

Voice prof, former POW becomes wood sculptor

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The first thing you notice is his animated face, the mustache, the blue eyes. But it is the hands of Les Breidenthal you are drawn to, the strong hands of a sculptor.

Breidenthal, a voice professor at the University's music school, reflects some of his own animation in his "sideline" work — sculpting.

His artistic plans were decidedly altered with the outbreak of World War II, he says. As a pilot in a bomber, shot down over France, Breidenthal was captured by the Germans and taken to Stalag Luft III prison camp.

Following an unusual turn of events, Breidenthal's captors allowed him a little free rein in his artistic expression.

"I was an escape attempt and so I was moved to other quarters with a few other men in a hush-hush operation," he says. "The Germans felt that by encouraging activity in the new quarters they would discourage further escape attempts."

Taking advantage of "freedom" with his illustrations, Breidenthal says he succeeded in communicating with the world outside Germany.

His portraits of fellow prisoners, in Red Cross log books, later found their way into the hands of other prisoners.

After the war, some of Breidenthal's illustrations appeared in an exhibition called "War Out" at the Met-



Les Breidenthal

Photo by Bob Baker

ropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Breidenthal's wood sculpture has attracted attention both locally and nationally.

"If the wood grain is beautiful, I think it is worthy to bring out the surface," Breidenthal says.

"Sometimes it is a wonderful coincidence that the grains add to characteristics of the finished piece, such as my human figures, particularly in the musculature of 'Prometheus,' which I think is one of my strongest works."

"The wood is your master, you have to twist the finished

piece out of it," Breidenthal says, recalling the bloody hands he suffered while chiseling the towering "Madonna" now gracing St. Mary's church on Charnelton Street.

"I have a figurine at home, one of my earlier works, called 'Primordial Man,'" Breidenthal says. "It's a primitive man in a groping, searching posture that suggests he is unsure of how to escape the darkness of his existence."

"I guess that's me and my work — searching and groping, wondering where it will take me."

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Budget cuts mean less service

Due to a cut in funding and a roll back in staff, Off-Campus Housing may not be able to meet increased demand for advice and information, says director Dave Lesser.

"What that means to the student is simply less service," says Lesser. It also means Off-Campus Housing will not have enough time to pursue further projects, he says. "We've been able to manage without any problem, though."

"Many times, when a student moves into an apartment or house, it's the first time they'll sign a contract," Lesser says. He adds that more students are asking for landlord-tenant advice than are seeking rental units.

Lesser says the Lane County Housing Authority and Community Service Agency also helps students with rental problems, but that agency could also suffer cuts, which could make Off-Campus Housing the only place students could get paralegal advice.

Peter Roberts, assistant director of the county housing agency, verified the agency is being cut back. He

says the agency's priority is to assist low-income people with housing problems. Budget cuts mean the agency might have to ask the help of Lane County Legal Aid Service for legal advice and could no longer keep information on rental vacancies, Roberts says. He adds the agency is trying to develop a self-help information service.

The 1980 budget for Off-Campus Housing was cut about 30 percent from 1979, Lesser says. The budget for 1981 has actually been in-

creased by about three percent, says Lesser, adding that it is an insignificant increase due to inflation. On top of that, Lesser says, the off-campus staff has been cut by seven since '79.

A property manager, who asked not to be identified, for the Income Property Management Co. says some landlords are actually lowering rent out of desperation. He adds that potential renters have a greater choice of housing since the competition between landlords is a little stiffer.

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