A gala evening preview to be called "Collectors' First Choice" will open one of the
museum of Modern Art's major spring exhibitions, RECENT DRAWINGS U.S.A. on Tuesday,
April 24. This unusual exhibition and sale of more than 125 drawings selected from
almost 5000 submitted by artists from all parts of the country, will be on view in
the Museum's first floor galleries through August 5.

As all the works of art in the show will be for sale, the preview is called
"Collectors' First Choice" because those attending will have the first chance to
buy. Several drawings will also be given away that evening. A lucky 4 or 5 guests
will have their choice of whatever has not been sold by 11 o'clock. The remaining
drawings will be sold to the public throughout the course of the exhibition.

Mrs. Sawyer Goodman Dewey is chairman and Mrs. John Pierrepont co-chairman of
the benefit preview which is expected to be attended by hundreds of friends of the
Museum. French champagnes and cognac will be served and background music will add
another festive note. The exhibition is sponsored by the Junior Council, a group
of young friends of the Museum under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donald B. Straus.
The preview will be a benefit for the Council's program which includes such special
activities and services as the Art Lending Service, evening symposia, and special
events and children's programs.

Paul J. Sachs, Professor Emeritus of Harvard, well known scholar and art
authority, is Honorary Chairman of the Junior Council's Drawing Show Committee. Mrs.
E. Powis Jones is Chairman and Mrs. Carleton Sprague Smith, Vice Chairman. Drawings
are being received now in space set aside in a old house on West 53rd Street.
Selection will be made within a few weeks so that a catalog reproducing many of the
drawings can be published when the exhibition opens.

Members of the Benefit Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Dewey and Mrs.
Pierrepont, are:

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