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The Newsletter of Alexander Hall



Hall Council News

Movie Trivia is Coming – On Tuesday 12/5 at 9pm Hall Council will be sponsoring a Movie Trivia Game in the TV lounge. Come see how much you really know about the big screen. Prizes will be given out to the top three winners. Come see if you can defeat the Hall Council movie buff, Mr. Jeff Bergeron!

Also in the works is a study break for finals week. Let a member of hall council know if you have any suggestions for this.

The Hall Council is also committing around \$50 toward buying a gift for a needy child as part of the Giving Tree program. Someone from hall council may be taking up a collection from residents in the hall to help out with this worthy cause.

For January, hall council has just started planning a ski trip. More info on that will be coming soon.

OPEN POSITIONS

Hall Council is looking for people to fill open positions for the remainder of the year. They require only a few hours a week and are a great way to get involved in the hall. If you're interested in either of these positions, come to the next hall council meeting or contact a member of hall council listed below.

Yearbook Coordinator: Responsible for overseeing design and creation of a hall yearbook for spring.

Recycling Educator: Responsible for posting fliers and educating students about recycling.

2000-2001 Hall Council Executive Board	
Kate Maggioncalda, Co- President (302)	5-0119
Jessica Wixson , Co-President (215)	5-6301
Jeff Bergeron, Vice President (203)	5-7054
Mike Woods , Treasurer (317)	5-8707
Emilee Swain, Secretary (118)	5-4311
Sarah Paulsworth , Alexander Senator (105)	5-1229
Katie Flanagan, Social Coordinator (106)	5-0775

Now you can email comments and suggestions to your hall council at AlexanderHallUNH@yahoo.com



Please wish a Happy Birthday to all those celebrating in December!

Donald Parsons (328)	December 2
Lori Baker (219)	December 3
Rebecca Grimes (122)	December 7
Nicole Dupre (304)	December 8
Justin Owens (329)	December 9
Alyssa Lindsay (112)	December 10
Alana Montminy (126)	December 10
Melissa Medeiros (220)	December 14
Jessica Tremblay (223)	December 15
Nicholas Bridges (201)	December 19
Alison Lessard (229)	December 20
Rachel Carter (218)	December 25
Robert Tobin (323)	December 25
Jennifer Hewitt (108)	December 26
Natalie Burnett (111)	December 30

Stressed out?

Exams and papers got you stressed and tense? How about relaxing with a massage! Health Services offers 50 minute massages for only \$30. Call the Office of Health Education and Promotion at 2-3823 to make an appointment. Gift certificates are available, too - great gifts for those with birthdays around finals time!

Suggestions or Ideas for the Newsletter? Contact George at 2-1151

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Hey George, where are you?

I know sometimes it can be hard to find me, but I want you to know that I'm all about being accessible. It's just been a busy (and sometimes stressful) semester adjusting to being a new hall director. In the hopes of remedying this, here are some times when I will most likely be just kicking around my apartment. Feel free to stop by if you have questions, just want to chat, vent, or hang out for a bit. I can't absolutely, positively guarantee that I'll be there (since I sometimes get called away), but I'll do my best!

Mondays	9:00pm - 11:00pm
Tuesday	8:00pm - 10:00pm
Wednesdays	7:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursdays	7:00pm - 8:00pm

...and of course, you can always come by any other time my door is open. Most afternoons, I'm available in the staff office (117) as well.

December in Alexander What's goin' on

12/4 - **Hate.com** - A powerful documentary about hate groups on the internet (9pm in the TV lounge).
12/5 - **Hall Council Movie Trivia** - Show off your movie knowledge and win prizes (9pm in TV lounge)
12/5 - **Hall Council Meeting** - Help plan events for December and January (10pm in TV lounge)
12/6 - **The Floormate Game** - Come with your roommate or someone on your floor and see how well you know each other. Prizes for top three teams (10pm in the TV lounge).

Quiet Hours Reminder

Sunday-Thursday Begin at 10pm

Friday & Saturday Begin at midnight

Please respect everyone's right to sleep and study

Stress Relief Friday

Friday December 8th at 9pm
Granite State Room

Come take a break just before the final push for finals. Hasbro is coming to give away prizes and free games. They are promoting their new college geared game of "Zobmondo!" which is a game of "Would you Rather..." The game is wild! In addition to Hasbro, there will be a huge Velcro Olympics, a Pedestal Joust, and a Sports Arena featuring a speed pitch and football throw. If that's not enough, there will also be stress ball making on a number of tables. If none of these gets the stress out, I don't know what will. Racing, Beating Each Other Up, Creativity, and Laughing...who could ask for more. This is all brought to you by CAB and Cool Aid. See you there!

Interested in working with children on Stargazing and Astronomy?

Looking for someone who knows something about stargazing and astronomy to work with a 2nd grade classroom. If interested, contact:
Lori LaBranche, Volunteers Coordinator or
Kathy Boston, Volunteers Assistant
603-335-3648, www.concentric.net/~fins2

Looking for something to do??
Check out the calendar across
from the 1st floor study lounge!!!!

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What's going on at UNH

Salvation Army Giving Tree
12/5 - 12/7

Buy a toy for a child in need this holiday season

Here's all you need to do:

1. Pick up a star at any dining hall or the MB during lunch or dinner. Each star has an item that a child wishes to receive for the holidays.
2. Purchase the selected item.
3. Return the UNWRAPPED gift to the Telecommunications Customer Service Office (located at the ground level rear entrance of the Diamond Library) by Thursday December 14th.

Get Involved! Help Plan Women's History Month

The President's Commission on the Status of Women is looking for students who are interested in planning events and educational programs for Women's history Month in March of 2001.

This opportunity is a fun and educational way to become involved in campus events. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 12-1pm in the Women's Studies Office in Batcheller House.

For more information on the Women's History Month project or info on membership on the Women's Commission, call 862-1058 or stop by the office at the Batcheller House on Rosemary Lane (across from Stoke Hall).

Volunteers Needed for Whittemore Center Holiday Skating Party!

Sunday, December 17, 2000

The American Lung Association of NH will team up with the Whittemore Center to present a holiday skating event.

Approximately 12 volunteers needed:
2 ticket takers
2 volunteers to hand out Lung Association literature
2 volunteers to sell children's fun passes
4 ushers (2 hour shifts) primary responsibility is to ensure that skaters are entering the ice with skates on, exiting with skates off and not bringing chairs onto the ice.
1 skating Santa!

Volunteers should arrive at the Whittemore Center by 11:30 am. The event ends at 4 PM. Volunteers can park at the New Hampshire Hall parking lot.

For more information contact:
Dee Martin - Director Volunteer Svcs
American Lung Association
1 -800-835-8647
email:dee@nhlung.org



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WINTER BREAK CLOSING INFORMATION

Alexander Hall will close for Winter Break on Friday December 22nd at 7pm. If for some reason you cannot leave by this date, please let George know as soon as possible.

You are expected to leave within 24 hours after your last exam or paper. If you need an extension, please let George know as soon as possible.

If you are moving out of your room, you **MUST**:

- Make an appointment with your RA to checkout
- Fully vacate your current room and leave it in the same condition as when you moved in (room clean, floor swept, all furniture assembled).
- Officially** check out of your current room with your RA (this includes completing the room inventory form and forwarding address)
- If you are moving to another room, you must officially check in when the halls re-open for spring semester.

Defrost your refrigerator and leave the refrigerator door open prior to leaving. This will allow it to air out and dry. You will need to unplug **EVERYTHING** in your room. This includes computers, refrigerators, and fish tanks! If you don't unplug it, we will have to.

Complete all items on the closing checklist, which will be taped to your door or given to you by hall staff near the end of the semester. Please leave the sheet posted on your door and make sure you sign it before you leave. This will let RA's know when it is ok to check your room.

Alexander will officially re-open at **9am on MONDAY, JANUARY 15**. Your ID card will not allow you access before this. Classes do not start until Wednesday, January 17, so you may choose to return later than Monday.

Please see a staff member if you have questions

some Interesting Facts

- r There are 26 vitamins in all, but some of the letters are yet to be discovered.
- r Genetics explains why you look like your father, and if you don't, why you should.
- r Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there.
- r Water vapor gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does.
- r Mushrooms always grow in damp places, which is why they look like umbrellas.
- r Momentum is something you give a person when they go away.
- r A monsoon is a French gentleman.
- r The word "trousers" is an uncomfortable noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.
- r When planets run around and around in circles, we say they are orbiting. When people do it we say they are crazy.
- r For asphyxiation, apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.
- r Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

22-Hour Quiet Hours

During Finals in Alexander

Quiet hours begin Thursday December 14 at 10pm and continue through the end of finals week.

7pm to 9pm each night will be the only non-quiet hours. Residents can socialize a bit more during these hours but it is still expected that people are respectful of others. Excessive noise (loud stereos, yelling, moving furniture, etc) will not be acceptable at any time.

We place a great amount of importance on providing an environment where people can study in peace for their finals. Hall staff will be extra strict in the enforcement of quiet hours during finals week. Thank-you and happy studying.

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Special Holiday Edition Add-on



Hanukkah (Judaism) December 3-11

Hanukkah (“Jewish Festival of Lights”) commemorates the Macabean recapture of the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BCE. Legend states that the Jews could find only a small jar of oil to burn in their lamps (enough for one day), however, the oil burned miraculously for eight days. This is the significance of the eight candles of the menorah, a common symbol of Hanukkah.



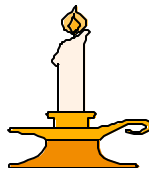
Hanukkah means rededication and the symbols and rituals of the holiday demonstrate an annual renewal of Jewish faith and practices. The story can be found in the Second Book of Macabees, the last historical book of the Old Testament.

Ramadan (Islam) December 8-January 6

Ramadan is the Islamic month that commemorates Muhammad’s reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qura’n, the Holy Book of Islam. Ramadan is the holiest period for Muslims in which they adhere to very strict fasting from sunrise to sunset.

Yule (Wicca) December 21

Yule (from the Anglo-Saxon “Yula”, meaning “wheel” of the year) is the Wiccan celebration of Winter Solstice. It is a celebration of winter and the rebirth of the sun. Yule is one of four minor Sabbats for Wiccans. Winter Solstice marks the time of the year when the light returns as the sun shifts and starts to move northward.



Christmas (Christianity) December 25

Christmas is the Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, whom Christians believe is the Son of God. It is not certain when the virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, however, in recent centuries, His birth has been celebrated on December 25th.



The story of Christmas can be found in two Gospels of the New Testament, the books of Matthew and Luke. It is from these accounts that many of the symbols and traditions of the holiday grew.

Kwanzaa (African-American) December 26-January 1

Kwanzaa is an unique African-American celebration that is neither political nor religious, but a reaffirming of African-American people, their ancestors, and culture. Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga and is based on Nguzo Saba (seven guiding principles).



The seven principles are: **Umoja** (OO-MO-JAH) or Unity; **Kujichagulia** (KOO-GEE-CHA-GOO-LEE-YAH) or Self-Determination; **Ujima** (OO-GEE-MAH) or Collective Work and Responsibility; **Ujamaa** (OO-JAH-MAH) or Cooperative Economics; **Nia** (NEE-YAH) or Purpose; **Kuumba** (KOO-OOM-BAH) or Creativity; **Imani** (EE-MAH-NEE) or Faith.

The traditional greeting is “Habari gani?” (“What is the news?”) and the response is the principle of the day.

The Gator - December 1, 2000 - Happy Holidays