Burchfield Center hosts art contest with USG and visual arts board

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The first Western New York purchase award Collegiate Drawing Exhibition will be held at the Charles Burchfield Center in Rockwell Hall March 11-April 29. The United Students Government and the visual arts board with the Charles Burchfield Center will sponsor the event.

A $250 and a $150 purchase award will be given for the two outstanding drawings.

"The two winning drawings will be the first works by students in the new Burchfield Center's permanent collection of Work of Living American Artists," noted Dr. Edna Lindemann, director/curator of the Burchfield Center.

The Burchfield received a national endowment of $5,000 for the purpose of organizing a collection of Work of Living American Artists with the understanding that the center would raise another $5,000 for the new collection in the community, according to Dr. Lindemann.

"We hope to have purchased works amounting to $10,000 by December 1973," she stated.

"The collection of works acquired with the $10,000 will be augmented by works the Burchfield Center receives as gifts or purchase awards," said Dr. Lindemann.

She also mentioned that the two purchase award drawings from the competition will extend the new permanent collection of the Center beyond its $10,000 purchasing power.

Any full-time college or university student in Western New York may submit a maximum of two entries in any drawing media, made with the last two years.

The Burchfield Center encourages all artists within a reasonable distance of Buffalo State to hand-deliver their entries. Works will be accepted at the Burchfield Center on February 27 and 28 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"All entries, either hand delivered or shipped, must be submitted by February 28," Dr. Lindemann said.

She also noted the entry fee of $2 for one work and $3 for two works has been waived for all Buffalo State students.

According to Dr. Lindemann, USG and visual arts board have appropriated $1,000 to cover the expenses of the exhibition not covered by the Burchfield Center. The $1,000 will cover the cost of two purchase awards, the opening reception, and printing of necessary items.

Dr. Lindemann expressed her enthusiasm for the Collegiate Drawing Exhibition and said, "It invites a long hoped-for involvement of art students in all colleges and universities in Western New York."

"I am particularly delighted that the invitation to students on other campuses, both public and private, has been extended in the name of all Buffalo State students by the USG and the visual arts board," said Dr. Lindemann.

Students active in planning the exhibition include Michael Mogavero and Susan Hardy of the visual arts board and Laura Wise, Eric Lindstrom, Gary Pogorzelski, Jerry Zagst, and Linda Kracke of the Charles Burchfield Center student exhibition committee.