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POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WILL HOST 1972 NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

An invitation by Robert K. Sponholz to host the 1972 UPAA Symposium at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, has been accepted, according to President Thad Sparks.

Sparks said the dates for the annual university photographers get-together will be announced later. "In addition," said Sparks, "we need bids from all parts of the country for future years."

The UPAA has been attempting to vary sites for the annual business meeting and technical seminar so that more members from throughout the country will be able to attend.

Michigan Bids

Bill Mitcham of Michigan State University has entered a bid for the 1973 Symposium, and unless changes are forthcoming this will be the site, said Sparks.

Mitcham had been asked by several members of the association during the last symposium if he would host the event, and he contacted Sparks after the last meeting, stating that this would be possible in 1973.

AWARDS GIVEN

Norbert Bybee, Jr., of the University of Michigan garnered the top award as Photographer of the Year during the 1971 Symposium held at Connecticut College.

This award is given on the basis of overall entries in the contest. Others receiving awards for prints submitted were James O. Sneddan, University of Washington; Dick Furdie, University of Denver (Colorado); Warren Graudis, L. S. U.; James Reiter, University of Illinois; John Pierson, Colorado State; John Foster, Central Washington State University; James Voris, Wittenberg University (Ohio); Lil Junas, Ohio State; Charles Cox, Southern Illinois; Steve Groffiths, Metropolitan Junior College (Kansas City, Kansas); Steve Voorhees,

Ferris State College (Michigan); Michael A. Geissinger, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; William E. Clark, University of Maryland.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Solomon Wollman, University of Connecticut, was granted the coveted Distinguished Service Award during ceremonies at the UPAA Symposium business meeting. The award is given only when the Board of Directors are of the opinion that a member has rendered exceptional service to the Association.

Wollman, one of the Association's originals, and one of the few remaining active, has continued to contribute to the growth of the organization.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Thad W. Sparks, university photographer for Duke University, Durham, N. C., was elected and installed president at the annual business meeting. He was executive vice-president last year. Named to serve with Sparks were Phil Biscuti, executive vice-president from Connecticut College, New London, Conn.; Gerald L. Tenney, communications vice-president, from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee; Lillian M. Junas, secretary, from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Robert J. Isso, treasurer from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. James A. Kent of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, is the immediate past president.

POSITIVE & NEGATIVE ARTICLES NEEDED

This is your newsletter, but to make it really worthwhile we need your opinions, news articles, innovations, want ads (no charge), and information.

TENNEY'S TATTLINGS

(If the information is forthcoming, this will be the first of several columns by your communications vice-president.)

"No, I'm not dead, haven't been fired, and I do not have a drinking problem, but just about everything else

has happened. "

This was the beginning of a letter I received from one of our officers and it seems to express the condition of many of our members.

And I imagine the budget problems are plaguing everyone more than ever before.

However, if we put our minds to it we can still accomplish much, and one means is through the University Photographers Association of America.

There are a number of our members who have overlooked paying dues. If a check (x) is beside your name on the address, you are in arrears, according to the latest information I have from the treasurer and president.

You owe it to yourself to send your dues check to Robert J. Isso, University Photographer, University of Rhode Island, 41 Davis Hall, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881.

A Tiger in Your Tank

I refrained from telling him sooner, for fear he might have a heart attack, but one of our members was closer to the wilds of Africa than he might have known.

While awaiting a flight returning from the Symposium, I noticed another plane (on which Norbert Bybee, Jr., University of Michigan) was boarding had acquired more interest than most around the baggage area.

Still being a newsman at heart I decided to investigate, and discovered that a tiger being transported on the same plane had started an uproar when a large dog was placed in the same area. Some reports had it that the tiger actually escaped its cage for a while.

But, evidently, all went well for the plane with Bybee inside took off into the wild blue yonder.

How Big A Budget

Jim Voris, director of photographic services at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, got a coppertone 21-cubic-foot refrigerator-freezer, Morse contact printer, Omega enlarger, two

16mm sound projectors, two electric typewriters, an electric adding machine, file cabinet, a case of rubber bands, a motorized aerial roll film processor, 88 years, 2 months and 3 weeks supply of DK 50, Ohoto paper, both contact and projection, including a 16x20 Ektacolor (150 sheets), 12 cases of Kodak Systems cleaner (16 per case), and sundry other items.

You bet he's got one heck of a budget?

No, all that listed was FREE; free for going and picking it up. The U. S. Government has a grant through the National Science Foundation called "COSIP." Wittenberg University, through its physics department, applied for and received this grant. All departments in the university may cash in on this, and the photo department was there with bells on.

The procedure is that you make a trip to a surplus depot that is set up for the program. You screen the property you want, put your name on it, and turn in the paper work. In approximately 30 days your paper work has been processed and you may pick up your goodies. What we do is screen the same day we pick up the previous 30-day property, said Voris. This way there is a fresh stock in view.

With the economic crush being felt on university campuses it behooves us as photographers to use our dollars wisely. Jim said he felt this program will help do this for your university. In concluding, he said, "See you at Surplus Property -- but I hope I get there first."

A BIG THANKS

UPAA's gratitude for a well planned and executed Symposium should go to Phil Biscuti and the entire administration of Connecticut College. The programs were very informative, and the social events pleasurable.

LET'S HEAR IT

Again I urge you to send in anything you think advisable for publication in this newsletter -- Positive & Negative. By exchange of ideas we can all benefit.

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