Washington Mutual Gives ‘Remarkable’ Art Work 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 $740,000, the gift is a significant addition to the university’s art collection.

The western-themed art work 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.

Adjacent to the Matadome entrance in the lobby of Redwood Hall (formerly Kinesiology), the gallery’s location receives about 30,000 annual visitors from the university and community, and will encourage public viewing of the art work. The statues will be on permanent display in their specially-designed gallery.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs approved Washington Mutual’s transfer of the art collection to the university. Through its Arts Development Fee Program, the Department of Cultural Affairs works with developers to create art installations and projects that serve as developers’ private arts development fee compliance.

Jackson’s sculptures originally were acquired as part of a public art covenant between the City of Los Angeles and Great Western Bank, the original developer of the office park that is now home to Washington Mutual as the new home for these remarkable pieces,” said Judy C. Knudson, vice president for university advancement.

“This gift continues Cal State Northridge’s commitment to providing new and unique cultural opportunities for our students and the surrounding community,” said the vice president. “The exhibit will be permanently displayed in the lobby after a public opening event in the fall.

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. The university’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 the 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 he 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 high school years at Sylmar.

In 2004, Sylmar graduated 523 students, he noted. The class of 2005, representing the first cohort of collaborative students, numbered 757. Furumoto said the class of 2006—the second cohort to come through the 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 High School Dropout Rate continued on page 2.
Executive Speakers Series to Feature ‘Cheech’ Marin
Actor, Art Collector Will Speak with Chicano/a Studies, AMC Students About His Life and Work

Actor, comedian, director and art collector Richard “Cheech” Marin will share his wealth of experience in show business and the art world with Cal State Northridge students on Tuesday, April 18, as part of the university’s spring 2006 Executive Speakers Series.

The multi-talented Marin will address invited students from the Chicano/a Studies Department and from the College of Arts, Media, and Communication.

Marin represents the latest in a line of stellar participants who have brought their insights, anecdotes and invaluable counsel to CSUN scholars as part of the Executive Speakers Series.

Launched in 2004, the series provides students with rare opportunities for give-and-take with successful executives and achievers from many walks of life.

First known as half of the comedy duo Cheech and Chong, Marin went on to earn a reputation as a respected actor and director, art collector, humanitarian and trailblazer for Latinos in the entertainment industry.

As the popularity of Cheech and Chong grew, the pair released a series of best-selling comedy albums, adding a Grammy Award to a long list of achievements. The comedians’ movie, “Up in Smoke,” became the highest grossing comedy of 1978, topping $100 million at the box office.

The partnership lasted 15 successful years. Marin wrote, directed and starred in the comedy feature “Born in East L.A.” His other film and television credits include “‘Tm Cup,” “Nash Bridges” and “Judging Amy,” as well as voice-overs and children’s projects such as “Lion King.” He also had success with his first bilingual children’s album, “My Name is Cheech, the School Bus Driver.”

Highlights of Marin’s personal Chicano art collection, one of the largest in the world, are featured in a coffee table book entitled “Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge.” Beginning Saturday, June 17, the CSUN Art Gallery will feature an exhibit of limited edition prints from the Marin collection.

A noted humanitarian, Marin received the 2000 Creative Achievement Award from the Imagen Foundation and the 1999 National Council of La Raza/Kraft Foods ALMA Community Service Award for his work on behalf of the Latino community. He is active in the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, El Rescate and the Inner City Arts Council.

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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 mathematics professor Uri Treisman, named the Harvard Foundation’s 2006 Scientist of the Year for his work in science and math education.

Between 90 and 100 CSUN tutors and up to 25 from Mission—reflecting the demographics of the middle and high schools—are assigned to Olive Vista and Sylmar. On any given day, Furumoto said, about 50 tutors are working at the schools, spaced to ensure that each middle or high school student spends at least one class per day in group learning with collaborative tutors.

Typically, a teacher meets with her assigned group of tutors, explains what will be covered for that session and what she expects the tutors to accomplish with the students. After explaining the lesson plan to her students—whether it is discussing a novel or learning a new math stratagem—the class is broken into groups of six to nine students, one tutor for each group.

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 we want a student 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.”

Work Study Student Honored

As Student Employee of the Year, Tilahun Anley (right) receives a $3,042 scholarship from the SunTrust student loan corporation. Supervised by Danielle Ste. Just, Anley is reserve periodicals microfilm (RPM) lead student for the University Library. He is joined at the annual Work-Study awards luncheon by Vice President for Student Affairs Terry Piper.

Music Industries Program in the News

For its March 29 feature segment on CSUN’s music industry studies major, KTLA television’s news team visits the music production class in Cypress Hall. Joel Leach, music industries program director, fields questions about the widely praised program.
**Events**

**Tuesday, April 18**

**Germany’s Political Culture**

Henry Kessler Alsdon, part of a 2002 American Jewish Committee delegation to Germany for discussions on German/ Jewish political relations, will speak on Germany’s political culture at 11 a.m. in Sierra Hall 224.

**fmi–Jewish Studies Program, x3007 or www.csun.edu/jewish-studies**

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Meet the Firms 2006**

The CSUN Collegiate Chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA) hosts its annual students/marketing professionals networking reception from 7–9 p.m. in the University Student Union, Grand Salon. Tickets are $10 for AMLA members and $15 for non-AMA members. fmi–www.csun.edu/ama or e-mail marketing.club@csun.edu.

**Saturday, April 22**

**Hazardous Waste Collection**

Household hazardous wastes and old electronics can be recycled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Parking Lot F10 at a special collection event organized by the City of Los Angeles’ Bureau of Sanitation and CSUN. Paint products and solvents, motor oil and anti-freeze, aerosol products, household and garden chemicals, car batteries, cordless, printers, telephones, television sets, cell phones, radios, stereos, and more will be collected. fmi–Cyndi Signett, x2777 or www.lacity.org/XAN/bbu-e-waste-northbridge.htm.

**Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25**

**Brown Bag Film Series**

The Marilyn Magaram Center Brown Bag Film Series invites the CSUN community and neighbors to educationa films on food science and nutrition-related topics. “Fat Like Me: How to Win the Weight War” will be featured from 1–2 p.m. Monday, April 24 and from 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 25 in Sequoia Hall 112.

fmi–Marilyn Magaram Center, x3102.

**Wednesday, April 26**

**Earth Fair 2006**

Associated Students University Recycling Services celebrates Earth Day 2006 with the annual environmental fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bookstore Lawn. INCA, a Peruvian music and dance ensemble, performs at noon.

**Public Meetings**

**USU Board**

Meets 1 p.m.

Mon., April 17

USU Grand Salon

**Associated Student Senate**

Meets 2 p.m.

Tue., April 18, 25

USU Grand Salon

**For Your Information** publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, and class deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

**The deadline for the May 1 issue is Monday, April 24.** We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677–9000. Email is the preferred method of submitting. Note: fmi–means for more information.

**Educational Resources Committee**

Meet 2–4 p.m.

Tues., April 18

University Hall 320

**Personnel Planning and Review Committee**

Meet 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Wed., April 19

University Hall 277

**Faculty Senate**

Meets 2–4:30 p.m.

Thu., April 20

Oviatt Library Presentation Room 81

**Educational Policies Committee**

Meet 2–4 p.m.

Wed., April 26

University Hall 211

**Senate Executive Committee**

Meet 1–4:30 p.m.

Thu., April 27

University Hall 277

**Faculty Election Results**

The results of the spring faculty election are as follows: Jennifer Matos (Biology), president (two-year term); Jennifer Zvi (Disability Resources), vice president, (one-year term). Diane Schwartz (Computer Science), secretary/treasurer (one-year term); Barbara Swerkes (Kinesiology). CSU academic senator (three-year term). Steven Stepancek (Computer Science), CSU academic senator (two-year term); and senators-at-large (two-year terms) Rita Basta (Mathematics), Joyce Broussard (History), Paula DiMarco (Art), Marta Lopez-Garza (Women’s Studies), Michael Neubauer (Mathematics) and Veda Ward (Leisure Studies and Recreation).

**Catastrophic Leave Donations**

Rosario Chavarria (Physical Plant Management), out on medical leave of absence, has exhausted her leave credits and is requesting catastrophic leave donations on her behalf. To make voluntary donations of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed catastrophic leave donation forms to Renee Venezia, payroll administration manager, at mail drop 8280 or donation forms are available at www.admin.csun.edu/brs/forms/benefitforms.html.

**Mandatory Work-Study Meeting**

Departments, programs and research directors who will or may hire federal work-study students in 2006–07 must send a representative to a meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Tue., May 9 (for supervisors with less than three years of work-study program experience), or from 10 a.m. to noon Wed., May 10. Location for both meetings, Oviatt Library’s Presentation Room. Reservations or fmi–Josefina Carbajal, x2757, or workstudy@csun.edu.

**Classes**

**Professional Development Programs**

Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members in the Oviatt Library, Room 16, garden level, unless otherwise noted. Enroll by the day preceding the workshop by visiting www.admin.csun.edu/brs/training/courses/index.htm and completing the online registration form for each workshop.

fmi–Melissa Billietter, x8520.

**Workshops:**

- **“Leading Change at Every Level”**
  - Tuesday, April 18, 9–11:30 a.m.
  - By Susan Lehaly, presenter.

- **“Which Type of Life Insurance is Right for You?”**
  - Wednesday, April 19, 10–11 a.m.

- **“One-on-One Counseling with Equitable”**
  - By Derek Giacomazzi of AXA Advisors, LLC, presenter.

- **“It’s Your Identity, Keep It Safe That Way”**
  - Wednesday, April 26, 10–11 a.m.

**I/TR Faculty/Staff Training**

Information Technology Resources (I/TR) provides free training workshops for CSUN faculty and staff. To sign up, call x2204. The training labs are located on the garden level of the Oviatt Library.

- **Meeting**
  - Thursday, April 13, 1–5 p.m., VR 33
  - For Pod.

- **Wed., April 26, 10 a.m. to noon, VR 33**

- **Access Intermediate**
  - Wed., April 26, 2–4 p.m., VR 33

- **Netscape Composer**
  - Mon., April 27, 2–4 p.m., VR 32

**Online Sessions for Faculty**

Faculty Development and Online Instruction offer sessions on “The Plague of Plagiarism: Its Scope, Damage and Cure,” from noon to 1:30 p.m. Fri., April 21 and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tue., April 25, both in the Whittier Room, Whittier Hall 45. They offer “I-Tunes U and You” from 10–11:30 a.m. Mon., May 1 and from 2–3:30 p.m. Tue., May 2, also in the Whittier Room. For the plagiarism session, RSVP or fmi–Donna Brooks, x6566 or donna.brooks@csun.edu. For podcasting, RSVP or fmi–Kelly Kroeker, x6536 or kelly.kroeker@csun.edu.

**Author Jack Donovan**

The Center for Innovative and Engaged Learning Opportunities (CIELO) offers a session conducted by “Exile to Murder” author Jack Donovan, on “Who is Jack Donovan? And Why is He Saying These Things About Us?” from 7–9 p.m. Mon., May 1, in Manzanita Hall 240. RSVP or fmi–Kelly Kroeker, x6536.

**Financial Series**

Student Affairs and the University Student Union (USU) offer CSUN students financial management workshops in April and May, 6–9 p.m., Carolina Descroppes-Brown, x2401.

**Workshops:**

- **“Decoding the Language of Investing”**
  - Tuesday, April 25, noon to 1 p.m.
  - West Valley Room.

- **“Investing on a College Student Budget”**
  - Wednesday, April 26, noon to 1 p.m., Flintridge Room.

- **“How to Find Scholarships and Additional Sources of Money”**
  - Tue., May 2, 4–5 p.m., Pasaden Room.

**Deadlines**

**Student Symposium**

May 1 is the deadline for K–12 teachers to submit abstracts for the May 27–K–12 Student Research Poster Symposium at CSUN. If students are presenting new research, submit complete abstracts by date; new abstracts will be considered for the 2007 New Journal of Student Research Abstracts. If students are presenting posters based on abstracts in the 2006 journal, submit only the poster title, student and teacher names, school and school address. Abstracts must be in Arial 11 font, on both hard copy and disk. Submit work to biology professor Steven Oppenheimer, x3536 or bc06012@csun.edu.
In Brief

Entertainment Career Event Set for April 29
Cal State Northridge’s annual Entertainment Industry Career Marketplace—a “must-attend” event open to all CSUN students, faculty and staff interested in networking with industry insiders—is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at CBS Studio Center, 4021 Radford Avenue, Studio City.

Sponsored by the university’s Entertainment Industry Institute, the marketplace this year will present panels of experts from ABC, CBS, Disney, NBC, Phoenix Pictures, Sony Pictures Television, Universal, Warner Bros., and other entertainment firms.

“Their are few places where students, faculty and staff can meet and talk one-on-one with industry powerhouses,” said Entertainment Industry Institute director Robert Gustafson. “The Entertainment Industry Career Marketplace is one of them.”

Seating is limited for the popular event, so reservations should be made with Gustafson at robert.gustafson@csun.edu by April 26.

Admission is $15 cash. Checks are accepted at the door. Luncheon is provided, and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Calendar

The A.S. Ticket Office in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488. To park on campus for performances, athletic events, and other activities, guests must purchase a $4 parking permit.

Art and Exhibits

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat., 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-5286.

Scottish Influences on America
Exhibit explores Scottish culture, language, history, tartans and more. Highlights famous Scottish Americans. Developed by Bruce McDonald of University Library. Exhibit runs through May 15.

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Exhibit runs through April 23.

Annual Juried Art Student Show
Works by CSUN undergrad and graduate art students in a variety of media including animation, computer and graphic design, ceramics, painting and more.

Opening reception: Fri., April 28, 7–9 p.m.

Gallery talk: Mon., May 1, 10 a.m.

Runs through June 2.

Main Gallery

Artists (home games):

Softball
4/22 UCSD noon
4/22 UCSD 2 p.m.
4/23 UCSD noon

Women’s Tennis
4/21 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 2 p.m.
4/22 UC San Diego 11 a.m.

Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus.

For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.cinematheque.csun.edu/html/events.html.

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Film

Stolen Childhoods
Award-winning documentary about child labor world-wide, narrated by actress Meryl Streep. Includes panel discussion.

Sponsor: Child & Adolescent Development Dept.
Sat., April 22, 9 a.m.

University Student Union, Northridge Center
Free

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $6 students.

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Ric Aviso, director.

Sun., April 23, 3 p.m.

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Gary Pratt, director.
Mon., April 24, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

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Wed., April 26, 8 p.m.

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Guitar Ensemble

Ron Purcell, director.
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Music Recital Hall

Guitar Studio Recital

Sat., April 29, 1 p.m.

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Northridge Center

Theater Performance

Alice Devised
Updated for adults, inspired by Charles Dodgson (a.k.a. “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” author Lewis Carroll) and his stories.

Directed by James DePaul.
Fri., April 21, 8 p.m.

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For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium. Telescope viewing will follow the second show.

“Spring Sky Show” and “The Search for Life in the Universe”
Fri., April 21, 7 p.m.

“Spring Sky Show” and “Winning the Cosmic Lottery”
Fri., April 28, 7 p.m.