

# GSS Newsletter

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## A BRIEF UPDATE



Happy Frigid New Year! We don't really know what a "bomb cyclone" is, but the meteorologists tell us that's what's happening outside as we finalize this newsletter. Bundle up, stock up the kitchen, and keep the cocoa coming! There is not a lot to review here, but we do have an update on the Forest Park/Durham tuition issue that GSS has been working to resolve since last summer. As you may have read ([in \*The New Hampshire's Dec. 7 issue\*](#)), UNH administrators decided to halt plans to charge an annual fee of \$17,600 to students who live on campus with children attending Oyster River district schools. A meeting is in the works for stakeholders (including GSS members) to discuss solutions for graduate and family housing. Watch this space!

## LOOKING AHEAD



### *Follow GSS on Twitter!*

We've finally got a handle on the tweetsphere. Follow [@UNH\\_GSS](#), and we'll follow you right back!

### *J-Term Graduate Writing Boot Camp: Live Free or Die Writing!*

Our J-Term Graduate Writing Boot Camp is Jan. 8-12 from 8:30am-5pm in Hamilton Smith 240. We'll provide a quiet space for you to get some work done. Bring your thesis, dissertation, fellowship application, etc.—whatever you need to work on! There will be a brief presentation from the Connors Writing Center on the first day. Coffee, tea, and lunch provided. [Please click here to register.](#)

### *UNHInnovation*

Next semester, GSS will host Associate Vice Provost of Innovation & New Ventures and UNHInnovation Managing Director Marc Sedam. Among our topics of discussion will be plans for a research park.

### *UNH Police Chief*

We will also host UNH Police Chief Paul Dean for a discussion of campus safety, winter weather curtailments ([sign up for alerts!](#)), what kinds of things [@UNH\\_Police](#) tweets about, and other important issues of security.

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### New PACS director to start in June



Courtesy of Shari Robinson

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Dr. Shari Robinson was recently hired as the new full-time director of UNH's Psychological and Counseling Services (PACS). Robinson will start her work at UNH in June. With 11 years of experience as a staff psychologist and interim director at the

University of Florida as well as three years as director at Western Washington University, Robinson said she has big plans for building a stronger future for PACS.

Robinson, a first-generation college student, was introduced to human services when she was growing up in Chicago. Her aunt, who Robinson remembers as "my first mentor...my role model," was a social worker in the women's prison system. According to

Robinson, she'd often take Robinson along to work with her.

Robinson went on to work briefly in social work, but found her passion in working with college students, as she completed her practicum at the University of Wisconsin's counseling center.

"...That was my a-ha moment," she said. "I just knew that

### Forest Park fee halted

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According to an Associated Press report, UNH plans to halt the charge of \$17,600 per child attending Oyster River schools on parents living at the Forest Park apartment complex after *The New Hampshire's* report of the fee last week. The fee — which was put in place by the School Agreement to reimburse the town of Durham the cost of sending children living in tax-exempt UNH properties to school — was set to go in effect starting in July.

David May, associate vice president of business affairs, said last week that the university could no longer absorb the cost of sending each of the seven children living at Forest Park to Oyster River schools due to budget constraints.

UNH has covered the cost up until this year, when an updated lease agreement revealed that tenants would have to foot the entire cost of sending a child to school.



Another story about the Forest Park/Durham tuition issue in *TNH* ([click image for story](#)).

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