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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire announces that Daniel Innis, dean of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health at the University of Maine, will join the Whittemore School of Business and Economics as its new dean effective July 1, 2007.

Innis has been dean at UMaine since July 2002. The college includes the Maine Business School, the School of Nursing, the School of Social Work, and the department of Public Administration. He holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University and is a professor of marketing.

As dean at UMaine, Innis oversaw a revitalization and expansion of the college, which added the new School of Public Policy and International Affairs just this month. Under Innis’ direction, the Maine Business School implemented its reinvented MBA program and launched its Corporate Affiliates Program, which allows the business community to access university resources via an online portal. Giving to the college has increased substantially since Innis joined UMaine, and during his tenure, the college received its largest gift ever of $2.85 million.

“In the end, it was clear to me that Dan would provide the kind of excellent leadership that both the school and the university will require in the coming years. He has been an exceptional leader at the University of Maine over the past five years,” said Bruce Mallory, UNH provost and executive vice president.

While in Orono, Innis said he has become familiar with the Whittemore School and been impressed with the school’s programs, faculty, staff and students. “The Whittemore School is well positioned to continue to improve the quality of its programming and its national and international reputation. Dean Bolander strengthened the Whittemore School during his tenure and expanded programming considerably, including the new Master of Science in the Management of Technology program in South Korea. It is a very exciting time to join the Whittemore School and UNH,” he said.

Innis said he is committed to working to provide faculty and staff with the resources they need to continue to improve the school. In addition, he said that as an integral part of New Hampshire’s land-grant university, the Whittemore School has a special responsibility to serve New Hampshire’s business community by providing expertise, leadership and strong graduates that will help to continue to improve the quality of life for the state’s citizens.

And when it comes to UNH Hockey, Innis – a self-admitted rabid sports fan – said that he will be watching this weekend’s UNH-UMaine match-up “with great interest.”

“After the shellacking at the hands of UNH earlier this season at the Alfond, which I watched in person, I am sure the Black Bears want to settle the score. Provost Mallory has invited me to Saturday’s game, and I hope to enjoy the atmosphere of UNH hockey,” he said. “UNH has a
great sports history. It is time to win a National Championship in hockey. Let’s hope this is the year!”