ACQUISITIONS

On the Map

LANDMARKS: The first published map in the colony of New York, "A Map of the Countrey of the Five Nations," is one of more than 50 historic maps, prints, books, and copper engravings donated to Rush Rhees Library by Seymour Schwartz ’57M (Res), a highly regarded map historian and the Distinguished Alumni Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

The map was created by Cadwallader Colden in 1723 during his appointment as Surveyor General of New York. Although the image was later published in Colden’s Papers and in his History of the Five Nations as a supplementary map, the 1724 engraving is one of just two extant copies of the original printing.

"The map is very primitive, yet it conveys so much," says Nancy Martin, the John M. and Barbara Keil University Archivist. "It shows how they visualized the country, which was virtually a wilderness at that time. The map, and the collection as a whole—which also includes the earliest known visual image of western New York—is a “landmark acquisition for the library,” Martin says. Although created for utilitarian purposes, these rare images are “almost accidentally, wonderfully artistic.”

"I’ve always been interested in history, both medical and American history," says Schwartz. "Maps are graphic representations of history. Many of them are very elegant works of art."

"Charting Western New York," an exhibit of the Schwartz collection, opens November 11 in the library’s Department of Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation.

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Research Funding Hits a Record

Funding for research climbed to historic levels during the year that ended June 30, with an 18 percent jump to a total of $415 million. That’s double what the University received 11 years ago.

“Pound for pound, our faculty are among the most successful and productive in the nation in attracting research dollars,” says Provost Ralph Kuncl. “Research and development funding is the lifeblood of innovation, and Rochester has a strong track record of leveraging its research activity into new ideas and technologies that both benefit the greater society and strengthen the local region’s economy.”

Here’s a breakdown of the numbers for the 2010 fiscal year (July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010):

$415 million
Total research funding for 2010, an increase of more than $64 million over the total in 2009.

$42.7 million
Additional awards from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Excluding ARRA, the University saw growth in funding from all federal sources and across nearly all divisions in 2010:

$211 million
National Institutes of Health, an increase of 17 percent.

$16 million
National Science Foundation, an increase of 34 percent.

$73 million
Department of Energy, an increase of 29 percent.

Excluding ARRA, awards to the Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences grew by 37 percent, and awards to the School of Arts and Sciences grew by 26 percent.

The Medical Center saw research funding jump by $35.7 million in 2010 over the previous year.

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