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Pre-Columbian Artifacts Donated to PSU

"I have always loved Plymouth and the University," said 80-year-old Olga Bowen. The former biochemistry researcher has donated four pre-Columbian pottery vessels to PSU, providing immeasurable value to the University's anthropology program and students.

How did these priceless artifacts come to Rounds Hall? It is a story of long-held respect for the school and a selfless, benevolent approach to sharing knowledge and history.

Bowen is a native of Costa Rica, a small Central American nation boasting the world's oldest Spanish-speaking democracy. Bowen came to the U.S. in the 1940s to study in the Boston area, met her husband, John Bradley Bowen, and settled in Wellesley, Mass. Bowen raised eight children after working at Massachusetts General Hospital, conducting biochemistry research for Harvard University.

Bowen's husband had a thriving dentistry practice and took up a friend's offer to visit the Plymouth area. The family fell in love with the Baker River Valley, building a vacation home on Tenney Mountain.

"I always thought of Plymouth as the prototypical New England town," said Bowen. "I loved being here, it was so refreshing."

The family often visited Lake Winnepesaukee and occasionally attended arts events at PSU, but didn't initially have a strong connection to the institution.

Bowen and her husband retired in 1991 and moved to the Plymouth area, bringing with them the four pottery vessels, which were displayed on a shelf in her home.

Bowen originally acquired three of them in the 1960s, when a member of her family uncovered them while digging fence posts on a cattle ranch in Costa Rica's Guanacaste province on the Pacific coast. The fourth pot, from the country's central highlands, is a tripod pot with three animal head-shaped legs and was found by an amateur archaeologist, a distant relative of Bowen's.

"It is very rare to find artifacts like this in Costa Rica," said Bowen. "I believe they date back to A.D. 600-1200, pre-dating Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World."

One of the pots is polychromatic, or multi-colored, and all are in excellent condition. David Starbuck, coordinator of anthropology and sociology at PSU, said the pots are a remarkable acquisition.



Olga Bowen and David Starbuck. Bruce Lyndes photo.

"These are about to go on display in one of our anthropology classrooms, where students and others can admire them," Starbuck said. "It is very important that students be able to see the unique achievements of other cultures and not just see pictures in books."

PSU President Sara Jayne Steen also emphasized the importance of this gift. "Mrs. Bowen's generosity will provide generations of PSU students with an experience that they otherwise would not have had."

Bowen downplays her generous gift. "What good are they to me? I just ask you to take care of them," she said. "I had always intended on giving them to the University because it has special place in my heart."

Lamson Expands Access for Local Residents

Plymouth and Holderness residents now have full access to PSU's Lamson Library, including public access computer workstations and thousands of books, digital files and technological resources. Library Director David Beronä has waived the \$10 annual fee for residents of those two towns, in an effort to provide easier access to Lamson Library.

"I'm a strong proponent of collaborations, and this is a viable means to collaborate with our neighbors," said Beronä. "By waiving the fee, Plymouth and Holderness residents now have free access to our 12 public computers and all of the data bases and digital technology."

President Sara Jayne Steen believes the free access further strengthens PSU's



Scott Jarvis photo.

commitment to partnering with the local community. "As a regional University, we collect and house a tremendous amount of information," she said. "Waiving the access fee for residents of Plymouth and Holderness

allows members of our communities free access to a vast array of knowledge."

Beronä pointed out that Lamson Library and the town-owned Pease Public Library complement each other in their offerings, and the free access offered to PSU's neighbors only strengthens the ongoing collaboration between the two libraries.

"Pease has always had a strong children's and fiction collection, while Lamson offers academic, historical, and technological resources," Beronä said. "So this latest effort to encourage the public to use our facility makes the connection and collaboration between the University and towns even stronger."

PSU People in the News

PSU welcomes:

Dennis Baumlín, building service worker, Physical Plant, as of Dec. 4, 2006

Linda Eisenhart, administrative assistant I, Alumni Office, as of Nov. 13, 2006

Jose Gonzalez, coordinator for recreation programs, HUB, as of Dec. 11, 2006.

Seth Hurst, grounds worker, Physical Plant, as of Dec. 11, 2006

Elena Marrotte, information support technician, College of Graduate Studies, as of Nov. 27, 2006



Steve Kahl (Center for the Environment) was an invited speaker and panelist at the annual N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services Watershed Conference on Nov. 18. His talk was titled "Using imperviousness criteria for incentive-based shoreline protection policies." The talk was invited in part because the legislature is expected to take up a major revision to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act in the next session.

Katherine Donahue (Social Science/Anthropology) co-chaired the session "Chaos, Confusion, and Collapse: The Destruction Resulting from Bad Policy" at the annual American Anthropological Association meetings, held this year in San Jose, Calif. Her paper, "Slave of Allah: What the U.S. Should Learn from the Case of Zacarias Moussaoui," drew on her observations of Moussaoui's trial.

Anil Waghe (CEAPS) took two PSU students to participate in the USNH Entrepreneurial Contest on Nov. 30 at UNH. The contest was sponsored by the *New York Times* in conjunction with the Marion Kauffman Foundation, Inc., USNH and UNH's Whittemore School of Business and Economics. They presented a poster: "Environment Friendly Organic Dye Cell" and presented part of their research work. Financial support for this trip was provided by the Center for Rural Partnerships and the Provost's office.

Katy Fralick Wins Environmental Education Award

It's said that the best teachers help young people learn how to think, not what to think. That's why a prestigious environmental education organization, Project Learning Tree, has named Professor of Education Katy Fralick New Hampshire's Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Fralick is a 20-year veteran educator at PSU, and prior to that, she spent 23 years as a public school teacher at the elementary, middle and junior, and high school levels. Fralick's expertise is teaching reading, children's literature, and instructional methods using the natural sciences to enrich student understanding of the natural world.

"I have been committed to environmental education throughout my career," said Fralick. "Even with challenges and changes in curriculum practices, I have held the belief that children must experience the world and be active in finding answers for themselves. I am committed to keeping an environmental focus, where appropriate, in all aspects of my teaching. Making connections and keeping science in the forefront is important."

The Project Learning Tree curriculum delivers an award-winning series of activities for students in pre-kindergarten to grade 12. At the elementary level, PLT offers interdisciplinary activities on such topics as forests, wildlife, water, community planning, recycling, and energy. At the high school level, PLT offers issue-specific modules in the topics of forest issues, forest ecology, municipal solid waste and environmental and public health risk assessment. New Hampshire Project Learning Tree also offers professional development to teachers, something Fralick enthusiastically implements in her PSU classes.

According to Pat Cantor, chair of the PSU Education Department, all of Fralick's students are involved with PLT.

"Katy has made it a priority to train her students in Project Learning Tree," said Cantor. "Her students are primarily undergraduate Childhood Studies majors who are preparing to be elementary teachers. They spend one day a week in a classroom, observing the teaching of science and social studies, practicing their teaching skills, and developing lesson plans to use with students."

As the outstanding educator for New Hampshire, Fralick has also been nominated to PLT's national recognition program.

It's Becoming a Tradition

For the ninth consecutive year, Plymouth State's business students have taken top honors in the national Small Business Institute® Case of the Year Competition with awards for Best Specialized Case of the Year and Best Comprehensive Case of the Year.

"The SBI program has been a cornerstone of the PSU business department for over 30 years by providing our students with a service learning opportunity to apply their education to the real world of business," said Zamzow. "These projects provide a real win-win opportunity for our small business clients. The clients receive a valuable independent analysis of their organization and specific recommendations for growing their business or non-profit to a new level. At the same time students are exposed to real business challenges to which they must find solutions."

The Best Specialized Case of the Year report was a marketing plan for a small company in Meredith, N.H., that is introducing a new electronic beer tap flow monitoring device. The report included a market share analysis, sales projections and marketing channel strategy. Team members were Brandon Kimmins, Edward Stosser, Debra Holbrook and faculty advisor Duncan McDougall.

The Best Comprehensive Case report presented the economic benefits to New Hampshire of completing the Cannon Mountain Master Plan to re-open Mittersill Ski Area and the connector trails between Cannon and Mittersill. The report is expected to be reviewed by the Governor and state legislature next year. Team members were Jonathan Blais, Sharon Demers, Theresa Hamer, Greg Sutherland and faculty advisor Craig Zamzow.

Craig Zamzow, coordinator of Plymouth State's MBA program, said this was the first time PSU took two first place prizes. "There are a large number of schools in the SBI competition, and it's particularly gratifying knowing the quality of institutions that compete," said Zamzow.



ETC Children's Festival Celebrates Beauty and the Beast

Children from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to "Be Our Guest" at the annual Children's Arts Festival presented by the Educational Theatre Collaborative, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Silver Center.

"The Children's Arts Festival is a way for ETC to involve every child in the area who wishes to become a part of ETC, by providing a full day of wonderful arts experiences," said Trish Lindberg, artistic director.

The Festival, coordinated by Robb Dimmick, draws its inspiration from this year's ETC musical production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Children will attend workshops in dance, music, art, acting, and language arts. Workshops include:

- The Banquet's All Prepared—Acting with Michael Stoddard
- A Change in Me—Dancing with Amanda Whitworth
- Something There that Wasn't There Before—Art with Denise Plante-Renaud
- There Must Be More than This Provincial Life—Language Arts with Cynthia Moon
- A Culinary Cabaret—Music with Sharon Knotts.

The cost of the day-long event is \$35. Parents may register their children by calling Susan Keefe at (603) 535-2453. Children should bring a bag lunch; snacks will be provided. ETC is a community arts organization sponsored by Plymouth State University, Friends of the Arts and Plymouth Elementary School.

Tickets for ETC's Jan. 24–28 production of *Beauty and the Beast* are available from the Silver Center box office at 535-ARTS. There will also be a special appearance at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on Feb. 9. Call 225-1111 for more information about the Concord performance.

PSU Financial Aid and Bursars Office Hosts Student Artwork

Who says a university's Bursar's and Financial Aid offices have to be stuffy and boring? Not the PSU Art and Art History club, which transformed those offices into an art exhibition space with the creation of three large murals depicting the Plymouth State's iconic image: Rounds Hall.

The semester-long joint project involved about 20 students, who created the three 3-by-8 foot images of the past, present, and future of Rounds Hall. The murals are made of tempera, ceramic and acrylic materials, influenced by cubist and realist styles.

"The entire school revolves around it, it's the original building on campus, nearly every student has a class in it," said Anthony Cormier, Art Club president. "It seemed like a great subject."

Art Department chair Cynthia Vascak applauded the students' work, saying, "I'm extremely proud of their commitment to celebrating student work and beginning the



initiative of creating thematic murals across campus."

Financial Aid employee Angela Torsey originally suggested the idea for murals to the Art Department, which then enlisted the artistic efforts of the Art and Art History Club. The murals are mounted below the service windows in the Financial Aid and Bursar's office on the first floor of Speare.

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Lamson Library

The following products and years are now available through the Web of Science database:

- Science Citation Index Expanded 1900–present
- Social Sciences Citation Index 1956–present
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index 1975–present

Look for "Web of Knowledge" in the list of databases to begin searching. Training sessions are being scheduled for the spring semester. In the meantime, additional information may be found online at <http://scientific.thomson.com/products/wos/>.

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Calendar

Wednesday, January 10

OS meeting. 10:30–11:30 a.m. HUB. Contact: Michelle Marsh, 535-2767.

PSU Community Worship. 12:30–1 p.m. Church of the Holy Spirit, Main Street, Plymouth, next to the D&M building. Contact: United and Catholic Campus Ministries, 535-2673 or 535-2327.

Friday, January 12

Faculty Executive Council meetings. 3:35 p.m. HUB 119. Contact: Scott Coykendall, 535-2616 or Marcia Schmidt Blaine, 535-2347.

Saturday, January 13

ETC Children's Festival: *Beauty and the Beast*. See story page 3.

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Home Athletic Events

Wednesday, January 10: Men's ice hockey vs. Nichols (Little East Conference game) 6 p.m. Waterville Valley Ice Arena

Saturday, January 13: Women's basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut (Little East Conference game), 1 p.m. Foley Gym; Men's basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut (Little East Conference game), 3 p.m. Foley Gym

Sunday, January 14: Wrestling—PSU Invitational, 10 a.m. Foley Gym; Women's ice hockey vs. Southern Maine, 2:30 p.m. Waterville Valley Ice Arena

Wednesday, January 17: Men's ice hockey vs. Southern New Hampshire, 6 p.m. Waterville Valley Ice Arena

Saturday, January 20: Skiing (SL), Waterville Valley; Women's swimming & diving vs. St. Joseph (Conn.), 1 p.m. PSU Natatorium; Women's ice hockey vs. Nichols, 6 p.m. Waterville Valley Ice Arena

Sunday, January 21: Skiing (GS), Waterville Valley



Dishing Up Another Winner at PSU

In a tasty combination of classroom lessons and entrepreneurship, a Plymouth State University student team took home the top prize in creating a new dessert for New Hampshire's Common Man family of restaurants. Team Blue's delicious entry, "Bursting Blueberry Crisp," was awarded first place in a ceremony Dec. 6 at the Common Man's Concord eatery.

First launched last year, the Common Man Apprentice competition is modeled after the reality TV show, *The Apprentice*, featuring Donald Trump. Business students from PSU and St. Anselm College in Manchester served as apprentices for Common Man restaurants during the semester-long contest. Head chefs from the restaurant chain selected the three best desserts out of 21 total entries from contests at each school. Those six winning entries, three from each school, were put on the menu during November at each of the five Common Man restaurants in a head-to-head competition, with the winner decided by total sales. Team Blue sold 572 servings, beating out their fellow PSU competitors, PSU White Chocolate Caramel Cheesecake, which tallied 486 orders.

Dr. Bonnie Bechard, PSU business professor, designed the program along with her husband, St. Anselm business professor Tom Fitzpatrick, to give students in her Organizational Behavior course the opportunity to develop teamwork skills and real-life business experience.

"I'm very proud of them, all of the students did an awesome job," Bechard said. "Clearly, all of the desserts this year were a cut above. We did great last year, and the students seemed to learn a lot from the success of last year's students. I'm very excited about our success and bringing the winner's plaque back to PSU."

The winning team consisted of Matt Carney, a senior from Merrimack, N.H.; Jessica Voaden, a junior from Avon, Conn.; Ryan Griffin, a junior from Canton, Conn.; and Michael Vigneault, a junior from Merrimack, N.H.

"I would say time management is the best lesson I learned, it was very difficult trying to work around each other's schedules and get the work done, but we figured it out" said Jessica Voaden.

Matt Carney of Team Blue thought the blueberry-based dessert caught many diners' eyes because it wasn't seasonal. "The recipe was a little different, especially for this time of year. We worked on a different topping using graham crackers, so that little twist really made a difference."

Jason Lyon '94, Common Man CEO, was very impressed with the competition results. "Keep in mind these are business students, not culinary arts students," he said. "But they jumped right into the process and came up with some pretty impressive and innovative recipes."

The runners-up also were PSU contestants, including the Bakers Delight team of Meghan Grubbs, Tom Myers, Alec Vargus, Ali Pothier and Michael Stack. The Dainty Delights team included Meghan White, Jennifer Oddy, Stacy Harkabuf, Lianne Houde and Kara Kiely. St. Anselm's Gretal's Stout Gingerbread entry also placed in the final judging.

The winning team received a \$500 prize from PSU and St. Anselm College. An additional \$500 from the Common Man is given to a charity or student organization of the winners' choice. The winning dessert also earns a place on the Common Man menu.