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## UNH Media Relations

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**WHAT:** Installation of the University of New Hampshire's wildcat sculpture, a public artwork commissioned by the Alumni Association. The larger-than-life two-ton bronze sculpture of UNH's mascot, the wildcat, will be lowered into position under the supervision of sculptor Matthew Gray Palmer.

**WHERE:** Memorial Field in front of the Whittemore Center Arena

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006; all day. Call ahead for a status update.

**BACKGROUND:** A committee of UNH staff, faculty, alumni, students and parents spent two and a half years developing guidelines, inviting bidders, reviewing applicants and selecting an artist to create a sculpture of a wildcat. For more information on the artist, Matthew Gray Palmer, and his work visit <http://www.matthewgraypalmer.com/index.html>

In addition to the actual installation, Palmer will speak to students, faculty, staff and community members about his experiences as a sculptor in a lecture Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at 4 p.m. in Room A219 of the Paul Creative Arts Center that is free and open to the public. The sculpture will be dedicated in a ceremony during Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the sculpture on Memorial Field.