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Detritus
An Exhibition of Art Made from Recycled or Found Materials

April 16 – May 25, 2007
Opening Reception
Thursday, April 19th 5pm to 8pm

Seton Hall University is pleased to announce the exhibition “Detritus” will be on view from April 16th to May 25th, 2007 at the Walsh Gallery. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Seventeen artists were chosen for this exhibition of art made from found or recycled materials, which explores the inherent environmental and social weight of the waste that we generate. Through the skilled manipulation of the artist, objects and materials are transformed from waste into art, creating a revealing portrait of society and its values. Some of the artists address specific social issues such as war, nuclear proliferation, and environmental responsibility. However, others choose to explore the formal possibilities of found and recycled materials, allowing the viewers to draw their own conclusions about the implications of the art.

Co-curators, Laura Browarny, Kelsey Quillen and Mark Schlemmer noted “During the curatorial process, we have found that when displayed collectively, the artwork redefines the terms around which we might conventionally frame this exhibition, such as found art and assemblage. Techniques and materials meld in a way that discards barriers between “high” art, folk art and design.” The curators are graduate students in the Museum Professions Program.

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