Washington Mutual Gives ‘Remarkable’ Artwork to University

Statues by American Artist Harry Jackson to be Exhibited in New Gallery Space on Campus

Washington Mutual Bank has presented to Cal State Northridge a collection of 30 bronze statues by noted American artist Harry Jackson. Valued at about $740,000, the gift is a significant addition to the university’s art collection.

The western-themed artwork will be exhibited in a new gallery space: the Washington Mutual Bank Gallery of Harry Jackson Art. An additional gift from Washington Mutual Bank will support construction of the gallery.

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In 2004, Sylmar graduated 523 students, he noted. The class of 2005, representing the first cohort of collaborative students, numbered 737. Furumoto said the class of 2006—the second cohort to come through the High School Dropout Rate continued on page 2.

By Judy Nutter, Director of Community Relations

Perhaps you’ve read about the Waldseemüller map on exhibit at the Oviatt Library, but if not, I invite you to come to campus to see it. The German-American Cultural Society has presented a facsimile of the Waldseemüller map, sometimes called the “Holy Grail of cartography,” to the students of Cal State Northridge. Created by Martin Waldseemüller in 1507, the map is the first world map to depict the outline of the continents as we now know them, and the first document on which the name “America” appears.

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Northridge Project Cuts Dropout Rate at Sylmar High School

CSUN Undergrad Tutors Connect with Young Students in Group Learning Collaborative

Harvard University dropped a bomb with its 2005 study revealing California’s overall high school graduation rate as 71 percent—fully 16 percentage points lower than the 87 percent officially listed by the state, based on 2002 figures. Harvard’s Civil Rights Project study reported rates for Latinos and African-Americans that were alarmingly lower—60 and 56.6 percent respectively.

Alarming is too gentle a word for the situation, said Warren Furumoto, director of Cal State Northridge’s Center for Academic Preparedness. To Furumoto, monitoring the dropout rate is like watching the lifeblood drain from the state’s future.

The last 12 years of his career at CSUN have been devoted to finding a way to help stop the hemorrhaging, and Furumoto believes he and his colleagues at the center have found at least one way to do that. A center project called the Teacher-Tutor-Student Collaborative drove down Sylmar High School’s dropout rate from a jaw-dropping 48 percent for the class of 2004 to 26 percent for the class of 2005. The project expects to see that rate dip to 14 percent for the 2006 crop of students.

“Last year was the largest graduating class Sylmar High School has ever had, and the school was established sometime in the 1950s,” said Furumoto, whose program begins working with seventh graders at Olive Vista Middle School and stays with them through the Oviatt Library, but if not, I invite you to come to campus to see it. The German-American Cultural Society has presented a facsimile of the Waldseemüller map, sometimes called the “Holy Grail of cartography,” to the students of Cal State Northridge. Created by Martin Waldseemüller in 1507, the map is the first world map to depict the outline of the continents as we now know them, and the first document on which the name “America” appears. Waldseemüller was a 16th century scholar, humanist and cleric who devoted much of his time to cartography. A reported 1,000 copies of the original map were printed, but only one remains. After pursuing its acquisition for almost a century, the Library of Congress purchased it in May 2003 from Prince Waldburg-Wolfegg of Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

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Lisa Baughn, a graduate student in the Geography Department, has joined the ranks of distinguished scholars selected to represent the United States to the world, as part of the prestigious Fulbright scholars program. "Lisa is the first Fulbright student award recipient at CSUN in as long as I can remember," said Justine Su, coordinator of International Programs at CSU Northridge, proud of her. She has established a good example for other CSUN students to follow. Awarded a Fulbright English teaching assistantship in Indonesia for the 2006–07 academic year, Baughn will fulfill the program's principal purpose: increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other participating Fulbright countries through international educational exchange. Encouraged by Heddy Carpenter, associate director for graduate programs at CSUN, and Geography Department Chair Antonia Hussey, Baughn completed the lengthy application process and was accepted in March.

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at CSUN, and Geography Department chair Antonia Hussey, Baughn completed the lengthy application process and was accepted in March. She will leave in August to begin the training for her ten-month stay in Indonesia. "Lisa has cultural flexibility, she will be able to go to a foreign culture and have the awareness not to offend, but to become part of the culture," said Hussey. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for Lisa and will definitely be an advantage for her future career." As an avid traveler, Baughn was searching for a way to explore different avenues abroad while still keeping her brain working. She chose Indonesia partly because she is familiar with Asia—having previously spent time in Tibet working on an undergraduate research project while at Humboldt State—and partly because of her "fascination for the rich diversity that surely abounds in a country comprised of thousands of islands. "I am at a point in my life where I am really open to a new way of living. I'm ready to explore something different," Baughn said. "I am also extremely interested in what it will be like to be a female in a Muslim country."

While in Indonesia, Baughn will implement a community literacy and American culture project in her neighborhood, offering reading and writing instruction. She also will provide Western cultural activities involving books, the Internet, newspapers, field trips, slide shows and supplemental lectures on life in America. Through her progressive teaching methods, she hopes to help others cultivate and strengthen necessary job skills. Baughn currently tutors undergraduate geography students at CSUN. On semester breaks, she volunteers her time at 826LA, a non-profit organization that helps children ages six to 18 years strengthen their creative and expository writing skills.

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project—should swell to 861 graduates
Under the aegis of the College of Science and Mathematics, the effort at Sylmar High is part of the federal government's GEAR UP Partnership Project, whose main objective is to reduce the dropout rate and increase the college-going rate. Furumoto won a $1.8 million federal grant to launch the center's project in 1999.

The strength of the Teacher-Tutor-Student Collaborative lies in the tutors, all Cal State Northridge and Mission College students, who help their middle and high school students put into practice a concept of group learning based on research by University of Texas/Austin mathematic professor Uri Treisman, named the Harvard Foundation's 2006 Scientist of the Year for his work in science and math education. Furumoto won a $1.8 million federal grant to launch the center's project in 1999.

Within those groups, Furumoto has observed, magic happens. Through the CSUN and Mission tutors, he said, doors to learning are opened for the younger students. "Our tutors act as surrogate brothers and sisters," Furumoto said, taking subject matter and "breaking it down" for their young charges who, in turn, learn to help each other.

"The fact that our tutors are not far removed from high school themselves is making a big difference with their students, who find it easier to relate to and learn from them," he added.

The tutors' majors "run the gamut," said Furumoto. The diversity of academic experience has paid off for the Sylmar and Olive Vista students, who learn about a whole new world of disciplines offered at CSUN. Before the college students begin working at the schools, however, they receive two solid weeks of training on subject matter, classroom management, how to teach note-taking and time management.

Tutors also are required to take courses in educational theory for two semesters. "In that course," said Furumoto, "we cover many of the recent discoveries in brain research. Those findings tell us that the brain is social, emotional and physical, and we have to have a good balance of all those aspects if a student is to be receptive to learning. "Group learning," he said, "is the most important aspect of individual learning through a process of peers learning from each other."

Pleased with the collaborative's impact on the dropout crisis, Furumoto smiled at a Sylmar High administrator's recent jest. "Because of our GEAR UP program, he told me, students now are staying at school so long that at four o'clock we have to do a sweep to get them to go home."

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Seeing the Earth through the eyes of this cartographer was most interesting to me. Given the tools that were available 500 years ago, it is remarkable that the map so accurately depicts the part of the world that was then known to man.

"It's a wonderful addition to the library," said Susan Curzon, dean of the Oviatt Library. "The map represents an important part of our heritage. It is fascinating to see how the world was viewed at that time."

In today's world, we can photograph the Earth from space and almost instantly see every waterway, mountain, and land form. Cartography from 500 years ago was quite labor-intensive and required artistry, craftsmanship, dedication and tremendous patience. The original map was printed from 12 hand-carved wooden plates and contains a full map of the world, two inset maps showing the Western and Eastern Hemispheres, illustrations of the Greek astronaut Ptolemy and explorer Amerigo Vespucci, images of the various winds, and extensive explanatory notes about regions of the world.
Despite competition from the Internet and video games, books are holding their own. The Association of American Publishers reported domestic book sales of $25.1 billion for 2005, nearly 10 percent above the previous year.

Cal State Northridge geography professor emeritus Robert Gohstand hopes many of those books were read for the sheer joy of it. "Reading is an old-fashioned pleasure," said the self-described bibliophile, "one that deserves a space and atmosphere devoted completely to the experience."

It was Gohstand's efforts that led to the establishment of the Reading Room at CSUN's Oviatt Library. An endowment three years ago from the professor and his wife, Maureen, helps support the room’s collection.

At a planned rededication of the Reading Room within the next few months, a plaque will be presented recognizing the Gohstands' contributions in support of reading at CSUN.

The Reading Room spans a long, book-lined section of the Tseng Family Wing on the library’s second floor. Community members, faculty, staff and students can choose from its collection of about 2,500 books representing "the best of any genre."

Popular works, great literature, essays, mysteries, poetry, plays; they are all there. "The idea is to provide reading for enlightenment, entertainment and pleasure, without any fixed objective," said Gohstand. "I don’t care if you’re reading Agatha Christie, or David McCullough, as long as you’re enjoying it. It shouldn’t be work."

A voracious reader since childhood, Gohstand earned his bachelor's and doctoral degrees in geography from UC Berkeley, home of the Morrison Library, a "refuge" for the youthful faculty. Located at the north entrance of the Doe Library, the Morrison is described as "a beautiful and tranquil room designed for leisurely reading, browsing, and relaxing from the rigors of academic life."

Shortly after his return to CSUN in 1972—he also had spent the 1967–68 academic year at the university—Gohstand had an inspiration. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be nice to have something analogous to the Morrison here in our library?'"

Early on, he became a member of the Faculty Senate's library committee and he persisted through the demolition and reconstruction of the wing.

"Though we've experienced tremendous changes in the way information is delivered and processed, a university library is still really the core of an institution of higher learning," said Gohstand. The exercise of reading, in turn, is the essence of a library, he added.

"Graced by comfortable armchairs for leisurely reads, the Reading Room contains books separated from the main library stacks and given a special designation for shelving in the special room. "We try to maintain the collection so that it serves a wide variety of interests," said Gohstand. "It would be fun to be involved in making the selections, but that process is better left in the hands of professionals."

Reference librarian Ann Perkins is that professional, devoting hours to balancing the collection with the murderer mysteries of author Sue Grafton, Pulitzer Prize winning selections from Jared Diamond and Marilyn H. Robinson, the historical writings of David McCullough and many more. "Though most of the titles there can also be found elsewhere in the library," said Perkins, "the Reading Room provides a comfortable place for students to come, browse and discover books they may not otherwise have explored."

"Anyone who visits the room, however, is free to make suggestions about books they'd like to read there. They just need to ask 'How come you don't have my favorite book?'" said Gohstand. "Just let us know!"

Some of the Reading Room books come via the big donation program run by the Friends of the Library; selections for the collection are made from hardcover books in good condition. Details on how to donate are available at (818) 677-2638.

Membership in the Friends of the Library comes with a library card community membership. It entitles you to check out books from the Reading Room, as well as from the general collection. Faculty, students and staff may check out Reading Room books at any time.

No card, however, is required to read a book on site. "So come in, pick out a Joseph Conrad or a Sue Grafton, sink into an armchair and get lost in good, exciting writing for a while."

Read for the Joy of It in Oviatt Library's Reading Room
Professor's Dream Realized in Tranquil Room Where Reading—Histories to Mysteries—is the Sole Purpose

Age No Obstacle to CSUN's Octogenarian Marathon Runner
Gerontology Graduate Student Edward Rappaport Crosses Finish Line a Little Late, But Triumphant

Completing the March 19 Los Angeles Marathon XXI represents one in a series of octogenarian accomplishments for Cal State Northridge graduate student Edward Rappaport.

The 85-year-old Rappaport recently earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from the university, and is finishing his thesis at CSUN to earn a master's degree in health sciences with an emphasis in gerontology. While some dream of relaxing during retirement in their 80s, Rappaport does not believe in the theory of disengagement. "As they become middle aged or elderly, people invariably have a tendency to disengage and figure they have earned their reward to do as little as possible," he explained.

Tackling the marathon had long been on Rappaport's to-do list, but quadruple bypass surgery in spring 2005 renewed his inspiration to commit to the taxing training regimen required for the 26.2-mile course.

It took him nearly 11 hours, but "disengagement" never occurred to him. Before he could complete the run, the roads re-opened, traffic lights were turned back on and even street sweepers were dispatched for post-marathon clean-up. All this slowed his progress, but Rappaport persisted, crossing the finish line with a group of intrepid fellow runners.

Rappaport attended DePaul University after serving in World War II, but dropped out of school after falling in love and getting married. Decades later, in 1997, he resumed his studies in Southern California, at Los Angeles Valley College. After passing an algebra course, he began taking 20–21 units a term and transferred to Cal State Northridge.

The gerontologist loved his schooling at CSUN, which fed his passion for learning. "I had this desire. I knew who I was and exactly what my purpose was in each moment of the day, especially at school, and that was a joyous time," he said.

Rappaport found a special bond with CSUN's gerontology minor in the College of Health and Human Development's Health Sciences Department. Sheets ran the marathon with the determined Rappaport.

"Finishing the marathon with Edward was uplifting," said Sheets. "He finishes everything in his life like a marathon, putting one foot in front of the other until he gets to the end, and he perseveres."

As if earning a college education and completing a marathon were not enough, Rappaport said he stays active by jogging, exercising and "preaching" about healthy eating and changing risk factors that jeopardize good health.

The next thing on Rappaport's to-do list is "I don't know," he said. "I have to see what my mind and body like. It is hard to keep my options open."
Alumni Events
For info or to RSVP, www.csunalumni.com unless otherwise noted.

Dodger Night
Journalism alumni gather for a night at Dodger Stadium.
Wed., May 3, game time 7:10 p.m. Limited number of $15 seats available for alumni at $10. Tickets and info, Bob Rawitch at (818) 866-1432 or brawitch@wvnrr.com

Physical Therapy
Alumni Education
Three-day continuing education course on “The Pelvic Girdle.” Fri., and Sat., May 5–6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun., May 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Physical Therapy Department $550 per person
Info and reservations, www.csunalumni.com/pt

Dinner Theater
Dinner and a night of ‘Hair–The Musical’
Sat., May 6, 6 p.m.
University Club/Campus Theater $25 members, $35 non-members

Annual Juried Art Show
Works by CSUN art students in variety of media: animation, computer and graphic design, ceramics and more.
Gallery talk: Mon., May 1, 10 a.m. Runs through June 2. Main Gallery

The Making of the Book
Exhibiting five centuries of art and craft of bookbinding and decoration. From Oviatt Library collections.
Runs through August 4. C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery. Oviatt Library Free

Bianchi Planetarium
For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium. Telescope viewing will follow the second show.
“Spring Sky Show” and “Phoenix Mars Scout Mission” Fri., May 5, 7 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “Ultraviolet Photolysis of Amino Acids in Crystalline Water Ice: Can They Survive on Europa?” Fri., May 12, 7 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “The Magnificent Voyage of Stardust” Fri., May 19, 7 p.m.

Scottish Influences on America
Exhibit of Scottish dress, materials on Scottish culture, language, history and famous Scottish Americans. Developed and assembled by Bruce McDonald.
Runs through May 15. Oviatt Library, lobby Free

Cinematheque
Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elane Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus.
For more info, (818) 677-3192 or see www.cinematheque.csun.edu/html/events.shtml.
“Rashomon” Directed by Akira Kurosawa. Mon., May 1, 7 p.m.
“Quien Diablos es Juliette?” Directed by Carlos Maravich. Mon., May 1, 7 p.m.
“The Idle Class: “A Dog’s Life.” “Shoulder Arms” and “The Pilgrim” Directed Charles Chaplin as auteur. Thu., May 4, 7 p.m.
“The Seventh Seal” Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Mon., May 8, 8 p.m.
“A King and His Movie” Directed by Carlos Sorin. Mon., May 8, 7 p.m.
“Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife” Directed by Ernst Lubitsch. Tue., May 9, 7 p.m.
“Midnight” Directed by Mitchell Leisen. Wed., May 10, 7 p.m.
“Black Narcissus” Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. Thu., May 11, 7 p.m.
“Wings of Desire” Directed by Wim Wenders. Mon., May 15, 2 p.m.
“Nine Queens” Directed by Fabián Bielinsky. Mon., May 15, 7 p.m.
“Heaven Can Wait” Directed by Ernst Lubitsch. Wed., May 17, 7 p.m.
“Stolen Kisses” Directed by François Truffaut. Thu., May 18, 7 p.m.
Television Showcase Fri., May 19, 7 p.m.

Sport
Senior Film Showcase
Works by CSUN film students: “Bauhaus,” “Danny Boy” “Fridge,” and “The Unobtrusive Fantasy of Manny Quinn.”
Wed., May 3, 7:30 p.m. Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Leonard Goldenski Theatre
18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge Free

Track and Field
5/6 Big West Multi-Events 11 a.m.
5/7 Big West Multi-Events 11 a.m.
5/12 Big West Outdoor Championships 9 a.m.
5/13 Big West Outdoor Championships noon

Music
Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $5 faculty, staff and seniors, 85 students.

Perussion Ensemble
John Magnusson, director.
Tue., May 2, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

Mozart Week in the Library
Mozart’s 250th anniversary celebration.
Mon., May 1–May 5, includes opera and symphony videos, 18th century costume displays.
Samuel L. Goldenberg and Sons Honors String Quartet performs. Wed., May 3, noon Oviatt Library, Music and Media center, second floor Free

Chamber Music
Julia Heiman and Diane Roscetti, directors.
Wed., May 3, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

Women’s Chorale
Kathrine Ramos Baker, conductor.
Fri., May 5, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

Wind Symphony
Lawrence Stoffel, conductor.
Sat., May 6, 8 p.m. Northridge Center Free

Brass Ensemble
David Hoover, director.
Mon., May 8, 8 p.m. Performing Arts Center

Master Chorale
Paul Smith, conductor.
Tue., May 9, 8 p.m. Performing Arts Center

Wind Ensemble
“Discovery: Music!” Interactive concert experience for all ages.
Lawrence Stoffel, conductor.
Wed., May 10, 8 p.m. Performing Arts Center

CSUN Symphony Orchestra
John Roscigno, conductor.
Fri., May 12, 8 p.m. Performing Arts Center

CSUN Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Matt Faker, director.
Wed., May 17, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

CSUN Jazz “A” Band
M. Harris and Gary Pratt, directors.
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String Quartet
Samuel L. Goldenberg & Sons Honors String Quartet.
Diane Roscetti, director.
Fri., May 19, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

Theater/Performance
Hair
Quintessential rock musical.
Directed by Garry Lennon.
Fri., May 5, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 6, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 7, 3 p.m. (interpreted)
Wed., May 10, 7 p.m.
Thu., May 11, 8 p.m.
Fri., May 12, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 13, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 14, 3 p.m. Campus Theatre $10–$19

For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2135. For campus exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

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