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Karl F. Bowman Receives 2003 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award

Karl F. Bowman, associate professor of equine surgery in the Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the 2003 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award. This award is presented annually to an NC State faculty member in recognition of outstanding contributions that support the Libraries' mission and its role within the university. The NCSU Libraries will present its fifteenth annual Faculty Award to Bowman at the Friends of the Library Fall Luncheon on November 12, 2003.

Bowman's work on the University Library Committee (ULC) for six years, which included serving as chair for four years, proved highly instrumental in furthering the Libraries' mission. While chair, from July 1999 to June 2003, he established two ULC *ad hoc* committees—the Committee on Library Fundraising and Nexus Committee on Library Space Planning—and

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served as chair of each. These committees addressed critical issues facing the NCSU Libraries.

Under his direction, the Committee on Library Fundraising together with the ULC initiated a Faculty and Staff Campaign for the NCSU Libraries in fiscal year 2000–01 and continued the appeal in 2002–03. **The campaign generated fifty-five new Friends of the Library memberships and brought the Libraries nearly \$50,000 in donations.**

After a 1999 report for the University of North Carolina system indicated that the NCSU Libraries needed 43 percent more space for its users and operations to meet UNC system-wide library standards, Bowman established the Nexus Committee on Library Space Planning. **As the space problem continued to worsen, with the Libraries becoming more than 50 percent over capacity, the committee assessed the relative merits of renovation versus new construction. It**

approved the Libraries' master-planning process for facilities after obtaining significant input from faculty, staff, students, and administrators concerning their vision for a library of the future.

Once the Libraries' "Master Plan" document was completed in spring 2003, the ULC gave the plan its full support.

The ULC Scholarly Communication Subcommittee also received invaluable support from Bowman when he helped to publicize the Tempe Principles (Principles for Emerging Systems of Scholarly Publishing). Bowman was well positioned to understand that the Libraries' budget could not keep pace with double-digit inflation and steep price increases. At a 2001 meeting of the Faculty Senate, he presented an analysis of the effect of expensive and over-priced subscriptions on the Libraries' budget and on teaching and research at NC State. The Faculty Senate then sup-



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ported dissemination of this information to all NC State faculty members.

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