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DURHAM, N.H. - Students at the University of New Hampshire will spend the night outside in cardboard boxes Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008, as part of their effort to raise awareness about homelessness.

"While this one night can in no way simulate true homelessness, it is a way to spend one night thinking and talking about homelessness," said Katie Brym with Oxfam UNH, which is organizing the event. The event also is sponsored by the University Dialogue and the Office of Community Service and Learning.

"A Night Without a Home" begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building Room 334 with a panel of speakers who are or have been homeless. They will discuss homelessness in the nation and what can be done to alleviate it.

At 7 p.m., the students will move outside to the Scott Hall lawn to build their cardboard "houses." Three UNH a cappella music groups, Not Too Sharp, the NH Notables and Alabaster Blue, will perform throughout the evening. The students also will collect nonfood items, such as blankets, gently worn clothes and hygiene products, to be distributed at the Waysmeet United Campus Ministry. The event will end around 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 2008.

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