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An Exchange of Library-Speak

by Elinor Folger Foster

September 19-23 the Sampson-Livermore Library was graced with a visit from a German colleague in service to library users, **Dr. Christiane Spary**, who directs the library of Pädagogische Hochschule of Ludwigsburg, Germany. For some time UNC Pembroke has been involved in administrator and student exchange programs with the Ludwigsburg university, which specializes in teacher education.



Left to right: Dr. Christiane Spary and Dr. Elinor Folger Foster

On Monday, September 19, Dr. Spary shared with library staff information about her school and library and libraries in Germany. Tuesday, September 20, she visited with various library staff persons to observe Sampson-Livermore Library operations, graciously presenting those who provided demonstrations and information with special gifts she brought from Germany.

The week Dr. Spary was with us also happened to be when the North Carolina Library Association's Biennial Conference was in session in Winston-Salem, so she was able to learn quite a bit about library activities in the state and nation by attending the conference with several UNCP librarians September 21-23. Interestingly enough, it was apparent that library-speak is universal: we are all

involved in improving services to library users by obtaining the most advanced equipment and electronic and print resources we can afford. Dr. Spary was delighted to talk to a representative of her library's integrated computing system at the conference. She also attended a number of informational sessions, favoring those that were concerned with electronic databases and equipment. Dr. Spary shared the information with **Dr. Elinor Foster**, UNCP University Librarian, that she had been at her university about three years and had taken the initiative to implement the use of electronic resources there.

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Message from the University Librarian



Elinor Folger Foster
University Librarian
Photo by Bobby Ayers

The fall has been busy and we are looking forward to an equally productive winter on campus and in the Library.

A highlight of the fall was the visit by a German colleague who attended the North Carolina Library Association's Biennial Conference with several of the Sampson-Livermore librarians (see related article).

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library has been heavily involved in planning for the enrichment of library resources and cultural opportunity offerings. The Friends sponsored the appearance of **Dr. Melton McLaurin** October 27 and have another program planned with a non-University speaker for February 7 (see the article on Friends of the Library activities). Also, it has been our pleasure to arrange two programs featuring campus authors, as described in the related article, "Friends of the Library Update."

It is gratifying to see so much use of the DVDs, books, periodicals, computing equipment, and study spaces in our library. The expanded weekend hours as well as the earlier weekday opening time have been well received. The library staff delights in knowing we are making these resources available and look forward to a new year of service to our library users.

Message from the FOL President

The Library in a Community of Scholars

As the Library of Congress points out, local libraries are not only primary output nodes for the great universal library being built on the Internet. They also are a main input point for local knowledge.

We don't go to the library nowadays only to withdraw knowledge. We go to extricate new insight and craft new intellectual products.

In the midst of the digital revolution, the Sampson-Livermore Library is far more than a collection. It is the focal point for an active community of journalists, artists, writers, editors, scientists, historians, economists, researchers, and other academic folks. Our community is designed around investigation and instruction, inquiry and guidance, exploration and teaching.

We help our students see themselves as active participants on the broad path of human inspiration when we tell them the library is not the last stop in the research process, but a first step in the creation process.

In the library, we can review what already has been done so, in turn, we can move knowledge forward. The goal is not to memorize all existing knowledge, but to locate the leading edge of what is known so new contributions can be made. We take old knowledge from the library so we can bring new knowledge back to the library.

[My thanks for inspiration and intellectual contribution to these thoughts go to Dr. James Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Michael Umphrey of the LC's Heritage Project, which engages people in gathering, organizing and creating knowledge about the places where they live.]



Dr. Anthony R. Curtis
FOL President
Photo by Bobby Ayers



FOL Board of Directors

Left to right: Maureen Windmeyer, Dr. Mary Russell, Dr. Elinor Foster, Susan Whitt, Anne Coleman, Janet Taylor, Lillian Brewington, Dr. Liliana Wendorff, Carol Franch, Brian Brooks, and Dr. Anthony R. Curtis

Not shown: Helen Pate

Photo by Bobby Ayers

Friends of the Library Update

by Anne H. Coleman and Susan F. Whitt

The Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is an organization committed to sponsoring educational and cultural activities for our community. It has actively sponsored these programs during the fall semester.

The first program on October 27, 2005 was held at the Sampson-Livermore Library and featured **Dr. Melton A. McLaurin**, UNC Wilmington Randall Library Fellow and Professor Emeritus of History, who spoke on the topic "The North Carolina State Fair: The State's Oldest and Biggest Annual Party." Dr. McLaurin discussed the history of the State Fair. A question-and-answer session and reception followed Dr. McLaurin's comments. Dr. McLaurin has done extensive research on the North Carolina State Fair and presented an extremely well researched and interesting history of the founding and progression of this institution. Its importance to the economic and cultural history of the people of North Carolina was well documented. Anyone who has an interest in North Carolina history will want to read Dr. McLaurin's book *The North Carolina State Fair: The First 150 Years*, which is available for loan from the collection of the Sampson-Livermore Library.

On November 16, 2005, the Friends presented a program highlighting recent works published by faculty and staff of the UNCP Art Department. Four members of the department were featured.

Dr. Ann Horton-Lopez, Associate Professor, discussed her book, *Ralph Steeds: An Impression of an American Artist*. Ralph Steeds, a colleague of Dr. Horton-Lopez, is a Red Springs artist who specializes in printmaking and lithography. His work is on display in private collections and museums around the world.

Dr. Tula Lightfoot, Associate Professor, discussed her book, *Spirit of America: Patriotic Monologues and Speeches for Middle and High School Students*. Dr. Lightfoot has compiled speeches from several well known historical figures such as John Paul Jones, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln as well as speeches from some less well known figures such as Phyllis Wheatley, Sarah Joseph Hale, and Geronimo. Dr. Lightfoot seeks to expose American youth to the diverse faces of American patriotism.

Dr. Melton A. McLaurin and **Dr. Anthony R. Curtis** are shown in a photograph shaking hands in front of a brick wall. Dr. McLaurin is on the left, wearing a dark jacket, and Dr. Curtis is on the right, wearing a suit and glasses.

*Left to right:
Dr. Melton A. McLaurin and Dr.
Anthony R. Curtis
Photo by June Power*

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Friends of the Library Present Gene Cheek

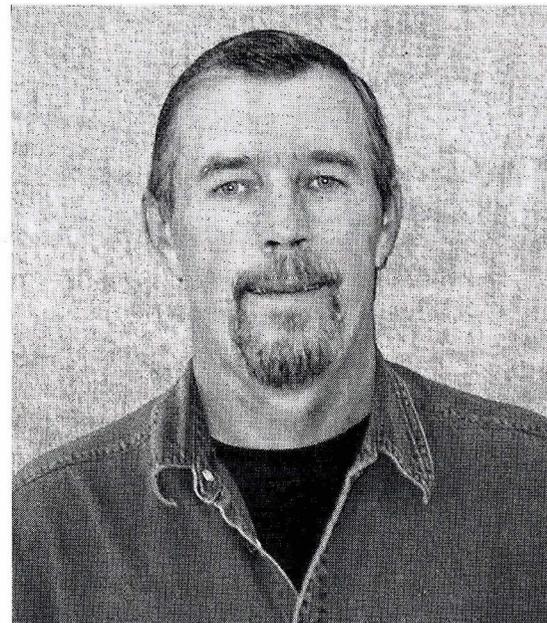
by Anne H. Coleman and Susan F. Whitt

North Carolina author and speaker, **Gene Cheek**, is coming to UNCP in February. Mr. Cheek is the author of the highly acclaimed memoir, *The Color of Love: A Mother's Choice in the Jim Crow South*. In this book he recounts how, in 1963 at 12 years of age, he was forcibly removed from his mother's care because she had come to love an African American man in the pre-civil rights South.

Two years earlier, Gene's mother, Sallie, had left Jesse Cheek, an abusive alcoholic, in order to create a better life for Gene. In the course of her work at a textile mill in Winston-Salem, she met Cornelius Tuck, an African American man who was also a mill employee. The two fell in love and she later bore him a child out of wedlock. They could not marry because miscegenation was still a crime in the South at that time. All her family and friends disowned her and her husband, Jesse, charged her with being an unfit mother. A North Carolina court of law agreed with Jesse and found her guilty. She was forced to decide between keeping Gene or her biracial son who had been fathered by Tuck. The two boys could not legally live together. Gene was removed from her care and sent to live at the Boys Home of North Carolina, located at Lake Waccamaw, until adulthood. In his public appearances, Gene talks about these events and about how the cruelty of racial intolerance and hatred separated him from his mother and indelibly scarred his life. This is a fit topic for a program presented during Black History Month.

Mr. Cheek's appearance is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He will speak on February 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sampson-Livemore Library in a program that is free and open to the public. Following a question-and-answer session, there will be a reception and a book signing opportunity. The UNCP bookstore will have copies of *The Color of Love* available for purchase; the book is also available for loan from the collection of the Sampson-Livemore Library. Mr. Cheek will also speak with students in an informal setting to be announced in early 2006.

We invite everyone to attend Gene Cheek's talk and look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please call the Library at 910.521.6513.



**Gene Cheek, author of
The Color of Love
Photo courtesy of Gene Cheek**

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A highlight of the conference for Dr. Spary was the random selection of her ticket for the talk by Nancy Pearl to receive one of the Nancy Pearl action figures. Nancy Pearl, a Seattle librarian and author of *Book Lust*, was the model for the Accoutrements action figure "with amazing push-button shushing action." With the push of a button on her back, the five-inch-tall figure's arm jerks quickly from her side to her mouth, with the index finger placed to her lips.

Another highlight of the time spent in Winston-Salem was a visit to a large Barnes & Noble bookstore. Christiane bought several books including one by Nicholas Sparks. She commented upon departure about how friendly and helpful the salespersons were, asking if she found everything she was looking for and bidding her a good evening. She said that in Germany the salesperson would have taken her money, bagged the books, and handed them to her.

The culinary highlights of Dr. Spary's visit to North Carolina were having dinner at a German restaurant in Fayetteville, Marita's Schlemmerstube, and at a Southern specialty restaurant in Winston-Salem, Sweet Potatoes. At the German restaurant she felt like she was at home; both the food and the music were excellent, she said. At Sweet Potatoes she had fried chicken and fried green tomatoes, which she also enjoyed.

Christiane also visited Wilmington and the Atlantic shore and the pottery area near Seagrove. She commented that the ocean was "nice and warm." At Jugtown Pottery she purchased some souvenirs for acquaintances back home. Dr. Spary also visited in the home of Dr. Foster and was able to catch up on the German elections on CBS Evening News.

When it was time to leave for Germany, Dr. Christiane Spary had two concerns: she would have enjoyed staying longer than a week and she was not sure she could fit everything she was taking home in her luggage. UNCP staff were sorry to see her leave, but we knew we all spoke the same library-speak language and had enjoyed her delightful insights into library operations in another nation.

A Cool Million!

by Susan F. Whitt and Michael Alewine

The Sampson-Livermore Library's annual materials budget has finally hit the million dollar mark. The Library, which has an overall annual budget of more than \$2 million, has been receiving "enrollment growth" funds to support the students which have nearly doubled in number since 1999. The total fall 2005 semester enrollment was 5,632.

The Library has seen its annual materials budget grow from \$379,792 in fiscal year 1999 to over \$1 million for fiscal year 2006. Our materials budget is used to purchase books, media, periodicals, microforms, and electronic resources, as well as for the binding and restoration of library materials. These increases are welcome and allow for building a strong collection of quality materials, which the students and faculty use for their research and information needs. The additional funds have helped us to build and expand our collections to support new and expanding academic programs such as environmental science, biotechnology, geology/geography, nursing, and the Spanish language program.

"I'm delighted that growth in our materials budget has kept pace with the impressive increase in enrollment and course offerings at UNC Pembroke. We certainly have put to good use the enrollment growth funds that have been allocated to the Library, especially in terms of the very expensive but highly used electronic resources that are in such demand by students and faculty," said **Dr. Elinor Foster**, University Librarian.

In fiscal year 2003, we were able to funnel \$100,000 into additional electronic resources. That year alone we added 27 new titles to our electronic database holdings. Again, this fiscal year we have added an additional \$100,000 to our electronic resources. The Library is currently looking to increase access to electronic resources that support art, biology, gender studies, communication, nursing, and any other area that needs access to electronic materials. Examples of databases added are *Arts & Humanities Citation Index*, *CHEMnetBASE*, *Grove Dictionary of Art*, *Mergent Online*, *Oxford English Dictionary*, *Oxford Reference Online*, *PAIS*, *Science Citation Index*, *Social Sciences Citation Index*, and *SPORTDiscus*, just to name a few. All disciplines have been represented in our selections. "That is the nature of research today," said **Robert Arndt**, Reference/Instructional Services Librarian. "Students and faculty want online full text resources." According to Robert, the new electronic resources will also support the University's growing distance education programs.



**Acquisitions Staff shown left to right:
Susan Whitt, Vivian Oxendine, and Vicky Dial-Jacobs**

Increased funds have also allowed us to concentrate on special projects such as expanding our newspaper holdings on microfilm. We now have *The Fayetteville Observer* from 1901 to the present. In response to requests for historical holdings of Southern newspapers, we have purchased back files of the *Charleston Mercury* from 1822 through 1868. We are now purchasing back files of *The Atlanta Constitution*, which became today's *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*; holdings are now from 1868 through 1941 and from 2005 forward. We will continue to purchase years until we have a complete run. These are expensive projects and we appreciate having the funding to support the research needs of our University community.

During this budget expansion we have been able to funnel increases into the funds allotted to each academic department. In fiscal year 1999 the total funding for departmental allocations was \$60,000. We now have \$256,449 allotted to departments. These funds can be used to purchase books and media. We encourage requests from faculty and have

an annual luncheon at which we review the Library's materials budget and the acquisitions process.

The Library has also made the most of these funds by becoming involved in various consortial agreements. We receive discounts that provide greater access to the full text of thousands of journals. The access to the resources from these agreements is valued in the millions.

We think you will agree that the Library's holdings are expanding impressively, and we hope to continue these avenues of growth and development of information resources as funding becomes available. As always, input for additions is gladly received by librarians.

Turn on the Spotlight!

by Michael Munford and Jean E. Sexton

The Sampson-Livermore Library has many assets vital to its operation, but none more valuable than its student assistants. The pride we share in their accomplishments here in the Library and in the academic world is something we'd like to share with you.

Our student workers are stationed strategically throughout the Library at the Circulation, Reference, and Periodicals Desks,



*Left to right: Ron Emanuel, Nikole Glasgow, Amber Lowry, Jessica Schirmer, Jarrell Hunter, and Amanda O'Hearn
Photo by Michael Munford*

Ron Emanuel is a senior majoring in accounting in his fourth year of working in the Library. His future plan includes becoming a certified public accountant after graduation.

Ebony Goins is a sophomore majoring in English education in her second year of working in the Library. Her future plan includes becoming a ninth-grade English teacher.

Ian Hairston is a junior majoring in broadcasting in his third year of working in the Library. His future plan includes attending graduate school.

Jarrell Hunter is a junior majoring in business administration in his first year of working in the Library. His future plan includes working in the information technology field.

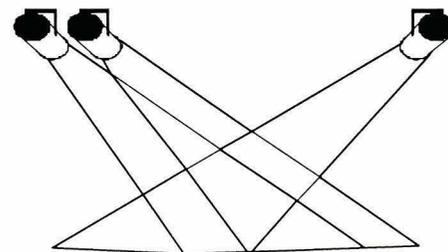
Byron Locklear is a senior with a double major in biology and chemistry. His future plan includes working in emergency management service, as well as enrolling in a physician's assistant program.

Amber Lowry was a senior majoring in music in her second year of working in the Library. She graduated in December, and her future plan includes attending graduate school to acquire a master's degree in library science.

Blair Mills is a sophomore majoring in nursing in her second year of working in the Library. Her future plan includes attending graduate school.

Amanda O'Hearn is a freshman majoring in psychology in her first year of working in the Library. Her future plan includes becoming a clinical psychologist.

Deana Oxendine is a sophomore majoring in nursing in her first year of working in the Library. Her future plan includes attending graduate school.



as well as in Government Documents, Acquisitions, and the Systems Services areas. Some are just beginning here in the Library, while some are old hands at their jobs. Some are just beginning their academic careers, while others are on the cusp of graduation. No matter their situation, they have proved themselves invaluable to all of us. The following is a list of the students who worked in the Library during the fall semester, along with a bit of information about each.

Access Services

Carina Bledsoe was a senior majoring in journalism and volunteered in the Library. She graduated in December and is undecided on her future plans. This was her first year of working in the Library.

Joshua Deese is a senior majoring in physical education in his third year of working in the Library. His future plan includes teaching and attending graduate school.

Florence DeVries was a special graduate student from South Africa and here for the fall semester. Her future plan is to become a journalist in South Africa.



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1-800-949-UNCP

Poetry and Short Prose Contest Guidelines

This contest is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the Kiwanis of Robeson, with the latter organization generously providing the funding for the prizes for the high school students.

1. The entries must be 500 words or less and must be typed. All words, excluding the title, will count toward the total. Any entry exceeding the limit will be eliminated. Any incomplete application form will result in the elimination of the accompanying entry.
2. The entries must be original and unpublished.
3. One entry per person will be accepted and an entry form must accompany the entry.
4. All entries will be blind-judged, so only the title will appear on the submission. The judges' decisions will be final. Any copies of the poetry/prose with the author's name on the piece will be eliminated. The author's name should appear on the entry form only.
5. There are three categories:
UNCP students,
Area high school students,
General public, must be 18 years of age or older.
6. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category:
\$250 for first place,
\$150 for second place,
\$100 for third place.
7. Each writer of an award winning entry will be invited to read the piece at a program during National Library Week. The award winning entries may be published in *Library Lines*. **Submission of an entry grants permission to publish the entry in the newsletter.**
8. Deadline for submission of the entry with an application is February 28, 2006. Any entries postmarked after this date will not be accepted.
9. For return of any entries, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
10. Send entries to:
Jean Sexton
Chair, National Library Week Committee
The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Sampson-Livermore Library
P.O. Box 1510
Pembroke, NC 28372-1510

Application for Poetry and Short Prose Contest

Deadline: February 28, 2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

Home phone (or phone number where we can reach you): _____

Entry category (please check one):

UNCP student

Area high school student

Name, county, and phone number of high school:

General public

Title of entry: _____

Signature granting publication rights. **If a student under 18, signature of parent or guardian .**

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Date postmarked: _____

Number of words: _____

Number of entry: _____

(comprised of category A-C and number)

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Camron Rawls is a junior majoring in broadcasting and mass communication in his second year of working in the Library. His future plan includes becoming a broadcaster, as well as working behind the scenes as a producer.

Government Documents

Leah Hammonds is a junior majoring in nursing in her first year of working in the Library. Her future plan includes a career in nursing.

Serials

Cedric Young is a freshman majoring in public administration in his first year of working in the Library. He is currently undecided as to his future plans.

Special Collections

Tabitha Wade is a sophomore in her second year of working in the Library. Currently she is undecided about her choice of a major.

Systems

Jessica Schirmer was a senior majoring in computer science in her fourth year of working in the Library. She graduated in December and plans to work in either computers or security.

Technical Services

John Davis is a sophomore majoring in computer science in his second year of working in the Library. His future plan includes working in the computer field.

Nikole Glasgow is a freshman in her first year of working in the Library. Currently she is undecided about her choice of a major.

Whitney Locklear is a freshman in her first year of working in the Library. Currently she is undecided about her choice of a major.

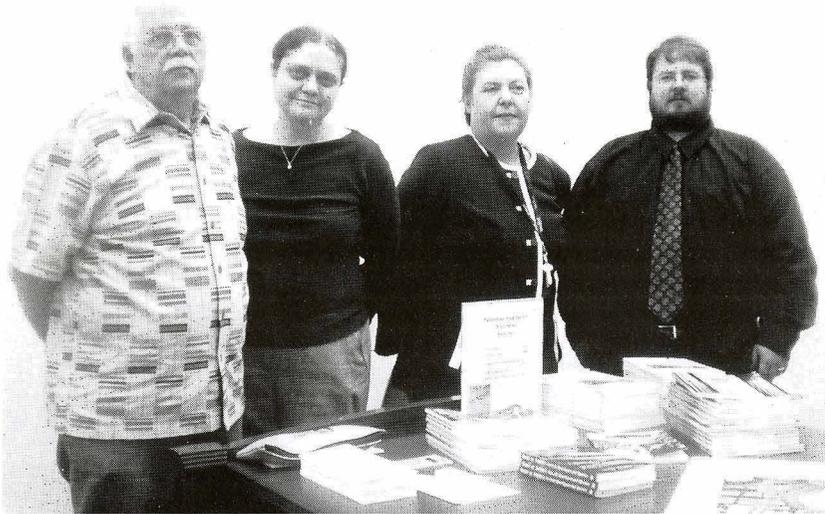


Left to right: Byron Locklear, Deana Oxendine, Joshua Deese, Ebony Goins, John Davis, and Cedric Young



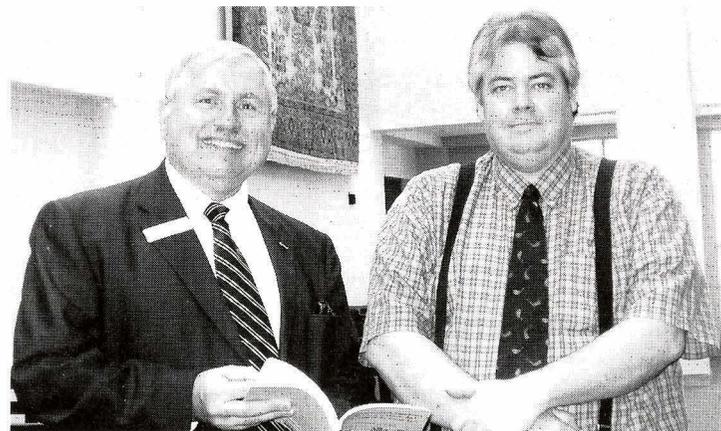
Change Your World @ Your Library

Watch out! National Library Week is coming and we want to help you change your world.
Stay tuned for events to come in April 2-8, 2006.

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Featured Art Department Authors shown left to right: Ralph Steeds, Dr. Tula Lightfoot, Dr. Ann Horton-Lopez, and Blake Tyner

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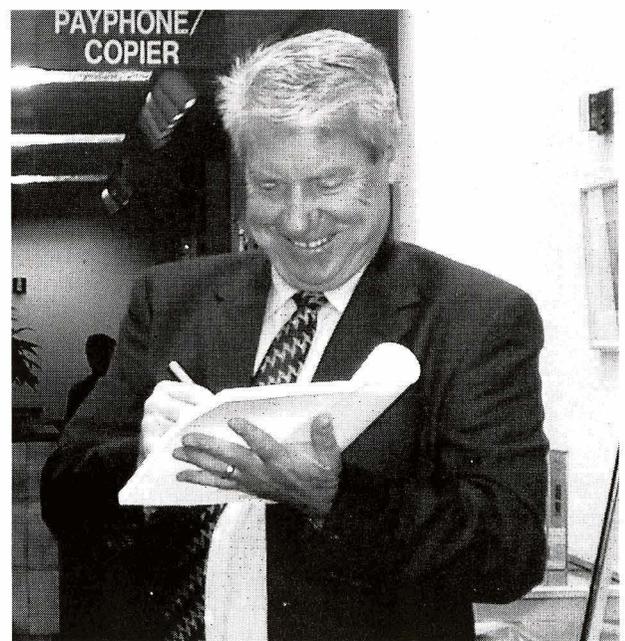
The Friends are planning for their 2006 benefit, "A Springtime Showcase @ the Library." Featured performers will be **Jessica Ortiz-Carrero**, Miss UNCP 2004, and **Morgan Hunt**, Miss UNCP 2005. More information on this benefit will be in the next issue of *Library Lines*. Be sure to watch for further information and mark your calendar for April 21, 2006. If tickets go as quickly as they did for our last benefit, you will want to be sure to watch for the first notice of ticket sales. Proceeds raised from the benefit go to support the Friends of the Library initiatives such as funding three scholarships established to assist students at UNCP, funding the McNaughton leasing program for popular reading materials and movies on DVD, and supporting projects in the Library's archives and special collections areas. To find out more about our Friends group and the programs it sponsors or to join this very worthwhile organization, call the Library at 910.521.6212 or go to the Library's webpage at <http://www.uncp.edu/library/friends/>.

Ralph Steeds, Professor, discussed his new book, *A Traveling Circus: Poems*. This book is a collaborative venture between Mr. Steeds and poet Gar Bethel. For this book, Mr. Steeds produced six original, hand-pulled lithographs to accompany Mr. Bethel's poems. Mr. Steeds does not consider his lithographs illustrations, but parallel expressions of the poetry.

Blake Tyner, Administrative Secretary and recent UNCP graduate, discussed his latest book, *Robeson County in Vintage Postcards*. The book contains historical post cards that Mr. Tyner has collected over the years and presents a historical picture of Robeson County. This is Mr. Tyner's second book on the history of Robeson County.

All of the authors participated in a question-and-answer session after their presentations and signed copies of their books.

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Dr. Tom Ross (right) signs copies of his new book

Library Staff Updates and Professional Development Activities

by David W. Young

New Employees

The Sampson-Livermore Library staff welcomes two additions to its ranks. **Sherry McLaughlin** started work on September 12, 2005 as Acquisitions Library Technical Assistant. She handles multiple tasks in her job at the Library, including the purchasing of equipment and supplies for the library staff and monitoring the library budget. Prior to her arrival at the Library, Sherry was employed at the UNCP Controller's Office. Moreover, she is not a novice when it comes to working at libraries since she had been previously employed at the J. Murrey Atkins Library (The University of North Carolina at Charlotte) as well as the John C. Hodges Library (The University of Tennessee). Sherry's husband is a criminal justice faculty member and they live in Pembroke. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from UNC Charlotte.



Robert Wolf
Serials Librarian

Robert Wolf was hired as the new Serials Librarian and began work at the Library on November, 1, 2005. Born in Houston, Texas, Robert or "Rob" was reared in Succasunna, New Jersey and lives currently in Lumberton. Rob has two older brothers and his parents still live in New Jersey. Before becoming Serials Librarian, Rob had been working for the past two years at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a graduate assistant at the School of Library and Information Sciences Library. Prior to that experience, he was the periodicals supervisor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, New Jersey. He received his undergraduate degree in law and justice from The College of New Jersey and obtained his graduate degree in library science at UNC Chapel Hill.

Rob supervises the Serials Department, including the selection of titles, and works closely with UNCP faculty, administration, library staff, and students concerning the periodicals holdings in the Library. He also helps maintain the *Journal Finder* database to help provide patrons with accurate access to print and online journals.

When not working at the Library, Rob enjoys hiking, reading (mostly historical books), playing basketball, and cooking.

Library Hires Additional Staff to Work During Extended Hours

In order to keep the Reference Desk staffed during extended hours on Fridays and Saturdays, two persons were hired recently. **Sherry Locklear** alternated Friday and Saturday Reference Desk assignments with **Jessica Schirmer** during the fall semester. Sherry is from Pembroke originally, but now lives in Lumberton. She graduated from UNCP with a degree in American Indian studies. When not working part-time at the Library, she is employed as a community-based service worker at Carolina Professional Mental Health. In her spare time Sherry enjoys tennis, jogging, and watching movies.

Jessica Schirmer is from Fayetteville, North Carolina, and was a residential student at UNCP, majoring in computer science. She first began working at the Sampson-Livermore Library during her freshman year at UNCP. Jessica served as a student assistant in the Systems Department at the Library since her freshman year and described the best aspect of her job as "helping someone find resources, because I learn something in the process." In her spare time Jessica enjoys rollerblading, doing needlework, knitting, cake decorating, and reading different genres. She graduated from UNCP in December.

Librarians' Professional Activities

June Power, Access Services/Reference Librarian at the Sampson-Livermore Library, gave a presentation on September 22, 2005 at the North Carolina Library Association's Biennial Conference in Winston-Salem. June co-presented with **Denise Bosselman** (Sandhills Community College), **Sarah Jeong** (Wake Forest University), and **David Munden** (Duke University). The title of the conference panel discussion was "How Deep Is It? Wading Into Public Service Waters." The presentation was divided into five theme areas: getting a job in public services, customer service, management and staff relations, training, and professional development. According to June, the purpose of the panel discussion was to "give people who did not work in the library profession an idea concerning some of the things that public service personnel do in their daily jobs." She indicated that the panel was surprised to have many administrators attend the presentation rather than the anticipated population of newer librarians or people thinking about entering the profession. Also, June added that the administrators who attended this presentation were interested primarily in "getting a generation X or Y perspective concerning public service desk activities."

On September 29, 2005 **Michael Alewine**, Outreach/Distance Education Librarian, and **Terry Locklear**, E-Learning Computer Consultant for the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, presented at the 2005 Annual Blackboard Southeast Users Group conference in Savannah, Georgia. The presentation, "Using Blackboard to Support Distance Education Programs at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke," discussed the creation, content, and use of various Blackboard course sites, maintained by Michael and Terry, that provide support for students and faculty involved in distance education programs.

TechTips: JavaScript™ Makes Research Easier

by Cynthia E. Saylor

Research tools should be designed to make the information access and retrieval processes more efficient for the user. JavaScript is a computer language, specifically webpage source code, which is interpreted by browsers such as Netscape, Internet Explorer, and Mozilla Firefox to perform a particular task or function.

Bookmarklets or favlets are tools created by a piece of JavaScript source code to extend the searching capabilities of a web browser. Netscape and Firefox users refer to the tools as bookmarklets because of the browsers' Bookmarks functionality; Internet Explorer users refer to them as favlets for the browser's Favorites functionality.

Specifically, these tools are created to allow the user to highlight a word or a phrase on a webpage and click the corresponding button on the browser toolbar. The bookmarklet or favlet searches for that word or phrase through a designated database or search engine, such as the library catalog or Google. The results of the word or phrase search will appear in the browser window. For example, from any given webpage one might want to find out if we have any books on a particular topic. One only needs to highlight the word and click on the previously-loaded library catalog bookmarklet button. The library catalog results page will appear in the open browser window.

To take advantage of a few bookmarklets or favlets already created for your use, visit <http://www.uncp.edu/library/systems/javascript.htm> and follow the directions provided for adding the tools to your web browsers. Also included on this page are JavaScript tools for the Library Catalog, Journal Finder, Google, Google Scholar, Dictionary.com, and Thesaurus.com. Peruse the Related Links on this webpage to visit other websites with additional browser tools.

Extended Business Resources Offered by the Library

by Carl J. Danis

Perhaps people do not realize it, but The University of North Carolina at Pembroke offers a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and accounting, in addition to the master's degree in business administration.

The Library's primary function is to provide information to support these programs as well as others offered by the University. The Library has different resources to assist the information-gathering needs of these departments. Many of these resources can be either print or electronic. However the students and faculty, as a general rule, prefer the latter.

One of the key resources the Library purchased this year was *Mergent Online*. This resource provides access to comprehensive and accurate financial information on global companies. The information can range from basic data on companies to detailed data on equity and corporate bond portraits. Users can view 15 years of financial statements on companies and annual reports. They also have the ability to compare companies and to customize and export reports. In addition users can access data available from the Securities and Exchange Commission on United States publicly traded companies. *Mergent Online* was a welcome resource added to the business collection this past year.

Perhaps one of the most exciting additions occurred January 2006 with Ebsco's *Business Source Premier* coming onto our list of resources. This resource provides access to over 8,800 separate titles with full text back to 1965 for selected titles. It also provides market research reports, industry reports, country reports, company profiles and Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analyses. These reports are absolutely essential to business and company research.

The Library also has access to the *Business Full Text* database available through *OmniFile*, a product of the H.W. Wilson Company. One of the earlier resources used to find information was the *Business Periodicals Index* from Wilson; *Business Full Text* is an extension of this resource. It provides access over 400 full text journal titles back to 1994 and indexing on more than 800 journal titles back to 1982. It is a key resource, especially for the undergraduate researcher.

Another key electronic resource for business is *LexisNexis Academic Universe*. Primarily this resource is used for legal and general research, but it does have an excellent business research module. It allows for research in business news, accounting, company information, and other business resources.

These are just some of the key electronic resources available to the business researcher. Other electronic resources such as *Academic Search Premier* and *EconLit* are also very valuable business research tools. The Library also has a number of print resources available, including several of the Hoover's handbooks, *RMA Annual Statement Studies*, and *Value Line Investment Survey*.

Providing access to business resources is key to supporting not only the School of Business, but other curriculum areas as well. New additions and deletions to NC LIVE, as well as new and revised resources, stipulate that we must be in a constant mode of collection evaluation and development to insure our students and faculty have the resources necessary to meet their needs.



Contest Enters Its Seventh Year

by Jean E. Sexton

Once again, the popular Poetry/Short Prose Contest will be held and sponsored by the Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke with assistance from the Kiwanis of Robeson. First place winners will receive \$250; second place, \$150; and third place, \$100. The Kiwanis are providing the first place prize for the high school student category.

The deadline for submission of entries this year is February 28, 2006. The entry form is included in the newsletter and a link is included from the Library's website: <http://www.uncp.edu/library>. Useful tips for writers who are planning on entering the contest include:

- ☛ Count the words in your entry (not including the title). If it has 501 words or more, it will be discarded and the judges will never see your entry.
- ☛ Type your entries or print them from a computer. If the entry is hand written, the judges will never see it.
- ☛ Sign the entry form only, not the poetry or prose. We code the entries and the entry form, so we will be able to tell who wrote the piece. Signed entries will be discarded.
- ☛ Check to make sure you don't have spelling and grammar errors. If you have to, read it out loud to a friend. Grammar and spelling mistakes usually affect the judges' scoring negatively and make it much more difficult to win.
- ☛ Fill out the entry form completely and legibly. You cannot win if we cannot contact you. If you are a high school student, please include your high school's name.
- ☛ Send your entry in on or before February 28, 2006. We will not accept late entries, except in case of snow or unexpected school closure due to inclement weather. If it snows, we will accept mail postmarked on or before the first day the public schools in Robeson County are open after February 28, 2006.
- ☛ If you send in more than one entry, the very first one opened that meets all the criteria will be kept. All other entries will be discarded.
- ☛ If you choose to use graphics, check to see how it will look in black and white. Judges make their decisions from photocopies of the original entries. If it is hard to read your entry, it probably won't win.

UNCP faculty and staff are eligible to enter the "General" category along with anyone else who cares to enter. The Friends ask that you encourage high school and university students to send in their entries. We are becoming a strong local literary contest with a few entries coming from quite far away. Please help us by continuing to participate and encouraging others to participate.

An Invitation To Join

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