Art alums gather for invitational exhibit

The Art and Design Department has held alumni art exhibits before, but this spring’s Invitational Alumni Exhibition was different.

Rather than ask all alumni to submit work, each faculty member asked two former students to display their art. According to Coordinator and Assistant Professor Sky Bergman, who worked closely with artist/alum Art Treskin (ART ’82) in developing the event, this format helped bring continuity and diversity to the show.

The University Art Gallery exhibit comprised works by 25 artists, including Garner Moss’s (ART ’88) L.A. Kings Website, large-format photography by Joseph Lavine (ART ’90), and logos by Margo Chase.

“The exhibit was a reunion of sorts for all the alumni artists involved,” said Bergman. More than half the artists attended the closing reception, and many participated in the portfolio reading for graduating students the following day and the alumni advisory board meeting on Sunday.

Tim Lloyd (ART ’82) with his sculpture, “The Dancers.” Lloyd’s bronze sculptures are in private collections in the United States, France, and Australia. (Photo by Doug Allen)

Cal Poly universities celebrate unique tradition: Rose floats line up 50 years in a row

This year Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona are celebrating 50 consecutive years of Cal Poly floats by volunteers in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

The two universities have maintained their tradition of winning entries most recently with the 1997 float. The 55-foot “Catch of the Day” won the Founders’ Trophy in the 108th Tournament of Roses Parade for the most beautiful float built and decorated by volunteers. On Jan. 1, “Countryside Joy Ride” will be the universities’ 50th consecutive float entry at the annual event.

Both campuses and their alumni associations are planning numerous events on campus and in Pasadena during the year-long celebration to commemorate this golden anniversary, and all alumni and friends are invited to participate. Cal Poly alumni who have helped design, build, promote, or decorate past rose float entries are especially invited to Homecoming 1997 on the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo campus Nov. 15-16 to be honored for their special contributions.

The Rose Float Committee requests assistance in locating past rose float supporters, club officers, float builders, and committee members to join in the anniversary celebration. For more information on scheduled events, contact Paul Lewis (LA ’89) at 310/652-7937 or Yutaka Sugiyama (EE ’83) at 805/488-8655.