"Reclining Figure" (Christian Balmer)

“Sculpture is an art of the open air. Daylight, sunlight is necessary to it,” Henry Moore ’74HON, the great British sculptor, once said. Now Moore’s bronze *Reclining Figure*, a gift from David and Laura Finn, has been installed *en plein air* outside Havemeyer Hall. The Moore sculpture was originally bound for South Lawn, but after students brought a petition claiming that the abstract artwork would mar the harmony of the neoclassical campus, the University Senate recommended the sculpture be placed in front of Havemeyer. That sits well with the Finns, who were close friends with the late artist. “He would have been proud to see it here,” David Finn said.