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AU artist hangs in ambassadors' homes

"Art is one of our most productive ambassadors," said artist Helen Frankenthaler, and Professor **Greg Constantine**, chair of the art department, has taken this statement to heart.

Within the last year, he has shared his unique art with the government through the Art in Embassies Program. Constantine was encouraged by the curator of the program to submit slides of his work to be viewed by U.S. ambassadors, who then choose paintings to furnish their residences abroad. Four of Constantine's paintings now hang in three locations.

Ambassador Cynthia Schneider of the Netherlands, Ambassador Paul Cejas of Belgium and Ambassador Rudolf Perina of Moldavia, chose Constantine's paintings in January of this year, and the paintings now occupy prominent places in their overseas residences.

This summer, Constantine visited two of the ambassadors' homes. After completing his fifteenth architecture tour in Europe with Andrews University students, he spent a day in the Netherlands with Ambassador Schneider and the following day in Belgium with Ambassador Cejas. "I was very much impressed by the graciousness of the ambassadors," said Constantine. "They took time out of their busy schedules to meet with me and talk to me about my paintings." Constantine was also the guest of Paul Cejas and his wife for lunch the day he visited.

The Art in Embassies Program is valuable for both the ambassadors and the artists. "The Program provides the ambassadors with paintings for their homes that showcase American talent," Constantine reflected, "but it also provides new venues for recognition that

the artists wouldn't normally be able to obtain." Many officials from the ambassadors' host countries are entertained at their houses and are exposed to the American works on display.

The artwork is not purchased by the ambassadors, but is lent to them for their three-year term, after which the pieces are returned to the artist's private collections. However, the ambassadors are given the chance to purchase the paintings if they wish.



ART AMBASSADOR: Constantine in Belgium with U.S. Ambassador Paul Cejas. His painting of the artist Rene Magritte hangs in the background.

New faculty appointed

According to the office of Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration, eighteen new faculty began teaching appointments on campus this fall:

Stephen Framil, assistant professor of music; **Barry Gane**, professor of youth ministry; **Betty Gibson**, assistant professor of computer science; **Mark Haddad**, instructor in accounting; **Ben Maguad**, associate professor of management.

Robert Mason, instructor of art; **Josip Mocnik**, instructor in library science; **Jiri Moskala**, associate professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology; **Peggie Ncube**, assistant professor of communication; **John Norton**, instructor in aeronautical technology.

Monique Pittman, assistant professor of English; **Terry Robertson**, assistant professor of library science; **Jane Sabes**, associate professor of political science; **James Sprow**, assistant professor of finance; **Ranko**

Stefanovic, associate professor of religion; **Stephen Thorman**, professor of computer science; **Ralph Wood**, assistant professor agriculture; and **Michael Wright**, assistant professor of social work.

Philanthropy awards

During this summer's eighth triennial Conference on Philanthropy in Colorado Springs, Colo., The Milton Murray Foundation for Philanthropy honored **Regina Bernet**, coordinator of donor accounts; **Rebecca May**, director of alumni services; and **David Faehner**, vice president for university advancement.



PHILANTHROPY PAYS OFF: David Faehner presents the award to Regina Bernet.