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DURHAM, N.H. - It's safe to assume that during the Thursday lunch hour this week, many on the University of New Hampshire campus will be watching television. That's when the UNH men's hockey team takes on Cornell in Buffalo in the Frozen Four semi-final playoff. If UNH wins that game, they will play again Saturday night for the national championship title.

According to Susan Entz, director of Public Programs and Events, her office is planning a series of pre- and post-game events in Buffalo throughout the weekend if UNH wins Thursday. Many UNH officials are traveling to Buffalo for the two games, including UNH President Ann Weaver Hart and former UNH President Joan Leitzel.

If you are planning to attend the games in Buffalo and want more information on scheduled events, go to www.unh.edu/ppe/gowildcats.html.

Hockey fans in Durham will have several options to watch the game, aired Thursday at noon on ESPN2 and again on Saturday on ESPN at 7 p.m. Big-screen televisions will be set up in the Memorial Union Building's Food Court, the television lounge, and the Granite State Room, and in the Hamel Recreation Center. These venues also will be available for Saturday's game, in addition to MUB Theatre II.

During and after the game on Thursday, and again on Saturday, extra police patrols will be visible throughout the campus and the town of Durham. In addition, faculty and staff will also be patrolling, to insure that all students stay safe.

Durham and UNH police officials say all public ways will be kept clear at all times, and they will make arrests and refer students to the university's judicial system as appropriate, including violations that occur off campus.

"This is an incredibly exciting week for UNH," said Anne Lawing, senior assistant vice president for student affairs. "While we expect
students to cheer for the team, we also have reasonable expectations for their behavior. If students choose not to honor that expectation, there will be consequences."

UNH expects to release more details of a homecoming celebration for the team, depending on the outcome of Thursday's semi-final game against Cornell.

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