunction with the 2005–2006 renovation project in the East Wing of the D. H. Hill Library, the NCSU Libraries is offering a range of special naming opportunities. These named sponsorships will provide aesthetically appealing and durable finishes in the new public spaces, such as American black cherry millwork and slate and hardwood floors. Gifts entitle the donors to permanent named recognition in a renovated area for themselves or in memory or honor of a loved one.

Several handsome pieces of quality black cherry furniture have been added to the list of naming opportunities in recent weeks. Each will be displayed prominently in the new reading room, exhibition gallery, or learning commons. The learning commons, which has not yet been reserved and named, will offer students and faculty the latest digital technology as well as comfortable and flexible seating in a highly visible and accessible area of the library.

- Large Atlas Stand (2) $7,500 each
- Tall Computer Stand (2) $4,000 each
- Dictionary Stand $4,000
- Lectern Desk/Podium $3,500

A complete list of naming opportunities is available at: http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/renovation/naming Op/. For further information about these options, please call Director of Library Development Jim Mulvey at (919) 515-3339 or send an electronic-mail message to jim_mulvey@ncsu.edu. You may also use the online inquiry form or naming opportunity pledge form.
The Wolfpack Club gave the NCSU Libraries another gift of $100,000, following a previous gift of $100,000 made in 2003. The efforts of Wolfpack Club Executive Director Bobby Purcell and former Wolfpack Club President C. Richard Vaughn made this gift possible. Purcell said,

The focus of the Wolfpack Club is on the NC State student. We wanted to make a gift to the Libraries that would have a lasting effect on the ability to serve the academic needs of our students.

This gift will be used to create a new library endowment, entitled the **Wolfpack Endowment for the Enhancement of the Student Library Experience**. Its purpose will be to support the NCSU Libraries’ vision of the library as the centerpiece of every student’s learning environment. Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan Nutter observed, “This gift continues the excellent partnership between the Wolfpack Club and the Libraries. Together, we are finding new ways to meet the needs of our students.”

The NC State Student Aid Association, Inc., more commonly known as the Wolfpack Club, is a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships for NC State student-athletes. Nearly 8,000 men and women students have received scholarship assistance since the Wolfpack Club was founded in 1936. Its 2003 donation is being used to enhance the quality of public spaces through the renovations currently taking place in the D. H. Hill Library.
Team Seguy Brings Butterflies to the Special Collections Research Center

Pictured below are some of the members of Team Seguy, so named by NCSU Professor Lew Deitz. The team provided critical, inventive, and long-running efforts to raise funds to purchase a copy of E. A. Seguy’s Papillons, a rare portfolio featuring exquisite images of butterflies (see “Special Collections Acquires Elusive Butterfly Portfolio,” in the Library News section). The NCSU Libraries’ ability to acquire this important work was facilitated by the efforts of these individuals and the generosity of several donors.

[Standing, left to right]:
Pictured with the Papillons portfolio are Team Seguy members Brian Wiegmann (NCSU Department of Entomology), James Harper (NCSU Department of Entomology), Reed Underhill (NCSU Libraries), Kathy Kidd (North Carolina Entomological Society and Plant Industry Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture).

[Seated, left to right]:
Ray Nimocks (NCSU senior, Department of Zoology), Lew Deitz (NCSU Department of Entomology), Michelle Trautwein (NCSU doctoral student, Department of Entomology).
New NCSU Libraries Endowments

The NCSU Libraries would like to recognize the recent formation of the following library endowments. Endowments provide income that enhance 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.

**Donald and Maryann Bitzer Endowment**—supports the NCSU Libraries’ collections in all subjects and formats.

**Edith B. Braham Endowment**—supports the NCSU Libraries’ meteorology collections in all formats.

**Georgie B. Tilley Library Endowment**—provides unrestricted support for the NCSU Libraries.

New Incubator Endowments

The NCSU Libraries created Incubator Endowment accounts to provide an alternative for donors who want to support the library’s collections but who would like more than five years to achieve full library endowment status ($15,000). These accounts are named, perpetual funds administered by the NCSU Libraries within an endowment held by the NC State University Foundation. Incubator endowments may be created with an initial gift of $1,000 or more, and the donor may select a preference for a collection area.

**Linda M. Saunders Library Endowment**
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