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UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Art work featured at library

When the first phase of the University's Knight Library expansion and renovation project is ready for occupants in November, it will include four works of architecturally integrated art funded by one percent of the total cost of construction, as provided by Oregon state law.

The four pieces, by five different artists, along with three additional works that will be installed in the second phase of the remodel of the library, were chosen from a field of more than 100 entries in a national competition in 1990. Six of the artists are from Oregon, one is from Washington and the other from Ohio.

Oregon's "One Percent for Art" Program began in 1975 with the passage of a law that ensures that appropriations for the construction or alteration of any state building in an amount of \$100,000 or more shall include one percent of direct construction costs for the acquisition of artworks.

Currently being installed in the exterior wall of the Kincaid Street side of the library's new addition in a series of decorative panels, which are about 5 feet by 7 feet, created by Ann Storrs and David Bayle, both of Portland.

A 7-foot tall mobile roof sculpture by Keith Jellum of Sherwood, Ore., is scheduled to be installed the roof of the Kincaid Street addition by the end of August, as is a series of three 4-foot high garden reading lights representative of trees, created by Wayne Chabre of Milton-Freewater, Ore.

A series of 15 glass stair lights by Lind Ethier if Portland will be integrated into the library's new central circular staircase in the south addition. The lights will be installed at the end of this month.

When bidding is completed for phase two of the project — the renovation of the existing library facility — contracts will be written for the other three pieces of art. They include:

- Spencerville, Ohio artist Joseph Bonifas' ornamental iron work.
- Portland woodworking artist Gary Pagenstecher's plans for a circulation desk embellishment.
- Seattle artist Nancy Mee's creation of two columns made from fused and laminated glass featuring etched images.

Tech transfer director named

Lynnor B. Stevenson, a senior executive with 20 years of experience as founder and director of biotechnology and chemical-related start-up firms, has begun work as director of technology transfer services for the University.

Patricia McDowell, associate vice president for research at the University, said in a press release she is pleased that Stevenson was attracted to the job.

"Her hiring reflects the University's continued commitment to finding cost-effective ways to share the fruits of our faculty's intellectual endeavors with people who can entrepreneurial advantage of this knowledge for the diversification and development of Oregon's economy," McDowell said.

The position was established in 1988 to facilitate the transfer of technology developed in University research laboratories to the private sector while protecting and managing faculty inventions and other intellectual property rights.

Stevenson will provide specialized technology and marketing assessment services to University faculty members and assist in preparing and negotiating commercial sponsored-research and licensing agreements.

In addition, she will coordinate technology transfer matters associated with the Riverfront Research Park and will work with Advanced Science and Technology Institute, an Oregon higher education program designed to establish, develop and cultivate university/industry interactions.

McDowell said the University's relationships with industry have multiplied in the past five years. During fiscal year 1991-92, government sources contributed \$35.4 million in grants for University research and private corporations and foundations contributed \$5.7 million of extramural funds to support research here.

A native of Australia, Stevenson comes to the University from Fort Collins, Colo., where she was president, co-founder and director of Paravax, Inc., a private company founded in 1988 to develop vaccines for the prevention of parasite infections.

From 1979-90, she was an executive with a series of biotechnology firms in California and Montana.

Federal charges filed against four L.A. cops



LOS ANGELES

(AP) — Federal civil rights charges have been leveled against the four policemen whose acquittals on most state charges in the beating of motorist Rodney King led to deadly riots.

Indictments handed down late Tuesday and unsealed Wednesday charged officers Laurence Powell, Timothy Wind and Theodore Briseno with aiding and abetting each other in beating, stomping and kicking King under color of law.

The fourth defendant, Sgt. Stacey Koon, was charged with failing to prevent an unlawful assault by the officers under his command.

U.S. Attorney Lourdes Baird said prosecutors will not allege that the beating was racially motivated, although the defendants are white and King is black.

"As far as a racial motivation, that is not part of these charges and we are not making that allegation," Baird said.

She said the right that is alleged to have been violated is the right of all citizens to be free of unreasonable assault by police officers "regardless of race or sex."

The indictments capped three months of grand jury hearings launched shortly after the April 29 verdicts in the officers' state trial set off rioting so severe that National Guardsmen were sent in. The riots caused millions in damage and

52 people were killed.

President Bush denounced the state jury's decision. Baird maintained there was no political pressure to return indictments before the presidential election and said she never discussed the case with the White House.

The state trial was moved from Los Angeles County to suburban and predominantly white Simi Valley in adjoining Ventura County. Baird said she expects no such shift of location in the federal trial. The federal district draws on seven counties for its jury pool.

She said the investigation was continuing but declined to say if additional indictments were expected.

The four defendants were expected to surrender Thursday, she said.

Each defendant was charged under a post Civil War-era civil rights statute that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Baird said the indictment reflects no criticism of the state case against the officers. She declined to say how the federal case will differ, but said the indictment was well supported by evidence.

District Attorney Ira Reiner declined to compare the cases, saying he hadn't talked to federal prosecutors.

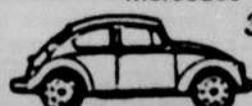
In the state trial, all except Powell were cleared of assault charges. Powell, 29, faces a state trial in October on an unresolved excessive force count.

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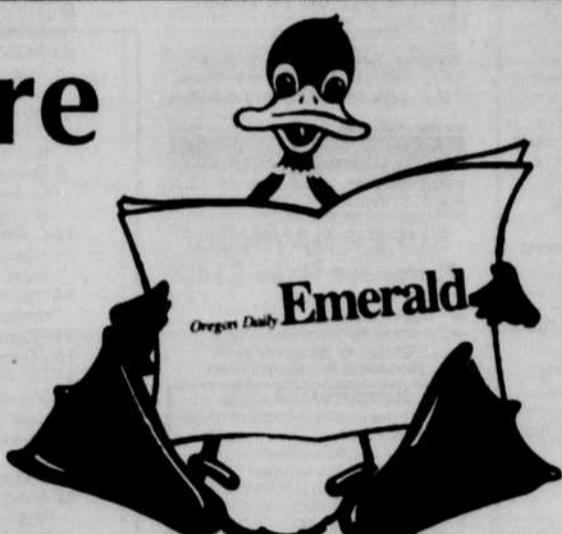
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