

Two student sculptors receive international excellence awards

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The Department of Fine and Applied Arts has announced the winners of the Jan Zach Memorial Award for excellence in sculpture.

Janell Carson of Eugene and Wayne Abbonizio of Ardmore, Penn., are the 1989 recipients of the annual award. Both sculptors are bachelor of fine arts graduates of the University.

The Zach Award is named after former University of Oregon art professor, Jan Zach, who died in 1986. He was born in Czechoslovakia, and lived and worked in Brazil, Mexico, Canada, India and the United States.

For more than 20 years, Zach taught at the University with the purpose of conveying the important role of art in crossing international boundaries and expressing the message of freedom.

The award in Zach's name is given to Carson and Abbonizio for their excellence in the Department of Fine and Applied Arts as well as their achievement in sculpture.

The award is granted with the hope that they will use the award funds to further their development as artists in an international setting. The recipients may choose to use their funds to expand their talent by studying abroad.

According to Paul Buckner, University sculpture professor, both recipients are deserving of their awards because of their dedication and innovation.

Buckner praised Carson for her willingness to step beyond the boundaries of formal artistic tradition.

Carson expresses "a willingness to try new ideas when reliance on established expertise would gain easy praise," Buckner said.

"She is one of very few young talents who open themselves to the real challenge of an education in the arts," he said.

Buckner called Abbonizio "an accomplished designer and form maker who is driven to find his own connections to our fundamental visual language."

Previous recipients of Zach Awards are sculptor Tom Walsh of Eugene and sculptor and teacher Linda Halfon of Sitka, Alaska.



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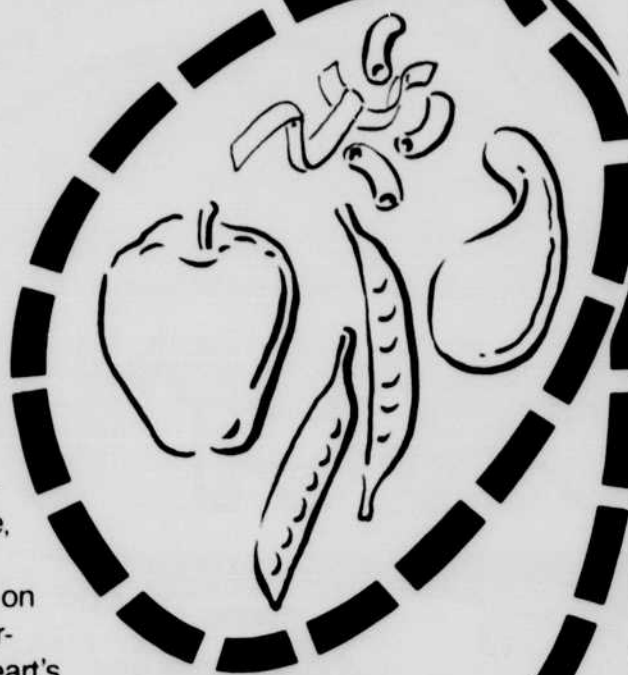
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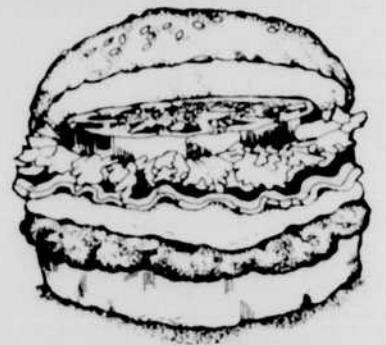
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