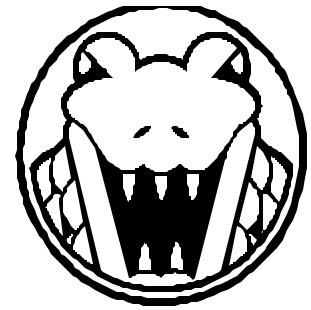


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What's Happening with Hall Council

This year the members of Hall Council are excited to continue a tradition of sponsoring great events for the residents of Alexander Hall. However, to do this successfully, your help is needed. Since hall councils don't receive funding from the University, they rely on residents paying their dues to fund activities. Hopefully you've paid your Hall Council dues already. If you haven't, and would still like to, contact one of the officers below. You'll be glad you did - besides helping fund some great initiatives, you'll personally benefit by receiving discounts on most hall council events.

Besides contributing to Hall Council through dues, you can also contribute by taking part in meetings. We have a number of open positions listed below that will give you a chance to get your feet wet. You can also get involved just by attending meetings and letting your hall council know what you think. Meetings take place on Tuesday nights at 10pm in one of the first floor lounges. They usually only last for 30-45 minutes. Also, by attending just 30% of the meetings this year you will gain a point toward the In-Hall Housing drawing in the spring.

2000-2001 Hall Council Executive Board

- Brandon Foye**, President(208) 5-3419
- 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

OPEN POSITIONS:

- * Recycling Coordinator
- * IRO Representative
- * Recreational Sports Representative
- * Social Coordinator

Again, if you're interested in joining hall council as one of these positions, contact one of the current hall council members or come to one of the meetings.

Suggestions or ideas for the newsletter?

Contact George at 2-1151.

Meet the Staff

Alexander Hall RA's & RHD

As you enter your third week of classes, I hope you've had the opportunity to meet everyone on the Alexander Hall staff. The Resident Assistants have worked hard over the past few weeks to make this a great residence hall to live in.

I know they'll do their best to answer your questions and help you in whatever ways they can. Feel free to contact any member of the hall staff if you have any questions or problems. If you didn't get a chance to read about us during opening, here are some quick bios:

Heather McCarthy - Working with the women on the first floor, Heather is starting her senior year with an Art History major and Education minor. Heather is from New Durham, NH and is hoping to attend graduate school here at UNH next year.

Garrett Palmer - Garrett is from Gilsim, NH and is starting his junior year. Besides doing a great job working with the second floor men, he is also keeping busy working on a degree in Accounting and Finance.

Lori Baker - Our other senior staff member, Lori is completing a degree in Social Work. Hailing from Alexandria/Rumney, NH, Lori will be working with the second floor women this year.

Meg Wicks - Coming all the way from Pawcatuck, CT, Meg is entering her junior year. Besides working on her Communications major and napping, Meg will be spending time working with the third floor ladies.

Jesse McEntee - Although he is currently undeclared, Jesse is leaning toward studying Political Science and Philosophy as he enters his sophomore year. Coming from Shelburne, VT, Jesse will be working with the third floor men.

George O'Connell - I'm very excited to be beginning my first year as a Hall Director at UNH. I grew up in Hanover, MA and completed my bachelor's degree at UMass Amherest. I just finished up my master's degree at Indiana State University.



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Cat's Cache FAQ's

ONE CARD DOES IT ALL!

Cat's Cache is a declining balance payment method applied to your UNH ID Card or to a visitor card. When you own a Cat's Cached account, there is no need to carry cash in your pocket. Cat's Cache provides cashless access to products and services all over campus. It's a great campus convenience. Anyone can purchase and use Cat's Cache; that means students, faculty, staff, and even visitors!

How do I set up my Cat's Cache account?

You already have a Cat's Cache account if you are a full-time undergraduate. If not, stop by the ID office in the back of Stillings Hall during regular business hours (M-F 9am-4pm)

How do I add money to my Account?

There are automatic deposit machines that allow you to transfer money onto your account. These are located in the MUB, Stillings, and Phillbrook.

What if I have a problem with my Account?

Either stop by the ID office during business hours, or call 2-1821

Where can I use Cat's Cache?

Just about anywhere on campus. Check out the Cat's Cache web site:

http://www.unh.edu/dining/meal_plans/catcache.htm

RECreation Sports:

AN ALEXANDER Tradition
Alexander Hall has a rich tradition with high involvement in Recreational Sports. Every year, residents from Alexander represent our hall in all types of recreation events and leagues. This is a great way to get involved in something, meet other people, and take a break from studying

Talk with your RA about setting up an intramural team, check the Campus Recreation Calendar, or go online to: <http://www.unh.edu/recreation>

The Gator?

You may be wondering why the Alexander newsletter is named, "The Gator".

To be honest - I'm not 100% sure why myself, but here's the story I heard - About four years ago, the staff that was here got together and decided on the alligator as the Alexander mascot. They decided on this because the gator is an aggressive animal that goes out there, takes risks, and goes after what it wants. Our hope is that, like the gator, you will try new things and take some risks that make your college experience the best it can be.

Voicemails from the RHD

Sometimes there will be information that I will want to convey through voicemail. I know it can get tiresome when you receive voicemails for everything under the sun. With that in mind, I'll make a deal with you - I'll keep voicemails concise and to a minimum this year if you'll make sure to take the time to listen to them. Thanks for your help with this and have a great year!!!

-George

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What's going on at UNH

Research Awards and 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 stipends (max. \$1,000) and summer fellowships (max. \$3,000) to conduct research on the UNH campus or at other research sites in the United States and abroad. Deadlines are October 16, 2000 and March 5, 2001. A research project provides a great opportunity to learn more about your field and work one-on-one with a faculty mentor. It also offers a great experience for future jobs or graduate school.

Fireside Trips

New Hampshire Bike Tour, Sept. 23-24 Explore beautiful New England while pedaling on two wheels. We'll leave from UNH and head west to explore rural roads of New Hampshire. We'll carry all our gear on our bikes and camp out on Saturday night. No bike touring experience necessary, but we will be riding about 30 miles a day. You will also need to bring your own well-tuned bike with at least 18 gears and a rear rack.

Beginner Canoe Trip, Sept. 29 -Oct.1 Learn to paddle with the beauty of New England as a backdrop. You'll learn the basic strokes and how to paddle from the front and rear of the boat. Come have fun with us on the water!

All trips are \$35 for UNH students, faculty and staff, and \$50 for non-UNH folks. For more information contact Fireside Program in New Hampshire Hall at 2-4378. Learn more about fireside trips at: <http://www.unh.edu/student/firstyear/fireside99.htm>

Orientation for New Premedical & Predental Students, Tuesday, September 26, 12:40 p.m., MUB room 338/340.

Meeting for Students Planning to Apply for Medical, Dental, or Optometry School Admission for the 2002 Class. Thursday, September 28, 12:40 p.m., MUB room 338/340.

Students for Hire

- Speak another Language? Get paid for tutoring grade/ high school students.
- Good with Computers? Give computer instruction or build web pages
- Play a musical instrument? Get paid for giving lessons
- Like animals? Get paid for animal sitting
- Good with Bikes/Autos? Get paid for repairing them
- Love to cook? Get paid for catering a party
- Are you an artist? Get paid for your work
- Love to work in the yard? Landscape area homes
- Love kids? Get paid for babysitting

Looking for a job, but want to work hours you choose? Need some money, but not necessarily a permanent commitment? Gain experience to build your resume! Everyone's got skills, and the UNH/Durham community is dying to get ahold of you! Enter your service on the UNH Classified Ad section (www.unh.edu/ads) and select "Students for Hire" and then "Post an Ad"

Career Services Workshops

Resume-o-Rama, 102 Hood House, Sept 20, 11-3 PM

- Non-stop 1-on-1 resume critiques from REAL EMPLOYERS and career services professionals
- No appointment necessary
- Get set NOW for job and internship applications!

Interview Tips - "Secrets from the Other Side of the Desk", 102 Hood House, Oct 5, 1-2 PM

- Prepare for the latest job interviewing techniques
- Learn to sell yourself most effectively face-to-face
- Tips on researching employers, answering tough questions, interview wear, and more!

Fire Safety Crew Jobs Available

Several individuals needed to be a part of the fire safety crew and do inspections of student rooms. The hours are 1-4:30 pm each afternoon during the week. Currently there are two openings on Wednesday afternoon and one opening on Thursday afternoon. Starting pay is 7 dollars an hour. Work-study is not required, but is offered. Call Mandy Davies at 862-4469 if you're interested.



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

Peter Tomaselli (323)	September 5
Nicole Schertell (107)	September 13
Sasha Didier (229)	September 19
Brian Fauth (314)	September 21
Justin Clark (318)	September 22
Theresa Stander (213)	September 22
Tara Lambert (309)	September 23
Julie Bryan (124)	September 26
Kate Hohenberger(228)	September 27
Charles Carline (236)	September 29
Katie Flanagan (106)	September 30

Residential Life MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Residential Life strives to support the central mission of UNH and the Division of Student Affairs. The UNH mission statement pledges the institution's dedication to collaborative learning inside and outside the classroom. Our department plays a central role in helping students apply concepts they are learning in class to actual life experience.

In addition, we share in UNH's aim to develop students who will prize the virtues of integrity and honesty, and who will possess an abiding concern for the well being of others. At times, we will enrich the growth process in which the student is already consciously engaged, while at other times we establish conditions which will prompt the growth process.

We commit ourselves to assuring that residential students receive help in the following basic areas:

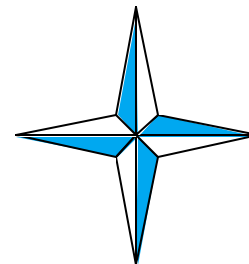
- Achieve Academic Success
- Develop Community Citizenship
- Appreciate Differences
- Identify Support Systems

We fulfill this mission through many routes including educational programs, social programs, passive programming, individual and small group contact.

Academic
Success

Community
Citizenship

Personal
Support



Appreciate
Differences

WEBSITE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS !!!

Hey first year students - Looking for academic tips, upcoming campus events, advice on talking with your professors?? Check out the webpage designed specifically for UNH First Year Students -

www.unh.edu/student/firstyear

This page will be updated throughout the year, so keep on checking back.



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"Croc Talk"

Some words from George



I hope everyone's first two weeks of classes have gone well. I'm happy to say that check-in went off without a hitch and everyone seems to be doing pretty well. If you are having any problems or questions, I hope you'll take the time to seek out a member of hall staff or another resource on campus. Look at it this way - you pay all our salaries, so make us work!!!

I'd be a plagiarist if I didn't come clean and give my predecessor, Steve Pappajohn, credit for providing a good portion of the material in this newsletter from some of his old newsletters (There's nothing wrong with recycling!!!). In past years, Steve used this section of the newsletter to talk about a variety of things from current events to tips on succeeding in class. I'll continue in this way and try to pass on helpful information and impart whatever wisdom I can pull out of my...hat.

In last year's first newsletter, Steve gave some tips for freshmen on how to succeed academically. I think these are great tips and since we have a whole new bunch of freshmen this year, they probably haven't already read this. So, I hope you find these useful in your classes. Make sure to thank Steve if they help!!!

TIP# 1: In Class, Sit in The First Two Rows

That's right. Let the professor see you, all the time. Which means don't skip any classes, unless you have to for something important! If the professor sees you, he/she will learn your name faster. Then when it's time to look at the "participation" portion of your grade, you will be in his/her memory as someone who was participating. It also helps if you actually participate too...

TIP# 2: Ask Questions That You Already Know The Answer To

YES! Do this and then when the professor answers it, you can build off it, to prove to him/her that you've (1) read the material, and (2) understand it thoroughly. This works like a charm, believe me! Try it and see for yourself - you will immediately be a star in the eyes of the professor...however, watch out for the backfire: you get called on more for the answer when no one raises their hand...!t's like the professor is calling your bluff....but I have faith, you can do it!

TIP# 3: GO TO PRIMETIME !!!

If it is one thing that UNH has that is just plain AWESOME...it is the primetime program. Where else could you go, pay nothing, and receive a great late night snack or even a dinner! Remember, you could get anything from a salad, soup, sandwich to pudding, ice cream, chips, candy, HUGE cookies or just a soda.... This is too good to pass...you've paid for it, so use it... If you are unsure of exactly how primetime works, ask someone and see how psyched they get about it... IT RULES!

TIP# 4: ATTEND RA/RHD PROGRAMS !!!

Honestly, even though I am the RHD writing this, these programs allow you to share your thoughts, learn something new, or just be social with your peers. It's a low-risk activity that is RIGHT IN THE HALL....you don't have to even leave the building! So, I challenge you to challenge yourself, and attend these great programs, socials and in-hall events!

TIP# 5: WORK FIRST, PLAY LATER

Get homework done first. You are here for a primary reason: to get the degree, and do it the best you possibly can! So, remember that everything else is secondary, and you'll always have time to play, after the work is finished! Believe me, once you get that GPA up, it's hard to bring down, but if you start down, it's 3 times as hard to bring it up....Ask around, you'll see!

Well, I hope my small tips will help you see that sometimes the smallest thing can make a difference in the bigger picture. Welcome again to Alexander Hall, GO GATORS GO! **-SGP**