Association of Retired Faculty Establishes Incubator Endowment for Library

At its November meeting the Board of the Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) voted to establish an Incubator Endowment for the NCSU Libraries. Two thousand dollars ($2,000) was appropriated to start the endowment. Incubator Endowments are established with contributions of at least $1,000, but less than the $15,000 necessary for a regular endowment. It is the hope and intent of the Association that over a period of time additional contributions can be made to establish a full endowment. Letters of thank you were received from both Chancellor James Oblinger and Provost Larry Nielsen. Chancellor Oblinger’s letter stated, “This gift will provide financial support to assist the continued growth and expansion of library services. As a result, students, faculty and staff will have access to quality information to further their academic and personal growth….The excellence of our libraries helps to make NC State a great university”. Provost Nielsen’s letter stated, “I was pleased to learn of the $2,000 donation from the Association of Retired Faculty to initiate an Incubator Endowment for the Libraries. I appreciate the work of this group to remain connected to the university.”

Now that the Incubator Endowment has been established individuals are invited to contribute to it. Contributions in any amount are welcome. Checks should be made to Friends of the Library with a note the contribution is for the Association of Retired Faculty Incubator Endowment. The mailing address is Friends of the Library, NCSU Libraries, Campus Box 7111, Raleigh, NC 27695. Contributions are income tax deductible.

The Association of Retired Faculty has a long standing tradition of support for the Libraries. The NCSU Libraries serve as the University’s nexus of research, scholarship and community. The innovative services and accessible collections of the Libraries contribute directly to North Carolina State’s teaching, learning, research, and outreach activities.
The NCSU Libraries is ranked 27\textsuperscript{th} among 113 academic research libraries in North America that compose the Association of Research Libraries. The NCSU Libraries is recognized as a leader among its peer institutions. Support the Libraries!

ARF—ARF

What do you think of when you hear ARF pronounced? Do you think of the Association of Retired Faculty or do you think of a yapping dog? Some say ARF has an unfortunate pronunciation as an acronym that does not “fall trippingly off the tongue” and denote the prestige that the organization deserves. Should the Association change its name to one which produces a better acronym? Let President Harold Swaisgood (email harold_swaisgood@ncsu.edu) know and give him your suggestions for a new name.

Election for Board of Directors at April Meeting

There will be three vacancies on the Association Board of Directors to be filled for the 2008-2009 academic year. Election will take place at the meeting on April 16, 2008. Individuals nominated are: Frank Abrams, R. Alan Donaldson, and Dennis Jackson. There will be an opportunity to make nominations from the floor.

ARF Establishes Listserve

To enable better communication from the ARF leadership to its members a listserve has been established. Officers can post messages which will go to all members who have an email address on file with the Association. Messages will always include ARF in the message line so that you will know the source of the message before you open it.

Association Assists University Club in Purchase of Large Screen

Are you tired of coming to the luncheons and being unable to get a good look at the screen speakers are using to show visuals? Well, help is on the way. The ARF has contributed $680 to the University Club as half the cost of purchase and installation of a large pull-down screen in the room used for luncheons. Hopefully the screen will be in place by the time of the next meeting.

Thanks to the Alumni Association for Support of the ARF Newsletter

We wish to thank the NCSU Alumni Association for support of production and mailing the Spring 2008 ARF Newsletter. The Association has
provided similar support for several years now. In addition, the Alumni Association sends their magazine *NCState* to all retired faculty on the ARF mailing list. We are most appreciative.

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**Clougherty to Speak at April Luncheon Meeting**

The speaker at the April 16 luncheon meeting will be John Clougherty. Mr. Clougherty is Supervisor of Basketball Officials, ACC. Come and learn why calls go against your favorite team. It promises to be an interesting meeting. In addition, at the April meeting there will be election of Board members for the coming year.

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**Mark the Dates for the Fall 2008 Luncheon Meetings of ARF**

The Board and Program Committee are already at work planning the Fall 2008 luncheon programs. The luncheons will be on the third Wednesdays of each month starting in September. There will be no meeting in December. If you have suggestions for luncheon speakers please give them to Art Cooper, Vice President and Program Chair (email awcooper@earthlink.net).

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**Treasurer’s Report**

Balance January 21, 2008 **$10164.06**

Income
- Dues: 120.00
- Luncheons: 601.00
- Interest: 16.76
- TOTAL: **$737.76**

Expense
- Luncheons: 640.00
- Fees and Supplies: 2.00
- University Club Screen: 680.00
- Friends of Library Incubator Endowment: 2,000.00
- TOTAL: **$3322.00**

Balance March 8, 2008 **$7579.82**

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**University Benefits Available to Retired Faculty**

Just because you are retired does not mean that many University benefits are not available to you. This Newsletter can’t list all benefits available to retired faculty, but you can find out about them by visiting the ARF website ([www.ncsu.edu/retired](http://www.ncsu.edu/retired)). Click on the links that are listed for items of interest. An especially useful link is “Utilizing Campus Facilities”.

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**Enhancing Science Education in NC Public Schools**
By Kerry Havner

Some of you reading this Newsletter will have heard either or both Dr. Sam Houston, President, NC Science, Mathematics, and Technology (SMT) Education Center, and Dr. Eleanor Hasse, Science Consultant, Secondary Division, NC Dept. of Public Instruction (DPI), speak at ARF luncheons about 2 years ago. Each talked about science education in the State’s public schools, and mentioned opportunities for retired faculty (and others) in physical, biological, and engineering sciences to contribute to enhancing the education of our youth. I’ve been a participant in such activities as a ‘Teacher Link Fellow’ of the SMT Center for 5 years, through the K-8 “ Teachers and Scientists Collaborating” (TASC) Program jointly sponsored by the SMT Center and the Center for Inquiry-Based Learning (CIBL) of Duke University. (There currently are about 60 Teacher Link Fellows across the State, the largest number in the Research Triangle area.) Although I also judge at district and state-wide student science fairs (Mar. 14 & 15 for example), I primarily work with 5th grade and 7th grade teachers in their ‘hands-on’ training with two Mechanics-based kits (my field), and also have worked with 2nd grade teachers with a kit on Sound. However, all fields of science are represented by the various kits distributed among grades K-8. I encourage many of you to join-in this important endeavor.

On Feb. 29, at the invitation of a 5th grade teacher in Randolph County, I had the opportunity to work with two 5th grade classes on their experiments in Mechanics. They were learning about relations among force, mass, and acceleration in timed experiments with falling weights accelerating a 'standard vehicle' they’d constructed themselves, working in teams of 3 or 4. I both worked with the various teams and spoke to each class as a whole, answering questions (or trying to) – but no equations! I greatly enjoyed working with the kids again, and evidently was much appreciated, based on a very nice letter their teacher sent to Lisa Rhoades, the coordinator at the SMT Center of ‘Teacher Link Fellow’ activities. Writing a few days later, the teacher said: “The students are still talking about the "real scientist" in our classroom. Kerry really made a very positive impact which carried over to today's lab.” She also was very enthusiastic about having me “come back again next year”, which I’ve agreed to do. Such involvement with the kids in their hands-on introduction to a field of science can be both personally satisfying and beneficial to them, and I hope some of you will join me in this program. If you’d like to get involved, please contact either "Sam Houston" SHouston@bwfund.org, or "Lisa Rhoades" lrhoades@bwfund.org, both at the SMT Center, and for science judging opportunities, contact "Eleanor Enthoven Hasse" (email: eehasse@bellsouth.net).

(Editor’s note: The Science Fair web page (www.ncsta.org/sciencefair) has a link to a page where people can volunteer)
In Case You Missed a Meeting

One of our speakers on Feb. 20, 2008 was Dr. Gerry Elkin. He informed and entertained us with slides and narrative about his experience as a guest lecturer on an American Museum of Natural History trip to the North Pole. He had slides instead of digital photographs because his digital camera did not work in the cold climate.

Transportation to the North Pole was aboard a Russian icebreaker. Getting to the ship for the tour had some interesting twists. Norway is a nuclear free zone. Since the ship was nuclear powered, the group had to make several stops to get to the ship. Once in Norway the group went to the island of Spitsbergen. The ship was anchored in international waters off the coast of Norway. From Spitsbergen, the ship’s two helicopters transported the group to the ship. Why use a Russian icebreaker? Because it has a titanium bow strong enough to break through the thick ice. Other special features that help the ship travel through the ice include HUGE propeller blades, at least 20 feet high and air vents that help keep the ice from closing back up around the ship. It took six days of going through ice to get to the North Pole. Because the ice is constantly raising and lowering, the surface of the ice is very rough. It is not easy for cross-country skiers or dog sleds to travel on. The Russian crew of the ship even swan in the water. However, they tied a rope around themselves in case the shock of the water knocked them out! Since they are at sea five months of the year, they grow hydroponic vegetables on board.

On the way back, after nine days of not seeing land, the icebreaker stopped at the Russian island of St. Josef’s Land. All explorers took off on their quest for the North Pole from here. From there the ship returned to Spitsbergen, which is sort of an international island. There is a university there that specializes in arctic studies. The island also has several coal mines. Because of the permafrost houses and pipes are all above ground. Due to the presence of polar bears, people are not able to go hiking or biking without taking a rifle. Other wildlife and birds are prevalent, and flowers during the brief summer period.

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.

Robert H. Moll, Genetics & Horticultural Science, d. 9/19/07; Lyman B. Dixon, Agricultural Extension Service (4-H), d. 10/20/07; William B. Moser, Textile Materials and Management, d. 11/7/07; Thomas A. Bell, Food Science, d. 11/15/07; Kay Michael Troost, Sociology & Anthropology, d. 12/5/07; David H. Martin, Physics, d. 12/12/07; Jimmie M. Pike, Engineering, d. 1/12/08; William T. Fike, Crop Science, d. 1/15/08; Marjorie A. Klenin, Physics, d. 1/19/08; Nathaniel T. “Dick” Powell, Plant Pathology,
d. 2/5/08; **Jackson M. McClain**, Political Science, d. 2/15/08; **Cleburn G. Dawson**, Sociology, d. 2/16/08; **William W. Hassler**, Zoology, d. 2/16/08.

**Spouses**

**Joan M. Barkalow** (wife of Frederick Barkalow, Jr.), d. 11/25/07; **Adelaide Shumate Clayton** (wife of Carlyle Clayton, Plant Pathology), d. 12/30/07; **Mary Cochrane Ledbetter** (wife of Thomas Ledbetter, Mechanical Engineering), d. 2/9/08; **Carolyn R. Ball** (wife of Ernest Ball, Botany), d. 2/18/08; **Wilbur M. Larson** (husband of Joan Larson, d. 2/22/08.


The Association membership years runs with the academic year. Dues paid now are good for the 2008-2009 academic year.

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**Association of Retired Faculty Membership Application and Dues Form**

**2008-2009 Academic Year**

Complete and return to Ann Elleman, 5207-101 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612-3852

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 2008-2009-$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 27612-3852.

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

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