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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Whittemore School of Business & Economics at the University of New Hampshire, with co-sponsors New Hampshire Public Television and the N.H. Business & Industry Association (BIA), will host two candidate forums Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, at 4 and 6 p.m. in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building. The forums are open to the public.

"NH Votes 2002: Economic Forums with the Candidates," will be moderated by Ali McNair, host of NH Outlook, on N.H. Public Television, and broadcast on Channel 11 from 7 to 8 p.m., Oct. 8 and 9.

At 4 p.m., three candidates running for the First Congressional District, Republican Jeb Bradley, Democrat Martha Fuller Clark and Libertarian Daniel Belforti, will be featured. They will answer questions from the audience and from the following panelists:

- Sean O'Kane, general manager of The Center of New Hampshire and incoming president of the N.H. Lodging and Restaurant Association.

- John Freear, professor of accounting and finance, the Whittemore School.

- Robert Woodward, the Forrest D. McKerley Professor in Health Economics at the Whittemore School and UNH School of Health & Human Services.

- Lesley De Martino, undergraduate student, Whittemore School.
The second forum at 6 p.m. will feature gubernatorial candidates Democrat Mark Fernald, Libertarian John Babiarz and Republican Craig Benson. Panelists for this forum are:

- Terry Conner, senior vice president and CIO of Liberty Mutual, and member of the Whittemore School dean's advisory board and the BIA board.
- Ross Gittell, Carter Professor of Management, Whittemore School.
- Karen Conway, associate professor of economics, Whittemore School.
- Chris Webb, MBA student, Whittemore School.

Doors will open a half hour before each forum and close 10 minutes before the starting time so that videotaping can begin on time. Once seated, audience members will be asked not to enter or leave the Strafford Room during taping.