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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will join campuses and communities across the nation in recognition of World Food Day Wednesday, Oct. 16. This annual event is a focus for year-round action on issues related to hunger, nutrition, poverty and development.

A series of events are open to the community Oct. 16 and 17, 2002, at UNH's Memorial Union Building.

On Oct. 16 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Oak Room at Huddleston Hall, Frances Moore Lappé will speak on "Exploding the Myths of Hunger One Pop-Tart at a Time." Lappé is author of the recently released book, "Hope's Edge: The New Diet for a Small Planet," and co-founder of the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First) and the Center for Living Democracy. Her talk is part of the UNH Women's Commission Networking Breakfast series. The cost of the breakfast is \$5 and reservations are required. For more information, contact the Women's Commission at 862-1058.

From noon to 3 p.m. in MUB Theatre II, a World Food Day teleconference, "Hungry Farmers: A National Security Issue for All" will be held. Speakers include Professor Michael Lipton, an international authority on the plight of the rural poor; Ambassador George McGovern; and Dr. Louise Fresco, assistant director-general of the Agriculture Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in Rome.

Also on Oct. 16, from 3:45 to 5 p.m. in the MUB Strafford Room, Lappé will add her perspective to the issues raised by World Food in her talk, "Fat, Famine and Fruit Loops: Where's Democracy When You Need

It?" Prior to the talk, she will sign copies of her book beginning at 3:15 p.m.

On Oct. 17, from 12:40 to 2 p.m., a panel discussion, "Making Choices at Every Meal," will be held in the MUB Strafford Room. A program of the Public Health and Sustainability Vital Signs of New Hampshire series, it will explore the impact of food choices on ecosystem, community and human health. Panelists are Joanne Curran-Celentano, UNH associate professor of animal and nutrition sciences; Eero Ruuttila, director of Nesenkeag Co-op Farm in Litchfield, N.H., the largest organic vegetable producer in the state; and Mary Anne Lustgraaf, director of UNH's Memorial Union Building, who will speak on agricultural geography.

The events are sponsored by the Food and Society Initiative of the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs in collaboration with the UNH Women's Commission; Memorial Union Building; School of Health and Human Services; Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space; Health Services; Department of Women's Studies; UNH Hospitality Services; and Great Bay Food Co-op.

All events are open to the public and, except for the Women's Commission Breakfast, are free. For more information, contact the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs at 862-4088.

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