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DAYTON, Ohio, December 6, 1968 --- The new exhibit in the art gallery of Kennedy Union at U.D., "Out of This World", was germinated in part by the space movie 2001 but mostly by an out-of-focus color television set on the East Campus. "The geometric color design seemed to be saying something to me," Dr. Bernard Plogman, S.M., the artist, said.

Dr. Plogman is chairman of the Fine Arts Department at the University of Dayton.

The exhibit is a drastic departure in style, as Dr. Plogman has been an abstract expressionist for several years. The present paintings are hard-edged, geometric and either round or irregular in shape. They are unframed to create the illusion of outer space.

Visitors to the gallery will find a new solar system, a designed sun, a space storm and a shooting meteor. Several of the works have the distinct illusion of physical motion.

To complete the show Dr. Plogman hung a parachute from the ceiling to create an environmental effect and to produce personal involvement with the theme of the show on the part of the viewer.

The current exhibit, which will be on display through December 31, is part of a research project Dr. Plogman has been doing on color as a form of energy.

Dr. Plogman has exhibited widely in art shows such as the Summit Showcase of Art, the Vicinity and Biennial Shows of the Cincinnati Art Museum, and the Harriet Crane Art Gallery.

He has studied at the Universities of Pittsburgh, Dayton, Western Reserve, Cincinnati and at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Cleveland Art Institute, Dayton Art Institute, Cincinnati Art Academy and the Catholic University of America.

He took his undergraduate work at the University of Dayton. He received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his doctorate from the University of Cincinnati (1967).

A concurrent exhibit in the Torch Lounge of Kennedy Union at the University of Dayton is a collection of water color collages and graphics by Jane Bearman, through December 31.

The 20 pieces in the exhibit illustrate themes from the Old Testament. They are being circulated on a national tour by the Old Bergen Art Guild, Bayonne, New Jersey.

A member of the New Jersey Water Color Society, Miss Bearman is a book illustrator and art teacher.