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UNH's New Hampshire Gents Will Perform at Fenway May 6

By *Kim Billings*
UNH News Bureau

DURHAM, N.H.-- The University of New Hampshire's oldest and most prestigious all-male acapella group will sing the national anthem at next Saturday's Red Sox baseball game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Fenway Park. Game time is 1 p.m.

"The New Hampshire Gentlemen are not only a credit to themselves, but to the university and the state of New Hampshire," says UNH President Joan Leitzel. "We seize all opportunities to have them perform."

The Gents' concerts are nearly always sold out, and the 12-member undergraduate group sings throughout New England. In fact, it was at a singing gig in Deerfield where the Gents met a dentist from Maine, who asked them to sing as his mother's birthday party in Massachusetts. It was at the birthday party that they met someone who worked in marketing for the Red Sox.

"He said to me, 'Have you ever thought of singing in front of a lot of people?' and I said, 'Yeah, of course,'" according to New Hampshire Gent Shawn Wagner. "And then he said, 'How about in front of homeplate?' and I thought he meant at some T-Ball or Little League game, but he says, 'No, homeplate at Fenway.' We were psyched."

Coverage of their Fenway Park performance can be seen on FOX-TV at 1 p.m. next Saturday. The next local performance of the New Hampshire Gentlemen is Saturday, May 13, at UNH's Johnson Theatre in the Paul Creative Arts Center. Two performances have been scheduled, one at 6 p.m. and another at 9 p.m. For more information, contact Wagner at 868-1275.

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Below is a list of the students who perform with the New Hampshire Gentlemen, along with their hometowns.

Shawn P. Wagner - Deerfield, N.H.
Jason D. Thomas - Musical Director, Spofford, N.H.
Conan Flynn - Pike, N.H.
Ben Piking - Marlboro, MA
Tom Cochran - Keene, N.H.

Bryan Fisher - Windham, ME
Jim Donovan - Waltham, MA
Allen Richards - Rochester, N.H.
T.J. Kelly - Keene, N.H.
Jonathan Stearns - Auburn, ME
James Harrington - Houston, TX
Andy Robbins - Windham, ME

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