The Edward H. Arnold Director of Hesburgh Libraries was endowed in 1997 with a gift from Edward H. “E.H.” Arnold (’61). He is the former Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Arnold Industries, Inc., a transportation and logistics holding company in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
Following his graduation from Notre Dame, E.H. was a first lieutenant in the Army for two years and then joined New Penn Motor Express, Inc., as an assistant traffic manager. He moved up through the company, becoming President in 1974, a position he held until 1997, when he formed Arnold Industries. He is also former Chairman of Arnold Logistics in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

E.H. has been a member of Notre Dame’s Advisory Council for the Hesburgh Libraries since 1991. He is also Vice Chairman of the board of trustees at Lebanon Valley College. E.H.’s wife, Jeanne, retired as the Senior Vice President of patient care services at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon, Ohio. In addition to the endowed directorship, E.H. has established a Named library collection in Germanic studies at the University and a Distinguished collection in science and engineering.

The Arnold Directorship ensures the qualities of leadership, professionalism, and scholarship in the director of the Hesburgh Libraries. Acknowledging the importance of an academic appointment so central to a University of eminence, this endowment supports a director fit to lead a dynamic library faculty in a time of information explosion and serious budgetary challenges.

Because of this endowment, librarians at Notre Dame face the future with confidence. They know they will be led effectively as they undertake the important work of collecting, assessing, and organizing information appropriate to the scholarly mission of the University, and making that information accessible to the academic world. Ultimately, the directorship helps them to maintain their roles as information leaders at Notre Dame and within their profession.

Additionally, the Arnold Endowment has given the Hesburgh Libraries’ faculty and staff resources that allow them to build on significant collection strengths while staying on the cutting edge of rapidly evolving electronic information, and to continue developing and growing professionally within the realm of the Association of Research Libraries and beyond.