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UNHs Undergraduate Research Conference An Adventure For Inquiring Minds April 25 30

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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire’s sixth annual Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), April 25-30, 2005, offers a unique opportunity to visit the world of cutting-edge research, explore creative presentations and to discover the scholarly investigations of UNH students.

Hundreds of students will showcase their research in oral presentations, poster sessions, art exhibitions and concerts. Students at UNH work with faculty mentors to conduct scholarly inquiry into topics that intrigue them and engage in a process that teaches creative thinking and problem solving within their chosen disciplines. The URC is a signature event each spring at the UNH.

Undergraduate Research Conference events are open to the public and feature student work from all of UNH’s schools and colleges at both the Durham and Manchester campuses. It is the perfect time for parents to encourage their children to explore higher education with a visit to one of the many URC events highlighting students at work.

Adults facing the “empty nest” or perhaps an outgrown career path will find opportunities to consider returning for a degree as they learn about new areas of study and meet the faculty and students who are contributing to the ever-expanding knowledge base. The week of activities at the Durham campus offers many places to jump in, with special evening events that are of particular interest:

* The Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Symposium (ISE), Morse Hall, April 27, 3-6 p.m. features students with posters illustrating their research projects from robots to space science;

* Keynote lecture with Jared Diamond, Field House, April 27, 7 p.m. offers a chance to learn from an internationally acclaimed author and University of California geography professor. His most recent book is *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his earlier book *Guns, Germs and Steel: the Fates of Human Societies*. Advance reservations to ensure seating are encouraged for this event by calling 862-0405 or by filling out the form at: [http://www.unh.edu/urc/jdiamond_attend.cfm](http://www.unh.edu/urc/jdiamond_attend.cfm).

* The Festival of Creativity and Culture, April 29, Paul Creative Arts Center, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. invites you into a coffeehouse-style venue for music, poetry, theatre, dance and art exhibits.
* The Senior Art Exhibition and Reception at The Art Gallery, April 29, 6-8 p.m. is just a short walk inside the Paul Creative Arts Center, where you can enjoy refreshments and marvel at the work of emerging artists.

* The Student Composer’s Concert at the Paul Creative Arts Center—Bratton Room, April 29 at 8 p.m. showcases original musical compositions written by UNH music students.

The full schedule for UNH’s Undergraduate Research Conference is available online at: [http://www.unh.edu/urc/](http://www.unh.edu/urc/). The public is invited to take a learning break—bring a friend or family member, inquiring minds and come be inspired!