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"That's what drew in students like Joe Abbott, a Warren sophomore. "I've always had a love for the building trades. And I like to draw. I like Frank Lloyd Wright. This program is enjoyable. It's tedious, but it will pay off in the end."

Abbott is president of the first-in-the-nation student chapter of

the American Society of Architectural Perspectivists (ASAP). The group is planning a trip next spring to Washington, D.C., to take a behind the scenes look at a \$2.5-million restoration project involving the American Institute of Architecture's Octagon Museum.

Anne Gliseman, a first-year illustration student from Berkley, switched schools and majors to get into Lawrence Tech's program. "This was exactly what I wanted," said the former Wayne State University painting major.

Just 35 students are currently enrolled in the 18-month-old program. Rigorous requirements in-

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clude an eventual portfolio with 10,000 drawings and maintaining a B (3.0 grade point) average.

The first graduates are expected in 1995. Linton says the program is attracting interest from across the country and Canada. One student hails from Vancouver.

The first two years are going to focus on fine and applied commercial arts, while the final two years are concentrated on architectural studios and computer-aided drafting and design.

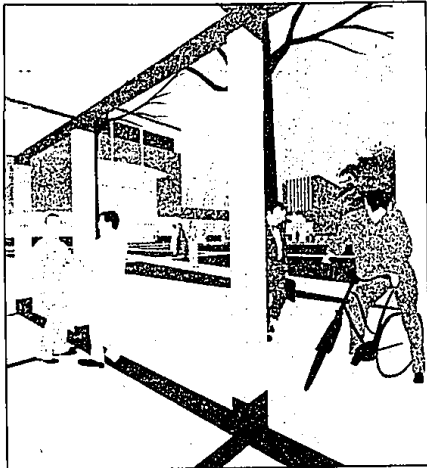
"The Detroit architectural community has had international visibility since the '50s with firms like Minoru Yamasaki and Kevin Rock producing work being built all over the world," Linton said. "There's a slew of illustrators that followed behind the design environment."

Referring to a student design contest to create a brochure cover for One Detroit Center, Linton noted: "The kind of projects students do move beyond a developer-type rendering. I think a common perception of (architects) doing illustrations for home builders is radically different for students in the architectural program. They see a field of problem solving in visual communications."



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Helping hand: Steve Jurczuk (seated), a student lab technician, shows students Joe Abbott and Anne Gliseman a computer-aided design sequence. CAD work is a full-year requirement in LTU's architectural illustration program.



Picture it: A computer-generated picture donated to Lawrence Tech's permanent collection from the architectural firm Skidmore, Owens and Merrill, New York. Professor Linton says students in the architectural illustration program will have access to such equipment in internship programs.

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