Art show called ‘social event’

By Gene Tracey

The Annual Student Art Show which opened April 5 proved to be a tremendous success according to Alan Garfield, associate professor of Fine Arts. Approximately 200 people attended the opening, most of them students. "We are really doing well in our openings, they have become a social event and a happening on campus," he said.

Works ranged from sculpture and ceramics to photography and prints, with works classified into six categories.

At the opening, Arts senior, Peggy Reinecke was awarded the Frances Kraft $250 Scholarship by the Rev. Don Doll, S.J., chairman of Fine and Performing Arts. Reinecke was chosen by the Fine and Performing Arts faculty with criteria set by Frances Kraft, former chairman of the department.

The recipient must be an accepted major in the department, with either a junior or senior standing who has proven an outstanding ability in his or her major study area. Reinecke is concentrating on painting and drawing.

Six other awards and a purchase award for the University's permanent collections were also presented to students. Best of show in ceramics was shared by Arts senior Tom Rossi for a piece entitled "TR#8" and to Arts sophomore Kathy Moffett for her salt glazed "3 Stoneware Pieces."


Best of show in "mixed media," a new category which uses combinations of the different media was awarded to Arts junior Patty Moffett for her untitled piece, a combination of photography and silk screening. Arts junior Joan Wilwerding's "Interstate Nebraska" and "Dancers" won best of show in photography.

An untitled lithograph by Arts graduate Diane Jacobs-Malina won best of show in printmaking. Mary Beth Fogarty was presented with the best of show in sculpture for her metal work, "Contemporary Laundress," which also won the purchase award.

"The purchase award is for the University Art gallery's permanent collection," Garfield said. "When the collection is large enough, some of the works will be placed in the faculty offices. We feel the student's work is good enough, so this award is an investment in both their future and our future."

The show will continue through April 22.