

The Gator

The Newsletter of Alexander Hall



Hall Council News

I want to say thank-you to hall council to all the great programs they planned during the fall semester. Everyone on hall council worked hard on these and residents seemed to really enjoy them.

Programs during the first half of the semester included an ice-cream social for first year students, the beginning of the year open house, and a study break in early October.

During the latter half of the semester, hall council sponsored a trip to see the Boston Celtics, had a great movie trivia game, and finished out the semester with an extremely successful finals week social.

For January, hall council has discussed sponsoring a ski trip. There have also been requests to take another trip to Boston to see the Celtics again. If you have an idea for an activity or program, stop by the weekly hall council meetings. Meeting days and times will be announced 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.

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.

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



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

Stacey Plourde (110)

January 17

Michael Woods (320)

January 21

Gregory Stoughton (212)

January 26

Elyssa Cornett (331)

January 27

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.

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

Suggestions for the Newsletter?

Contact George!

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Hey George, where are you?

Last semester, having regular open-door hours in my apartment seemed to work really well. I had quite a few students stop by. I hope this will continue, especially early on in the semester when things aren't too busy. Anyone is welcome to visit. Feel free to stop by if you have questions, need to vent, are frustrated with classes, or just want to 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

I'm going to keep these as the hours for now, but they may change as the semester gets busier.

Research Awards & Summer Fellowships Available for Undergraduates!

If you want to pursue a research topic in your major in collaboration with a faculty member, come to the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program office (UROP), Hood House 209. UROP offers academic year stipend and expense awards (max. \$1,000) and summer fellowship awards (max. \$3,000) to support research conducted on the UNH campus or at other research sites in the United States and abroad. Deadlines are March 5, 2001 and December 14, 2001. A research project provides a great opportunity to learn more about your field and to work one-on-one with a faculty member. It also offers a great experience for future jobs or graduate school. If you have any questions, contact Prof. Ronald LeBlanc, Interim Director, UROP, at 2-4323 or at rleblanc@cisunix.unh.edu.

Help make a difference!

Become a SHARPP advocate!

Training will begin in February. Pick up an application at the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program in Huddleston 202 or call 862-3494. Relay NH/Confidential TTY 1-800-735-2964

\$\$ STUDY BUCKS ARE HERE \$\$

For those of you who haven't heard about Study Bucks, they are part of a new incentive program to award people who are studying in Alexander. This is how study bucks work:

\$ A few times a week, I'll take a walk through the building with a stack of Study Bucks stopping by rooms with their doors open and study lounges.
\$ When I pass if someone is hard at work studying, they get a Study Buck (sorry - running into your room and throwing a book open doesn't count).
\$ Sometime during the semester, there will be a study buck raffle with some great prizes.
\$ Each study buck you receive will count as an entry into the raffle.

BONUS NIGHTS - one thing that I'll also be doing, is choosing random bonus nights. On these nights, I'll give out study bucks to anyone who is just in their rooms with the door open, regardless of whether or not they are studying! You can be watching tv, talking on the phone, or just hanging out and you'll still get a bonus study buck! However, since this will only be a few times each month, it still pays more to be studying!

If you have any questions about study bucks let me know. Good luck with your classes this semester!

-George

Students can change their schedules until Tuesday at midnight by using WebCat

You will need your RAC number to do this, and you cannot get your RAC over the phone. On Wednesday Jan 17th we resort to using the old-fashioned add & drop forms.

Students can add and drop courses on webcat, search for open courses, and print off a copy of their schedules. <http://webcat.unh.edu/>. There are many popular courses (CS 401, PSYCH 401 etc) made available by students transferring, withdrawing and failing out.

Telecommunications and Client Services will be open Monday, January 15th

This is a UNH holiday but our goal is to provide excellent customer service for our UNH students by remaining open that day. This is especially important for transfer students, first time UNH students, and International students.

Our hours on Monday, January 15, 2001 will be:
Telecommunications Student Services Dimond

Library basement:	noon-4 pm
CIS Call Center	9am-9pm
Software Computer Service Center	9am-4pm
MUB Walk-In Services	10am-5pm
UNH Computer Store	Closed*

*The computer store will be open Tuesday 8 am-4:30 pm

Happy New Year from C.F.A.R.

It's a brand new year. Technically, it's a brand new millennium. And it just might be time for a brand new approach toward academic success at UNH. Whether last semester was a success or something you're trying to put behind you (and wish we hadn't mentioned), you might be able to get further by doing some very simple assessment and making a simple change or two.

For example, consider these: Where did you study last semester? How effective was that environment for you (consider comfort, distractions). Could you study somewhere else and be more effective? When did you do your studying last semester? How effective was that studying? Did you stay stuck on page 57 of your text for an hour or so thinking about something else or snoozing? Did you get about 14 minutes of real studying done in a 3-hour study block? Is there a time you could study that would be more effective? How did you study? What worked well? What didn't? Spending even a few minutes considering these questions could save you hours... days... weeks... If you'd like a hand sorting through that and coming up with a cool semester plan, come see us at the Center for Academic Resources - that's what we do.

You already know it's so much easier to stay on top of things from the start than try to catch up when you're behind. You also know that we often start out pledging to do that and often slip back into old habits. One of the most effective ways to follow-through is to "partner up" — form or join a study group, connect with professors, advisors, come see us... Another service of ours is "coaching" students toward academic success. For more information on this, give us a call or drop by. We'd love to see you.

Vending Machine Problems Addressed

I know during the fall semester there were a number of problems with the vending machines in Alexander. I talked with quite a few residents throughout the semester who were frustrated because they had lost money or because the machines were often left unstocked (this was especially evident during finals week)!

During the semester, I contacted the vending company a number of times and was assured that the problem would be taken care of. I also posted sign up sheets on each machine in the hopes that the vendor would reimburse students who lost money. Unfortunately, people still kept losing money and rather than refund the money, the vendor threw the sign up sheet in the trash during break. (Luckily the trash barrel was otherwise empty so I took it out.)

During the break, I contacted a number of hall directors to ask if this was occurring in other halls. I found out that service had been poor all over campus during the fall semester. Since we weren't getting anywhere with the vending company, a hall director contacted Anthony Zizos, the Assistant Vice-President for Business Affairs and also the person in charge of the contract with Canteen Vending. He assured us that his office would contact the company and remedy the situation.

I also asked about the possibility of getting money that was lost in the machines refunded. Between the Coke and candy machine, over \$40 was lost during the fall semester. I'm still waiting to hear back on that.

In the future, since me calling and the sign up sheet didn't really work that well, I think it would be more effective if every student who loses money called the Canteen Vending Company (1-800-343-6046) directly to let them know there was a problem. Hopefully getting a call for each problem as it occurs will encourage them to work harder to maintain their machines.

Quiet Hours Reminder

Sunday-Thursday Begin at 10pm

Friday & Saturday Begin at midnight

Please respect everyone's right to sleep and study

4 Days that May Change Your Life (or at Least Your Career Plans)

Take a moment to mark these four important dates on your calendar for early in the Spring Semester. Start your year off right by getting prepared for upcoming job and internship opportunities. If you have questions about any of these events (or, in the case of Mock Interview Day, want to schedule your interview), call Career Services at 862-2010. See you in the Spring!

RESUME-O-RAMA!

Tuesday, January 23, 11am-3pm
Career Services, 102 Hood House

- Non-stop, 1-on-1 resume critiques from employers and career professionals
- No appointment necessary
- Don't wait: Get set for Job Fairs, Internships, and Job Applications

FIND & MAKE THE MOST OF INTERNSHIPS

Thursday, January 25, 11:15am-12:15pm or 1pm-2pm (11:15am session repeats at 1pm)

MUB, Theatre II

- The who's, what's, when's, why's, and how's of interning
- Hear from employers and former interns about successful internship experiences
- Review current internship postings

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Monday, January 29, 9am-3pm

- Practice job interviewing skills and get a critique with a real employer
- Call 862-2010 TODAY to schedule your half-hour interview
- Learn interviewing secrets from "the other side of the desk"

CAREER DAY

Career Services, 102 Hood House
Thursday, February 1, 10am-2pm

- Meet over 60 employers right here on campus
- Bring your resume and find out what career opportunities are out there
- Opportunities for ALL MAJORS

Midnight Mania

**Friday January 19th from 10pm to
2am throughout the Rec Center**

One of the best traditions at UNH continues: Midnight Mania is back and better than ever. This is the fourth year in a row that this incredible event is going to take place. This is definitely one of the top events of the year. There will be so much going on in the Rec Center it **boggles the mind. There will be Laser Tag** in an inflatable space ship, **Air Ball** where people compete against each other in a gigantic inflatable volleyball bounce, **An Inflatable Speed Pitch/Speed Football Throw Arena**, and back by popular demand, but bigger and better, the inflatable **Boot Camp Obstacle Course**. Sign-up for Laser Tag will start early in the evening...these times fill up fast! In addition to all of that there will be a **three point and free throw basketball competition**, on the spot challenges in **bombardment** (an awesome dodgeball event), **hall vs. hall tug of war**, **Quick Ball (a wiffleball competition)**, **condom olympics**, **the biggest musical chairs competition you have ever been a part of**, a **Hoola Hoop Contest**, **Sled Hockey on the Ice**, a **dj from WFNX in Portland**, and a **roaming magician**. Did you say you wanted to know about Student Organizations? Well, Theatresports will be performing and the Swing Club will be giving lessons throughout the evening. Are your tastebuds thinkin': Hey what happened to all the food? Well, Midnight will have **juice, a popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, ice cream from the Licker Store, and a hot dog stand**. With all this going on in one place and one night who would ask for more! Well, you do not have to because there will also be a ton of prizes given away from many area businesses. **If you bring the Midnight Mania ad from your GSS Boxes, it acts as a raffle ticket and you will have the chance to win free books from the bookstore, free massages, and much more.** Midnight Mania is totally and utterly free...this is unbelievable. Do not miss this spectacular event in the Rec Center. ***If you would like to volunteer on the night of the event and receive a free long sleeve Midnight Mania t-shirt, come to the meeting in the Rec Center on Thursday night at 8:30pm in the Rec Center.***

I Have A Dream

By Martin Luther King, Jr.

Delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check — a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"