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CULTURE CLASH



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Meet your provost



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Dr. Harold Hellenbrand, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, adorns his desk with items he has collected over the years. He has everything from collectible Barbie dolls to Elvis dolls.

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The Daily Sundial had a chance to meet with Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Harold Hellenbrand and ask a few questions about his recent-yet-full experience as CSUN Interim

President.

Daily Sundial: What do the dolls on your desk represent?

Harold Hellenbrand: The dolls were produced by Professor Edie Pistolessi and her students from the art department and they are made for satire. I have 15 to 20 dolls in my room. I am one of the first in the public to see

them. The dolls are gifts but also ideas. My favorite doll is Elvis because he looks so campy.

DS: What did you want to be when you were a kid?

HH: When I was young, I wanted to be an architect because I always liked design and mathematics. I played soccer many times as a child

and in high school. I played baseball and football as well, but soccer was my favorite sport. I played anything with a ball.

DS: Who are your favorite teams?

HH: My favorite teams are the Boston Celtics, San Francisco 49ers, Oakland Raiders and St. Louis Cardinals.

DS: Where is your favorite spot on campus to relax?

HH: My favorite spot on campus is the art department. The courtyard is nice and it is an intimate place.

DS: What is your favorite novel, author and movie?

HH: My favorite novel is the "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison. My favorite writer

is Raymond Chandler. My favorite film is "Dog Day Afternoon" starring Al Pacino.

DS: What have you specifically done in regard to diversity and multiculturalism at CSUN or any other schools you worked for?

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HELLENBRAND

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HH: In regards to multiculturalism, I worked on the graduation rate at CSUN and worked with LAUSD. I set up better relationships with schools and education overall. I worked on placement tests, making it easier for students to come into a university of their choice. Harvard gave me a solid education, I worked with plenty of people. That had the biggest effect on me. My degree in English was unrelated to my career because I ended up with it by accident; I changed my major so many times.

DS: How was your overall experience as interim president?

HH: I enjoyed being interim president. I never wanted to become president though. It was too many meetings for my taste (but) I saw how

much education is valued. I had been here for eight years so the trustees didn't have a lot to move on.

DS: What was your best and worst memory as interim president?

HH: My best memory was the graduation rate going up and my worst memory was the foolishness with enrollment caps. They thought taking fewer students would force the system to receive more money. We should've taken the penalty for it; it would've made it easier for staff and students. It's against my nature but made more sense.

DS: Any advice to new President Dianne Harrison?

HH: My advice for Harrison would be to get to know the culture of the campus as well as she can. I believe she will bring a lot of experience in fundraising, applied sciences, and be able to work in a complicated environment.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

AUGUST 25-27

Police detected smell of burning marijuana from inside apartment in UPA2 at 9:55 p.m.

PERSONAL PROPERTY THEFT- A pair of shoes belonging to athletics department were stolen from Redwood Hall by unknown suspect.

Police detected smell of burning marijuana from inside apartment in UPA14 at 10:29 p.m.

AUGUST 28

Suspect was cited for violating university rules and regulations after attaching flyers to cars' windshields in B5 parking structure at 10 a.m.

PERSONAL PROPERTY THEFT- Cell phone was stolen in Bookstore Complex after victim left it unattended on table.

AUGUST 28 (cont.)

PERSONAL PROPERTY THEFT- Secured bicycle was stolen from bike rack east of UPAS building.

PERSONAL PROPERTY THEFT- Cell phone was stolen after being left unattended on desk in Noski Auditorium.

PERSONAL PROPERTY THEFT- Rear tires were stolen from secured bicycle at bike rack east of UPA1.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

08/28/12 5:30 p.m.
The victim was walking eastbound when she was approached from behind by the suspect who was on a skateboard. The suspect grabbed the victim's purse and backpack from her shoulder, causing her to fall to the ground with her property. The suspect attempted several more times to

AUGUST 28 (cont.)

pull the purse and backpack from the victim's grasp but was unsuccessful. The suspect grabbed the victim's cell phone and sunglasses from off the ground before fleeing eastbound on Jacaranda Walk. The suspect is described as a male black, bald with long, wide sideburns and a thin beard, early 20s, about 5'6", 150 lbs, athletic build, and last seen wearing a white t-shirt and unknown color pants/shoes.

Investigation Continued

HIT AND RUN

08/27/12 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Parking Lot/Structure B5
Unknown suspect(s) struck victim's parked vehicle causing damage to the driver's side rear wheel fender.

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