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Cliff Castle, an art student from Eastern Washington State College, was presented the first Donald G. Heard Memorial Award during a portion of the Sunday, February 6 opening of the 1972 Governor's Invitational Exhibition of Washington Artists. The \$100 award, presented by The Evergreen State College in memory of faculty member Donald Heard, who was killed in a highway accident last October, was given to Castle by Evergreen President Charles J. McCann as part of a ceremony officially opening the new college's art gallery. Donald Heard's widow, Ronda, was present for the special memorial presentation.

Castle, a graduate of Spokane's Ferris High School, was one of 24 students from Washington colleges and universities who had works entered in the Governor's Invitational Exhibition, presented Sunday at both Evergreen and the State Capitol Museum in Olympia.

The annual exhibition, part of the Governor's Festival of the Arts, featured works by both professional and student artists. Castle's entry was an untitled photo silk screen painting. Another of his silk screen works is included in Evergreen's new Washington Printmakers Collection, which will be shown in the college art gallery during April, then made available as a traveling exhibit throughout the state.

Professional and student entries in the Governor's Invitational Exhibition will be on display at both the Museum and the Evergreen Art Gallery through March 12. This is the first year student works have been included in the annual exhibition.

Another portion of the art gallery opening Sunday was the presentation of a certificate to Mrs. Ethel Kindschy of Olympia, who had made a \$1,000 gift to The Evergreen State College in memory of her late husband, Robert, a long-time Olympia teacher and artist.

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The gift was used to commission Lawney Reyes of Seattle to design and sculpture the exterior of the large doors which open into the Evergreen Art Gallery. Both Mrs. Kindschy and Reyes, a Colville Indian, were present for the ceremony.

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