The University and the Wintergreen Arts Center are partnering on a recently awarded $50,000 Maine Arts Commission Creative Communities = Economic Development grant (CCED) that will benefit students, the arts community, the downtown area, and the community at large.

The two entities are working to transform 149 State St. in downtown Presque Isle into the region’s first Cultural Campus. The project not only supports northern Maine’s growing arts community and efforts to spur economic development, but also encourages innovation in academic and community education.

The CCED grant funds will be used to develop the second and third floors of 149 State St. into an UMPI downtown art gallery and an emerging artists’ studio space, both overseen by UMPI. With Wintergreen located on the first floor of the building, this will create a new downtown cultural campus, with three floors of arts-based activities that are expected to have a significant impact on the community’s revitalization efforts.

The project also includes hiring a dedicated cultural outreach liaison to coordinate community cultural endeavors at the new center, engaging partners in the development of a five-year cultural plan for Presque Isle, and creating a green space in the parking area behind 149 State St. Another important component of the project is the establishment of an Emerging Artist Program. This teaching residency will bring an up-and-coming visual artist to the Presque Isle cultural community on a yearly basis (through a national call for artists and a juried process) starting in August 2014. The selected emerging artist will work with UMPI Fine Art students and mem-

**UMPI celebrates 12th annual University Day**

From mass customized learning and zebrafish to storytelling and jogging for justice, UMPI students showcased their academic research, scholarly work and community service on Wednesday, April 10, during University Day. The theme of this year’s event was Linking Generations through Teaching and Learning.

University Day heightens students’ awareness of the work being done by peers in all of the disciplines represented on campus. The annual campus event allows students to better understand how disciplines interrelate and how the academic work they do applies to the local and global community. It is also an opportunity for students to experience a professional conference format. No regular classes are held during University Day, but in their stead, students are encouraged to attend student-led presentations and talks held during six sessions throughout the day.

University Day officially kicked off on Tuesday, April 9, with a Distinguished Lecturer Series presentation by Dr. Richard Keeling, a nationally recognized expert on transformative change for higher education and the co-author of the recently published book *We’re Losing Our Minds: Rethinking American Higher Education* (for details on his talk, see page 3). The next day, more than 100 students offered more than 40 talks and presentations, covering areas of study as wide ranging as athletic training, criminal justice, social work, education, special education, business, biology and literature. Many of the presentations addressed the connections continued on page 4
University of Maine System Chancellor James Page spoke on *The University of Maine System: Challenges & Opportunities* during the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce’s recent business breakfast, held on April 11 in the UMPI Campus Center.

With his first year as Chancellor in mind, Dr. Page shared his perspective on Maine’s seven public universities and how they are working with Maine businesses to drive economic development. He also provided an update on several strategic initiatives underway during the past year at the System.

Chancellor Page speaks during Chamber Breakfast

Many business and community leaders gathered in the Campus Center to hear a talk by Chancellor Page during the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce’s recent business breakfast.

Dr. Page became Chancellor of the University of Maine System in March 2012. Prior to that, he was principal and chief executive officer of the James W. Sewall Company in Old Town, and also served as an adjunct professor in the University of Maine’s Department of Philosophy. He previously served as president, senior vice president, and chief operating officer of the Sewall Company. He grew up in Caribou and obtained degrees from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, St. Andrews University in Scotland, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Theresa Fowler, Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Executive Director said, “The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce was pleased to provide residents of the communities we serve, and others in Aroostook County, with the opportunity to meet Chancellor Page and hear him speak about the initiatives underway at the University of Maine System. We were very pleased to have this serve as his first official address to local community leaders.”

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University of Maine System

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The Cultural Campus project is being led by grant administrator Wendy Gilman-Zubrick, WGAC Executive Director, and project director Heather Sincavage, UMPI Art Professor and Director of the Reed Fine Art Gallery.

Sincavage explained that the cultural campus will create a location of excellence that attracts leaders to the local community, integrates the University into the downtown district, and becomes an avenue for student engagement and community development.

“The With the statewide attention this project is receiving through the CCED Grant award, we’re pleased to see Presque Isle at the forefront of leveraging The Arts for community building in the State of Maine,” Sincavage said. “This project is allowing us to define ourselves with quality programming reflective of who we are as a community, while also attracting leaders in their field to our region. We are proud of our community, and having a keystone building dedicated to The Arts allows our artists a higher profile throughout the state.”

Officials hope to begin the first phase of construction for the Cultural Campus this summer.

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National higher ed expert serves as Distinguished Lecturer

UMPI’s Distinguished Lecturer Series presented Dr. Richard Keeling, a nationally recognized expert on transformative change for higher education, for an April 9 talk on The Future of College: Rethinking American Higher Education. Dr. Keeling’s talk also served as the keynote for UMPI’s 12th Annual University Day.

Dr. Keeling is the co-author of the recently published book We’re Losing Our Minds: Rethinking American Higher Education, which argues for substantial change in the culture of higher education to support higher quality and better value in undergraduate education in the United States. He also leads New York City-based Keeling and Associates, LLC, a comprehensive higher education consulting practice whose mission is improving outcomes in higher education by creating change for learning.

UMPI presents anthropologist Bunny McBride

The University was pleased to present Bunny McBride—the award-winning author of four books, the co-author of the world’s leading cultural anthropology textbook, and President of the Women’s World Summit Foundation based in Geneva—as the fourth and final speaker in its 2012-2013 Distinguished Lecturer Series.

McBride delivered her talk Passages & Portages: Reflections on Writing about Women across Cultures on April 18 in the Campus Center. McBride reflected on recurrent themes she has explored through the lives of women around the world, with a special focus on Wabanakis in Maine.

McBride is an award-winning author and veteran traveler. She has written for international newspapers and magazines about Chinese people in the aftermath of the communist Cultural Revolution, Tuareg camel nomads in the Sahara, and Mi’kmaq and Maliseet basketmakers in Aroostook County. With a Master’s degree in anthropology from Columbia University, she has taught at various institutions, and is currently an adjunct lecturer of anthropology at Kansas State University.

McBride’s books include Women of the Dawn; Molly Spotted Elk: A Renoirscot in Paris; Our Lives in Our Hands: Micmac Indian Basketmakers; and most recently Indians in Eden.

Working on a range of issues and projects with Maine tribes since 1981—including the Aroostook Band of Micmacs’ federal recognition effort—McBride received a special commendation from the Maine State Legislature for her research and writing on the history of Wabanaki women.

Houlton Higher Education Center

HHEC hosts poetry workshop

A poetry workshop hosted by the Houlton Higher Education Center was held on March 26 with Marc Arnts. The workshop was titled “Giving Shape to the Wind” and was well attended and very successful. Marc covered writing poetry in the 21st century. He helped participants explore the resources they always have at hand within their lives and to develop ways to use those resources in their writing. Arnts is a scientist and, in his spare time, he likes to write poetry and enjoys sharing his hobby with others.

Graduation Celebration

The Houlton Higher Education Center will host its annual Graduation Celebration at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, honoring the graduates of several education programs and institutions housed at the facility. UMPI President Linda Schott will be the guest speaker. FMI, contact Linda Hickman at 521.3100, ext. 3105 or linda.hickman@umpi.edu.
LaPlante receives Distinguished Recent Alumni Award

The University's Alumni Board of Directors recently announced that Cory LaPlante, the owner and CEO of Northern Prosthetics and Orthotics, has been named the recipient of its 2013 Distinguished Recent Alumni Award. LaPlante—who also was just named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur for 2013, for both Maine and the New England region—was presented with the award during the University Day luncheon on April 10.

A member of UMPI's Class of 2005, LaPlante earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management and later completed his post graduate education in prosthetics from the University of Connecticut. He later completed his residency program at Maine Artificial Limb and Orthotics in Portland.

In 2007, LaPlante founded his business Northern Prosthetics and Orthotics in Presque Isle. His state-of-the-art facility has been specifically designed to provide specialized patient care in prosthetics and orthotics. In establishing his business, LaPlante secured contracts with local hospitals and insurance companies, as well as a five-year U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs contract in 2010, the very first prosthetic contract with the VA established in Aroostook County. LaPlante currently employs a staff of 10.

His business serves as an accredited clinical site for UMPI's Athletic Training and Physical Therapist Assistant programs, which provides students with important hands-on learning experiences.

LaPlante is co-founder and Past President of the Prosthetic and Orthotic Society of Maine and he co-founded the Aroostook Amputee Support Group.

In nominating LaPlante for the UMPI alumni award, a team of professors in UMPI's College of Professional Programs said: "Cory continues to be the goal-oriented achiever he was as an undergraduate at UMPI. He continues to ‘build out’ through his demonstrated capacity for life-long learning, his passion and commitment for the County and his patients, and his energy and enthusiasm for positive change."

LaPlante and his wife reside in Presque Isle; they have two sons and a third child on the way.

The Distinguished Recent Alumni Award is given to a graduate who has been out of college between 2-12 years and has distinguished himself or herself in his or her career or service to community.

University Day

between learning and the community.

The very successful morning poster session, which made its debut at last year's University Day, returned again this year. The poster session featured more than a dozen and a half posters by UMPI students, showcasing the research they have done in environmental studies, biology, geographic information systems, education, physical therapist assistant, and social work.

In addition, the International Students Club hosted its Culturefest 2013. Members of the club delivered presentations on China’s Education System and China’s History and Culture. During the day, there also was a Student Clubs and Organizations Fair. Campus groups presented displays on the second floor of Folsom and Pullen Halls.

To add to the community spirit of the day, the University opened its doors to the public. The University Day committee invited students from local high schools, and community members were welcome to attend all sessions.

During lunch, Cory LaPlante was presented with the Distinguished Recent Alumni Award. LaPlante, a member of UMPI’s Class of 2005, graduated from the University with his Bachelor’s degree in Business Management and now serves as owner and CEO of Northern Prosthetics and Orthotics (for the full story, see above).

Dr. Linda Graves, Medical Laboratory Technology professor just received a Korean translation of Clinical Laboratory Chemistry, a book she co-authored. The book is Dr. Graves’ third publication, but the first time any of her books has been published in another language. She and co-author Robert Sunheimer of the State University of New York worked on the book for five years. Dr. Graves said that Korea has excellent clinical laboratory science programs that train outstanding clinical laboratory scientists.
BU professor discusses the science of Thoreau’s Concord

A Boston University professor recently visited Aroostook County to prepare for a research project in Oxbow and to deliver a talk at UMPI on climate change and how it impacts the flora and fauna Henry David Thoreau observed in his writings.

Dr. Richard B. Primack, Professor of Biology at Boston University, spoke on The effects of climate change on the plants and birds of Thoreau’s Concord on March 28. He discussed one of his longtime research efforts—comparing Thoreau’s records about when particular species of plants would bloom around Concord, Massachusetts, to his own modern-day records about when those same plants are blooming. He and other researchers have discovered is that flowers and plants are blooming earlier in the season as temperatures rise. Dr. Primack and graduate student Caitlin McDonough MacKenzie traveled to northern Maine this spring to continue that research. They acquired a set of observations recorded by L.S. Quackenbush from 1940-1957 on plant flowering times, tree leaf out times, and bird arrival times in Oxbow. The records are part of the William H. Drury Library of Natural History at College of the Atlantic.

Primack contacted Dr. Jason Johnston, UMPI Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, in February to help with some aspects of the research. While the visit north served as a planning trip for Dr. Primack and MacKenzie, they ultimately hope to collect data in Oxbow over the coming spring seasons and compare their records with Quackenbush’s records. Dr. Johnston and other local scientists will be resurveying some of the plants and animals with Dr. Primack.

upcountry hosts launch party for Spring/Summer 2013 issue

The staff of the University’s online literary journal is celebrating the publication of its latest issue with an official Upcountry Reading and Launch Party at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge.

This very special Spring/Summer 2013 “Town and Gown” issue includes a bountiful selection of written and visual works from both campus and community members, some of them returning contributors and others who are new writers to the journal’s pages. The issue has three student editors—Jessica Edney, Kayla Ames, and Angel Cray. Ames, Cray, journal advisor Dr. Melissa Crowe, and several of this issue’s contributors will be in attendance. Contributors will read from their work, paper copies of the issue will be available, and refreshments will be provided.

The reading and launch party is free and open to the public.

Dedicated to showcasing poems, short stories, personal essays and visual art from the campus community, Upcountry is a publication of the University’s English Program. Presented both in print and as an interactive, online format, the literary journal is published twice yearly.

This issue marks the fourth time that the online journal is being made available in its interactive format. In 2011, the staff made the leap to a more interactive format to give viewers a more hands-on reading experience. The journal now appears in a browsable magazine format through a digital publishing platform called Issuu. The platform allows pages of uploaded print material to be viewed much like a traditional printed publication, with animated, flipping pages and left-to-right page viewing.

In keeping with literary journal tradition, however, the Upcountry staff is hosting the launch party to give contributors and the wider community a chance to share the work in person and take home a hard copy of the Spring/Summer issue.

To view the latest issue of Upcountry in its interactive format, visit http://upcountryjournal.wordpress.com/ and click on the “Expand” button. For more information about the “Town and Gown” issue reading and launch party, please email the staff at upcountry@maine.edu.
Local organizations collaborate on triathlons

With warmer weather right around the corner, several local organizations have announced that they are partnering to plan two summer triathlons, one for adults and the other for youth—the Tri Aroostook on June 29 and the REDY . . . Set . . . Let’s Go! Youth Triathlon on Sept. 8. Both events will be held at UMPI.

This year’s Tri Aroostook is a collaboration of event organizers UMPI and TAMC. The triathlon is open to anyone over the age of 15. The event is sanctioned by USA Triathlon, the nation’s official governing body of triathlon. Competitors will swim 525 yards in the Gentile Hall pool, bike 10.25 miles to the south of Presque Isle, and run 3.1 miles in the fields and trails around campus.

“It’s a beautiful course, and participants will love the scenery,” Race Director Jonathan Kelley said. “You don’t need to be a pro to participate. Those who are not interested in completing the entire event can participate on a relay team, where each person on a team of three completes a segment of the triathlon.”

For aspiring young triathletes, the REDY . . . Set . . . Let’s Go! Youth Triathlon returns for a second year. Kids between the ages of 7 and 13 can participate in the event, which will be held on September 8 at UMPI. Healthy Aroostook, UMPI, and TAMC are partnering to hold the event.

Several training sessions will take place between March and August in Presque Isle and Houlton to help kids get ready for the triathlon. Both beginners and more experienced young athletes can participate in swimming, yoga, Zumba, running, and biking. These sessions are free to anyone who has registered for the Youth Triathlon.

Registration for both triathlons is open. To register for Tri Aroostook, visit triaroostook.org. Registration for the REDY . . . Set . . . Let’s Go! Youth Triathlon can be found at redyyouth-triathlon.org.

HHEC holds workshop

Maine Department of Labor—Presque Isle Career Center is partnering with the Houlton Higher Education Center to present a day for job seekers focusing on job preparedness on Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., in rooms 109 and 110. Employers throughout Aroostook County will be available to speak with those interested in improving their job search skills. Local employers will host workshops on resume writing, interviewing skills, and job hunting through social media applications. Some of the organizations include Manpower, Community Living Association, Houlton Regional Hospital, Wal-Mart and Amato’s. Come for the day or drop in at your convenience! This event is free and open to the public.

FMI, call 521.3100.

Stars of Aroostook Cabaret

The 3rd Annual Stars of Aroostook Cabaret show will be held at UMPI on Saturday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. This is a venue for our local talent to showcase themselves along with a night for family and friends to get together and enjoy a show. This is also a night to raise funds for the American Cancer Society as part of their annual Relay for Life to fight against cancer. The show is put on by the TAMC Raise of Hope. Admission at the door will be $5. FMI, contact Jason Grass at 227.9653.

Musical Review to benefit Aroostook Huskies Football Club

The Aroostook Huskies Football Club will host a Musical Review at the University of Maine at Presque Isle on Saturday, May 25 in Wieden Auditorium at 7 p.m. Proceeds will enable children to participate in football. The show will feature a number of talented area folks including Molly Bouchard (current Miss Maine), Megan Ouellette, Heather Rose, Josh Doughty, Dan Rooney (all finalists in the Northern Star competition), Robert Helstrom (a music teacher from Ft. Fairfield and former professional performer) and several others. This is open to the public and tickets are $10 from either the Aroostook Huskies Football Club at www.aroostookfootball.org (click on “contact us”), or at the door if there any remain. FMI, contact Stu Wyckoff at forthdown@aol.com or 764.7651.

Caribou Choral Society’s Spring Concerts

The Caribou Choral Society will be presenting its 37th annual spring concerts: Broadway Bound on Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Caribou, and Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church in Presque Isle. An all-Broadway show, the program features songs from twenty-six different Broadway musicals. The concerts are free but donations will be accepted at the door. Both events are open to the public.
Officials with the Wintergreen Arts Center and the University are making final preparations for their second annual blank canvas event, the 12x12 Art Auction, which will feature original works by more than 50 artists from throughout Aroostook County, the nation, and Canada.

12x12—a fundraiser that will help officials to establish a Cultural Center in the downtown area—will be held Friday, May 3, from 6-9 p.m. at the Wintergreen Arts Center during the May 2013 First Friday Art Walk. The community is invited to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be served.

As with the 10x10 art auction last year, organizers for the expanded 12x12 auction have provided participating artists with blank 12-inch by 12-inch canvases to fill in any way they choose – “Any media goes.” Artists have between late March and the end of April to complete their works, which will be put on display in the Barresi Financial Gallery at WGAC starting May 3. A silent auction and reception will be held that evening from 6-9 p.m. Each canvas will hold a reserve bid of $60. Bidding will end promptly at 8:30 p.m. and winning bids will be announced at 8:45 p.m. Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted.

Co-organizers Wendy Gilman-Zubrick, WGAC Executive Director, and Heather Sincavage, UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art and Reed Fine Art Gallery Director, said they are excited about the work artists are producing based on these simple parameters.

Organizers also are excited about how funds raised during this event will support Wintergreen and UMPI’s efforts to transform 149 State Street into the region’s first Cultural Campus. (for details, see story on page 1).

“We are hoping to begin the first phase of construction for our Cultural Campus in Downtown Presque Isle this summer,” Sincavage said. “It’s pretty exciting to see a collective dream begin to become a reality, and to see how 12x12 will be able to help it happen.”

For more information, contact Gilman-Zubrick at wintergreenarts@gmail.com or Sincavage at heather.sincavage@umpi.edu.

Gentile Hall is celebrating the end of the semester and getting a jump start on summer by hosting its very own Amazing Race on Saturday, May 4 with a mass start at 11 a.m. Up to 25 2-member teams will vie for bragging rights and great prizes.

UMPI’s Amazing Race is being coordinated by Keli Marston, UMPI’s Fitness and Wellness Coordinator, and Amanda Baker, UMPI’s Recreation Programs Coordinator. The race will include 20 challenges located at specific spots on the University grounds. Teams will race around campus with a partner, using clues to find the right location, and then complete a challenge of a physical, mental, funny, or completely random task.

“We’re not going to make anyone eat bugs, though,” Baker said, referring to similar races where participants are asked to complete strange and sometimes unappetizing challenges. “We’re very excited about offering an Amazing Race for the campus and community and encourage everyone who wants to participate in this really fun event to register as soon as possible.”

Baker and Marston said they wanted to host this event for race enthusiasts of all kinds. Participants will be getting an excellent physical and mental workout, but won’t have to do any serious training to prepare for this race.

“We just wanted to create an event where people could get outside and have a lot of fun,” Marston said. “We’ve put a lot of work into our clues and challenges and think our racers are going to really enjoy what we’ve created for them.”

While the race starts at 11 a.m., participants will be able to pick up their race packets and T-shirts at Gentile Hall at 10 a.m. Organizers will provide pizza, water and Gatorade for all racers.

Cost to register is $30 per team ($15 per person) and participants must register as teams of two. Pre-registration is required. Registration form can be found online at www.umpi.edu/gentile-hall.

For more information about UMPI’s Amazing Race, contact Gentile Hall at 768.9772.
The University’s Reed Fine Art Gallery will present Revelations by UMPI Art Professor Anderson Giles from April 22 through June 8, 2013. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show’s run and gather for a gallery reception, being held in conjunction with the Presque Isle First Friday Art Walk, on Friday, May 3 from 5-7 p.m. A gallery talk with the artist will take place at 5:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Revelations will also be open to the public for the June 7 First Friday Art Walk, from 5-7 p.m.

A painter, photographer, gallery director, and filmmaker, Giles has long created works that have been in over 100 solo and group exhibitions throughout New York, Chicago, Montreal, Albuquerque, Portland, Richmond, and Norfolk, Virginia. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Virginia Governor’s trophy and a 1997 Telly Award.

Revelations is a survey exhibition that presents selected works representing Giles’ expansive career as a painter. To quote Giles, his work “explores the inner arena of consciousness where the experiences of life lie stored, ready to be re-understood and re-synthesized into new understandings and images.” This exhibition is dedicated in memory of his brother, Charles Giles.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information about this event, please contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or heather.sincavage@umpi.edu.

Newell to perform at UMPI
Live classical music returns to UMPI with some contemporary twists when composer and pianist John Newell performs in the Campus Center on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free concert by the Lubec-based musician.

Newell’s performance, American Landscapes, will include the works of Samuel Barber, Charles Ives, George Gershwin, Philip Glass, and a new work by University of Maine at Fort Kent faculty member and fellow composer Scott Brickman.

Newell was born in Charlotte, North Carolina and is a graduate of Duke University. He earned his M.F.A. from California Institute of the Arts and his Ph.D. in composition in 1979 from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Newell’s works have received support from the American Music Center, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Meet the Composer.

For more information, call 768.9452.

Pullen Gallery features Senior Thesis Exhibitions
The University’s Fine Art Program faculty members are pleased to announce the five solo exhibitions developed through the 2013 Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition course. The six credit, academic-year-long course, is a capstone to the BFA program. Students are required to prepare a body of work for the solo exhibition and defend it orally and in writing, in order to graduate.

The students featured this year are Angel Cray, Robb Miller, Lanette Virtanen, Corey Levesque, and Karrie Brawn.

ANGEL CRAY led off the season with her photography pieces that are rich with experimentation. Her exhibition, titled “An Artist’s Dedication,” ran from March 28 to April 9, 2013.

ROBB MILLER captures the isolation in vast spaces in his exhibit, “Forgotten Landscape,” which runs through April 24.

LANETTE VIRTANEN is a digital photographer honoring the legacy of her family in her exhibit that runs from April 25 to May 1.

COREY LEVESQUE is the first student in the history of UMPI’s Fine Art program to take on layered painting using epoxy resin and acrylic paint in his exhibit, “An Ephemeral World,” which runs from May 2 to 8. His reception will be held on Friday, May 3 during the First Friday Art Walk from 6-8 P.M.

KARRIE BRAWN closes the season with her exhibit, “amour-proper,” consisting of acrylic paintings revolving around the duality of narcissism. Her exhibition runs from May 9 to 16, 2013. Her reception will be held on Friday, May 10 from 5-7 P.M.

Members of the campus and community are invited to view each show that will be on display this spring in the Pullen Art Gallery and attend all show receptions.

Pullen Gallery presents Revelations by Giles

Altar for the Primordial Crossing by Anderson Giles
**Women’s Softball enjoys April split, sweep**

While the Lady Owls dropped a pair of doubleheaders in recent play against New England College and the University of Southern Maine, April has also given them their best games. On April 5, they notched their first win of the season by dominating in a doubleheader against Southern Maine Community College, 13-3 and 13-2.

In game one, Presque Isle came out dialled in at the plate, scoring 8 times in the top of the first. Jessica Campbell (Fr./Lisbon) got on base and let her teammates bring her around to score. Campbell reached base all four plate appearances (3 hits and a walk), and scored every time. Together with 2-hole hitter Kellie Peers (Sr./Caswell), the top of the order tandem combined to go 5-5 with 2 walks and 6 runs scored. Krista Coffin (Jr./Presque Isle) (1-6) earned her first win of the season pitching a complete game 6-hitter. She walked 2 and struck out 4.

In game two, another “8-spot” for the Owls helped lead them to victory. This time the big inning came in the second. After two frames, Presque Isle was up 11-0 and was able to coast to the 5-inning victory and sweep of the ‘Wolves. Ashley Laking (Fr./Topsfield) was the offensive star for the Owls in game two. In the best game of her young career, Laking went 2-2 with two doubles a career-high 3 RBI. As a team, the Owls put 20 runners on base (13 hits, 7 walks). And once they got on, they did not stay in the same place for long. Presque Isle stole four bases including two from Taylor Cochran (Fr./Topsfield). STEPHEN THORNE (Sr./Dalhousie, NB), who reached on the first error, then scored on a wild pitch. CARLOS VILLORIA (Sr./Caracas, Venezuela) rounded out the UMPI scoring in the second inning with a single through the right side as Bergeron crossed home plate. UMPI held a 4-1 lead through two.

The Eagles got onto the board once again in the third as Cody McInnis reached on a hit-by-pitch, stole second and also stole third. With two outs and McInnis on third, Pat Thibodeau singled through the left side scoring the Husson shortstop to cut the Owl lead to 4-2.

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**UMPI Baseball splits twin bill at Husson**

Early in the season, the UMPI Baseball team experienced quite a doubleheader at Husson University. The Owls wasted no time finding a rhythm, defeating the Eagles 5-3 in the opener. After falling behind 8-2 in the nightcap, a furious rally fell just short for the visitors as they fell 8-7 and settled for a split.

Here are the highlights from game one. Things looked good for the Eagles early on when Brandon Gendreau doubled to left in the bottom of the first putting the Eagles up 1-0. Presque Isle came storming back in the top of the second, scoring four times on two hits, an error, and a wild pitch.

LOGAN MCLAUGHLIN (Fr./Mars Hill) scored the first Owl run on an Eagle error followed by a JUSTIN BERGERON (Jr./Tiverton, RI) single down the left field line scoring DANIEL LEWIS (Jr./Gardner Mines, Nova Scotia). STEPHEN THORNE (Sr./Dalhousie, NB), who reached on the first error, then scored on a wild pitch. CARLOS VILLORIA (Sr./Caracas, Venezuela) rounded out the UMPI scoring in the second inning with a single through the right side as Bergeron crossed home plate. UMPI held a 4-1 lead through two.

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For the Owls, DYLAN WORSTER (Jr./Howland) tossed all seven innings, allowing three runs on ten hits with a walk and three strikeouts.

**In other news,** the Owls Baseball team swept its first doubleheader of the season in April, winning a pair of games at Southern Maine Community College 6-3 and 20-4.
UMPI’s 104th Commencement
The University will celebrate its 104th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Wieden Gymnasium. A reception for graduates, family and friends will be held in the Campus Center immediately following the ceremony. FMI, contact Denise Hamel at 768.9520 or denise.hamel@umpi.edu.

TRIO College Access Services seeks student participants
TRIO College Access Services is accepting applications from high school students in the central Aroostook area to participate in the TRIO Upward Bound program, a federally funded college preparatory program. Designed to help students be successful in high school and navigate the road to college, all services in Upward Bound are free to qualifying students. Students are eligible for the program if neither parent has attained a four-year college degree or if the family meets income guidelines based on taxable income, or if the student has a need for academic support. FMI or for an application, call 768.9591 or 768.9618.

Apartment Fire Donations
By now, mos have heard about the apartment fire on Main Street in Presque Isle that occurred on Sunday, March 24. Four UMPI students lost their housing and most of their belongings in the fire. The Student Senate set up a Fire Fund to help these students, collecting over $700 plus a TV, clothes, and pots and pans. Thank to everyone for their generous donations!

Dr. Bonnie Wood presents workshop at Monash University in Australia
Dr. Bonnie Wood, Professor Emerita of Biology, presented a four-hour workshop on lecture-free teaching at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia in April. For her workshop, each participant had a copy of her book Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership between Science Educations and their Students (2009, NSTA Press). With a variety of activities, she modeled her teaching methods and described her 13 steps to Lecture-Free Teaching while demonstrating how she achieves course content identical to that of her formerly lecture-based courses.

17th Annual Spring Ball!
The University will hold its 17th Annual Spring Ball on Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. This year’s Arabian Nights themed event features social time, dinner, dancing, and music by Harding and Cote Mixers. Semi-formal dress or theme attire required. Tickets for the dinner/dance are $10 for students and $15 for faculty, staff & guests. The dance alone is free but you must have a ticket. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 19. Tickets are available in the Campus Center and in the Alumni Office in Preble Hall. FMI, contact Keith Madore at keith.madore@umpi.edu or 768.9568.

Outdoor Rock Climbing in Acadia National Park
The Outing Club will travel to Acadia National Park for rock climbing on Sunday, May 5. Try your hand at real granite at the beautiful Otter Cliffs at famous Acadia National park! No experience is required, although some experience at an indoor wall is suggested. The fee is $40 for non-students and $30 for UMPI students and includes transportation, guide services, gear and snacks. Registration is required and the deadline is Wednesday, May 1 at 4 p.m. Depart Gentile Hall at 5 a.m. on Sunday, May 5. The rain date is Saturday, May 11. FMI or to register, contact Amanda Baker at 768.9401 or amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu.

Alumni Association hosting gathering
UMPI’s Alumni Association will be hosting an event in Portland on June 1 for the “Annual UMPI Alumni Southern Maine Gathering.” The event, which draws alumni from all over the state and New England, will include tickets to a Portland Sea Dogs game and a social. FMI, contact Keith Madore at 768.9568 or keith.madore@umpi.edu to reserve your space!

UMPI Owls Relay for Life holds two fundraisers
The UMPI Relay for Life team is holding a drawing for a Barbara Lambert original pottery bird house. Tickets are 1 for $1 or 7 for $5 and are available in the Human Resources Office. The drawing will be May 1. The group’s second fundraiser is for a vacation package worth approximately $900! The tickets are the same as the bird house and can be purchased from Laurie Boucher in Financial Aid. You may reach her at 768.9512 or laurie.boucher@umpi.edu. Some of the items in the package are 4 Nascar tickets for Louden, NH on July 4; 4 Portland Sea Dog tickets; and a weekend at Portage Lakeside Cabins. The tickets are on sale now through May 31.

UMPI Bookstore has “Movies U Buy”
The bookstore has new and popular DVDs for sale for a
Games for X-Box 360 and Play Station 3 platforms. This is a new service they are offering to the students as they branch out to enhance the overall college experience.

GIS collaborates with Healthy Aroostook
From winter 2011 to fall 2012, the GIS Laboratory at the University, led by Dr. Chunzeng Wang, worked on a project with Healthy Aroostook to map local farm stands, farmer’s markets, food pantries, and organizations that provide food services to the needy in The County. The project resulted in the publication of the “Where to Buy Local in The County” brochure with a map to show their locations and what they offer. The brochure is the first-of-its-kind ever published in The County. It is free and can be picked up from any town offices in The County. The map is also published on the Healthy Aroostook website using Google Maps user interactive technology, www.healthyaroostook.com/locations.html. This project is another excellent example of community service and community GIS partnership.

SAFE Homes Aroostook – MOVE to end Homelessness fundraiser
Lisa Leduc’s service learning class is helping to organize an event on Sunday, April 28. SAFE Homes Aroostook – MOVE to end Homelessness is a fundraising/awareness walk in support of both the Hope and Justice Project and Homeless Services of Aroostook. There will be 2, 3, and 4-mile walking routes along the bike path starting at the Riverside Recreation building. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and then there will be staggered starts for the walking routes, with the 4 mile walk starting at 1:30 p.m., the 3 mile walk starting at 2 p.m., and the 2 mile walk starting at 2:30 p.m. The event will wrap up with recognition of the top fundraisers and raffle prizes for all participants at 3:30 p.m. Registration is $10 for an individual and $20 for a family. The first 200 that register get a free pedometer and the first 100 get a free water bottle. FMI, contact Lisa Leduc at lisa.leduc@umpi.edu or 768.9436.

UMPI hosts Aroostook Regional Gifted and Talented students
The University will host over 100 Aroostook Regional Gifted and Talented students in grades 6-8, representing 12 schools, for Visual Arts Day on Tuesday, April 30 from 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the Campus Center and the Library Conference Room. The students will be able to choose from various classes to attend, including painting with pastels, gelatin print-making with JELL-O™, making an accordion book, and building your own animation with Keynote™, which is an electronic flip-book. FMI, contact Sue Beaulier at susan.beaulier@sad32.org.

Congratulations
Nicole Gray
February Student of the Month
Nicole is a senior from Fort Fairfield, Maine. She is majoring in Business Administration and is an exceptional role model on campus. She manages the University’s radio station, WUPI. Nicole was also actively involved with the Purple Pinkie event for the World Polio Day. Despite having a lot of demands on her time, she manages to combine her academics with involvement in extra-curricular activities. In addition to providing the campus with excellent management for the radio station, she gains experience and an opportunity to apply what she learns in her business classes—a definite WIN for both UMPI and Nicole. Once again, congratulations!

Congratulations
Elizabeth Bousquet
March Student of the Month
Lizzie is from Morrisville, Vermont, and will graduate this May with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in History. She is consistently on the Dean’s List, is enrolled in the University’s Honors Program, and has been selected for Who’s Who Among Colleges and Universities. Lizzie has organized many educational programs including the “Everyone Matters” events. She has worked at a children’s summer program and volunteered at the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce. She serves in several campus roles: Resident Assistant (3 years), Residence Advisory Council President (2.5 years), Tutor (3 years), and was the President of the UMPI Gay Straight Alliance for 2 years. Lizzie has held numerous campus-wide programs that are social/fun (Casino night, Paintapalooza) and helpful/educational to students (How to get into grad school, Alcohol Awareness, Everyone Matters).
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April 25
- Criminal Justice Club 12:30pm, Normal 104A
- Gay Straight Alliance 12:30pm, Alumni Rm or Library 201
- Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118
- S.E.A.M 12:30pm, Owl’s Nest
- Games Club 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest
- Exclusive COMEDIAN/DANCER, 7pm, Wieden Auditorium

April 26
- International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room
- Games Club War Machine League 6pm, Pullen 111
- Spring Ball 6:30pm, MPR

April 27
- Kappa Delta Phi NAS Sorority, 2:30pm, CC118
- Games Club Live Action Role Playing 6pm, Pullen 113 & 114

April 28
- Kappa Delta Phi 6:30pm, Alumni Room

April 30
- Student Senate 12:40pm, President’s Conference Room
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes 7 pm, CC118
- Visual Arts Day 9 am, MPR

May 1
- CRU Bible Study 6 pm, CC118

May 3
- HHEC Job Fair 9am, rooms 109 & 110
- International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room
- Games Club War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111

May 4
- Caribou Choral Society Spring Concert 7:30pm, Holy Rosary Church in Caribou

May 5
- Caribou Choral Society Spring Concert 3pm, St. Mary’s Church in Presque Isle
- Kappa Delta Phi 6:30pm, Alumni Room

May 7
- Student Senate 12:40pm, Alumni Room
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes 7pm, CC118

May 8
- CRU Bible Study 6pm, CC118

May 9
- Criminal Justice Club 12:30pm, Normal 104A
- S.E.A.M 12:30pm, St. John Room
- Gay Straight Alliance 12:30pm, Alumni Room
- Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118
- Games Club 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest

May 10
- Last Day of Classes
- International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room
- Games Club War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111
- Games Club Live Action Role Playing, 6pm, Pullen Rooms 113 & 114

May 11
- MDoE Fingerprinting 8am, Owl’s Nest

May 12
- Kappa Delta Phi 6:30pm, Alumni Room

May 13
- Final Examinations begin 8am

May 14
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes 7pm, CC118

May 15
- Battle of the Books 9am, MPR

May 16
- Final Examinations end at 5pm

May 17
- Young Authors, Aroostook Right to Read 8am, Wieden

May 18
- Commencement

May 21
- NEACAC College Fair 9am, Gentile Hall
- Weather Talk by Ted Shapiro, 7:15pm, Folsom 105

May 23
- Graduation Celebration Houlton Higher Education Center, 6pm

May 25
- Games Club Live Action Role Playing, 6pm, Pullen 113 & 114
- Musical Review to benefit the Aroostook Huskies Football Club, 7pm, Wieden Auditorium

We want to hear about your news & events!
If you would like to submit an item for the Graduation issue, the deadline for submissions is 4:30pm, Monday, May 20. Submissions received after that date may not be included.
Email news or event information to gshaw@umpi.edu.