SUN students, staff, faculty and members of the community are invited to attend the dedication of the Old China Hands Archive on Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Oviatt Library.

An opening reception and dedication ceremony sponsored by the Friends of the Library is scheduled for Friday at 5:30 p.m. University President Jolene Koester and other distinguished guests are expected to attend. The archive is in the Library's Special Collections and Archives on the second floor of the Library's west wing.

This event will also mark the opening of the Archive's Inaugural Exhibit, which will be on display from Oct. 4, 2002, to Jan. 24, 2003. The collection was established in 1996 at CSUN. It contains works illustrating the interaction of China with western nations, and includes memoirs, letters, documents, photographs, artworks, oral histories and other materials documenting the effects of foreign settlers on China's development.

The Old China Hands Archive was established to preserve and tell the story of the historical period of China's contact with Western culture from the 1840's to about 1949. Old China Hands are mainly the individuals from western cultures (namely the United States and Europe) who lived in China during the latter years of that period, said Robert Gohstand, PhD, Project Director and CSUN Professor Emeritus of Geography.

Gohstand was born in Shanghai, of parents who had settled there after the 1917 revolution in Russia. His father was a pharmacist. The family settled in the United States when Gohstand was thirteen. He later attended the University of California at Berkeley where he earned an advanced degree in Geography. He joined CSUN in 1972. After retirement, he still conducts classes at CSUN.

Other individuals who came to live in China included refugees from the conflicts of Europe, missionaries, military and maritime personnel from various countries, merchants and an assortment of adventurers.

The two-day schedule at CSUN also includes two get-together or reunion lunch-eons on Friday and Saturday, a field trip to the Getty museum, oral history interviews, moderated roundtables and a Mah Jong demonstration and instruction.

In addition, there will be lectures by Richard Horowitz, Tess Johnston, Rena Krasno and Marcia Ristaino. On Saturday night, the keynote speaker is scheduled to be Mario Machado, Emmy award-winning

The Friends of the Oviatt Library is a "family affair" for siblings Joseph Moore (President) and June Frankenberg (Program Chair).

Frankenberg, who joined the Friends in March 1995, has served twice as Board President. She has also been vice-president at various times, and has served as hospitality chair.

Frankenberg was born in Brooklyn, and came to California where she attended Fairfax High School. She earned a degree in education at UCLA and taught school for 30 years. "I've always liked books and reading, so I thought I would like to serve with the Friends," she said.

Moore joined the board about two years ago and served as Membership Co-chair and Vice-President/President-Elect.

Moore was also born in Brooklyn. He and his family moved to Southern California in 1946. He attended UCLA, where he earned a doctorate in Biology. He began teaching at CSUN in 1962 and conducted classes in parasitology and protozoology. He has written and published numerous scholarly papers and has earned additional academic degrees in education. Moore is a licensed marriage and family therapist, and has engaged in genetic counseling.

Moore explained that libraries
Kevin Roderick to Speak on the San Fernando Valley

The Friends of the Oviatt Library are once again sponsoring an author signing series, featuring CSUN Alumnus Kevin Roderick, a former Los Angeles Times reporter and senior editor. The lecture and book signing will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 27 in the Library's presentation room. Roderick will discuss his book, *The San Fernando Valley: America's Suburb*, a lively, colorful history of the region's development.

"The San Fernando Valley serves, in fact, as the nation's favorite symbol of suburbia run rampant," Roderick writes, "and yet the Valley only became a suburb fairly late in its history, and whether it qualifies for the label anymore is arguable." The history discusses "the wary relationship with imperial Los Angeles, ingrained since the early 1800s, [that] occasionally erupts into rebellious talk of secession."

State Librarian and historian Kevin Starr said of Roderick's history, "Just a superb book... This is history the way I like it." The book, published last year by the Los Angeles Times Book division, will be available for sale and signing by Roderick.

The event is co-sponsored by the Sociology Department and the CSUN Alumni Association.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Kevin Roderick.

Friends Bookstore Opens for Fall Semester

I hope more people discover our great bookstore," said Debra Goldman, manager of the Friends of the Library's bookstore.

The Friends opened the bookstore two years ago in the west wing, after the earthquake-damaged wings of the Oviatt Library were repaired and opened. Since its beginning, an increasing number of students, faculty, staff and community members have been dropping in at the first-floor used book emporium, which is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The stock of used books includes volumes on art, history, science, literature and numerous other subjects. Popular fiction and nonfiction are also for sale, along with Friends stationery and book bags. The shelves are constantly filled and refilled with new donations of books gathered and processed by the Friends Gift Book Committee. Proceeds benefit the Oviatt Library.

Revenues from the 2001-2002 academic year were $4,000, according to Goldman. But she explained that more volunteers are needed to staff the book store during the hours it is open. For information, telephone (818) 677-2638, or leave a message at (818) 677-5573.

Volume of Recent Donations Creates Need for More Volunteers

The preparation of books for sale is organized by Joe Russo, Friends of the Oviatt Library Board Member and Gift Book Chair. Books are sold at the Friend's Store, the continuous rack sales in the lobby, and special sales.

Volunteers process the books, which include counting, evaluation, sorting and pricing. Gary Kent, volunteer, is especially adept at reviewing and pricing books, Russo said. Titles appropriate for the Oviatt collection must be checked by computer against the catalog list to see if they are needed for the Library. "This is a very time-consuming process," Russo explained.

Next, books must be reviewed by librarians, who determine whether the books are actually added to the library or put back for sale.

The amount of work is increasing rapidly, due to the many donations this past summer. Gift Book Assistant Vickie Campbell estimated the number at about 5,000 volumes. "The number of donations is astronomical," Russo said.

More volunteers are needed in the workroom, to help with the processing of the books, which sometimes include rare and valuable items. Those interested in par-
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Friends volunteers are rolling up their sleeves to put on “A Very Special Used Book Sale” Tuesday, Sept. 24 for students, faculty, staff and members of the community. The sale will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Oviatt Library. Volunteers will pile stacks of bargain-priced books on tables for browsers.

Money from the sale is donated to the Library Book Donation Fund to purchase materials and provide services for students. A second book sale is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29. Parking on campus is $4.00 for the day at the Prairie Street kiosk on the west side of the campus. For more information, telephone Joyce Dunham or Vickie Campbell at (818) 677-2638, or leave a message for Gift Book Chair Joe Russo at (818) 677-5573.

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