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## “Page Us” Service Assists Computers Users

**D**uring renovations of the first floor of the D. H. Hill Library’s East Wing, the Reference Desk has been relocated to the first floor of the West Wing near the Reserve Desk. A number of patron computers have been moved into the Reserve Reading Room around the perimeter of the space. Computers have also been relocated to the second floor of the north book stack tower and in the space between the north and south towers on the fifth and sixth floors.

To assist patrons using computers in these remote areas, reference staff provide a service called “Page Us” as a convenient way for users to let staff know they need help. When reference staff receive a “Page Us” message, they will inform the patron that someone will come to help them right away.

Patrons can click on the “Page Us” button on the computer or use their cell phones to call the reference desk at 515-2935. The “Page Us” button is located on the Tools & Services window that comes up on the desktop after the patron logs in.

Currently, the “Page Us” service operates between 10:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The library will extend the hours as warranted if demand increases. Please help the Libraries inform students of the “Page Us” service. ♦

## Oblinger Featured in Library Exhibit

**T**o help celebrate the installation of James L. Oblinger as NC State’s thirteenth chancellor on April 20, 2005, the NCSU Libraries will offer an exhibit documenting Oblinger’s career at NC State, beginning with his appointment as associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1986 and continuing through his tenure as dean of the college and then as provost of the university. The exhibit, located in the main lobby of the D. H. Hill Library in front of the circulation desk, will be on display from April 4 through the end of the month.

The exhibit features items and photos from University Archives and various collections around campus. It will also include samples of Oblinger’s writings, such as his dissertation written at Iowa State University. ♦

## NCSU Librarians Selected for Leadership Programs

**T**he Association of Research Libraries (ARL) recently selected David Goldsmith, head of acquisitions and director of licensing at the NCSU Libraries, for the Research Libraries Leadership Fellows Program designed to prepare the next generation of directors at large research libraries. Running through 2006, the program is jointly sponsored by the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Columbia University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Texas at Austin, and University of Washington. Goldsmith manages a department responsible for purchasing 29,000 monographs and 37,000 subscriptions annually. He also provides leadership on broad collection management and scholarly communication initiatives and negotiates licenses for the NCSU Libraries and Triangle Research Libraries Network.

Suzanne T. Weiner, head of collection management and secretary of NC State’s Faculty Senate, has been appointed a UCLA Senior Fellow for 2005 by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. The program, held every other year, brings together fifteen top leaders in the academic library field for a three-week summer institute designed to foster the advanced study of topics key to research library administrators. Weiner manages a collection budget of \$9.7 million, chairs the University Copyright Committee, and serves on the Libraries’ Fundraising and Development Committee. ♦

## 2005 I. T. Littleton Seminar

**B**laise Cronin, dean of the School of Library and Information Science and Rudy Professor of Information Science at Indiana University in Bloomington, will be the featured speaker at the I. T. Littleton Seminar on April 13, 2005. It will be held at will be held at 2:00 P.M. in the Assembly Room, second floor, East Wing, of the D. H. Hill Library. Cronin’s talk is entitled “Who Dunit? Agency, Attribution, and Authority in an Age of Hyperauthorship.” For more information, call (919) 513-0304. ♦

## Friends of the Library Schedules Bob Dole and Tim Tyson for Special Events

### BOB DOLE TO GIVE SPECIAL READING

**F**ormer United States Senator Bob Dole will give a special reading on April 29, 2005, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Quail Ridge Books and Music. The event starts at 7:00 P.M. in the McKimmon Center. He will discuss his new book, *One Soldier's Story, A Memoir*, on the sixtieth anniversary of his being wounded in World War II.

Tickets to the event are \$5, but NCSU students with a valid student ID will be admitted for free. Tickets may be obtained in the Friends office in the D. H. Hill Library (Room 2116, second floor, East Wing) or at the main circulation desk (limit of two tickets per student). Anyone who purchases a copy of the book at Quail Ridge Books and Music in Ridgewood Shopping Center will receive a free ticket.

In *One Soldier's Story*, Dole describes his World War II service as a platoon leader in the famed Tenth Mountain Division. He was gravely wounded two weeks before the end of the war. Over the next three years, he lapsed in and out of a coma, lost a kidney, and lost the use of his right arm and most of the feeling in his left arm. Drawing on nearly 300 letters between himself and his family written during this period, Dole offers a powerful story of one man's struggle to survive. He also focuses on the words and selfless deeds of countless American heroes with whom he served. Dole says, "The real heroes of World War II are the men and women who never came back. If there was anything heroic about my story, it is my recovery from the wounds I received. I could not have made it without help . . . from fellow soldiers, doctors, loved ones, friends and others."

For more information about the event, please call the Friends office at 515-2841 between 8:00 and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, or visit the Web at [www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/). ♦

### TIM TYSON HEADLINES 2005 SPRING DINNER

**T**imothy B. Tyson, author of *Blood Done Sign My Name*, will speak at the Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner on May 2, 2005. His book, nominated for a 2005 National Book Critics Circle Award, recounts the 1970 racially motivated murder of Henry Marrow in Oxford, North Carolina, and the reactions of the African American community. Tyson lived in Oxford at the time, where his father was the Methodist minister. He recalled, "When I was ten, a boy I played with every day came up to me in the driveway and told me his father and brothers had murdered someone." The incident and the race riot that ensued remained etched on Tyson's memory and led to his research into the event years later.

Tyson, a native of eastern North Carolina, is the John Hope Franklin Senior Fellow at the National Humanities Center and professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His previous book, *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power*, won the Organization of American Historians' 2000 James Rawley Prize and was co-winner of the 2000 Frederick Jackson Turner Prize. Tyson worked with the Documentary Institute at the University of Florida to create *Negroes with Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power*, a documentary film that premiered in March 2004 at Lincoln Center in New York City. The movie will air on PBS this spring. Tyson is co-editor with David S. Cecelski of *Democracy Betrayed: The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and Its Legacy*, which won the 1999 Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights.

The Spring Dinner will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the McKimmon Center. For ticket information, please call the Friends of the Library at 515-2841 by April 22, 2005. ♦

### SIXTEENTH ANNUAL BOOK SALE, APRIL 15 AND 16, 2005, BRICKYARD

**T**he annual Friends of the Library Book Sale opens to the general public on April 15 and 16, from 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. Look for the large tent in front of the D. H. Hill Library. The

Members Only Sale will be held the evening of April 14. Please call 515-2841 for more information. All proceeds go to the NCSU Libraries Preservation Endowment. ♦

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