Learn more about the NCSU Libraries’ Capital Campaign by reading this issue’s “Development” section. Here, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter and NC State Basketball Coach Herb Sendek promote the Libraries’ “Buy a Brick” opportunity. Each brick can be engraved in honor of friends or family and supports improvements in the D. H. Hill Library.
Mary Schweitzer and *T. rex*

The 2005 Friends of the Library Fall Luncheon, held on October 24, 2005, featured paleontologist Mary Schweitzer, who holds a joint appointment with NC State and with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. Her lecture, entitled “Exceptional Preservation in *Tyrannosaurus rex*,” illuminated recent findings that have attracted the attention of the national media. Her discovery that the specialized bone tissue in *Tyrannosaurus rex* closely resembles the tissue of modern flightless birds such as ostriches and emus provides further evidence that birds and dinosaurs share evolutionary links. *Tyrannosaurus rex* and modern flightless birds also have similar reproductive physiologies, which were clearly visible in pictures shown during the presentation. In a separate experiment, Schweitzer demineralized the remains of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* and found that some well-preserved fossils contain soft and pliable tissues such as blood vessels and cells. The NCSU Libraries looks forward to hearing what will come next for this scientist, who is a source of great pride to the North Carolina State University community for her pioneering research. 

[Left] Fall Luncheon speaker Mary Schweitzer discussed her T. rex discoveries in Montana with Jeffrey J. Crow (deputy secretary, North Carolina Office of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources).

[Left to right] George and Reba Worsley and former NCSU chancellor Larry Monteith and his wife Nancy attended the Fall Luncheon.
The 2005 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award winner Elisabeth Wheeler received congratulations from NC State Provost Larry A. Nielsen and Carol Love, retired associate dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Natural Resources.

[Left to right] Jinnie Y. Davis, formerly with the NCSU Libraries and a Friends of the Library life member, attended the Fall Luncheon to hear an interesting discussion by Mary Schweitzer and to catch up on library news. Davis, whose family established the Yeh Family Endowment, also met old friends and fellow FOL life members Michael K. Stoskopf and his wife, Suzanne Kennedy-Stoskopf. Both of the Stoskopfs are faculty members at NC State’s College of Veterinary Medicine and have each created library endowments.
April Book Sale

The Friends will hold its annual Book Sale from April 20 through April 22, 2006, under a tent on the Brickyard. Books will be priced to sell with hardbacks selling for $4.00 and paperbacks selling for $1.00 each. Special items, such as signed copies or first editions, may be priced slightly higher.

The April 20 date is reserved for Friends of the Library members only. The public sale begins on Friday, April 21, and goes through Saturday, April 22. Special bargains will be available toward the end of Saturday. Proceeds from the sale go toward enhancing the collection and services of the NCSU Libraries.

Book Sale Volunteers Are Needed

The Friends has many volunteer opportunities available for the April Book Sale. These include organizing book donations, helping to set up and run the sale, and assisting with special events. Those interested in volunteering with the Friends of the Library, please call Anne Schnatter at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. To learn more about the Book Sale or volunteer opportunities, please visit the FOL Web site at http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/.
Robert Bashford has been reappointed to the Board of Directors for a second five-year term, ending in 2010. Bashford graduated from NC State with a major in premedicine and received his medical degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. He has been named one of North Carolina’s top doctors, practicing and teaching psychiatry and teaching OB-GYN residents at UNC-Chapel Hill. His long-standing commitment to NC State has made him a valuable asset to the Friends of the Library board of Directors.

Erich Bumgardner graduated from NC State in 1983 with a B.S. in economics. He served as the assistant vice president, credit administrator, and loan review officer for First Union National Bank of North Carolina from 1984 to 1989. Since 1989, he has been a partner at Credit Risk Management, a company that provides financial review and compliance services to small banking institutions. Bumgardner is the son of Carl Bumgardner, a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at NC State. Erich Bumgardner, a native of Raleigh, has many ties to the local community, which make him a valuable asset on the board. The Friends of the Library is very pleased to recognize both of these members and welcomes their work on the Board of Directors.

Mark Your Calendars for a Special Friends’ Event

The Friends of the Library will host a special reading by Virginia Circuit Court Judge Martin Clark, author of Plain Heathen Mischief. The event will be held on January 11, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room, East Wing, D. H. Hill Library.

The San Francisco Chronicle described Clark's book as, “outlandishly believable. . . . The Gospel may hit a mainstream high with Plain Heathen Mischief.” In April 2004 the New York Times Magazine regarded Clark’s first book, The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living, as “arguably the funniest legal thriller ever written—a book that made Clark seem like not only the thinking man’s John Grisham but, maybe better, the drinking man’s . . .”

Clark, who lives in Stuart, Virginia, plans to give the honorarium for his talk to his church’s daycare, which serves low-income families. In addition, the proceeds from his writings benefit the same cause.

Books will be available for signing and purchase at the event, which is free and open to the public. No tickets are necessary. For more information about this event and the Friends of the Library, please call (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
In Memoriam: Thelma K. Bartley

Thelma K. Bartley of Cary, North Carolina, died on September 25, 2005, at the age of ninety-two. She was born in Missouri, the daughter of William and Lillie Brock. At age twenty, she began teaching in a one-room school. In 1941 she graduated from the University of Missouri where she met and married Andrew J. Bartley. They were married in 1942. Thelma Bartley worked as a county extension agent during World War II while her husband served in the U.S. Army. In 1948 the Bartleys moved to Raleigh, where Andrew Bartley taught economics at NC State. Thelma Bartley began teaching fourth grade classes in 1957, and she taught Sunday school at Swift Creek Baptist Church. The Bartleys retired to their historic farm, the Barnabus Jones Place, in Wake County in 1975. The Bartleys, life members of the Friends of the Library, established the Andrew and Thelma Bartley Library Endowment in support of the NCSU Libraries’ management collection.

Thelma Bartley is survived by her husband Andrew, professor emeritus of economics in the College of Management; brother Fred Brock and his wife, Ina; son Jon Bartley, former dean and current faculty member of NC State’s College of Management, and his wife, Kathryn; grandson Brandon Bartley and his wife, April; and granddaughter Laura Bartley, all of Wake County.

For information on contributing to the Bartley endowment, please call Jim Mulvey at (919) 515-3339 or send an electronic-mail message to jim_mulvey@ncsu.edu.

In Memoriam: Margaret Belle Stuckert Davis

Margaret Belle Stuckert Davis of Raleigh died on October 10, 2005, at the age of eighty-seven. Davis, who was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 26, 1918, was the daughter of James Lamar and Ethel Kate Mulkey Stuckert. She graduated from the University of Texas and did graduate work at UNC–Chapel Hill, where she met her future husband, Philip Harvey Davis, of Coshocton, Ohio. Philip Harvey Davis taught in the Department of English at NC State for thirty-four years. Margaret Davis taught social studies at Needham Broughton High School for eighteen years. She also was a member of the Edenton Street United Methodist Church and served in many capacities.

Davis was a life member of the Friends of the Library and established the Philip Harvey Davis Library Endowment at the NCSU Libraries in memory of her late husband. This generous endowment supports the botany collection.

Davis was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Frances Ann Stuckert Hallmark. She is survived by a brother, James Lamar Stuckert Jr.; two sons, Arthur Brian Davis and his wife, Barbara; Stephen Lamar Davis and his wife, Marsha; daughter Susan Lynn Davis Van Dyke; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

For information on contributing to the Davis endowment, please call Jim Mulvey at (919) 515-3339 or send an electronic-mail message to jim_mulvey@ncsu.edu.
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