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Professor's paintings visit Houston gallery

By RENEE HARRELL Reporter

couple of years ago Richard Daaward, an honorable mention award alk after teaching his drawing and a special merit award. ign classes. Now he's showing 16 tels at a Houston gallery.

lis exhibit, at Hooks-Epstein Gales, Inc., is called "Theatrical ndscapes: Pastels on Paper." It hang until July 28. Davison has n teaching environmental design Texas A&M for three years.

hes by 60 inches, could sell for 500 apiece, Davison says. The 11 all paintings, 18 by 24 inches, uld sell for about \$450 each. He has two 28 by 44-inch paintings the exhibit.

If the public likes it, the prices and jump up," Davison says. hey've not been for sale in preis competitions. I've been saving for this show.'

Davison's other work has been

Texas, Missouri, Indiana and Florence, Italy. He has received a merit

Five of Davison's pieces are in the permanent collection at the Texas A&M Medical Sciences Complex.

"I've been seriously painting about 10 years," Davison says. "I've only been working with pastels about two years.

Davison started using colored Three of his large paintings, 40 chalk in class to make his lectures more interesting.

"After lectures, I'd doodle," Davison says. "I liked the effects I got on the chalk board with the dark back-

ground. I've been developing that image for about two years. Davison says he uses a "relatively" dark background for his pastels, but

not jet black. 'I'm real interested in light and color more intense

shown in Virginia, California, ground. I look at the color as making an illusion of light.

Davison received a bachelor's degree in environmental design from Texas A&M in 1975. Since then, he has earned a master's degree in fine arts from Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Joe Hutchinson, an environmental design professor at Texas A&M, says Davison was always a gifted student.

"I've known him since he was a student here," Hutchinson says. "He was outstanding because he tended to span the breach between arts and architecture. He has grown in his work considerably because of his research and exploration into the concept of light and color.'

Hutchinson says the dark background in Davison's work makes the



Texas A&M Professor Richard Davison works on one of his pastels.

color," Davison says. "I feel I can see "He uses small strokes of color on the color better on a dark back- a black surface," Hutchinson says. "This, coupled with landscape, is shapes of houses and as suddenly as with other forms. It's much like sort of lyrical. You can see trees, they appear, they begin to merge color and light reflected in water."

oll-free hotline offers free help to Texas women

By LESLIE HEFFNER Reporter

A new service in Texas offers free egal advice and counseling to n's Advocacy Project a non-profit sic legal information or a referral to ite a feorganization based in Austin.

983, was established because research showed a need for such a service, says attorney Betsy Loar, exe peop organization received so many calls all women's legal rights. rs kick from the Austin area that project

leaders felt there was need for the service throughout the state, Loar said

Since January, the hotline has avodine — is sponsored by the Wom-"Many of our callers need very ba-

an attorney in their area who specialhe we The hotline, started in October izes in dealing with the type of problem the caller has," Loar says.

The hotline focuses primarily on sex discrimination issues, but offers autive director of the Project. The free legal advice and counseling on

Loar usually refers the callers to

The hotline focuses primarily on sex discrimination issues, but offers free legal advice and counseling on all women's legal rights.

attorneys in their own areas who creasing all the time," Loar says, have agreed to provide the callers "our goal being to eventually have with a free 30-minute initial counsul-enough attorneys in all areas of the tation, she says. More then 50 attor- state to handle the needs of all our neys now participate in the program. The number of attorneys participating in our referral service is in-

callers. The attorney often faces an uphill

One Midland attorney said: "I feel strongly about helping women en- ject focuses on sex-discrimination is-force their rights, but I know very sues, 60 percent of the calls are little about sex discrimination law. I'd have to learn a whole new, complex area of law on my own, and I'd discrimination and 10 percent are be up against well-paid and experi-miscellaneous questions. enced corporate lawyers. That's pretty discouraging."

cases, the project offers free legal assistance, co-counsel on selected counting major Joan Meyers — was cases, financial assistance, seminars pleased to learn about it. on related areas of the law, and other services.

Loar says that although the proabout child custody and wife abuse, 30 percent deal with employment

So far the hotline is not widely known, but one Texas A&M student In handling sex-discrimination who was involved in a verbal harrassment case on the job - senior ac-

The hotline number is 1-800-221-

Tower returns to SMU as visiting lecturer

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DALLAS - Sen. John Tower, Rexas, who will retire at the end of yets of the year, Monday accepted a teach-yery ing position at his alma mater, nk." Southern Methodist University, which he said he chose over nine ther schools he had considered.

The senior senator, who is headg the re-election campaign of Present Reagan in Texas, did not cometely rule out the possibility of eing offered a cabinet position if eagan is re-elected but said such a

By the position would only be temporary. "I have not been offered a high level government position," Tower told a news conference called to anabottu nounce his appointment as a distin-rt, ^{plat} guished lecturer in political science. "If I were, I would have to look at at and of course if I were to do

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my arrangement at SMU. however, that would be short term and I still plan to teach at SMU afterward.

Tower has been mentioned as a candidate for secretary of defense if Reagan is re-elected.

SMU President L. Donald Shields, who made the announcement, said Tower's adjunct faculty appointment will take effect at the end of this year. Tower will be a visiting lec-turer in the spring 1985 semester and will teach a course in the fall of 1985.

Tower, who graduated from SMU in 1953, said he considered "nine or 10 schools" before choosing the United Methodist-affiliated university

SMU is on its way to being a world class university in just about every area," Tower said. "And, of course, I have sentimental attach-



Sen. John Tower

ment to SMU. I have a graduate degree from SMU and my three chil-dren graduated from here. Also my parents went to SMU. We are three generations at SMU.

Dollar hits record high in Europe; gold plunges

United Press International

LONDON — The U.S. dollar surged to record highs against major European currencies Monday, de-lighting American tourists and disturbing finance ministers worried about huge Third World debts.

The surge meant U.S. vacationers in Europe got more local currency for their dollars, meaning hotels, meals, drinks, sightseeing, theaters and purchases were cheaper than they expected when they left home.

Éuropean Community finance ministers meeting in Brussels expressed fears the rising dollar and high U.S. interest rates could damage their economies and hinder the ability of Third World countries to meet payments on their foreign

debts "We are all concerned about the

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terest rates," Irish Finance Minister ply," it said. Alan Dukes said. "These have an immediate effect on our own economies, and also an overall effect on the debt problem worldwide.'

"People are buying dollars. They need them for oil and other things,' said a Swiss foreign exchange dealer in Zurich.

Gold plunged \$8 to \$339.50 an ounce in Zurich from \$347.50. It dropped \$1.50 in London to \$340.00 from \$341.50 Friday.

said the dollar's strength was "due to predictions of high interest rates in the United States plus growth in the demand for private loans.

evolution of the dollar and of the in- est rates and overabundance of sup-

Earlier, the afternoon fixing in Frankfurt was a 10-year high of 2.8446 Deutschmark against 2.84 Jan. 29, 1974, and in Paris it was 8.73 francs, surpassing last Thurs-day's record fix of 8.6940.

Although it eased back on closing in both centers, it still ended higher on Friday's previous closings. Bank-ers said West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, sold \$72.3 The Union Bank of Switzerland million to shore up the mark during the day.

The dollar ended at 2.8395 mark in Frankfurt, up from Friday's 2.8280, and 2.39075 Swiss francs in Gold's tumble reflected the Zurich, a seven and one-half-year "firmness of the dollar, rising inter-high and up from 2.3792.

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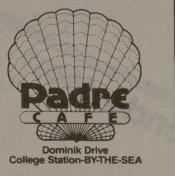
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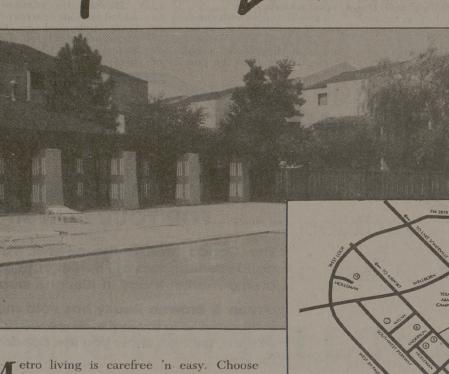
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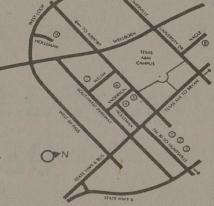




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