

The Gator

The Official Newsletter of Alexander Hall



Hall Council News

The Sunday before spring break, many people took a second away from classwork and stopped by the Hall Council Study Break Social. Hall Council bought 3 big tubs of ice cream and learned that people in Alexander were very hungry. Study Breaks have been very successful this year, so you'll definitely be seeing more of them.

Hall Council would like to say thanks to Nick LaRocca and Guy Lanni for volunteering to head up the 2000-2001 Alexander Hall Yearbook. If you have ideas, feel free to let them know or stop by a hall council meeting on Tuesday nights at 10pm.

Hall Council has set dates for both a Celtics game and a Red Sox game sometime in April. If you're interested, keep your eyes open for sign up sheets. We'll try to make the cost for tickets and transportation as low as possible.

If there are other things you would like hall council to be spending YOUR money on, please let them know. You can email hall council, talk to individual members, or just stop by a meeting. It's your hall council, so make it work for you!

2000-2001 Alexander Hall Council

Name/Position	Room
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
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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



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

Lindsey Myers (335)	March 4
Karla Mansur (304)	March 4
Danielle Riley (216)	March 4
Caitlin LaClair (336)	March 5
Meg Wicks (310)	March 7
Scott Hale (231)	March 7
Alison Weindorf (220)	March 18
James Gootee (327)	March 22
Heather McCarthy (119)	March 24
Cheryl O'Bryan (127)	March 25
Taylor Smalley (329)	March 27
Ashley Hulse (228)	March 29

Need to Contact George!

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...or you could just stop by the 1st floor sometime

Floor Wars is Coming!!!

April 1st - 5th

Fall 2001 Room Selection

In-Hall Room Selection for Alexander will be Tuesday March 27th beginning at 8pm in the Alexander TV Lounge. This is for anyone who currently lives in Alexander and would like to:

- A. Stay in the same room next year.
- B. Stay in the same room next year and pull someone in from a different room or a different residence hall.
- C. Move to a different room in Alexander.

Please come to the TV lounge at the correct time on March 27th with your student ID:

8:00pm People who wish to squat their current room for next year or squat their room and pull someone in to be their roommate. The person you are pulling in needs to be there with an ID as well. (Be advised that rooms that were built up triples this year will most likely be built up triples next year. A confirmed list of next year's built up triples will be posted on bathroom doors Thursday March 22nd).

8:30pm Male Alexander residents who are moving to a different room within Alexander. You need to get a priority points form from the staff office (117), complete it, and return it to the staff office by Monday March 26th. Blank forms will be on the door and completed forms can be slid under the door.

9:00pm Female Alexander residents who are moving to a different room within Alexander. You need to get a priority points form from the office (117), complete it, and return it to the office by Monday March 26th. Blank forms will be on the door and completed forms can be slid under the door.

If for some reason you, or the person you are pulling in, cannot attend the room choose process on March 27th, you may send someone in your place to choose a room. That person will need to have a written note from you stating that they are standing in for you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

-George

Hope you had a Great Spring Break

Between Hall Room Selection will take place on April 10th. This is for anyone who wants to move to another hall and isn't being pulled in. More information will be given to you in your GSS boxes.

Career Countdown

3. Resume-O-Rama!

**Wednesday April 4th, 11am-3pm,
102 Hood House**

It's not too late to polish your resume for jobs and summer internships! One-on-one critiques; no appointment needed.

2. Job Search Strategies

**Tues., April 10th 12:30-2pm,
MUB 336**

Plan your job-seeking strategy whether you're looking for your first "real job" or a summer position.

1. "Last Chance" Job Fair

**Thurs., April 12th 10am-2pm,
MUB Granite State Room**

60+ employers will be here to talk to you about job opportunities. Bring that new resume. Jobs for all majors!

Sponsored by Career Services, 102 Hood House, 862-2010,

www.unh.edu/career-services

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk

Saturday, March 31

8 a.m.-2 p.m. (walk begins at 10 a.m.)

Four Tree Island, Portsmouth

Volunteers needed to assist with set-up, registration, prize table, rest stops, serving lunch and break down/clean up of event.

Contact: Brenda Barbour, Director of Volunteers
1-800-493-9255 X135

Brenda.Barbour@mam.nmss.org

Housing Deposit is Due

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

March 20th!!!!

If you have been offered housing and are planning to live in the residence halls next year, you need to submit your Housing Deposit of \$500 to Business Services in Stoke Hall by **4:30pm on March 20th**. Failure to meet this deadline means you will not receive housing next year. Postmarks do not apply.

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.

\$\$ STUDY BUCKS ARE GOING FAST\$\$

For those of you who still haven't heard about Study Bucks, they are part of an incentive program to award people who are studying in Alexander Hall.

This is how Study Bucks works:

\$ A few times a week, I'll take a walk through the building with a stack of Study Bucks. I'll be stopping by rooms with open doors (even if they're propped open a little bit) and study luges.

\$ If someone is hard at work studying when I pass by, they get a Study Buck.

\$ At the end of the semester, there will be a study buck raffle with some great prizes (CDs, Gift Certificates, stuff from the bookstore, etc).

\$ Each study buck you receive will count as an entry into the raffle.

DOUBLE STUDY BUCK NIGHTS - Beginning after spring break, there will be one night each week when you can receive two study bucks at a time instead of one. Keep your ears open, because some weeks you'll even find out in advance which night it is.

Study Bucks has been very successful this semester. I'm glad to see so many people committed to their classwork. So far, over 150 study bucks have been given out. Keep up the hard work.

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

March 20	Housing Deposit of \$500 due to Business Services
March 27	Alexander In-Hall Selection Process
April 1-5	Floor Wars
April 10	Between Hall Selection Process
May 8	Last Day of Classes
May 18	Residence Halls Close for non-graduates
May 19	Commencement & Res Halls Close for grads

The UNH Clothesline Project

Friday March 23rd, 30th 9-4pm
202 Huddleston Hall

Create a T-shirt to represent the evil that you have had to bare witness to.

You can also make a shirt during the display:

White Shirt = Women who have died as a result of domestic violence.

Red, Pink, Orange = Women who have been sexually assaulted or raped.

Yellow or Beige = Women who have been assaulted or battered.

Blue or Green = Women survivors of incest or child sexual abuse.

Purple = Women who have been attacked because of their sexual orientation .

Grey = Men who are victims or survivors of domestic or sexual violence and/or attacked because of their sexual orientation.

The shirts will be displayed in the MUB during the first week of April.

For more information please call SHARPP at 862-3499

CHOCOLATE SEDER!!

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Join UNHillel for its second annual Chocolate seder, a sweet educational pre-Passover celebration. Monday evening, March 26, 2001, 7 pm, Smith Hall Lounge. ALL are WELCOME! Bring your roommates, friends, RAs, Hall Directors! Come learn about Passover with a twist. It's a model seder with all chocolate ingredients! It's a lot of fun! RSVP to Ailene, so we know how much food to prepare!

SEE YOU THERE!

Searching for a major or minor?

Do you know what you like but need more information about majors/careers?

Attend one of these mini-fairs to meet faculty and students from programs that may be of interest to you. All majors welcome. Sponsored by the Advising Center and Career Services:

March 28 12:30-2pm MUB 338/340

****Want to work in the environment, outdoors, or with animals?**

Come meet faculty and students from these majors and more: Plant Biology, Wildlife Management, Biology, Environmental Resources, Civil Engineering, Dairy Management, Forestry, Environmental Conservation, Mechanical Engineering, Water Resource Management

March 29 12:30-2pm MUB 338/340

****Interested in Social Science, Justice, Public Policy, Arts or the Humanities?**

Learn about these majors and minors, & talk to the faculty from... The Arts, English, Music, Theater & Dance, Asian Studies, Justice Studies, Languages, Race Culture & Power, History, Political Science, Linguistics, International Affairs, Cinema Studies, Humanities, Canadian Studies, European, Cultural Studies, War & Peace, Pre-Law, Anthropology, American Studies, Thompson School

The Physics Society

Drop-In tutors available:

Monday's 7-8:30

303/304 DeMerritt

The Math Honorary

Drop-In tutors available:

Tuesday 7-8

M3-16 Kingsbury

HOT TOPIC

Alexander Residents Explore Fire Safety at UNH with Fire Marshall Mark Tetreault
by Nicole Schertell and Lani McLean

How safe do you feel living in the dorms at UNH? In Pennsylvania, 3 people died in Seaton Hall because they didn't take the fire alarm seriously. UNH has less fire occurrences than most schools. EVER WONDER WHY?

Students that conduct the safety inspections are trained by the Durham Fire Department. The Department of Housing gives us specific guidelines to follow in the dorms, and most of those are because of past fires at UNH. They don't just make this stuff up! Here is what Fire Marshall Tetreault told us:

□ Lofts must be 36 inches from the ceiling because in an early stage of fire, a lot of smoke rises to the ceiling. By the time the smoke detectors go off, tests show that if you are 36 inches from the ceiling, you will still be conscious enough to escape.

□ Halogen lights are banned because we have had three or four lamps catch fire! One occurrence was in Devine and another in Kappa Delta.

□ Smoking cigarettes, an obvious one, is banned because the #1 cause of fires is due to improper disposal of smoking materials. Not to mention, second hand smoke is a health hazard.

□ In the 1980's, a student in McGlaughlin thought she had plugged her TV into the outlet and it just wasn't working, when in fact she had plugged in her HOT PLATE. That caught fire. So we can thank her for that one.

□ Even the automatic shut-off appliances are a hazard. Know why? Heat producing appliances can be defective. They also draw a lot of electricity. Any malfunction will cause it to get even hotter! This is why we have to keep even the coffeepot unplugged.

Fire safety in the dorms is so important because we have a lot of people at risk. College students are a high-risk behavior group. Studies show that a very large amount of college students use substances that impair judgement.

We mentioned before that UNH had fewer fires than most schools. This rating continues to improve since this is the FIRST YEAR EVERY DORM HAS SPRINKLERS! The legislation for sprinklers in every dorm started 10 years ago, and finally the legislation was passed. Hubbard was the last to get sprinklers this year.

In older dorms fires are more prominent. The fire alarms and electrical systems are older, as well as the walls of the buildings themselves. You have to take extra care in an older building like Alexander because it is more susceptible to fires.

The Fire Marshall was very happy to talk to us about fire safety at UNH. We thank him. Here is some advice he gave:

Pay attention to fire alarms. Follow the rules. When there is a fire, the fire fighters have to open every room and make sure we're out. Not respecting the fire safety rules puts your life, and the lives of the fire fighters at greater risk.

There is one fire drill for each dorm a year. All others are either false, a malfunction, or a real fire. If you ignore it - or you're the one that pulled the "falsey" - you risk getting a year in jail and a \$2000 fine! The fires at UNH are fewer, and less extreme, and it's all due to our wonderful Fire Department and the cooperation of the "cool" residents of the UNH community. THANKS.

Here's something related that happened
just this past week...

Fire strikes Green Mountain dorm

March 13, 2001

By DAMIAN PAGANO
Rutland Herald Staff

POULTNEY, VT. - A cigarette touched off an early-morning fire in a Green Mountain College dormitory early Monday that caused an estimated \$125,000 in damage and forced the college to find alternative housing for 12 students.

Vermont State Police Detective Sgt. Dennis Holman, a fire investigator, said a student was smoking a cigarette in his Lyman Hall dormitory room when it fell onto his mattress and started the fire at about 1 a.m.

Holman said the student, whose name was not released, tried to put the fire out by stomping on it with his feet. When he realized the fire was beyond his control, he left his room and alerted the 11 other students in the building, Holman said.

All occupants were evacuated safely from the three-story brick building, Holman said. The student burned his foot slightly, Holman said, and was treated at the scene.

The fire gutted two dorm rooms and part of the hallway on the second floor. Because the college is closed for spring break until next week, most of the dorm's 61 residents were not on campus.

Those students in the building were able to get out quickly and avoid breathing the poisonous gases emitted by burning plastic and carpet, Holman said.

"That's the stuff you have to watch out for," he said. "This could have been worse, but fortunately the evacuation went very well."

Volunteer firefighters from Poultney, Fair Haven, Castleton, Skenesboro, N.Y., Middle Granville, N.Y., and Granville, N.Y., responded. The blaze was contained to the second floor. Firefighters from Middletown Springs stood by at Poultney's station.

The fire triggered the dorm's alarm system shortly before 1 a.m. Someone from the school's public safety office called in the fire.

Although the fire was kept to a relatively small area, the dormitory was closed because of extensive heat, smoke and water damage to its interior, according to college spokesman Stephen Diehl.

He said the college had already found on-campus housing for the 12 displaced students. Diehl added that campus staff would work all week to notify dorm residents and to find alternative housing.

"We will find them housing on campus," he said.

Diehl said the dormitory would be closed for an undetermined amount of time while insurance adjustments are completed and repairs made.

"There's a lot of stuff we need to replace," he said, noting that walls will need to be repainted and carpet replaced at the very least. "The smoke and water damage were obviously not confined to a two-room area."

The \$125,000 damage estimate is just for the building. Some students' possessions were damaged by the smoke, Diehl said, but there was very little heat damage. College personnel will empty the dorm rooms over the next few days and put students' belongings into storage.

Diehl said the claims and repair work would take "at least a couple months."

"It will be a little while before the building is habitable again," he said.

Diehl said he and other college officials were pleased at the quick response time and effectiveness of the firefighters.

"We're extremely grateful for their services," he said. "I think we averted a much bigger problem."

Added Holman: "This was a big city fire for a little town. They did a great job."