Officials with the University and Prometric will host an official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Prometric Testing Center that has been established on campus at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10 on the main floor of South Hall.

The new testing center will provide University students and community members with a convenient location for taking important computer-based exams, such as the GRE, Praxis and MCAT. Before this center was established, area students and residents had to drive south for more than 150 miles in order to take such tests. Officials will be on hand at the opening event to take registrations and schedule testing times.

“We are so pleased to be joining with Prometric in officially opening this testing center for the people of northern Maine, western New Brunswick and surrounding areas,” President Don Zillman said. “We feel this is going to be a major benefit not only to our students who are required to take certain tests in order to become certified as teachers or to be admitted to graduate programs, but also the many community members who currently have to drive long distances to take important computer-based academic and licensure exams.”

Zillman will be joined by other University officials, representatives from Prometric, and members of the business community to celebrate the grand opening of the testing facility.

The University signed a contract last year with the leading global provider in testing services to open a 5-seat testing site, which will be located on the ground floor of South Hall. Renovation work was completed during the fall and winter and the space has been outfitted with computer stations and other necessary testing equipment. Starting March 10 after the opening, the Prometric Testing Center will be operational in terms of offering tests, examinations, continuing education, practical exams, and assessments on a scheduled basis.

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**UMPI, SAD1 sign Professional Development School agreement**

Officials with the University and Maine School Administrative District #1 have signed an agreement that will allow UMPI Education students to take part in extensive internships at Pine Street Elementary School and Presque Isle High School while providing professional development opportunities for veteran teachers there.

President Don Zillman and Dr. Gehrig Johnson, MSAD#1 Superintendent, signed the memorandum of understanding on March 2. The agreement establishes a Professional Development School partnership between the two educational entities and sets forth five main goals: to increase PK-12 student achievement, improve teacher preparation, enhance professional development opportunities for UMPI and MSAD#1 faculty and staff, more effectively transition students continued on page 4
A University program that serves local residents over 50 and believes in “learning for life” will host its spring kick-off with a luncheon event at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 19 in the Campus Center.

Seniors Achieving Greater Education [SAGE] has worked for more than a decade to bring short courses in arts, sciences, and specialty areas to the region’s senior community. SAGE is one of 16 senior colleges in the Maine Senior College Network, and the only one north of Orono.

At the March 19 luncheon, participants will have the opportunity to socialize with SAGE members and learn all about upcoming SAGE classes. This spring, SAGE officials are offering a dozen courses and learning excursions – on topics ranging from Darwin’s *Origin of Species* and Financial Foundations to the Civil War and Italian cooking.

Classes range in length from three to eight weeks and will be offered between March 5 and May 19. Individual classes generally meet once a week for approximately two hours and are led on a volunteer basis by SAGE members and guests.

SAGE has no entrance requirements, grades or tests, and no college background is needed. The cost that participants pay for the education and interaction they get is minimal. Membership in Seniors Achieving Greater Education is $15 per semester or $30 for the year. There are additional fees for field trips and lab courses. Full or partial scholarships to take part in the program are available through a simple, friendly, and confidential process. SAGE members also have free access to most events sponsored by Cultural Affairs and Owl Productions, the student-run activity committee, by showing their membership cards.

For more information, to register for a class, or to make a reservation for the March 19 kick-off lunch – cost is $5 before March 5, $6.15 after that – contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.

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**Congratulations, Erin!**

January/ February Student of the Month

Erin Pelletier, an English major, is active throughout campus and generous in sharing her time and talents – as Senior Class President, an Admissions Student Ambassador, a UTimes contributing writer, and a scholar athlete representing the Owls on the soccer and softball fields. Her genuineness and enthusiasm shine!

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**St. Patrick’s Day is coming!**

The BOOKSTORE will have a special promotion, so watch for details! You can **Shop the Bookstore online at www.UMPI.edu.** Look under the campus directory, click on the Bookstore link, and then on “Bookstore Merchandise.”

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**Wins selected in Folsom Lounge name contest**

The newly renovated lounge in Folsom Hall has a new name – Whooos Hut. Congratulations to Pamela Perkins (left) and Reanne Thompson who came up with the winning name.

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Prometrics, a subsidiary of ETS, is the recognized global leader in technology-enabled testing and assessment services and the winner of CLO Magazine’s Learning in Practice 2007 Customer Service Award. Its comprehensive suite of services, including test development, test delivery and data management capabilities, allows clients to develop and launch global testing programs as well as accurately measure program results and data. Prometric reliably delivers and administers more than nine million tests a year on behalf of 450 clients in the academic, professional, healthcare, government, corporate and information technology markets. It delivers tests flexibly via the Web or by utilizing a robust network of more than 10,000 test centers in 163 countries. For more information, please visit www.prometric.com.

For more information on testing services offered at the site, call 768.9589.
The University’s College of Education has been fully reaccredited by the Maine Department of Education following a unanimous vote on Feb. 11 by the State Board of Education.

At a meeting in Augusta, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to reaffirm UMPI’s Education programs after reviewing the interim status report officials had submitted near the beginning of the year. The University’s next self-study will be due in 2013.

In a letter to the University, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education commended the University on several points, including its work to: complete an update of its strategic plan; improve campus communication and transparency by involving faculty, staff, and students in decision-making processes; participate in the Voluntary System of Accountability; and assess each academic program and prepare to begin external program assessments. The Commission has asked that the University submit a report in 2010 about financial resources since the State of Maine was forced to make reductions in its allocations to the institution during the last two years.

“We are very pleased that NEASC has accepted our five-year report and highlighted some of the excellent work our campus community has done to make important improvements at this institution,” Dr. Michael Sonntag, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said. “We hope to effect much more positive change in the years between now and our next comprehensive evaluation in 2013.”

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., founded in 1885, is the nation’s oldest accrediting association, serving more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and American/international schools in more than 60 nations worldwide.

Education programs secure MDOE reaccreditation

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At a meeting in Augusta, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to reaffirm UMPI’s Education programs after reviewing the interim status report officials had submitted near the beginning of the year. In reviewing the report, one MDOE official stated that she was “impressed with the amount and the quality of the work” that has been done. The affirmation extends the University’s state approval cycle for its education preparation programs through the winter of 2011.

“This is an important accomplishment and members of the College of Education – its chair Dr. Reginald Nnazor, the college’s faculty and staff, and all other support staff – are to be commended for their hard work,” Dr. Michael Sonntag, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said. “I was present at the meeting in Augusta and the Board commented on the positive change in atmosphere as well as the sense of renewed energy and focus on our campus since their last visit. I feel confident we will be able to show them even better things at their next visit in the winter of 2011.”

While the University as a whole is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges [NEASC], several academic programs within the University are accredited by specific entities.

University officials are pleased about what the MDOE approval means in terms of the work being done in the College of Education and the education being offered to future teachers.

“Dr. Nnazor and the College of Education faculty and staff have distinguished themselves in vitalizing our program,” President Don Zillman said. “This reaccreditation validates their work. Furthermore, it places our University in an excellent position to market our program as one of Maine’s strong education programs and one that does creative work no other program is doing.”
from grade 12 to college, and enhance Advanced Placement opportunities for high school students.

Under the partnership, selected students in UMPI’s Education Program will have the opportunity to take part in a two-semester teaching internship. The first semester experience would include the first five days of school and one day a week for the rest of the semester, all in the same classroom, while the second semester would be a full immersion into that same classroom for 15 weeks.

Another important component of the partnership includes on-site courses at MSAD#1 partner schools taught by UMPI full-time and adjunct faculty that would be open to UMPI’s teacher certification students and MSAD#1 teachers seeking recertification or meeting other needs.

“We are extremely excited about the hands-on opportunities and in-depth exposure to the realities of the teaching profession that this is going to provide to our teacher certification students, as well as the continuing education aspect it will provide for professional teachers in the area,” President Don Zillman said. “This partnership allows us to accomplish two goals that are at the heart of what we strive to do as a University – offer the best possible educational experiences for our students and serve the needs of our community.”

The Professional Development School is expected to provide many immediate benefits. Students will become members of the school community as part of their training for the profession and have the benefit of working with a veteran teacher who can guide, reinforce, and model effective classroom instruction. MSAD#1 teachers and the school district will get to co-create with UMPI faculty an educational experience for teacher candidates that will better prepare the students for a career in education as well as use the partnership as an opportunity to recruit new teachers well prepared to enter the profession.

The Professional Development School agreement will be implemented in the Fall of 2009, placing teacher certification students from UMPI in Presque Isle High School and Pine Street Elementary School classrooms. Principals Eric Waddell and Loretta Clark will serve as site coordinators on this partnership; Dr. Barbara Chalou, Professor of Education, will serve as the site coordinator at UMPI.

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UMPI-SAD1 from grade 12 to college, and enhance Advanced Placement opportunities for high school students.

The University also invited the general public, students from Northern Maine Community College and area high school seniors to attend. The Fair was sponsored by the Senior Class, Business Program students, and the Career Services Center.

The Career Center provides a wide range of services to students and alumni. Job listings are posted weekly in the Center and emailed to appropriate faculty. Individual career counseling and workshops are provided on a variety of topics to prepare students for the job search and to be successful on the job. The center also provides the opportunity for employers to come to campus and recruit and interview students.
Social Work students, NASW co-sponsor talk on Anorexia

The University’s Student Organization of Social Work will co-sponsor, with the National Association of Social Work Branch D, a public lecture by a board certified psychiatrist on Monday, April 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center.

Dr. Momen El Nesr will speak on “Anorexia Nervosa: A Hidden Disease.” Dr. El Nesr is board certified in general psychiatry, addiction psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine. Allied health providers are encouraged to attend this free lecture.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, part of the National Institutes of Health, Anorexia Nervosa is an eating disorder characterized by a relentless pursuit of thinness and a distortion of body image. In Maine, a Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in 2007 found that 46 percent of students were trying to lose weight while only a quarter were overweight or were at risk for becoming overweight, and that four times as many girls believed they were overweight than actually were, according to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

“Collaborating to share resources within the community is a common goal of the Student Organization of Social Work and the NASW Branch D,” Social Work Professor Shirley Rush said. “Particularly in a rural area, making professional training accessible and affordable is essential. We are fortunate to have Dr. El Nesr as a skilled and compassionate psychiatrist in Aroostook County who is willing to offer his expertise to us in this area.”

Dr. El Nesr works for the Aroostook Mental Health Center. In 1999, he received an Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill for his contributions to a greater public understanding about mental illness. He was among 39 psychiatrists from the U.S. and Canada honored with this award.

For more information about this lecture, contact Shirley Rush at 768.9427 or by email at shirley.rush@umpi.edu.

Third annual Planet Head Day a success

The Northern Maine Museum of Science and Aroostook C.A.N.C.E.R. played host to a conference of planets, moons and comets – and raised more than $2,000 in the process – when about 100 people attended the 3rd Annual Planet Head Day on Saturday, February 14. The event is held on the weekend closest to the anniversary of the discovery of Pluto (Feb. 18, 1930).

The event was named Planet Head Day because participants either have their heads shaved or don elastic bald caps and then have them painted to look like planets. Twenty-two people underwent the “full treatment” – having their heads shaved prior to painting, and about 50 other people donned the bald caps to become planet heads, or about 15 percent more than last year.

This year, barber Patrick Coughlin of Parsons Street Barbershop and a half dozen painters worked full time over the course of three hours to prepare and paint people’s heads, which then orbited around the second floor of Folsom Hall as Channel X Radio led a radio telethon to raise money during the event.

The shaved heads included four UMPI faculty members – Dr. Kevin McCartney, Dr. John DeFelice, Dr. Tomasz Herzog and Professor Patric Edward – three generations from one family, and local woman Cissy Libby, who agreed to shave her head if family and friends would help her raise $1,000 for the effort.

Planet Head Day supports science research on space and cancer. The museum has a special interest in both subjects: It is an educational outreach participant in New Horizons, a NASA mission that has launched a spacecraft scheduled to fly past Pluto in 2015; and the museum’s outreach coordinator and collections curator, Jeanie McGowan, is a cancer survivor.

The money raised during the event was for C.A.N.C.E.R. [Caring Area Neighbors Cancer for Education and Recovery]. Planet Head Day was sponsored by NASA New Horizons, the University of Maine at Presque Isle and C.A.N.C.E.R. Caribou and Presque Isle Pizza Huts provided food and there was a large cake to celebrate Pluto’s “Discovery Day.”

Nearly 100 people turned out for the third annual Planet Head Day, sponsored by the Northern Maine Museum of Science and C.A.N.C.E.R. The event serves as a fundraiser for Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Research and also is an opportunity to promote science education.
UMPI hosts 13th annual Spring Ball

Spring Ball is just around the corner – right before St. Patrick’s Day – and to celebrate, organizers are inviting everyone to attend

The Emerald Ball

Friday, March 13, 2009

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

The themed semi-formal dinner and dance event begins with a dinner buffet at 7 p.m. that boasts tasty temptations such as carved roast beef au jus, Celtic chicken, Caesar salad, grasshopper pie and more. After dinner, take a few moments and have your pictures taken or step up to “Lucky’s Bar” where they will be serving Shamrock Smoothies, Emerald Martinis and Irish Coffee.

The entertainment program will showcase local talent – vocal performances, Celtic dancers and even a juggling leprechaun. All this will be followed by a dance and limbo contest with music provided by MusicX-Press.

Tickets, $12 for faculty/staff and $7 for students, are available in the Emerson Annex, Alumni Relations Office, and in the Campus Center. Spring Ball is a ticketed event and attracts large crowds annually. There is no charge for the dance; however, you must have a ticket for entry.

The 2009 Spring Ball Planning Committee members are: students Brittany Cronin, Corey Harding, Becky Turgeon, and Henry Carpenter; and campus staffers Heidi Blasjo, Jessica Blackstone, Patti Hale, Dick Harrison, Jennie Savage, Carolyn Cheney, alum Sharon Roix and Keith Madore. For more information about this event, contact keith.madore@umpi.edu.

Campus to celebrate winter “survivability”

With signs of The County’s cold and snowy winter in huge piles around campus, the University of Maine at Presque Isle is hosting its second annual winter survival celebration for students, faculty and staff at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 19 at Gentile Hall.

Frozen Frenzy II will include winter games, contests, and prizes all meant to celebrate the campus’s winter “survivability.” This year’s event is being organized by the UMPI Pride Committee with planning support by Professor Dawn McPherson’s Recreation class. Students in the course, which focuses on program planning, will be earning class credit and a grade to plan activities for the celebration.

According to Dean of Students Chris Corsello, the event is a way to shake off the winter blues and have a little campus-wide fun before everyone heads out for Spring Break.

“Frozen Frenzy is a chance for us to take pride in our institution. Even though it’s been cold and windy, and even though we get a serious amount of snow here, our campus community has endured – and many of them have done so while maintaining a full course load,” Corsello said. “We feel it’s important to come together as a campus, celebrate our winter survivability, and hope that spring is coming soon.”

The UMPI Pride Committee established this event last year to help fulfill its mission of promoting unity, spirit, visibility and a positive image of UMPI on campus and throughout the greater community area through community activities and services.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to take part in the afternoon’s activities, which are slated to include an ice chunk heave, a tug-of-war, a winter clothing relay race, and possibly some snowball fighting. Organizers hope to end the day’s events with a bonfire. The first 100 people to attend will receive a free gift.

For more information about this event, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 768.9615.
AT THE
REED FINE ART GALLERY

ESTEY TO PRESENT EXHIBITION

Award-winning painter
and printmaker David
Estey visits the
University’s Reed Fine
Art Gallery from 4-6
p.m. on Sunday,
March 15 for the
opening reception of
his solo show Driven
to Abstraction.

During the March 15
reception, the Belfast-
based, Fort Fairfield-
born artist will give a
brief talk and answer
questions about his
work. According to
the artist, his work
includes primarily
abstract paintings and
prints in a wide variety
of styles and media,
but also an abundance
of strong, expressive
figure drawings in
charcoal. This installa-
tion of Estey’s paint-
ings and drawings will
be on display from
March 15 to April 18,
2009.

“I am delighted to be
showcasing David
Estey’s work at the
Reed, especially given
his County origins,”
Sandra Huck, Reed
Gallery director, said.

Estey has lived, taught,
and exhibited around
Baltimore, Md.;
Philadelphia, Pa.;
Charlotte, N.C., and
mid-coast Maine. He
has a BFA degree in
painting from the
Rhode Island School of
Design and a MSA
degree in public
administration from
George Washington
University. He studied
painting for a year in
Rome, Italy, and more
extensively at the
Pennsylvania Academy
of the Fine Arts and
the Haystack
Mountain School of
Crafts.

AFTER serving as an
illustrator for the U.S.
Army and following a
career in public affairs
with the Internal
Revenue Service in
Baltimore, Philadelphia
and Washington, D.C.,
Estey returned with his
wife, Karen, to live
and work in their
home/studio in
Belfast.

The public is invited to
attend Estey’s recep-
tion. Light refresh-
ments will be served.
Gallery hours are from
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through
Saturday. The gallery is
closed Sundays and
University holidays. For
more information, call
768-9611.

FELINI TO SPEAK AT CLOSING RECEPTION

The University’s Reed
Fine Art Gallery will
host a closing recep-
tion for Rene Felini’s
installation Creating
Community on Friday,
March 6 from 5-7 p.m.
Felini’s show has been
on display since Feb. 2.

Creating Community is
a gathering of objects
and creations by Felini
representing her fami-
ly’s sense of “personal
community” since their
arrival in northern
Maine.

Felini has close ties to
The County. Her moth-
er is from Fort Kent
and her father is from
the Bronx. Every sum-
mer as a child, she and
her five siblings would
visit relatives in north-
ern Maine. In 2001,
she returned to the
area to work on a
horse farm in Portage.
Every summer since,
she and her now hus-
band Tim Bair made a
trip to The County, and
in 2003, they married
on the shores of Eagle
Lake.

Felini graduated from
the University of
Cincinnati in 2003 with
a BFA and from Miami
University in Oxford,
Ohio in 2005 with an
MFA.

When Felini and her
husband moved to
northern Maine from
Ohio, their family con-
sisted of two dogs and
a cat, along with their
household possessions.

Her show focuses on
the objects that are
acquired over the years
to fill a house, to make
it a home – or a per-
sonal community –
and how those objects
take on new signifi-
cance when people
work to create a new
home and space.

“In an area that can
isolate an individual,
we create our own lit-
tle world within our
home, where all our
‘friends’ gather and
cohabitate,” Felini said.

The public is invited to
view Felini’s show and
attend her closing
reception. Gallery
hours are from 9 a.m.
to 4 p.m. Monday
through Saturday. The
gallery is closed
Sundays and University
holidays. For more
information, call
768.9611.
Owls work with local youth
The Women’s Basketball team had the privilege of spending the afternoon with local 3rd and 4th graders from the Presque Isle Recreation Department. The young basketball players spent an hour and a half practicing their dribbling, ball handling, and defensive skills, before finishing the mini-practice with a full-court game. Members of the Lady Owls’ team were excited to spend quality time with the young athletes, teaching the game and building new friendships. Everyone involved worked hard, cheered loudly, smiled often, and had tons of fun. The Lady Owls look forward to future clinics and to seeing their new fans at future games.

New intramural sports to be offered starting in March
The University’s Intramurals Program will be offering three new intramural sports beginning in March. DODGEBALL begins on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. This first day will be general play to mix and meet fellow students and to become familiar with rules of play. A manager’s meeting will be held in Gentile Hall on Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m. BASKETBALL begins on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. A manager’s meeting will be held in Gentile Hall on Monday, March 9 at 6:20 p.m. A CO-ED FLOOR HOCKEY Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 14. Register your team early or at 12:45 p.m. on the day of the event. All activities will take place in Gentile Hall. You may access rules and roster forms for all activities at http://owls.umpi.edu/intramural.

It is the goal of the Intramurals Program to develop sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork and to build relationships within an environment of mutual support and respect for individual differences, abilities, and interests. As part of the University’s comprehensive wellness programming, Intramurals offers primary opportunities for the physical, social, and emotional development of the campus community. For more information, please contact christopher.smith@umpi.edu.

Owls Earn Two Conference-Weekend Victories
The Women’s Basketball team earned a pair of victories over the weekend, defeating the College of Saint Joseph (Vt.) 89-60 on Feb. 14 and downing Vermont Technical College 101-48 on Feb. 15. In Saturday’s game, senior Erica Davis (North Yarmouth) netted a career-high 49 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and recorded eight steals to power her UMPI men look forward to future clinics and to seeing their new fans at future games.

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In Sunday’s game, Devon Peaslee (Woolwich) scored 10 points and Loren Fawthrop (Amherst, NS) added 12. In Sunday’s game, Peaslee scored 22 points and dished out seven assists to lead the Owls. Jordan Guy (Hodgdon) posted 18 points, Spencer scored 12 and Fawthrop added 10 in the losing effort. Lady Owls prevail in Semis
The number two ranked Lady Owls used a 7-0 run late in the second half to pull out a 64-53 win over No. 3 SUNY Canton in the second semifinal of the Sunrise Conference women’s basketball championships at New Hampshire Technical Institute on Saturday. The Owls (13-8) advanced to the
championship game March 1 against top-seeded University of Maine at Fort Kent who beat No. 4 Fisher College 73-48 in the other semifinal. The game was closer than the final score would indicate as the lead see-sawed back and forth over the final 10 minutes of regulation. The Owls were ahead 50-49 when Presque Isle’s Karen Creighton (Sussex, NB) pulled down an offensive rebound off a missed free throw. Creighton was fouled and hit one free throw that ignited the decisive run by the Owls that put the game away. The Roos went cold from the floor down the stretch hitting just two baskets in the final four minutes. The Owls did an excellent job of denying the Roos any second-chance opportunities with strong rebounding on both ends of the floor. SUNY Canton led for most of the first 20 minutes thanks to nine first-half points from Jackie Maynard. The Owls trailed 24-13 with 7:35 left but then outscored the Roos 11-8 to close the half and a basket from Megan Korhonen (Littleton) with four seconds left made it 32-24 Roos at the half. The lead was quickly wiped out thanks to a 10-0 Owls run to start the second half setting up a close back-and-forth game. Korhonen had 10 points in the first half and finished with a team-high 18 points, six rebounds and three steals. Erica Davis (North Yarmouth) recorded her 15th double-double of the year with 15 points, 12 rebounds and six steals. Emily Moore (Lisbon) added 12 points and three rebounds and Whitney Flint (Ashland) supplied 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

**UMPI falls to rival UMFK in Sunrise Conference Championship**

Top-seeded University of Maine at Fort Kent successfully defended its title March 1, beating No. 2 University of Maine at Presque Isle 64-32 to win the Sunrise conference women’s basketball championship at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. The Bengals (23-5) earned a berth in the NAIA Division II National Championship March 11-17 in Sioux City, Iowa. Fort Kent led 31-18 at halftime while shooting 57 percent from the floor (11 for 19). The Bengals dominated the second half as well holding the Owls to just 14 points. Fort Kent also won the battle of the glass as they out rebounded Presque Isle 46-21. Freshman Emily Moore (Lisbon) and Kathy Kilfoil (Johnville) each scored seven points to pace the Owls. Moore added four rebounds. Erica Davis (North Yarmouth) supplied six points, nine rebounds and three steals. Whitney Flint (Ashland) also had six points along with three rebounds.

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**Faculty Noon Seminar continues with teaching methods presentation**

The spring semester Faculty Noon Seminar Series continues on Wednesday, April 1, with a presentation by Professor of Foundations Education Dr. Harold Jones titled “Developing a Psychological Basis for Teaching Methods: Dream or Reality?” Faculty, students, staff and members of the community are invited to bring their lunch and join in the discussion. For more information, contact lynn.eldershaw@umpi.edu or call 768.9749.

**Ms. UMPI Pageant to benefit Senior Class**

The 2009 “Ms. UMPI Pageant” combines an evening of laughter and competition as male UMPI students vie for the title of Ms. UMPI. As part of this fundraising event for the University’s 2009 Senior Class, each contestant will be required to perform an opening act, model sports and evening wear, and demonstrate a special talent in the quest for the crown. The pageant will be held Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $5 each or in advance from Laurie Boucher at 768.9512 or Keith Madore at 768.9568.

**Whittington publishes book review**

Recreation Professor Dr. Anja Whittington has had a book review published in the current issue of New Horizons in Adult Education and Human Resource Development, an electronic refereed journal that is published quarterly. Whittington’s book review on The Handbook of Experiential Learning by Melvin L. Silberman (Ed.) was one of two reviews included in the issue. According to its website, the journal, founded in 1987, provides faculty, researchers, graduate students, and practitioners with a venue for publishing their current thinking and research within adult education, human resource development, and related fields. The latest issue can be viewed online in PDF form on the journal website http://education.fi.edu/newhorizons/.

**Wood publishes three chapters in book on science teaching**

A recently-published book entitled College Science Teachers Guide to Assessment includes three chapters written by Biology Professor Dr. Bonnie Wood. This Society for College Science Teachers monograph is available for purchase from National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Press. Dr. Wood’s three chapters are located in Section 3 of the book, which discusses "Successful Classroom-Tested Practices and Instructions and Rubrics for Their Implementation." The chapters are Chapter 21: Inquiry-Based Labs: The Scientific Report; Chapter 22: Student-Authored **continued on page 10**
UMPI Students spend February Break at Bio Lab

Six UMPI students spent their February Break taking a hands-on laboratory course in Molecular Biology Research Techniques at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove. All course expenses (including housing and meals) were paid through the Maine INBRE (IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence) grant. The course was limited to 12 students and six of them were from UMPI: Premedical Biology Majors HANNAH HOPKINS, ROSE WEBB, and ISAAC RAYMOND; Professional Biology Major DANIEL SHEFFIELD; Environmental Studies Major JARED MONAHAN; and Psychology Major/Biology Minor HARRISON KILPATRICK.

ITV course offered for weatherization technicians

MaineHousing and the University of Maine system are teaming up to help Mainers take advantage of new job opportunities in home weatherization. During March, those interested in learning how to become Weatherization Technicians can receive training via Interactive Television (ITV) at UMPI and other University campuses and centers statewide. The course runs March 3 through March 24; and meets Tuesdays from 7 – 9:45 p.m. and Thursdays from 4 – 6:45 p.m. For information visit www.mainehousing.org or contact Kathy Abbondanzio of MaineHousing at 207.624.5716.

VITA tax help offered at UMPI

The University of Maine at Presque Isle is serving as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. VITA offers free tax help to people who cannot afford paid professional assistance. Business Management and Accounting student volunteers, trained in tax law and certified by the IRS, help prepare basic returns for low-income taxpayers. According to faculty advisor, Assistant Business Professor Patric Edward, “For the students, this serves as a practicum for the federal tax class most have taken and an opportunity to apply what they’ve learned.” VITA help will be available in Library Rm. 201 on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; with the exception of Mar. 25 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Apr. 8, University Day. For information, patric.edward@umpi.edu or call 768-9740. Detailed information can be found at http://blog.umpi.edu/accounting/2009/01/28/vita-program/.

Collegiate FFA sponsors food drive

UMPI’s Collegiate FFA Chapter will hold a food drive as part of a nationwide effort to collect One Million Cans of Food. Food collected locally will be donated to “Feed the County” sponsored by Catholic Charities in Caribou. Please drop off donations to Jessica Blackstone in the Admissions Office before Tuesday, March 31. Your efforts will help those in need and will be much appreciated! For information call 768.9535.

Mid-winter Hawaiian Luau a welcome break

University students, faculty and staff took a reprieve from winter when the UMPI Pride Committee in association with ARAMARK Food Service sponsored a March 4 Hawaiian Luau Supper and summer-themed event. Pride commit-tee member Bonnie Devaney noted, “ARAMARK did an excellent job setting the stage, with decorations that included a rainbow, parrots, and even a mini ocean tidal pool.” Over 150 diners enjoyed tropical smoothies, BBQ ribs, tuna kabobs and a few took part in the hula hoop contest following the meal. The committee hopes to see even more participants in next year’s event.

UTimes hosts Family Night Out

On Saturday, April 4, the University Times, and its friends and supporters will host Family Night Out; a free evening of family games, food, and activities from 5 to 9 p.m., in Wieden Gymnasium. The idea grew out of staff members’ desire to give back to the community. “With the economic downturn, wholesome, family entertainment is off limits for too many people,” Dave Hamilton, UTimes editor-in-chief, said. “So we decided to step up and do something about it.” The event will provide an array of activities for both children and adults, complete with munchies to tickle the palate of the most finicky eater. Admission is free, although all who are able are asked to
University offers two-day Wilderness First Aid course

The University will offer a two-day Wilderness First Aid course, April 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is specifically designed for guides, camp counselors, outdoor enthusiasts and practitioners needing to renew their Wilderness First Responder certification. This 16-hour program covers topics ranging from preparation and prevention to assessment and treatment. Classroom lectures and discussions are supplemented by practical work and problem solving exercises — including hands-on experience, as scenarios are an important part of the training. Deadline to register is March 30. For further information about the course, contact Dr. Jacqui Lowman, 768.9745, or jacquelyn.lowman@umpi.edu.

Faculty/Staff Art Show set for March 19 & 20

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Play “Belle of Amherst” comes to campus

The “Belle of Amherst,” a one-woman play about poet Emily Dickinson, directed and performed by Pam Chabora, will come to the Wieden Auditorium stage on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. The play explores the life of America’s greatest woman poet at various stages in her experience from age 15, when she was full of hope and success, until she died at 56, a virtual recluse against society.

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Summer NYC bus tour hosted by UMFK

The University of Maine at Fort Kent is sponsoring a summer bus trip to New York City from June 21 - 25. The trip is open to all University of Maine System faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, and community members. Included in the itinerary of sights are many of NYC’s famous attractions: The United Nations, a Broadway show, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY Philharmonic concert, as well as time for shopping. Cost is $1505 per person with registration by March 23. For information, please contact Scott Voisine at voisine@maine.edu.

Spaghetti supper and auction benefits senior class

A Spaghetti Supper and Auction to benefit the 2009 Senior Class will be held Friday, April 3 in the Multipurpose Room of the Campus Center. The fundraiser, which begins at 5 p.m., features an all-you-can-eat Italian dinner plus lots of door prizes and items for bid. Cost is $5 per person or $3 for children under 10 years old. To purchase tickets contact Laurie Boucher at 768.9512 or Keith Madore at 768.9568.

Call for Aroostook Young Entrepreneur nominations

Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development (LEAD) and Momentum Aroostook are accepting nominations from across The County for Aroostook’s Young Entrepreneur 2009 Award, a recognition for young business founders/owners/operators in northern Maine. According to LEAD Vice President Virginia Joles, “The award will be given to a business leader who demonstrates excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their business and community.” Nominations must be received by April 1, 2009. For more information contact Virginia Joles at Virginia.Joles@maine.rr.com or visit www.asaaroostook.com or www.momentumaroostook.com.
March 5
UNE MSW Info Session 5:30 p.m., Alumni Rm., FMI 768.9498 ■

Norman Ng, Magician 8 p.m., Wieden Auditorium, 768.9582 ■ SAGE Spring Courses begin, FMI 768.9502

March 6
Closing Reception for Felini Exhibition
“Creating Community,” 5-7 p.m., Reed Gallery. ■ Ms. UMPI Senior Class Fundraiser, 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium, FMI 768.9512

March 7
Fit & Fun Day 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Gentile Hall, 551.9969.

March 8
OAPI Fun in the Snow - Shelter Building, FMI 768.9401.

Check out our Website! www.umpi.edu

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March 9
Distinguished Lecturer Pam Melroy, 7 p.m., CCTR, FMI 768.9452.

March 11
Wednesday Night Sking at Big Rock, free lift tickets UMPI students, OAPI provides transportation, depart Gentile Hall at 3:45. FMI 768.9401

March 13
Admissions Open House - Education/Recreation, 1 p.m., Gentile & MPR, FMI 768.9532 ■ Spring Ball - The Emerald Ball, 7 p.m., Campus Center. FMI 768.9568

March 14
OAPI Slumber Party - winter outdoor camping. FMI 768.9401

March 15
David Estey “Driven to Abstraction,” Opening Reception, 4 - 6 p.m., Reed Art Gallery, FMI 768.9611

March 16
Owl Productions “Blizzard of Bucks” Game Show, 8 p.m., MPR. Free for students, $5 others. FMI 768.9582

March 18
Wednesday Night Sking at Big Rock, free lift tickets UMPI students, OAPI provides transportation, depart Gentile Hall at 3:45. FMI 768.9401 ■ Town Hall Meeting with Dean of Students, 3:30 p.m., CC118. FMI 768.9565

March 19
SAGE Spring Kickoff, 11:30 a.m. St. John & Aroostook Rooms. FMI 768.9502 ■ Faculty & Staff Art Show, Campus Center. FMI 768.9501 ■ Frozen Frenzy II, Campus-wide snow activities, contests & prizes. FMI 768.9615

March 20
Faculty & Staff Art Show, Campus Center. FMI 768.9501

March 21
Fingerprinting for Education Students, begins 7:30 a.m., Owl’s Nest.

March 24
AMA Course – Manager’s Guide to Safe Hiring, Managing and Firing, 6 p.m., CC118. FMI 768.9568

March 25
AMA Course – A Manager’s Guide to Human Behavior, 6:15 p.m., Alumni Room. FMI 768.9565 ■ Aroostook Partnership Extravaganza – ACAP Health/Wellness Fair for high school students. FMI 768.3056.

March 27 – 29
Outdoor Sports Show - Presque Isle Fish & Game Club, Gentile Hall. FMI 764.0477.

April 3
Senior Class Spaghetti Supper & Auction, 5 p.m., MPR, FMI 768.9512 ■ Aroostook Right to Read/Young Authors Conference, 8:30 a.m., Campus Center. FMI 768.9594

April 4
Family Night Out, sponsored by UTimes, 5 p.m., Wieden Gym, FMI 768.9745 ■ Wilderness First Aid at Big Rock, FMI 768.9742

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April 6
Anorexia Nervosa: A Hidden Disease - Dr. Momen El Nesr, 6 p.m., St. John Room. Co-sponsored by National Association of Social Workers/Student Organization of Social Workers, FMI 768.9427

April 1
Faculty Noon Seminar, 12 p.m., Faculty Lounge. FMI 768.9749

A Reminder: The next image will be published Monday, April 6, 2009. Submit items of interest to the campus or community, by Wednesday, March 18 to: susan.pinette@umpi.edu or fax 768.9608

Weekly Meetings

Mondays
Physical Education Majors Club 4:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 233.5764.

Campus Crusade for Christ, 5, CC118.

Campus Crusade for Women, 7 p.m., CC118, 551-6478.

Tuesdays
Student Senate, 12:40 p.m., CC118 or Alumni Room, 768.9561.

Prism Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Room.

Thursdays
French Club, 12:10 p.m., Alumni Room.

Student Organization of Social Workers, 12:20 p.m., CC118, 768.9427.

Native Voices, 12:15 p.m., 211 South Hall, 227.8424.

Hatha Yoga, 5 p.m., Wieden stage, 768.9462.

Games Club, 6:30 p.m., Owl’s Nest, 768.9628.

Fridays
College Republicans, 10:30 a.m, Owl’s Nest, 540.3236.

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