



David Turner, surrounded by pallets of art during the renovation and expansion project.

**"His gift to the museum campaign was a combination [of funds] for the completion of the building and to set up an endowment for general operations such as special exhibitions, educational programs, publications and keeping the lights on."**

**— David Turner, speaking of Jordan Schnitzer.**

(EIs), a group of dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers who give museum tours.

"It's a big commitment," Abia-Smith said. "The EIs pay for the cost of training materials and membership, and they give a lot of their time — at least four hours for meetings and two tours per month. They'll be great at instilling enthusiasm in primary school kids."

EIs used to be called docents. The new term is meant to reflect a more interactive conception of giving tours to the public. "Senior citizens and first graders make the best tours," EI Martin Molof noted. Former teacher Maggie Gontrum, who's been an EI since 1987, said that Ben [Brinkley] was showing them how to draw people out and listen to them.

"I'm really impressed with this approach, getting the audience to talk to each other about the pieces," Gontrum said. "It's amazing what you learn from people and what they learn from each other. We're genuinely interested in what people have to say," she said.

The museum depends upon volunteers. "We use volunteers for everything," Tonkin said, "as EIs, store volunteers, at the admissions desk, for mailings and memberships, as greeters during special events. They organ-

ized the libraries, they helped with packing, sweeping, moving boxes. We couldn't do it without them."

The extraordinary level of volunteer involvement shows a reciprocity of outreach



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Images from Andy Warhol's Dream America, the opening exhibit.

between museum and community. The museum is also partnering with other cultural organizations in town.

"On opening day, Patty Prather of the Hilyard Community Center is supplying us with wheelchair-adapting painting equipment," Tonkin said. "The Warhol Film Festival from Jan. 29 through April is a partnership between JSMA, the UO Cultural Forum and DIVA. The films will show at DIVA and at 180 PLC. We partner with people all the time."

Family Days will continue, beginning with opening day, which will be filled with music, family-friendly activities and shows such as an Andy Warhol Silkscreen Process Puppet Show by the Dragon Theater.

"Opening day is going to be one big party," Abia-Smith said. "Our emphasis will be on having fun. We're trying to reach out to the community in ways this museum never has and other museums usually don't. We welcome everybody with open arms and I think our program reflects that." **EW**

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