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Assistant Editors



Mandy Chesley-Park was born in Middlebury, Vermont. She attended the University of Vermont before leaving New England on a cool fall day eight years ago for the great land of Utah. While completing her undergraduate degree at Utah Valley State College, Mandy took a creative non-fiction class on a whim and loved it. After graduating, she taught writing at Utah Valley State College for three years and served as the funding director for Pinnacle Security, a company that sells security systems in the USA, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Mandy also met the love of her life, Travis, and together they adopted a Red Bone Coonhound named Bay. Last fall Mandy returned to New England to enter UNH's MFA program in non-fiction writing. Although she grew up just next door, when Mandy got here she says she was shocked by the beauty of New Hampshire. In addition to her work on *Inquiry* and as associate director of the Robert Connors Writing Center, she is also a writing fellow. After Mandy graduates from UNH she plans to be a freelance writer.



Jessie Robie truly enjoys films—especially Indie films. Therefore, it should be no surprise to learn that she majored in film as an undergraduate at Hampshire College in Massachusetts and worked as a filmmaker. Now, as a second-year graduate student at UNH, Jessie is pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts in fiction writing. Not only is Jessie an assistant editor for *Inquiry*, she is also an associate director of the Connors Writing Center and helps teach an undergraduate writing class. She says, “I love working with students because it is really rewarding to see their writing improve. In class or at the Writing Center, I will see when things click together for a student.” From Kingston, New Hampshire, Jessie spent two years helping students prepare for the GRE/GMAT tests before coming to UNH. Jessie plans on graduating next year and hopes to publish a book in the near future. Living in Boston, becoming a professor, and/or continuing school are all options she is considering after graduation.

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Student Editorial Board



Continuing an impressive academic tradition, **Kristin Brodeur** is the latest in a line of Brodeurs to attend UNH. She is a sophomore honors student and Red Sox fanatic from Nashua with a profound interest in language, both foreign and written alike. An English major, Kristin also is enjoying her Spanish classes enough to contemplate a minor, or perhaps even a double major. The written word, however, wields a power over her like nothing else; her love of reading and writing is implacable. Since writing her first creative story at the age of ten, Kristin has envisioned herself a future novelist. More specifically, she hopes to be an author of adolescent fiction, perhaps satirizing the lives and concerns of modern youth in a manner similar to that of her favorite author, Megan McCafferty. Not content to merely write, she's also interested in editing and publishing. When Kristin received an *Inquiry* appeal for student editors, she viewed it as a reaffirmation that she is meant to work with words.



From teaching dance in Bedford, New Hampshire, to studying abroad in Greece, **Kristina Griffin**, a junior from Merrimack, has certainly made the most of her time at UNH. Also a member of the honors program, she returned to *Inquiry* for a second year because she enjoys “seeing a piece of writing develop over time.” As a health management and policy major with a business minor, Kristina plans to work in hospital administration after graduation and hopes to one day pursue a master's degree. In addition to her academic pursuits, Kristina is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity; she also loves kayaking and other outdoor activities.



A junior English Journalism and Communications dual major, **Kristine King** is very happy with her decision to come to the University of New Hampshire, which she described as having an “aura” about it when she first visited as a high school student from Gilford, New Hampshire. Since that time, Kristine has discovered a particular passion for editing, a passion that translated into her joining the staff of *Inquiry*. “[Editing] gives me a level of confidence that I don't get in everything,” she says, “and [*Inquiry* provides] a really friendly environment to test the waters and see if this is what I want to do.”



Sarah Matrumalo comes to *Inquiry* as an undeclared sophomore from Derry, New Hampshire. Drawn to UNH by its diversity of programs, she is exploring several different fields, with a particular interest in nursing. Sarah is a member of the honors program and sits on the Honors Advisory Board. Having written for her high school's newspaper, Sarah became involved with *Inquiry* to continue writing and editing. She participates in intramural sports such as broomball and inner-tube water polo, relaxes by playing Frisbee and whiffleball with her friends, enjoys reading and creative writing, and loves to bake. After college, Sarah hopes to travel through Italy to learn about her Italian heritage.

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Sociology and Justice Studies dual major, **Skye MacKay**, is a senior Honor's student from Andover, Massachusetts. Skye has been the editor of *Perspectives*, the Sociology Department's student research journal, and also a campus tour guide. She has already completed a research project of her own and is currently working on another. She joined the staff of *Inquiry* to see the unfolding of research projects from the perspective of an editor in addition to that of a researcher. Skye recently completed an internship at the U.S. Department of State dealing with international treaties in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. So what's on the horizon for Skye? She will be taking graduate-level courses in sociology next semester and then plans to enter UNH's Master's in Sociology program.



Alex Miklos, is not afraid to break away from the norm. He was the only student from his high school class in Stratford, Connecticut, to come to UNH. While on his campus tour, this sophomore was drawn to something special about UNH. Not knowing quite what he was attracted to, Alex jokingly says, "It must have been a nice day." Alex loves the UNH atmosphere so much, he went home only once during his first semester. Despite the overwhelming New England team spirit on campus, he is an avid Yankees fan. When he's not supporting the Yankees, Alex tutors for a philosophy course in logic and works on *Inquiry*. He joined the *Inquiry* editorial board because—not surprising for a philosophy major—he enjoys reading others' ideas. In hopes of continuing his work in philosophy, Alex wants to attend graduate school, potentially teach, and apply his degree to the fullest.



Ask **Kendra Nourie** where her future lies, and she'll point to it: real estate. Suggest an alternative path—say, grad school—and watch her re-navigate her future. She can't help it; she has a huge variety of interests. In fact, Kendra (from Auburn, New Hampshire) is an ambassador at Loon Mountain; a camp councilor at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye; and a traveler familiar with Africa, Italy, France and England. It is not surprising, then, that she could not settle on one degree at the University of New Hampshire so will be graduating with two in December of 2007: Wildlife Ecology and English. Always one to seek educational opportunities, this is Kendra's second year as a student editor at *Inquiry*, a position in which she has excelled. Whether Kendra is participating in English honors or explaining the anatomy of a sea star around a touch tank, she is always satisfying her natural curiosity and adding new interests to an already long list.



Aniela Pietrasz is a sophomore in the Honors Program here at UNH. From nearby Hampstead, New Hampshire, Aniela is dual-majoring in Economics and Art History. She has already experimented with several other majors but thinks (right now) that these make the right fit for her. Aniela's passion is horseback riding, but she hasn't been able to ride for over a year. She is a peripheral member of the Horseman's Club, though, to keep herself connected to that part of her life. Aniela likes to keep herself busy; she is involved in the Honors Student Advisory Board and is a volunteer in the Art Gallery as well as being a

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member of the *Inquiry* student editorial board. She would love to travel to an exotic country; and, like many (or at least some) of us, believes life would just be that much better with a British accent.



Ryan Stanyan was in his third year as an *Inquiry* student editor, when he graduated in December, 2007, with a B.A. in political science. His interest in politics on a global scale had led to his participation for three years in the Model United Nations program. In the second year his team, representing Tanzania, won a distinguished delegation award. Ryan plans to continue his studies in graduate school, but a wide range of interests, both in politics and business, is making choosing a school and program difficult.