The University's Reed Fine Art Gallery is adding 153 original Andy Warhol photographs to its permanent collection thanks to a major gift from the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program.

Reed Art Gallery Director Sandra Huck said that university officials signed a contract on March 19 to receive the black and white photographs and Polaroid images, valued at more than $100,000. The Warhol Foundation is donating a total of 28,543 original Warhol photographs – valued in excess of $28 million – to 183 college and university art museums across the U.S. This unprecedented gift is being made through the legacy program in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. The foundation oversees the legacy program.

“That this small campus is able to participate in this program and is a recipient of this gift is nothing short of remarkable,” Huck said. “I couldn’t be happier.”

The aim of the Photographic Legacy Program is to provide greater access to Warhol’s artwork and process, and to enable a wide range of people from communities across the country to view and study this body of Warhol’s work, according to foundation officials. The program offers institutions that do not have the means to acquire works by Warhol the opportunity to bring a significant number of photographs into their permanent collections.

Student research featured at 7th University Day

From a Greek play to GIS technology to genetics, University students will be showcasing their academic research, scholarly work and community service on Wednesday, April 16 during the 7th Annual University Day. The theme of this year’s event is Building Global Respect: Our Environment and Ourselves.

University Day is an event that heightens students’ awareness of the work being done by peers in all of the disciplines represented on campus. No regular classes are held, but in their stead, students are encouraged to attend student-led presentations and talks held during five sessions throughout the day.

More than 200 students will present 32 talks and performances. Many of the presentations address the event’s dual themes of environment and diversity. The International Students Club also will host its Culturefest 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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For the Reed Art Gallery, some of those photographs include images of Carly Simon, Wayne Gretzky, and Victor Hugo. Fittingly, the gift includes a black and white print titled “Owl” – an owl serves as the University’s mascot.

“What’s really significant about these images is that they are the tangible documentation of the American art scene from the 1970s to the 1980s through Andy Warhol’s eyes,” Huck explained. “These images are important in and of themselves, and because of the larger body of work they represent.”

The Reed Gallery expects to receive the photographs by the end of April. Huck said officials hope to get some of them framed and available for public viewing in the coming months.

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**Social Work Students head to United Nations**

Ten students in the University’s Social Work Program headed to New York City and the United Nations during Spring Break to learn more about the role social work plays on a global scale.

The students, all active members of the Student Organization of Social Workers, attended two events in New York City – the Global Social Work Student Conference at Fordham University on March 30 and the 25th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations on March 31. Social Work Day at the UN is a gathering place for people around the world who are working to make a difference through a career in social work.

**Upward Bound gives away computers**

More than 40 local high school students have like-new computers at home thanks to the help of the University’s Upward Bound program. On Saturday, March 22, officials gave away 40 refurbished computers and 2 new laptops so students could participate in new online mentoring and tutoring services the program offers.

Upward Bound provides 120 students throughout Aroostook County – many are from economically disadvantaged households and will be first generation college students – with programs that prepare them for college entrance.

Students from high schools in Fort Kent, Van Buren, Madawaska, Caribou, Ashland, Limestone, Fort Fairfield, Easton, Presque Isle, Mars Hill, Houlton, Hodgdon, and Dyer Brook received the computers, which were donated by members of the community and the region’s two universities following a computer donation drive in January. Officials are hoping their students will be able to use the computers throughout high school and take them to college.

Two lucky students – Eric Peterson of Caribou High School and Lillian Tuell of Fort Kent High School – were able to take home brand new laptop computers donated by the Very Reverend James Nadeau, who serves as the parish priest at St. Louis Catholic Church in Fort Kent, and is himself an Upward Bound alumnus.

While the donations will help many Upward Bound students, officials pointed out that their next batch of students will be joining the program this summer. They will continue to accept donations of used computers from the community. For more information, contact 768.9544 or email tammy.smith@maine.edu.
University celebrates winter “survivability”

With the area’s record-breaking snowfall in huge piles around campus, the University hosted a Winter Survival Celebration for students on March 27 at Gentile Hall.

The event included winter games, a short presentation from WAGM-TV’s Ted Shapiro about this year’s unusual winter, and a physical representation in the Gentile Hall Lobby of just how much snow had been dumped on the area – a whopping 187 inches, or more than 15 and 1/2 feet.

Following a short presentation by President Don Zillman and Shapiro, students headed outside to compete in an ice chunk throw, toboggan slides, a winter clothing relay race, and snow angel making.

According to Dean of Students Chris Corsello, the event was meant to celebrate the campus’s winter “survivability.”

“This was a chance for us to take pride in our institution. Yes, it’s cold and we get a serious amount of snow here, but our campus has endured – and many students have done so while maintaining a full course load,” Corsello said. “With that last snowstorm breaking the record, we took some time out just before Spring Break to celebrate our winter ‘survivability,’ say thank you that the worst of the snow is probably over, and hope that spring is coming soon.”

Corsello stated that this program is the first in a long series of planned activities sponsored by her recently developed UMPI Pride Committee. The Pride Committee’s mission is to promote unity, spirit, visibility and a positive image of UMPI on campus and throughout the greater community area through community activities and services.

Big community projects are in the works as the University’s GIS Program collaborates with the Northern Maine Development Commission, the City of Presque Isle, and the Town of Fort Fairfield to establish at least six paid student internships involving GPS and GIS technology.

GIS [Geographic Information Systems] is a computing system designed to capture, store, analyze, and display geographic information and spatial data. GPS [Global Positioning System] is a satellite-based navigation system that can precisely locate any position on the planet.

NMDC will hire four of Dr. Chunzeng Wang’s GIS students as paid interns to begin work on the cooperative corridor management and preservation plan/project for Route 1 between Presque Isle and Caribou. The project is funded by the Maine Department of Transportation. Students will collect field data with GPS units, digitize hard-copy parcel maps, and convert them into GIS datasets. The project will help manage properties, improve traffic flow and safety, and aid any planning and zoning activities for Route 1 between both major cities in northern Maine.

In other projects, the Presque Isle Public Works department, Fort Fairfield Public Works, and the Fort Fairfield Planning Office will create paid internships for GIS students to work on several projects throughout the summer and fall. Two student interns will be hired by the PIPW to collect data on city infrastructures, such as storm water drain outlets and major traffic signs, and build GIS databases for the City. In Fort Fairfield, students will collect water pipeline and water shutoff data to create relevant GIS databases.

Such collaborations benefit both the region and the students involved.

“These projects provide our students with excellent opportunities to work on real projects to gain important hands-on experience which will benefit students’ future careers,” Dr. Wang said. “The projects also complement the University’s commitment to technology transfer and community service.”

Houlton Higher Education Center has new calling system

There is a new procedure for calling the Houlton Higher Education Center. To reach all parties at the center, you must now dial 521-3100 and listen to the menu options.

Campus moving on GIS projects

More than 100 students, staff and faculty turned out for the first-ever Winter Survival Celebration on March 27, after the area had received a total of 187 inches of snowfall, breaking the old snowfall record.
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in Pullen 210, offering four presentations on the theme “Holidays.”

To add to the community spirit of the day, the University will open its doors to the public. The University Day committee has invited honors students from local high schools. Community members are welcome to attend all sessions. All are invited to attend an open house from 10 a.m. to noon in the Campus Center. Topics will include the academic, athletic and student life experiences. The open house will also feature a panel of current students and financial aid and application information.

During lunch, Erika Valtinson will be presented with the Recent Alumni Award. Valtinson graduated from the University in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in biology with a pre-med concentration. Two days after graduation, she moved to Philadelphia to complete a 27-month Physician Assistant [PA] program at Drexel University. When she returned home last fall, she quickly landed a job with Pines Health and now provides primary health care in Caribou.

Also during lunch, students will be able to participate in an Ecological Footprint activity, learning about how big a mark they’re leaving in the environment. Throughout the day, there will also be poster sessions in Folsom 101A and displays from student clubs in the Gentile Hall Lobby.

That evening, the University will host the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Dr. Robert Musil, who served as the head of Physicians for Social Responsibility, which won the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. Musil will speak at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center on “Hope for a Heated Planet: You are the leaders we have been waiting for.” A leader in national peace, nuclear disarmament, and environmental movements, Musil is the author of *Changing the Climate: Healing, Humanity, and Hope for a Heated Planet* (Rutgers University Press, forthcoming).

A complete schedule of University Day activities can be found at www.umpi.maine.edu/uday.pdf.

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Eight members of the Student Organization of Social Workers used all-natural cleaning products to sweep, mop, and clean at the kitchen on March 15.

The group took part in a hygiene drive last fall and opted to do a community service project for their spring project. Student Justin Rossner, a junior in the Social Work program, said students were happy to be cleaning and helping out.

“It was great to know that we were giving to a cause that needed our help,” he said.

And the big reward? Rossner said volunteers were “completely ecstatic” when they saw the work students had done.

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**AT students give presentation**

**Five seniors in the University’s Athletic Training Education Program** spent a day in Augusta on March 12 offering a presentation on athletic training during the State House Hall of Flags Day. March is National Athletic Training Month – this year’s theme was “Who’s Taking Care of Your Kids?”

Students talked about the difference between athletic trainers, personal trainers, and physical therapists, and how athletic trainers are uniquely qualified to care for athletes. They prevent, diagnose, treat, and rehabilitate acute and chronic injuries, can provide medical coverage at sporting events and decide whether an injured athlete needs transport to a hospital or may return to play.

Professor Barb Blackstone, Athletic Training Education Program Director, said the event was a great educational experience for students.

“It gave them an excellent chance to share what they know,” she said, “because eventually, they’ll have to do that everyday with students, parents, and administrators.”

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**Erika Valtinson** and **Robert Musil**

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Senior Athletic Training students pictured are, from left, Adam Bickford, Brian Morrison, McKenzie Boucher, Patrick Baker and Joshua Holcombe.
Sports!

Davis selected to All-Independent team

Junior ERICA DAVIS, of Cumberland, ME, has been selected to the 2008 All-Independent Conference Women’s Basketball Third Team. The Association of Division III Independents consists of 21 Division III independent institutions located throughout the United States that have joined together to recognize student athletes at independent institutions, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition in nine sports in 2007-08. Student outstanding athletic achievements are recognized on a weekly, monthly, and annual basis.

Erica was selected for her athleticism and leadership on the basketball court. She led her team in scoring, steals, and in rebounding this past season; Erica has also been honored among universities throughout the state of Maine for her exemplary play! Congratulations, Erica, on a great season!

5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament

Three captains for the 2008 UMPI men’s soccer team along with their head coach, Alan Gordon, hosted a 5th and 6th grade boys basketball tournament Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30 in Wieden Gymnasium. The tournament saw players and teams from Presque Isle, Caribou, Mars Hill, Houlton, Madawaska, Fort Kent, and Van Buren participate in the day’s action. The Caribou team took home the championship trophy. Over 200 players, coaches, officials, parents, and fans took part in this two-day event to benefit the Aroostook Youth Basketball League and the UMPI men’s soccer team.

Baseball Team enjoys NYC side trip

The great part about being a collegiate athlete, especially at the Division III level, is the constant changes and surprises which tend to arise from day to day. After rain cancelled their games on April 1, the UMPI baseball team took advantage of the change in schedule, and decided to spend the day exploring New York City. For many, it was their first time in the “big city.” After managing to get lost, the UMPI vans eventually made their way onto Broadway and into Times Square. The athletes were then able to spend a couple of hours touring the area and even had the chance to visit the ESPN studios. The team made a stop over at Ground Zero and the beautiful Statue of Liberty, before heading to their evening game against St. Joseph’s College of New York for a game scheduled to be played in the Bronx, only blocks away from legendary Yankee Stadium. This is all a part of the awesome experience of playing college athletics!

Men’s team hosts Indoor Soccer Tournament

For those wishing to take part in some early soccer play, UMPI’s men’s soccer team will host an Indoor Men’s Soccer Tournament on Saturday, April 12, from 6 – 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The tournament, to be held in Gentile Hall, will include 10 college and adult travel teams from throughout Maine and Aroostook County, and serves a fundraiser for the team. This is the third year it has been offered. According to organizer, UMPI men’s soccer coach Alan Gordon, the tournament serves several purposes – it raises funds for men’s soccer and provides a service to the community. “It’s an opportunity for participants to exercise, compete, and see the new facility at Gentile Hall,” says Gordon. Admission is free. For those wishing to compete, there is a $75 per team entry fee. Limited spots are still available. For information contact Alan Gordon at 768-9473 or alan.gordon@umpi.edu.

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Earth Day showing of film
An Inconvenient Truth
The Green Campus Action Committee is hosting a showing of the 2006 film An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning on Earth Day – Tuesday, April 22 – at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 Folsom Hall. An Inconvenient Truth has been described as “former Vice President Al Gore’s fervent crusade to halt global warming’s deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it.” There will be time for discussion following the 96-minute film. For information, contact Allen Salo at 768.9411.

National Girls Collaborative Project Informational Session scheduled
An Informational Session for the National Girls Collaborative Project will be held 7:30 p.m., April 17, in the Alumni Room, Campus Center. The goal of the project is to create a statewide network of girl-serving organizations that encourages participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). This local session is sponsored by the American Association of University Women. According to Dr. Anja Whittington, AAUW Liaison at UMPI, “We are currently in the initial stages of gathering interested parties.” The session serves as a means to connect those with this interest, as well as provide them with information about possible grants. For information, call 768-9537.

Senior Student Art Exhibitions now on display
Final culminations of student work will once again be featured this spring in Senior Art Exhibitions available for viewing in Pullen Gallery. According to Sandra Huck, Director of the University’s Reed Art Gallery, student exhibits and receptions represent more than just the works displayed. “These ‘one person shows’ are the final educational opportunity the student will experience – the demands of having an exhibition.” The next exhibit, a collection of black and white photos titled “Abstract of the Human Form” by Tammy Bragdon can be viewed April 11 – 16, with a reception on Saturday, April 12 from 4 – 6 p.m.

Schedule of Senior Art Exhibits 2008
March 18 – 22  . . .Shelby Wilcox
23 – 27 . . .Heather Nunez
April 5 – 10 . . .Ashley E. Nichols
11 – 16 . . .Tammy Bragdon
17 – 21 . . . . . .Jamie Corey
22 – 26 . . . . . .John Dickey
27 – May 2 . . . . . . . .Nicole Smith
May 3 – 8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Bonnie Clapp
9 – 14 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Jessica Stackhouse

SAGE offers two new spring courses
SAGE (Seniors Achieving Greater Education) recently added two new courses – one philosophical and the other financial – as part of its current spring semester. An exploration in Philosophy titled “What am I:

Inanna brings world rhythms to Wieden stage
The all-women drumming group Inanna – Sisters in Rhythm will make its fifth appearance at the University at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11 in the Campus Center. The ensemble, which has been drumming together for 18 years, incorporates singing, drumming, other forms of percussion and dance into a festive, stirring show for all ages, according to Cultural Affairs Director Carol Ayoob. “We are so excited to bring Inanna back to Presque Isle,” Ayoob said. “Every time they perform here, they get audience members up on their feet, dancing in the aisles. If you’re ready for spring, come out to this show, let their primal beats wash over you and experience renewal.” Inanna is a percussion and vocal ensemble that explores the heritage and rhythms of West Africa through original arrangements and compositions invoking ancient traditions of the drum. Originally created by participants of a drum class in Alna, Maine, the group has recorded and released four full-length albums and performed at numerous percussion festivals and community events. Inanna takes its name from an ancient Sumerian goddess who reigned more than 4,000 years ago during a period when it is believed that drummers and dancers were predominantly women. Advance tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for students and are on sale at Morningstar Art and Framing. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the evening of the performance at $10 for adults and $5 for students. Admission is free for UMPI, NMCC and SAGE students. *
Educator and adventurer T.A. Loeffler will guide discussions of philosophical questions, and explore means of communication using language, arts, music, and maps. “Financial Foundations,” a course taught by Gretchen Morse, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, will touch on a variety of financial topics including: Retirement Money Matters, Market Volatility, Rules of the Road to Investing, and Estate Planning. It is scheduled to meet on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. beginning April 17. To register for a spring semester course, call 768.9502 or email mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu.

**Adventurer to serve as Distinguished Lecturer**

Educator and adventurer T.A. Loeffler will discuss her recent climb up Mount Everest and her work in experiential education at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 21, in Wieden Auditorium. The presentation, originally scheduled for March 5 but cancelled due to a storm, is part of the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series. Loeffler, Professor of Outdoor Recreation at Memorial University of Newfoundland who is currently attempting to complete “The Seven Summits” – climbing the highest peak on all seven continents – will speak on “More than a Mountain: One Woman’s Everest.” During her two-day visit to northern Maine, she will visit campus classrooms, and all are invited to join her in an early morning “fun walk” Tuesday, April 22 at 7 a.m. leaving from Gentile Hall. For information, call 768.9537 or email anja.whittington@umpi.edu.

**Adventurers participate in winter Katahdin climb**

Seven adventurous northern Maine souls braved the elements and Mount Katahdin during a three-day trip to Baxter State Park organized by the University of Maine at Presque Isle’s Outdoor Adventure Program International (OAPI).
The physical-ly exhausting and mentally challenging trip was meant to leave participants with a greater appreciation of Katahdin and winter travel.
The adventure began on Friday, March 14 at 5:30 a.m. Trip members drove to Abol Bridge, about 40 minutes northwest of Millinocket, and met Peter Doucette, an accomplished, young mountain guide that OAPI hired as a technical guide for the ascent up Katahdin.
The group snowshoed in approximately 4.5 miles with 50-pound backpacks up a packed trail to Abol Campground, where they made their home in lean-tos and learned the art of staying warm in winter conditions.
The next morning, the ascent was underway. The group was met by a well packed, easy to follow trail to the base of the slide, which also provided wonderful traveling conditions. But the mountain – even in the best conditions – is no cake walk.
The long, arduous incline proved too much for the brave explorers.
Just feet before the top of the slide the unanimous decision was made to turn around and descend.
“We knew it was going to be difficult and even before we left UMPI we talked about the fact that getting to the top was only one part of the experience and would be a bonus,” Morin said.
Doucette took this opportunity to have the group practice self-arresting techniques and play around with glissading, a mountaineering term used to describe sliding down a slope using an ice axe as a brake, before returning to camp.
Sunday morning, the group made the 4.5 mile hike out to the van.
“Everyone here really challenged themselves – battling the extreme elements, working as a group, stepping outside comfort zones and learning new skills,” Morin said. “It was a fantastic trip.”

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**Griffith presents Home, Not Home at Reed Gallery**

Artist Linda Griffith’s digital photography will take center stage at the Reed Fine Art Gallery when her exhibit Home, Not Home is featured between April 7 and May 9. The artist will host an opening reception at the gallery at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11 to discuss her work.

Griffith is a fine art photographer, playwright and owner of Magic Pond Wildlife Sanctuary and Guest House in Aroostook County, which hosts long-term residencies for artists in a wilderness environment.

The public is invited to explore the duality of Griffith’s exhibition and attend her reception. Light refreshments will be served.

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**Up on a second glance, that sinister quality is at the heart of a deeper expression**

**"The images of the doors speak unequivocally to my sorrow while wandering strange streets and immortalizing strange doors as if, somehow, behind them could ever be again the joy from which I emerged into the world by the guiding hands of my beloved matriarchs," Griffith said.**

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University hosts 12th Annual Spring Ball

Break out your platform shoes and your best John Travolta moves, because the University is gearing up for a "Disco Party" during the 12th Annual Spring Ball on Friday, April 18.

The Spring Ball is the most highly attended social event of the season, bringing the entire campus of students, faculty and staff together for a night of fun, according to Keith Madore, Spring Ball Committee chairman.

All are welcome to dress in semi-formal or Disco-themed attire during the event, which will include mocktails being served up at the Studio 54-inspired bar setting in the foyer, as well as a special entertainment and musical program featuring juggling, vocal and dance performances.

A special dinner buffet begins at 7 p.m. This year’s menu includes: Caesar salad, carved roast beef au jus, chicken parmesan with pasta and marinara on the side for a vegetarian option, baked stuffed haddock, mashed potato bar (you add your toppings) served in martini glasses, steamed broccoli with cheese on the side, glazed carrots, and white and wheat rolls served with tea, coffee and water. Mouth-watering desserts include cheesecake with assorted toppings and chocolate mousse.

Following dinner and the entertainment program, the dancing – complete with limbo contests – begins. The music will be provided by Music X-Press. A photographer also will be on site to print photos for only $5 and Commemorative Spring Ball Hurricane Glasses will be available for purchase for a nominal cost.

Tickets – $12 for faculty, staff and campus friends, and only $7 for students – are available now, but there is limited seating so you’ll have to act fast: the Spring Ball has sold out every year! Pick up your tickets in the Alumni Relations office in Preble Hall, the Emerson Annex and in the Campus Center. The dance is no charge; however, you must have a ticket for entry.

It’s DISCO time! So, come shimmer and shine, and show it off at this year’s Spring Ball!