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Fred Bramante, Owner of Daddy's Junky Music Stores, Kicks Off 2005-2006 Holloway Seminar Series at UNH Whittemore School

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DURHAM, N.H.—Fred Bramante, founder and CEO of Daddy's Junky Music Stores, will kick off this year's Holloway Seminar Series in Entrepreneurship Friday, Sept. 23. Sponsored by the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics, the seminar takes place at the New England Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bramante's topic is "Nice Guys Finish First."

In 1972, with his life savings of \$600, Bramante founded a part-time business, appropriately named "Daddy's Junky Music Store" by his then 3-year-old son. Today, Daddy's has 21 stores in seven states and is the 16th largest of 8500 music retailers in America. A Keene State College graduate, Bramante is a former middle school science teacher and the recipient of the 1995 Keene State College Alumni Achievement Award.

Bramante is a former candidate for governor, and in 1999, was the only nonlawyer, nonstate official invited to argue before the New Hampshire Supreme Court on the state's education funding debate. He is the former chairman of the New Hampshire State Board of Education and is a member of the board.

The Whittemore School sponsors two speakers for the Holloway seminar series each fall and winter to demonstrate to students how people in the business community have succeeded as innovative entrepreneurs and how they have encouraged and mentored others to succeed in entrepreneurship. The series is named in honor of Exeter businessman and community leader Paul Holloway.

The lecture is open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Contact Cynthia Nizzari-McClain at the Whittemore School, 603-862-0017, e-mail cnmc@cisunix.unh.edu to register or for more information.