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The University of Montana's Art Department is creating, among other "arty" things, a student art rental gallery to enable any patron to have his personal collection of objets d'art.

The gallery will be opened to the public for the first time Friday (Feb. 24) between noon and 5 p.m. After Friday's opening, the gallery will operate on a permanent basis 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday to provide a market serving artists as well as collectors.

Richard B. Reinholtz, chairman of the UM art department, stated the gallery was conceived as a vehicle to make available to the public the large quantity of work produced by UM's art students. It also will help the students in the form of a scholarship fund.

Tom Ulberg and Lynn Canterbury, graduate students directing the project, listed paintings, drawing, prints, sculptures, ceramics and jewelery among the materials to be displayed for rent or purchase. It is their hope that students, faculty members, businessmen and the general public will find the gallery useful. The displays will be changed every two weeks to insure a variety, they reported.

According to Donald Bunse, faculty advisor for the project, the maximum purchase price for items in the gallery is fixed at $200. Rental fees are set at ten percent of the purchase price and will apply to the purchase in the event a person wishes to buy a work after renting it. The rentals cover a period of three months and can be renewed. Items priced at $5 or less will be for sale only.