I am very humbled as I assume the office of President of ARF, especially in view of the excellent leadership provided by my predecessor, Ernest Burniston. Thankfully, I can continue to rely on his advice as he will continue in the role of Immediate Past President. I am looking forward to working with the excellent officers and Board members that you have elected. Art Cooper has assumed the role of Vice President and Program Chair and three new members have joined the Board; viz., Perry Grady, Kerry Havner and Judy Mock. Also I would like to welcome Vic Jones who will be replacing Frances Massey as Chair of the Wellness and Memorials Committee. We want to thank Frances for her many years of service. Finally I am very grateful that Murray Downs, after serving as Vice President, President and Immediate Past President, will continue his dedicated service to ARF as Membership Chair.

I especially want to recognize and thank Tom and Ann Elleman for their service as Treasurer, luncheon organizers, and special project coordinators. They have also faithfully represented us at the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) national meetings. Their activity helps keep us abreast of the benefits and opportunities enjoyed by retired faculty from other universities. I am also thankful that Walter Heck has agreed to continue his outstanding performance as Secretary and Charles McPherson will continue to provide us with excellent Newsletters. Finally I want to recognize and thank the continuing Board members for their service; they are Chester Black, Leigh Hammond, I.T. Littleton, Charles Livengood, Nadine Pope and Doreen Saxe.

The ARF has made some progress on projects initiated last year. Although plans for continuing care facilities have not been developed, through the efforts of Tom Elleman, private development of potential retirement facilities near Centennial Campus at Pullen Ridge are now available. These are first-rate condos that are being offered to retired faculty at reduced pricing. With respect to Departmental histories on the web, some have been added as a result of our effort, but many remain to be completed. We will continue to push for their development this year. You can help by encouraging your department to do so. Recently we have been working for appropriate recognition of the Emeritus Faculty Privileges that Kerry Havner worked diligently to develop as a member of the Benefits Committee. This Fall Semester I will be working with the
President’s Report Continued

Lifelong Faculty Involvement Committee (LFIC) to have them placed in the appropriate place on the NCSU website. Recently changes in the by-laws of the Faculty Senate were proposed. One of the changes would eliminate the participation of Emeritus Faculty in that body. Largely due to the effort of Kerry, who is a member of the Faculty Senate, this proposal has been flagged. As your President, I have also written a letter protesting this change. Hopefully it will not be in the final version sent to the General Faculty for a vote.

I seek your support in any of these activities that appeal to your interest. Furthermore I anticipate excellent programs at our monthly luncheons. I believe you will find these programs provide an excellent opportunity to stay in touch with former colleagues, to make new friends among retired faculty and their spouses, to keep informed of University activities, and to broaden our knowledge beyond our professional specialty. Finally, I encourage you to visit the ARF web page by going to the NCSU web page, selecting “Faculty and Staff”, then “Retired Faculty” and then selecting ARF. You will find valuable information pertaining to retired faculty and many useful links.

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Outstanding ARF Luncheon Programs Again Planned for This Year

Under the leadership of Art Cooper the Program Committee has planned a series of outstanding programs for upcoming luncheons. A couple of heavy hitters are scheduled for the November program as follows:

November 14
Pre-lunch: Dr. Bruce R. Poulton on “Centennial Campus-Acquisition and Early Development”

Post-lunch: Dr. Larry K. Monteith on “Development of Practical Education in North Carolina”

Luncheon programs are planned for January 16, February 20, March 19 and April 16. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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In Case You Missed a Program

We recognize that not everyone can attend the luncheon meetings. Therefore from time-to-time the Newsletter will summarize some of the presentations. Thanks to Jean Porter for providing these summaries.

September 19, 2007

Topic: Research at NCSU in Protective Clothing for Emergency Responders
Speaker: Dr. Roger L. Baker, Director Textile Protection and Comfort Center NCSU College of Textiles

Dr. Baker stated that a study following 9/11 indicated there was a need for better protective clothing against biological and chemical hazards for first responders. The Textile Protection and Comfort Center (TPACC) partnered with Globe Manufacturing on the project funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The first step was to find out what firefighters felt was needed. This was not to be a HAZMAT suit. It was to be something regularly available to normal firefighters. It had to be easy to use without help. It couldn’t increase the heat stress on the responder. It had to buy extra time to escape while still providing all the protection of current gear.

The solution was a suit with a double jacket system. There is an inner liner, which provides protection from the heat. There is also a membrane that keeps biological and chemical hazards out while
In Case You Missed a Program
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allowing evaporation of sweat and heat dispersion. A zip-away collar contains a
hood that creates a seal with a breathing mask. The glove/jacket and pants/boots
interfaces were also a problem. A zipped sleeve like a motorcycle jacket was
developed for the sleeves/gloves and a special boot collar created a seal between
the pants and boots. To see a picture of the jacket go to Globe Manufacturing
website (globefiresuits.com/pdf/reprint-globe.pdf)
or (globefiresuits.com/pdf/CB_preview_catalog.pdf).

A great deal of testing went into development of this protective clothing. At
NCSU there is a chamber with a full-sized mannequin where a flashover situation
can be recreated to test the thermal protection. There is also something called a MIST
test, which can evaluate chemical and biological exposure. This test had to be
done in Canada, but NCSU is now building a chamber where this type test can be
conducted. To learn more about the mission of the TPACC see the website
(http://www.tx.ncsu.edu/tpacc/).

September 19, 2007
Topic: Jefferson’s War: America’s First
War Against Terror 1801-1805
Speaker: Joseph Wheelan
Former Reporter and Editor with the
Associated Press
Mr. Wheelan talked about the first attack
on another country made by the United
States. In March 1801 President Jefferson
ordered the U.S. Navy to the
Mediterranean without consulting
Congress. The Barbary Coast was a
dangerous area for travel. For hundreds of
years European countries had paid money
for safe passage. From 1795 to 1801 the
U.S. had paid over $1 million to various
Barbary States (Tripoli, Algiers, Tunis).
Jefferson decided to stop paying that
extortion. The ensuing battles showed the
creativeness of naval commanders and the
toughness of a group including some
Marines who marched through the desert
to overthrow the leader of Tripoli; as the
song goes, “to the shores of Tripoli”.
Wheelan talked about many individuals
who would later help the U.S. win the War
of 1812. It was obvious from the many
details mentioned that Mr. Wheelan had
done a great deal of research and had an
in-depth knowledge of his subject matter.

Mr. Wheelan talked about his most recent
book “Invading Mexico: America’s
Continental Dream and the Mexican War,
1846-1848”. He said that the stated
reason for the war was questionable. In
reality the main purpose was to acquire
California and the New Mexico territory.

More information about Mr. Wheelan and
his writings can be found on his website
(jwheelan.home.mindspring.com).

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NC State Enrollment
The Provost’s Office reported that 4,700
new freshmen and 1,040 transfer students
were admitted this year. The University
has 1,520 new Master’s students, 500 new
Doctoral students, 80 new DVM students
with a total enrollment, including
undergraduate and graduate of 31,700.
Fifty-six percent (56%) of the students are
male and forty-four percent (44%) are
female. Eighty-six percent (86%) are in-
state residents, eight percent (8%) are out-
of-state and six percent (6%) are
international.

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Centennial Campus Residence
The Association of Retired Faculty has
tried for many years to gain University
support for building a residential retirement
community on the Centennial Campus.
These efforts have been supported with
varying degrees of enthusiasm by the
Centennial Campus Residence
Continued
ultravention the College is constructing a two or
three-bedroom, concrete, structure near the
northeastern corner of Centennial and
immediately south of Western Boulevard near
Pullen Drive that is being completely
canvassed as condos. The developer, John Skvaria, would
like to fill the for-sale units with retired faculty
and has made this clear at one of our recent
luncheons, offering retired NCSU faculty a pre-public reduced
price. The seventeen (17) units are located in a two-
story “L” shaped white brick building in a
wooded area and they have a number of
amenities. Prices for two bedroom units
are in the $240,000 range while three
bedroom units are approximately $100,000
higher. Interested individuals may contact
John Skvaria or Scott Dawson Jr. at 954-9090 for further information and a tour.

ARF Welcomes New Members
If you are not already a member of ARF
please join us. We welcome new annual
members Carl Bumgardner, Billy Caldwell,
John Cornwell, John Hanson, Forest Hentz,
Jr., Jeng Sheng Huang, Erwin Humphries,
Richard Lauffer, Henry Michael Linker,
Dennis Maher, George Naderman Jr.,
Ernest Pasour Jr., Mary Elizabeth Poole,
Virginia Smith, Harriet Stubbs and Robert
Wells.

We welcome new Life Members some of
which have upgraded from annual
membership Frank Abrams Jr., Robert
Barnhardt, Ann Berry, William Campbell,
Patricia Caple, Thomas Carter, Keith
Cassell, Wushou Chou, E.N. Chukwu, J.W.
Cunningham, Jerry Davis, Ajaya Gupta,
Leigh Hammond, Joyce Hatch, Sidney
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Thomas Wolcott and James Young.

Treasurer’s Report
Balance April 17, 2007 $8058.12
Income
Dues 420.00
Luncheons 468.00
Donations 120.00
TOTAL $1088.57
Expense
Luncheons 502.50
Fees and Supplies 34.70
Newsletter 51.24
TOTAL $588.44
Balance Sept. 11, 2007 $8558.25

A Helpful Website
The Director of the Emeriti Center at the
University of Southern California has
shared with us a website which is helpful for
seniors. The website is http://www.help4srs.org. This is the
website for Healthcare and Elder Law
Programs Corporation (H.E.L.P.). H.E.L.P.
is an award winning, private, nonprofit
educational and counseling center
providing impartial information to older
adults and their families on elder care, law,
finances, consumer protection and more.
While some of the information is specific for
California much is useful for any location.
Register Your Health Care Power of Attorney
The North Carolina Secretary of State has a program whereby you can register documents such as a health care power of attorney or a declaration of a desire for a natural death (living will). After registration you receive a wallet-sized card to carry with you to inform medical providers and others that you have these documents. Directives can then be accessed over the internet. You can obtain the forms needed for registration via the website www.sosnc.com. Click on the Health Care Registry link and then on Forms and you can print all the documents you need to register.

Recent Deaths of Retired Faculty and Spouses
We have learned of the recent deaths of these retired faculty members or spouses. We extend sympathy and condolences to family and friends.

Dean Colvard, Agriculture, d. 6-3-07; Robert Campbell Gilmore, d. 7-23-07; Benjamin Thomas McDaniel, Animal Science, d. 5-4-07; Herbert Rooney Malcom, Jr., Civil Engineering, d. 9-1-07; Carl John Setzer, Jr., Chemical Engineering, d. 4-21-07; Frank B. Thomas, Food Science, d. 7-31-07; Helen Elizabeth Kelly Zschau, Library, d. 8-4-07.

Spouses
Janice Briggs Blessis (wife of George H. Blessis, Engineering), d. 10-2-07; Katherine Cope (wife of Ralph Cope, Library), d. 4-29-07.

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Association of Retired Faculty Membership Application and Dues Form
2007-2008 Academic Year

Complete and return to Ann Elleman, 5207-101 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612-6303

Title_____ First Name ________ Middle Initial_____ Last Name_____________________
Address___________________________________________ Apt/Box # ________________
City __________________________ State________________ Zip Code ______________
Telephone (10 digits) ___________________________ Fax __________________________
Email_________________ Is this a change of address/phone/email? Yes_____ No ____
NCSU college/departmental affiliation ________________________________
_____Annual enrollment 2006-2007-$15.00 _______New enrollment as Life Member-$75.00

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Association of Retired Faculty and mail to Ann Elleman, ARF Treasurer, 5207-101 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612-6303.

_____ Add _____ Continue my name on the monthly luncheon notification list by ____email or ____postcard
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