

The Gator

The Newsletter of Alexander Hall



Hall Council News

I apologize for not including this in the last newsletter: In late December, Kate Maggioncalda, our former hall council co-president, accepted a position as a resident assistant in Stoke Hall. Kate was very active last semester in running meetings and organizing a number of great events. Kate started her new job in January and is doing really well. We wish Kate the best in Stoke!!!

Also, week before last, residents in Alexander were sad to find out that Emilee Swain, our hall council secretary, was leaving school for the remainder of the semester. Emme has been an important part of hall council this year and has given much of her time and energy helping make Alexander a better place to live. We'll all miss Emme and wish her the best!

Taking over as secretary for the remainder of the year will be Cheryl O'Brien from the first floor. Cheryl has been to a number of hall council meetings and activities and is excited to take on the new challenge. Go Cheryl!

Rachel Carter, from the second floor, has also volunteered to work with hall council as the Recycling Educator. You can help Rachel by making sure you take all your cans, paper, and other recyclables out to the bins near Hetzel. (Oh yeah, as an added bonus, you'll be helping the environment too!)

Hall Council had a great superbowl party on January 28th. We hope everyone enjoyed it. On February 24th hall council is organizing a trip to Gunstock mountain for skiing and tubing. More information on that (and another Celtics trip) will be coming soon.

OPEN POSITION

Yearbook Coordinator: Hall Council is hoping to put out a high quality yearbook in May. The only problem is, there is no one to oversee it yet. If you'd be interested in taking on this challenge, stop by Hall Council's weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 10pm!



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

Lenoir McDougal (301)	February 4
Beth Landry (126)	February 24
Beth Vaughan (216)	February 27
Matt Hanson (320)	February 28

Need to Contact George!

Email: goc@cisunix.unh.edu
Phone: 2-1151
AOL IM: GeorgeRHD
 ...or you could just stop by sometime

2000-2001 Hall Council Executive Board

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Room</u>
Jessica Wixson , President	215
Jeff Bergeron, Vice President	203
Mike Woods, Treasurer	320
Cheryl O'Bryan, Secretary	127
Sarah Paulsworth, Alexander Senator	105
Katie Flanagan, Social Coordinator	106
Rachel Carter, Recycling Educator	218

Email comments and suggestions to:
AlexanderHallUNH@yahoo.com

Check out the Alexander Hall Council Website at:
<http://www.unh.edu/alexander-hall/>

Or stop by one of our weekly meetings
Tuesdays at 10pm in the TV Lounge

Meeting with George

It's what all the cool kids are doin'!

Last semester, something I really enjoyed was meeting with new students. It was a great way to find out how well they were getting used to college and it gave me a chance to learn more about them. This semester, I'm going to spend some time each week doing more of these meetings with both upperclassmen and freshmen. This is just a chance for me to better connect with you and make sure you're getting the most out of your college experience. Meetings are very informal and about 20 minutes long. So if I stop by and ask to set up a meeting with you, don't be alarmed!

Did You Borrow Some Bed Ends???

If you borrowed a set of bed ends from the women's 2nd floor hallway at the beginning of the year, could you please return them? As silly as it sounds, stealing bed ends is still stealing so you could face judicial action. For now, this is a no questions asked request. If the bed ends just reappear on the second floor within the next week or so, everything will be a-ok! On the other hand, if hall staff finds extra (unaccounted for) bed-ends in your room, things could be a bit more problematic.

Be A June Orientation Leader

\$700 stipend

Free T Shirt

Great Leadership Experience

Lots of Fun

Applications and Job Descriptions:

First Year Programs/Orientation

Rm. 111 Hood House

Applications Due Feb. 16, 2001

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

The Catholic Student Center is offering some great volunteer opportunities

Cross Roads House (a homeless shelter in Portsmouth). Students go every Friday afternoon at 3 PM and work on various tasks such as organizing and maintaining the food pantry, painting, sorting clothing donations etc.

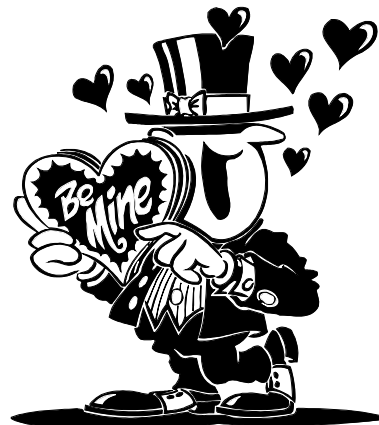
St Charles Children's Home in Rochester: Students go on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They run with the children in the afternoons. In the evenings they work with the children helping with homework or playing board games.

For more information contact:
Mary Beth Nazzaro at 862-1310/
Mbnazzaro@aol.com

Guest Responsibility is... ...YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Just a reminder that when you invite people into Alexander, it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure they understand what is acceptable here. Things like the alcohol policy, quiet hours, or using the correct bathroom are things that friends may not be clear on. A quick conversation with them about these can save you a lot of frustration later on in the evening. Thanks.

February 14th is Valentine's Day



Want to live in The Gables or Woodside next year?

There is a new sign up process this year where priority is given to groups filling an apartment. Do you need more people to fill an apartment?

Come to the
Housing Match Up Social
Monday February 5th 7pm-9pm
in the Gables Community Center

Too far to walk? Look for "The Gables" Shuttle

Housing Application Info

If there's one day to remember this month it's

February 20th!!!!

Housing Applications are due to the Housing Office in Pettee House by **February 20th**. If you don't turn your application in on time, you **WILL NOT** receive on-campus housing next year. Please please please save yourself lots of frustration and turn it in as soon as possible.

Questions???

Contact the Housing Office at 862-2120

Want more info on the lottery & off-campus housing?

Check-out The Inside Scoop

<http://www.unh.edu/student/firstyear>

There is a new link called Off-Campus Living. . Lottery information is the first item. ResLife will be expanding this page to include more information of interest to off-campus students so it's not just lottery info.

University of New Hampshire Leadershape 2001

Are you . . .

- ☐ Involved in campus activities?
- ☐ Looking for a GREAT way to start your summer?

Do You Want to . . .

- ☐ Improve your leadership abilities?
- ☐ Meet 59 other students like you?
- ☐ Have an awesome seek in the White Mountains while learning valuable lessons on team work and leadership?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above then UNH Leadershape is for you!!

Want more Info?

Come to an information session on
Thursday, February 15th 1-2 pm MUB 233 or
Wednesday, February 28th 6-7 pm, MUB 207
or

Contact your Hall Director or Student Organizational Services for an application!

Quiet Hours Reminder

Sunday-Thursday Begin at 10pm

Friday & Saturday Begin at midnight

Please respect everyone's right to sleep and study

Some Dates to Remember

February 5	Gables/Woodside Housing Match up Social
February 9	Applications to live in a built up triples due
February 20	Housing Application Due
March 20	Housing Deposit of \$500 due
March 27 & 28	In-Hall Selection Process
April 10	Between Hall Selection Process

Applying for Financial Aid????

Remember, the deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be received by the federal processing office by March 1st.

The UNH Hecats Swing Club offers lessons every Tuesday in the Strafford Room of the MUB. The lessons are free for undergraduates and run from 7-9PM. All levels are welcome. No partner is needed. Come out and cut the rug!!

Realities of a Lawyer's Life

February 8, 7:00pm

MUB 338

Interested in going to law school? Want to learn more about the daily grind of a lawyer? Want to see more than the Allie McBeal version of law? This program is an opportunity for you to speak with UNH alums currently practicing law. All students, all majors are welcome.

Interested in declaring English (including Eng. Journalism, and Eng. Teaching), Psychology, Communication, or a WSBE major?

Declaration week for all these majors is Feb 5-9 ONLY. See your academic advisor to review your courses so far and pick up a "change of program" form. Some majors have requirements--find out if you are eligible to apply to one of these majors by visiting

The Advising Center website:

www.unh.edu/advising-center/

Fire Safety is looking for two individuals to fill spots on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Interested?

Call Mandy at 2-4469 for an interview.

Winter Carnival Weekend: Let it Ride! Casino Night: Friday February 9th at 10pm in the Granite State Room of the MUB

This Casino Night is the best that UNH has ever seen. The Campus Activities Board is bringing in a new company that is state of the art and has slot machines! Buy a ton of chips for a minimal amount in order to earn "money" for the big auction at the end of the night. Play Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, Baccarak, Craps, the Money Wheel, and more. There will be so many prizes that it will be hard not to take something home. Prizes include many lift tickets to all area ski resorts, gift certificates to restaurants like the Weathervane and Olive Garden, Playstation Game Consoles, DVDs, Stereos, Athletic Hats, and much, much more! Casino Night is takes place after the UNH Hockey Game so everyone can get in on the Gambling Action! Do you feel lucky?

The Let it Ride Carnival: Saturday February 10th from 9pm to 1am in the Granite State Room of the MUB

Carnivals during the cold winter months are so cool. The Let it Ride Carnival will feature a Mechanical Bull. I know, I know, you are thinking: *Did he say Mechanical Bull?* I sure did. Try your hands at the Mechanical Bull and see how long you will last. I do not know about you, but I am bringing my camera. In addition to the Bull, there will also be many other attractions. There will be two carnival booths with many games and tons of plush prizes. Try out Wax Hands by sticking your hand in wax and leaving with a cool wax version of your hand...I know it sounds weird, but it is really cool...other colleges go nuts for it. The carnival will also have a Temporary Tattoo Artist and Rice Necklaces (you know, those amazing people that can write your name on rice and you design the rest of the necklace). Free Cotton Candy will also be on hand. If none of that interests you, go just to hear some great music...WFNX will be at the carnival playing your favorite music with prizes and giveaways. Again, The Let it Ride Carnival will be happening well after the UNH Hockey Game....so come on over to the MUB for a great time and to get thrown by a bull!

Black History Month

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The History of Black History

By Elissa Haney

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied—or even documented—when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Blacks Absent from History Books

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population—and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Established Journal of Negro History

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Why is February Black History Month?

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. For example:

- **February 23, 1868:**
W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.
- **February 3, 1870:**
The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.
- **February 25, 1870:**
The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.
- **February 12, 1909:**
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.
- **February 1, 1960:**
In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.
- **February 21, 1965:**
Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.

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Civil Rights

Civil Rights- rights that a nation's inhabitants enjoy by law. The term is broader than "political rights," which refer only to rights devolving from the franchise and are held usually only by a citizen, and unlike "natural rights," civil rights have a legal as well as a philosophical basis. In the United States civil rights are usually thought of in terms of the specific rights guaranteed in the Constitution: freedom of religion, of speech, and of the press, and the rights to due process of law and to equal protection under the law.

Civil Rights in the United States

Since the Civil War, much of the concern over civil rights in the United States has focused on efforts to extend these rights fully to African Americans. The first legislative attempts to assure African Americans an equal political and legal status were the Civil Rights Acts of 1866, 1870, 1871, and 1875. Those acts bestowed upon African Americans such freedoms as the right to sue and be sued, to give evidence, and to hold real and personal property. The 1866 act was of dubious constitutionality and was reenacted in 1870 only after the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment. The fourth Civil Rights Act attempted to guarantee to the African Americans those social rights that were still withheld. It penalized innkeepers, proprietors of public establishments, and owners of public conveyances for discriminating against African Americans in accommodations, but was invalidated by the Supreme Court in 1883 on the ground that these were not properly civil rights and hence not a field for federal legislation.

After the Civil Rights Act of 1875 there was no more federal legislation in this field until the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960, although several states passed their own civil-rights laws. The 20th-century struggle to expand civil rights for African Americans has involved the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Urban League, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and others. The civil-

rights movement, led especially by Martin Luther King, Jr., in the late 1950s and 60s, and the executive leadership provided by President Lyndon B. Johnson, encouraged the passage of the most comprehensive civil-rights legislation to date, the Civil Rights Act of 1964; it prohibited discrimination for reason of color, race, religion, or national origin in places of public accommodation covered by interstate commerce, i.e., restaurants, hotels, motels, and theaters. Besides dealing with the desegregation of public schools, the act, in Title VII, forbade discrimination in employment. Title VII also prohibited discrimination on the basis of sex.

In 1965 the Voting Rights Act was passed, which placed federal observers at polls to ensure equal voting rights. The Civil Rights Act of 1968 dealt with housing and real estate discrimination. In addition to congressional action on civil rights, there has been action by other branches of the government. The most notable of these were the Supreme Court decisions in 1954 and 1955 declaring racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional, and the court's rulings in 1955 banning segregation in publicly financed parks, playgrounds, and golf courses.

In the 1960s women began to organize around the issue of their civil rights. By the early 1970s over 40 states had passed equal pay laws. In 1972 the Senate passed an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) intended to prohibit all discrimination based on sex, but after failing to win ratification in a sufficient number of states, the ERA was abandoned. Since the 1970s a number of gay-rights groups have worked, mainly on the local and state levels, for legislation that prevents discrimination in housing and employment. In a further extension of civil-rights protection, the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) barred discrimination against disabled persons in employment and provided for improved access to public facilities.