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MURAL MAKEOVER

Artist Spends Summer Restoring His Work

Sacramento artist Ed Rivera had a reunion with the east side of Lassen Hall this summer. Using brushes no more than one inch wide, Rivera spent about 300 hours restoring “La Cultura,” the large mural he originally painted and first displayed in 1970. The permanent mural – painted on Lassen’s walls rather than removable wooden sections – was completed in 1978. Always striking, the brightly colored Montezuma, frogs, eagle and other subjects now demand the attention of passers-by. The final bit of restoration will be completed shortly.

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Sacramento’s hot summers clearly had taken a toll on the mural. “There hadn’t been any cracking or peeling, which was nice, but it had definitely faded over the years,” Rivera said. “I’m just so grateful to get the chance to come back and restore it. The University has been wonderful.”

The Sacramento Chicano community conceived the idea of the mural while Rivera was an art student at CSUS. It was completed as a gift to the University at a time when permanent murals in this area were rare. Rivera later studied at the San Francisco Art Institute. He also continued working as a Sacramento police officer, retiring in 1996 after 29 years on the force. Now, Rivera focuses full-time on painting.

Last year, after reading about the University’s 50th anniversary, Rivera visited the mural and decided it needed restoration. Enlisting the support of art department chair John Driesbach, he obtained a $3,000 grant from the CSUS Foundation to cover expenses. Rivera donated his labor.

This time, in an effort to stave off fading, Rivera used higher-quality acrylic paints mixed with less water. He also covered the finished work with a UV resistant coating.

Not content merely to touch up an old work, Rivera made numerous subtle additions, including new marine and airborne creatures in the background and more detail in the foreground.

The restoration turned into a learning session of sorts for students and University employees. Rivera often answered questions about his work while he painted, yelling from the top of scaffolding or chatting as he prepared paint. Some people stopped and watched.

Not until the end did he work on the top section of the Lassen Hall mural during a summer-long effort to restore the entire work, which was first installed in 1978. He used higher-quality paint and added a UV resistant coating to prevent fading. The restoration will be finished during the first few weeks of school. Title “La Cultura,” it has taken Rivera more than 300 hours to restore the work.

Photo by Frank Whittach

Welcome Back Message

We reconvene this fall for what surely will be a full and good year for the students of California State University, Sacramento. I hope you will be able to attend my opening message of the year on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m in the Music Recital Hall. You are invited to gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and collegial conversation on the lawn adjacent to the building. The title of my remarks is “The University and the Schools,” in which I will address the practical steps underway for what is perhaps the most important state and national public policy issue before us. I also will be outlining a number of other matters on which the University is moving.

In the schools, growing enrollment, class size reductions, and calls for curriculum changes create the need for this University to respond. And we have — from our efforts at summer programs to prepare teachers for this fall, to Mall Hall, to high school transfer partnerships — we are implementing programs that are needed to improve education in California.

We are helping to widen the pool of qualified teachers, in part by seeking those looking for new careers, or a return to the workforce. We are leading discussions on quality in teaching and curriculum innovation. We are preparing new teachers in nearly all majors in all of our Colleges. Credential programs are in high gear, working in close partnerships with regional school districts. It is a new era, one dedicated to increasing not only the number of prospective teachers, but their preparation for the classroom challenges they will face. It is a goal in which we must all participate if we are to be successful.

I look forward to hearing your suggestions and innovative ideas. I look forward to the leadership that CSUS will provide statewide in this effort. And, I look forward to an academic year that will be filled with purpose, energy and dedication. Welcome back.

Donald R. Gerth
President

Rosenhouse and Leo Rosenhouse lived simple lives in Land Park, quietly amassing about $10 million in investments. They left most of their money as a surprise gift to the people of the Sacramento area, in the form of a scholarship fund overseen by the Jewish Federation of Sacramento. For 1998-99, students will receive about $360,000.

“His will really help. With my other scholarships, it’s going to get me through that first year,” said Morgan Zimmerman, a recipient who graduated from Mesa Verde High School and plans to attend CSUS. “It’s a good school,” Lopez said of “La Cultura,” it has taken Rivera more than 300 hours to restore the work.

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Couple’s Gift Helps 22 New CSUS Students

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S. K. RAMESH and PREETHAM KUMAR, electrical and electronic engineering, have received an equipment grant valued at $54,800 from Hewlett Packard to establish a dedicated Digital Signal Processing Laboratory at CSUS. The grant provides for high speed workplace and project instrumentation for an eight-station laboratory. It will enable faculty and students to study a variety of digital signal processing applications and validate different algorithms and implementations at the system and chip levels. David Warren, of HP Research and Development, and a 1983 CSUS graduate, helped sponsor the proposal for HP's Grants Program.

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It is large, with numerous academic and cultural opportunities. At the same time, it has provided the feel of a smaller institution by keeping class-size small. And the faculty and administration, he says, are obviously committed to building students’ character as well as their intellect.

“CSU Sacramento was the perfect mix for me,” Braverman says: “I wanted to work at a large, public university such as the ones I had attended. They have so much to offer. But over the years, I have learned the value of a smaller setting.”

The University also offers plenty of fringe benefits for Braverman. For instance:

Braverman is a tuba and trombone player. He was most recently a member of the Dixieland Jazz band at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., where he was dean of students. CSUS is just minutes from one of the world’s largest theme parks.

Braverman’s new in-laws speak Mandarin Chinese, creating a serious language barrier for him. CSUS offers courses in Mandarin Chinese.

Finally, Braverman’s wife of one month, Mindy Chang, didn’t want to move from Taiwan to live in Missouri. Fortunately, Braverman, Chang and their three dogs were comfortably moved into their Fair Oaks home by the time the school year began.

Braverman, a native of Missouri, earned his bachelor’s degree in biology with an emphasis in chemistry and business administration from the University of Missouri in Columbia. He earned a master’s degree in student development and a doctorate in student development in postsecondary education at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

President Donald R. Gerth on President Clinton’s nonverbal communication on Jan. 25. As part of the University’s Total Quality Management effort, Chase also presented a workshop on “Interpersonal Communication” to CSUS staff members on April 10. He gave a similar presentation in March to the University’s Total Quality and Minority Engineering Program.

DOUG HANSEN, College of Health and Human Services, recently was named a Certified Fund Raising Executive by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives after passing a national exam, meeting fund raising minimums over a five year period, and maintaining extensive professional and volunteer involvement in the community.

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His doctoral thesis was on the relationship of fraternity affiliation and gender role conflict, and his major interests are gender issues, leadership, organizational behavior and group influence.

His professional publications include: “Male gender role conflict: Psychometric issues and relations to psychological distress” in the Journal of Counseling Psychology and “Systematic programming on men’s issues and men’s studies on campus” in the Journal of College Student Development.

Before working three years as the dean of students at Culver-Stockton College, he spent five years as the assistant dean of Richmond College at the University of Richmond in Virginia. He worked two years as the assistant director of residential life at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa and held various student service positions at the University of Iowa.

He also taught at Cornell College, the University of Iowa and the University of Richmond.

In his spare time, he spent one year with Learfield Communications in Missouri, where he created a satellite distribution system for broadcasting Oklahoma State University basketball games, and one year with the University of Kansas football and basketball games throughout the state.

Before he was involved with his fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma. He founded a local chapter as an undergraduate, and was once the organization’s assistant executive director.

In his spare time he enjoys bicycling, traveling, athletics and films.

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Water Programs Gets EPA Grant

A new $400,000 grant has strengthened the University’s ability to help America’s small communities deliver safe drinking water.

The grant, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, establishes a Small Public Water Systems Technology Assistance Center at CSUS. Already nationally known for its research and training manuals in this area, CSUS will now be responsible for creating training videos and CD-ROMS, and for building the nation’s premiere website for small water systems operators and managers.

The grant was among those funded by Congress this year to help communities with fewer than 3,300 people meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended in 1996. It is renewable for $400,000 annually for three years, contingent upon Congressional funding.

Most of the thousands of drinking water operations in the United States are small water systems, serving primarily small towns, tribal communities and unincorporated areas.

In California, for instance, 80 percent of the drinking water systems are considered small and are often run by just a few people. These operators must maintain a physical plant and monitor groundwater levels, while meeting drinking water quality standards. The grant will reimburse CSUS and the other eight recipients with helping to train these operators, as well as informing them of new technologies and EPA regulation changes.

The Center is directed by Ramzi Mahmood, professor of civil engineering and director of the CSUS Office of Water Programs. He is assisted by Ken Kerr, CSUS emeritus professor of civil engineering, and a group of other experts and students.

Four institutions also received grants to establish similar Centers.

Changes to Library Over the Summer

The University Library made a number of changes over the summer to help users.

All reference librarians now have desks in one location on the second floor, where reference books have been moved. The librarians’ desks and reference books were previously all on different floors. At the same time, a number of other Library collections have been moved or redesigned.

In addition, reference desk and overall Library hours have been extended.

There are nine new Library hours each week. Most new hours are Friday through Sunday because of requests from students taking an increasing number of evening and weekend courses. Friday hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday hours are 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Academic Policy Update

The following Presidential Memoranda have been issued as campus policy: (the complete policies are available in the University Manual, which is accessible through the University Home Page on the World Wide Web):

PM UA 98-03: Responsibility and Procedures for Gift Evaluation, Acceptance and Acknowledgment

This memorandum supersedes PM 87-06 and is consistent with Executive Order 676 concerning the acceptance of gifts. The Vice President for University Affairs is responsible for the acceptance evaluation and acknowledgment of gifts to California State University, Sacramento and to its related auxiliary companies. Revised CSU campus processes and procedures for gift acceptance, evaluation and acknowledgement will be issued prior to the beginning of Academic Year 1998-99.

PM UA 98-04: Policy on Leaves with Pay

This policy supersedes PM UA 97-04. This change, recommended by the Faculty Senate, modifies the meaning and use of the three categories into which the Professional Leave Committee must place all requests. Faculty members wishing to receive the policy may contact their department chair or obtain a copy via the University Manual on the University website.

Faculty applying for a difference-in-pay leave should be aware that there is a conflict between Section II of PM UA 98-04 and Article 28 of the Unit 3 collective bargaining agreement. The requirement for review by a “Departmental Committee.” Discussions are anticipated with the Faculty Policies Committee this fall regarding language that will bring the campus into conformance with the collective bargaining agreement. Questions regarding interpretation or application of this policy should be addressed to Sheila Orman, Director of Faculty Affairs.

PM 98-05: Mass Broadcast Voice and Electronic Mail

This memorandum supersedes PM UA 96-14. It sets forth the requirements for sending voice and/or electronic mail messages to all campus individuals with a publicly registered voice or e-mail account. Spencer Freund, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Telecommunications is responsible for implementation. Questions may be directed to his office.

PM UA 98-06: Public Communications Process

This memorandum reaffirms PM UA 96-10 as well as the President’s memoranda of Sept. 21, 1994 regarding the University’s public communications processes. The PM addresses the universitywide coordination process for communications projects, including news releases, publications, adverti- sing, newsletters, videos, and electronic publications intended for use off campus. The Vice President for University Affairs is responsible for implementation.

President Gerth has taken the following action regarding recommendations from the Faculty Senate:

From the March 12, 1998 Senate meeting:

The recommendations concerning reinstatement from academic disqualification, academic dismissal, and administrative dismissal and probation were accepted by the President in principle. The proposed changes may be in violation of Executive Order 393, however. The Provost has been asked to work with the Faculty Senate Chair to resolve the policy issues by the end of the 1998-99 academic year in order to allow staff to prepare for policy implementation by the beginning of the 2000-01 year. (FS 98-06, 07, and 08)

From the March 26, 1998 Senate meeting:

This program change proposals concerning the English Subject Matter Program, the Level 1 Specialist Training Program, American Sign Language, and a minor in Environmental Studies are approved. (FS 98-17)

From the April 2, 1998 Senate meeting:

The President concurs with the recommendation for approval of the programs in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation. (FS 98-25)

From the April 16, 1998 Senate meeting:

The policies inherent in the curricu- lum reviews for the Department of Bilingual Multi-Cultural Education, the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, the Department of Teacher Education, and the Department of Foreign Languages are approved. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for addressing the reviews. (FS 98-29, 30, 31, and 32)

From the May 14, 1998 Senate meeting:

The President concurs with the judgment of the Senate to postpone election of members to the PSSI university level review committee and department level review committees. (FS 98-37)

The President concurs with the policy content on the recommendation concerning leaves with pay. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty and Staff Affairs are responsible for implementation. (FS 98-39)

The recommendation for approval of the Master of Physical Therapy degree, including a Certificate of Academic Achievement and Clinical Competence in Physical Therapy is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for the further work on this proposal. (FS 98-41)

The recommendation for approval of the Master of Science in Software Engineering degree is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for the further work on this proposal. (FS 98-41)

The curriculum review for the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and School Psychology is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation. (FS 98-42)

The curriculum review for the Asian Studies Program is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation. (FS 98-43)

The curriculum review for the Department of Physics and Astronomy is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation. (FS 98-44)

The curriculum review for the Department of History is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation. (FS 98-45)

From the June 2, 1998 Senate Executive Committee meeting:

The recommendation with respect to the Grade Appeal Procedures policy is accepted. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation. (FS 98-45)
Mural Restored

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by regularly to check his progress.

The unexpected interest led Rivera to delay finishing so that he could speak with students who weren't here over the summer.

“It is really overwhelming, the response I have gotten from students and everybody on campus,” Rivera said. “People walking by were pretty interested in what is going on.”

What the mural means:

“The Cultura” tells the story of pre-Colombian Aztec culture, beginning with Montezuma on the left panel telling the Aztecs they must find an eagle perched on a cactus and eating a serpent. The Aztecs traveled for 200 years before finding the eagle, where they founded an ancient city where Mexico City now stands.

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Awardees

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SUPER SEATING — Crews have been working all summer on the stands at Hornet Stadium and now, for the first time, fans will have the opportunity to purchase theater-style seatback chairs for the CSUS football season.

The project, which is being headed by John Anderson, assistant strength coach, is designed as a way to attract fans to the program as well as a fundraiser for the Hornet Athletic Foundation. The 682 seats will be located at the 50-yard line and will provide customers with cupholders and personalized name plates. They are selling for $250 for the season.

“If we can sell all the seats this season then we will have paid off the contract,” Anderson said. “Then, if those seats are filled next year, we will bring in funds which will go to the Hornet Foundation to be used for scholarships.”

The new section of seats will require less maintenance than the currently installed wooden bleachers, because the wood in the area will be replaced with steel.

Hornet Stadium was redesigned in 1991 by Anderson’s father, Fred, who brought the Sacramento Surge to the area. Since that time, the facility has hosted the Surge, the Sacramento Gold Miners and CSUS teams. It will be the site of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

Installation of the chairs will be completed before the CSUS football home opener on Sept. 12 against California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Season tickets for about 400 seats will be available at 278-7551.

Information on purchasing tickets for the new seats is available at 278-7551.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

President Gerth’s annual fall address to the campus community, 10 a.m., Music Recital Hall. A coffee social from 9:30-10 will be held at the east entrance to the Music Building.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

“Be Your Dawgs,” rock, country, blue and more, noon, University Union Redwood Room, free. A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Thursday, Sept. 3

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Library lower level.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

“Multiple Touch,” tactile sensation in prints, noon - 5 p.m., Robert Elle Gallery. Commissions - 2 p.m. Exhibit continues to Oct. 9.

Howie Nave, music and stand-up comedy, noon, University Union Redwood Room, free. A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Alumna voice recital featuring Anna Voike, coloratura soprano, 8 p.m, Music Recital Hall. 56 general, 54 CSUS students and seniors, and are available at the door or through BASIS ticket outlets.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Caring for the World: International Nursing Symposium, 7-45 a.m. - 4 p.m., University Theatre; call 278-4969 for information.

Football vs. Cal Poly SLO, 6 p.m., Hornet Stadium.

Sunday, Sept. 13

2K5K Causeway Classic Fun Run; registration 7:30 - 9 a.m., gathering in parking lot 15, 8:15 p.m. to race, $20 day of race. All proceeds to benefit United Cerebral Palsy. Call Josh Grossman at 448-5224 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Ninth annual Multi-Cultural Center Open House, “Beyond the Color of Fear: The Issue is Unity,” featuring Victor Lewis and Hugh Vasquez, noon - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Mexican Independence Day event, noon, University Union Redwood Room, free. A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Library lower level.

Sabrina Hocker’s tribute to Billie Holiday, 11:45 a.m., University Union Redwood Room, free. A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - 18

Works by Andres Fourier, CSUS graduate student, noon - 5 p.m., Raymond Witt Gallery. Reception noon - 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9. Exhibit continues to Sept. 18.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 - 20

Celtic Festival, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., University Theatre and Union; $5 adults, 52 children 5-14. Call 278-6156 for information.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Works by Lane Elliott, CSUS graduate student, noon - 5 p.m., Raymond Witt Gallery. Exhibit continues to Oct. 2.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Guitar GG & Nate “Snakeboy” Shiner, high-energy blues duo, noon, University Union Redwood Room, free; A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Jiu Jiu Do? Look Mexican, a play written and performed by Julie Valdivia, 11:45 a.m., University Union Redwood Room, free; A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Asian Performing Arts Festival, traditional music and dance of Japan featuring the Sacramento Taiko Dan and Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Koi, 2 p.m, Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $10 general, 55 seniors, $5 students.

Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

Asian Performing Arts Festival, Tibetan monks will construct a sand mandala (anthropology Museum). Also lectures and workshops on topics related to Tibet, Buddhist, music and healing will take place throughout the visit. More details to follow: call 278-6156 for information.

Sabbatical Leave Deadline

The deadline for submission of sabbatical leave requests to the Office of Faculty and Staff Affairs is Wednesday, Sept. 30. Application forms for both regular sabbaticals and difference-in-pay leaves are available in Sacramento Hall 265. Call 278-6156 for more information.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, 9/1

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee, SAC 275 3 p.m., Executive Committee, SAC 275

Wednesday, 9/2

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee, SAC 275

Friday, 9/4

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, SAC 275

Tuesday, 9/8

10 a.m., Pedagogy Enhancement Awards Subcommittee, SAC 275

Staff Vacancies for Senate Policy Committees

Staff members are needed to serve on two different CSUS Faculty Senate policy committees. One opening is on the faculty policies committee, which meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The other opening is on the general education committee, which meets the first and third Monday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Nominations are made by the University Staff Assembly. Those interested may send a note to Staff Assembly Chair Jean Hansen at campus zip 6109 by Sept. 11. Information about the committees is available by contacting the Faculty Senate at 278-6593.