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Relinquishing her secret desire to be a party planner, Emily Robbins, a native of Cornish, New Hampshire, is pursuing an MFA in nonfiction writing at the University of New Hampshire. She received a BA in community health from Brown University in 2006. While serving as assistant director of the Writing Fellows Program at Brown and later as a newspaper editor in Norwich, Vermont, Emily developed a love of writing and of helping authors work through their creative process. Currently, she is writing a book which incorporates ethnographic research on women’s experiences with body weight and the effects of our culture’s obsession with this issue. On a more personal level, she reveals that she loves to write memoir. Aside from her academic and professional interests, Emily cultivates her love of the outdoors by hiking, kayaking, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing. After completing the MFA program, she hopes to publish her book and teach writing at the college level.

After spending his freshman year at a small liberal arts college, Kevin Anderson transferred to the University of New Hampshire for its “incredible opportunities” for undergraduate research. (This semester he was awarded an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program grant.) Kevin is a junior psychology major (Honors in Major program) and economics minor with special interests in behavioral neuroscience and clinical psychology. He joined Inquiry’s student editorial board to develop his editorial skills and to become further involved with undergraduate research. Born and raised in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Kevin enjoys the skiing, hiking and moped-riding opportunities of the region. After graduation in 2011, he hopes to continue his studies in psychopathology and mental illness in graduate school.
Following in the footsteps of many of her relatives, senior Kristin Brodeur, from Nashua, New Hampshire, was already familiar with the University of New Hampshire campus when she arrived almost four years ago. Now an English major with minors in Spanish and psychology, Kristin has found her niche in the UNH community. A third-year Inquiry editor, she enjoys being involved in the editing process both at Inquiry and as an intern at publishing houses in surrounding towns. Kristin has always enjoyed grammar and writing, and plans to focus her honors thesis on the growing interactions between literature and technology. This past summer she attended UNH’s program in Cambridge, England, and also traveled to Paris, Rome, and Edinburgh. Where the future is concerned, this avid Red Sox fan is planning to enroll in a Publishing & Writing master's program at Emerson College in Boston, while she begins looking for a job in the publishing industry she has grown to love.

Kyle Flynn of Nashua, New Hampshire, is a second-year editor as well as a senior philosophy major with minors in French and economics. Kyle is a member of the Honors Program and Vice-President and Chief Economist of the Atkins Investment Group here on campus, which is predominantly run by students in the Whittemore School of Business and Economics. The Group invests a $50,000 portfolio in the S&P 500. Kyle joined the Inquiry staff to be part of the process of publishing undergraduate research. After graduating in May, Kyle plans to attend graduate school and study political economy or public policy. In his free time, Kyle enjoys reading, skiing, and playing soccer.

Nashua, New Hampshire native and Honors student Bethany Gordon is a senior art history major and anthropology minor at the University of New Hampshire. A love of new cultures motivates Bethany’s academic pursuits; her time in Peru’s Sacred Valley region, where she spent two months taking archaeology and Spanish classes, served as the foundation for her research into the role of tourism in Peru’s social and economic sectors as well as its physical and political landscapes. In addition to being a staff editor at Inquiry, Bethany serves as the editor-in-chief of Aegis, UNH’s undergraduate literary magazine. After graduating in May 2010, Bethany plans to take a year to travel and focus on photography, for which she hopes to attend graduate school. “Photographing people and places forms a connection between you and other people,” she says. “My dream job is to be a photographer for National Geographic.”

A native of Amherst, New Hampshire, John Greene chose the University of New Hampshire because of its strong reputation for sustainability initiatives and environmental science research. The summer after his junior year, he received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) to travel to Brussels, Belgium, to study the European Union’s carbon cap and trade program. Now a senior, he will graduate in May 2010 with a B.A. in environmental conservation. As commencement day approaches, John says he is ready to leave the classroom for a while but has future plans to continue studying the environment in graduate school. In addition to spending much of his time reading and training for triathlons, John dreams of sailing across the Atlantic Ocean.
As a sophomore in psychology and a member of the Honors program who is planning to graduate in three years, it is admirable that Laura Jarvis decided to add editorial work to an already crowded schedule. In addition to her interests in writing and editing, she has a passion for cooking and originally came to the University of New Hampshire as part of the hospitality management program. However, she soon realized that she was more interested in the art and adventure of cooking than in the business side. She also realized that she wanted to work with people, so she changed directions and is now planning on a career in counseling, possibly in the field of secondary education or as a psychologist with her own practice. To do this, she will most likely enroll in a graduate program following her study at UNH. Originally from Framingham, Massachusetts, she is very close with her family and will probably stay in the New England area, both for graduate school and beyond.

Kaitlin Lounsbury, a first-time Inquiry editor, is a senior psychology major from Tilton, New Hampshire. She is passionate about her job at the campus Crimes against Children Research Center, and plans on continuing her own research in the future in addition to clinical practice. With a minor in Justice Studies, Kaitlin has found a job that truly combines all her interests. At the Center, Kaitlin and the head researchers conduct studies about online crimes with child victims, work with law enforcement across the country, and publish their findings in scientific journal articles. Kaitlin helps edit these articles, which made her a natural fit for Inquiry. Editing is still just a hobby, though, and she is currently working on her senior thesis project, which will be based on her research at the CCRC. Kaitlin will graduate in May with a BA in psychology and plans to enter a graduate program in clinical psychology or mental health counseling in the fall.

A senior from Stratford, Connecticut, Alex Miklos joined Inquiry’s editorial board three years ago because he wanted to help his fellow students publish articles about undergraduate research. After doing just that and learning about topics as varied as freshwater eutrophication in Maine and AIDS treatment in Uganda, he will graduate in May 2010 with a B.A. in philosophy. Alex says that what attracted him to the University of New Hampshire was the wide range of opportunities it offered within the comfort of a mid-sized university just far away from home to give him his independence. Throughout his college career, he managed to maintain a fondness for recreational reading; and during this past year he volunteered at the UNH Observatory. He also took up the art of brewing beer, a process that tests your patience and craftsmanship. On graduation, Alex hopes to participate in Public Allies, a community service organization based in Connecticut.