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SMITH SCENE The Alexandre Gallery on 57th Street was abuzz the other night during the opening of a retrospective of the work of Vincent Smith. The Brooklyn-born artist combines his formalistic innovations with angst drawn from insight as a participant-observer in the civil rights movement.

Those in attendance included the former executive director of the Henry Street Settlement House, Daniel Kronenfeld. Mr. Kronenfeld, who as a social worker was once portrayed by actor George C. Scott in the television series "East Side/West Side," co-produced by David Susskind, told the Knickerbocker he gave one of Mr. Smith's searing compositions to President Clinton at his inauguration in Washington.

Also marveling at the work were Jim and Bonnie Crown, members of the National Arts Club. Mr. Crown is a political scientist recently retired from New York University and Mrs. Crown is a literary agent. They know Mr. Smith from their years of exercising together at the New York Health & Racquet Club at University Place.

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