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DURHAM, N.H. -- Anyone who has the slightest doubt about small energy-saving practices feeding a larger conservation whole need only walk through "UNH Unplugged: An Exhibition on Energy" now on display at the University of New Hampshire Museum in Dimond Library through Dec. 15, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

The hands-on demonstrations make their point immediately. One involves sitting in a chair and using pedal power to light up either a compact fluorescent or incandescent bulb: it takes mere seconds for the compact fluorescent. The traditional light bulb needs about twice as many pedals to get glowing.

The same two kinds of light bulbs are connected to an electric meter. Flipping on the fluorescent causes the meter's wheel to barely move. Turning on the other bulb sets it spinning.

Then there's the display promoting the unplugging of equipment as an energy saving measure. Six plugs representing links to a cordless telephone, wireless modem, cell phone charger, scanner, and computer speakers are connected to a digital watt meter. Even though none of the equipment is on, the meter still registers wattage, supporting a "not just off but out" philosophy of unplugging electronics not in use.

The exhibit offers information on wind, solar and biodiesel fuel sources, outlining initiatives being undertaken at the university, including operating half of the Campus Connector buses on biodiesel. A computer demo of a virtual dorm room shows how much energy can be saved by using Energy Star products. Energy Star is a joint program between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.