



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **NCSU Students Help Develop Animal Rights Research Web Site**

Working in collaboration with the NCSU Libraries' Special Collections, Digital Library Initiatives, and Systems departments, a team of undergraduate students from NC State's Senior Design Center has created the Tom Regan Animal Rights Archive Online Research Site (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/arights/>). The Web site makes the Libraries' holdings in the field of animal rights discoverable over the Internet by giving users access to an online finding aid developed for the Tom Regan Animal Rights Archive. The site also serves as a clearinghouse of information for this discipline through links to a wide range of other relevant sites.

In 2000 the library received funding to establish the Tom Regan Animal Rights Archive. Special Collections uses the funds to organize, preserve,



*Members of the Animal Rights Research Site Senior Design Center Team are [left to right] Sherry Pitz, Matthew Senter, Alan Seales, P. Shane Smith, Brenda Loehfelm.*



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and provide access to the collection, which documents the animal rights movement. The collection includes Tom Regan's personal papers and books as well as material from other people and organizations active in the movement.

Development of the Web site was the project of Senior Design Center students Brenda Loehfelm, Sherry Pitz, Alan Seales, Matthew Senter, and P. Shane Smith of NC State's Department of Computer Science. The Senior Design Center provides student teams with "real world" problems and settings, usually in the private sector. Through their work to create a viable product for a customer, students develop technical writing and public-speaking abilities, build teamwork and

collaboration skills, and gain experience with software engineering. The program proved to be an effective method for augmenting the NCSU Libraries' resources while furthering the education and training of students.

The NCSU Libraries offers the resource wealth of a vast central library, the D. H. Hill Library, as well as the resources of branch libraries and special departments. In all, the Libraries has a collection of more than 3.0 million volumes, nearly 50,000 print and electronic serials, and hundreds of databases, with emphasis on science and technology.

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