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Regional Accreditation Team to Visit UNH

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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire will welcome a team of representatives with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) as part of its decennial accreditation Oct. 20-22, 2003.

UNH has been developing an alternative self-study as part of its decennial accreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the NEASC. The CIHE last reviewed and reaccredited the university in 1993.

The self-study has two parts:

- Compliance with NEASC's 11 Standards (an abbreviated report),
- Planning in three areas of focus (the major effort in the self-study): undergraduate experience, engagement through research and scholarship, and institutional effectiveness.

Information on the accreditation process, including the self-study reports, is available at www.unh.edu/neasc/index.htm.

A small NEASC team visited the campus April 30–May 2, 2003, to address UNH's compliance with the 11 Standards. The October visit with the full NEASC team will address the area reports. There will be an open forum Monday, Oct. 20, at 2:15 p.m., UNH-Manchester, Room 329, and Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 3p.m., on the Durham campus, Memorial Union Building, Room 330.

Interested parties are encouraged to examine the reports. They may also submit comments to: Public Comment on University of New Hampshire, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 209 Burlington Rd., Bedford, Mass. 01730-1433.

Comments should include name, address, phone number, and signature, and should address substantive issues related to accreditation. Comments must be received by Oct. 22, 2003, and will not be treated as confidential. For more information, please see the NEASC-CIHE Web site at www.neasc.org/cihe/cihe.htm.