Press Release:
Dedication of the Donald W. Herberholz Bench and Sculpture

The Department of Art is very pleased to announce the formal dedication of the Donald W. Herberholz Bench and Sculpture, located at the east end of Kadema Hall. Generously donated by his wife, Barbara Herberholz, the installation includes a sculpture by Don Herberholz, *Infinite Spirit.* A reception will be held in the Kadema Hall breezeway at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening, October 11.

Emeritus Professor Don Herberholz taught at Sacramento State for 35 years, retiring in 1991. A skilled artist, he was particularly known for his abstract and whimsical sculptures in welded metal, ranging from fountains to wall pieces. He and his wife Barbara also wrote one of the leading art education textbooks in the United States, *Artworks for Elementary Teachers.* First published in 1964, the book is now in its ninth edition and has sold over 500,000 copies.

In the obituary printed in 2006, *Sacramento Bee* staff writer Robert Dávila stated that Don Herberholz was a "strong proponent of art education who decried school curriculums that emphasize "left brain" subjects -- including reading, writing and math -- at the expense of art lessons that help children think creatively with their "right brain."

Don Herberholz’s professional accomplishments were acknowledged in many ways over the years. He served as chair of the Art Department, received Sacramento State’s Meritorious Professor Award in 1984, won the California Art Education Association's Award of Merit two times (1981, 1988), and was named California Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association (1985). At the annual conference of the California Art Education Association in 2005, Don and Barbara Herberholz were jointly awarded a plaque “For their Artful Spirits and Lifelong Contributions to Art Education.”