

Two students peer into the LaVerne Krause gallery in Lawrence Hall to view its lastest art exhibit, visible only through the windows.

LOOKING INTO A 'HERMETIC' WORLD

■ The display, seen only from the outside, includes miniature metalsmith work. sugar jewelry and a 'Peter meter'

By Anne Le Chevallier

some metalsmithing and jewelry graduate students received the LaVerne Krause gallery to display their work, they faced an aesthetic and artistic problem — the four artists didn't know how they could use the spacious gallery to display their small, intricate designs.

So they decided to lock the doors. The new exhibit is open until Friday in Lawrence Hall, but the public can't go inside. However, the entire show can be seen through the gallery's four sets of windows.

Based on a theme of "Closed Doors, Open Windows," the show is called "Hermetic Insights."

"I didn't know what (hermetic) meant at first," said Nick Dong, a graduate student from Taiwan. "I had to look it up in a dictionary."

Hermetic means airtight.

Instead of visiting art in a gallery, Dong said the exhibit allows viewers to visit art through something more familiar - a window. Dong said this new perspective offers the artists different ways to present their work.

They can show their work behind and through windows. Or using the concept of "window shopping," the artists can also display their work on a pedestal. Dong added that the windows' false perspective creates a miniature gallery for the work.

During the show's "opening," which was held Monday evening, the gallery's doors remained locked and a reception was held at the front door.

"People have an excuse to stand outside and keep eating," Dong said.

The viewers didn't have to move far to view the exhibit. On two spotlighted pedestals behind the windows of the gallery doors stand Dong's "Peter meter" and "Hooter meter." The silver, life-size devices can extend to measure the size of a man's penis or a woman's breasts. Dong said his metal work was inspired by a taboo topic — the phenomenon of how people judge others by their bank accounts, family background, hair color, height, weight, breast size and penis size.

"I made (the pieces) after observing people's social behavior in a culture I'm not yet familiar (with)," he said.

In order to present his art more effectively, Dong said he created a movie to demonstrate his art work as a functional object.

Dong said he hopes passersby will see his works' reflection in the windows and try to investigate. By blocking the light with their hands, viewers

can see Dong's corresponding creation, a short video projected onto two picture frames. The video shows a man using the "Hooter meter" to measure a woman's breasts, and a woman using the "Peter meter" to measure a man's penis. After this measuring, the characters' expressions change.

Dong said he hopes that after viewers laugh, they will reflect and re-examine themselves.

Metalsmithing and jewelry students Maria Almeida, Ukiko Honda, and Jennifer Dekoeyer have also displayed their work in the other windows. Almeida's work, shown closest to the hall's doors, presents a double temptation: she created jewelry made of sugar.

First-year graduate students Honda and Dekoeyer, who said they were most interested in perspective, used the identical far windows for a collaborative project. They created a miniature gallery that showcases their different metalsmithing techniques. Like a real gallery, their miniature works have lights, hallways and space blocked from the path of vision. They also bought figurines to appear to stroll around.

"It's not about the individual pieces of work," Dekoeyer said, "it's about the entire gallery.'

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Yesteryear's news

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ASUO mounts attack to repeal Newbry measure

ASUO President Bill Wyatt and other key members of the ASUO are presently mounting "a legislative attack in hopes of repealing the Newbry Amendment.

If the Newbry Amendment becomes effective on July 1, 1973, as scheduled, the ASUO will be faced with the possibility of receiving no funds from the incidental fee. Now the ASUO is almost completely funded by the incidental fe

The Newbry Amendment will give the State Board of Higher Education the authority to allocate the incidental fee to only those programs they considered "educational." Students would have the option to contribute to "uneducational" programs but these contributions would not be mandatory as they are

Senator Lynn Newbry ... named the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group as the only group he thought should cease to be funded by the incidental fee. ...

Wyatt said the amendment would cause "many of our valuable programs not to be considered educational, programs like the ASUO Housing Office, the Athletic Department, or EMU."

Student Life Events

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Presentation: University alumni Chad Sullivan and Agatha Schmaedick worked with United Students Agains Sweatshops this summer and will discuss their experiences interviewing workers in Indonesia. 6 p.m. 110 Willamette. Free.

Reception: Oregon Hillel and Jewish Professionals and Graduate Students present a wine and cheese reception at Hillel House, 7 p.m. 1059 Hilyard

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Book browse: Lane County Medical liance nosts its 33rd annual Book Browse and Tea fundraiser, featuring Northwest authors Jan Eliot, Elizabeth Reis Maryana Vollstedt and others. Hundreds of books will be available for discussion and purchase, and donations and 20 percent of sales go to LCMA scholarships and community education projects. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 4903 Blanton Rd. \$3 donation suggested.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Meeting: League of Women Voter's third Thursday meeting, titled "The European Approach to Adolescent Sexuality," will meet at Spaghetti Warehouse, Mary Gossart, education director for Planned Parenthood, Kitty Piercy, public affairs director

for Planned Parenthood, and Diane Duke, associate executive director for Planned Parenthood, will discuss the European approach to sex education. 12:15 p.m. 725 W. First St. Free.

Friday, Nov. 16

Family night: Eugene Family YMCA hosts a night of family fun, including an aikido demonstration, and introduction to scuba diving. basketball and food, 6-9 p.m. 2055 Patterson St. Free

Safety campaign: Lane County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving presents their 2001 Red Ribbon Campaign, "Tie One On For Safety." MADD asks drivers to tie a red ribbon on their vehicles and sign a pledge board to show their commitment to not drink and drive, and MADD will be providing free ribbons. Noon-2 p.m. Kendall Honda, Coburg Road. Free.

Sunday, Nov. 18

Chorus: Spiritual Growth Center hosts the Soromundi Lesbian Chorus singing selected music during service. 10 a.m. 390 Vernal St. Free.

Monday, Nov. 19

Flu clinic: Lane County Public Health offers flu shots for \$15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wheeler Pavilion, Lane County Fairgrounds

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