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Richard H. Bernhard Receives 2004 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award

Richard H. Bernhard, professor of industrial engineering in the NC State College of Engineering, has received the 2004 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award. The award is presented annually to an NCSU faculty member in recognition of outstanding contributions that support the Libraries' mission and its role within the university. The NCSU Libraries will present its sixteenth annual Faculty Award to Bernhard at the Friends of the Library's Fall Luncheon on November 10, 2004.

Bernhard's active partnership with the Libraries has lasted for more than twenty-five years. He has been a member of the University Library Committee (ULC) since 1979, acting as its chair from 1980 through 1982. In 1990 he served on the Commission on the State of the Library, which was formed to investigate and recommend short- and long-term strategies to overcome critical problems caused by state budget reductions and consequent serials cancellations and



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service reductions. The commission carried out a comprehensive review of the NCSU Libraries, and its recommendations helped to spur the advancement of the Libraries, which today is ranked among the top twenty public research libraries in the United States.

Over the years, Bernhard has been active on several library search committees, including the committee that recruited Susan K. Nutter as director of the NCSU Libraries. He has been a member of the Scholarly Communication Subcommittee of the ULC and a member of the library's Satellite Shelving Facility Task Force, which advised on plans to create a new on-campus storage facility for the library's least-used materials. When the library was forced to make radical changes in the structure of fees for overdue and lost materials, Bernhard served as the first chair of the Library Appeals Committee, a post in which he currently continues to serve.

During the dialog between the Libraries and Reed Elsevier last year, Bernhard introduced a resolution in

the Faculty Senate to support the library in rejecting a prohibitive consortial license offer, and he played a key role in the passage of the resolution. He also assisted the Student Senate with drafting a resolution on the matter.

Bernhard is also a life member of the Friends of the Library and has served as a member of the board. In 1992 he and his wife Cindy established the Barbara Bernhard Windom Incubator Endowment in honor of their daughter on the occasion of her 1992 graduation from NC State, which has reached nearly \$10,000.

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