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DURHAM, N.H. – Energy scientists, industry experts and policymakers from around the region will share the latest innovations in energy at the second annual University of New Hampshire Energy Conference Friday, May 1, 2009 in UNH's Memorial Union Building (MUB). The recently formed UNH Energy Club, a student organization, is presenting the conference, which is free and open to the public.

"Last year's conference, hosted by the department of electrical and computer engineering, was a big success, but it was held in summer so few students were involved," says UNH Energy Club president Jacob Aho, a graduate student in electrical engineering. "That inspired me to start the UNH Energy Club. Now it's our turn to host, and we have a day jam-packed with great presenters." Aho adds that, like all Energy Club events, no prior knowledge of energy is required. "We hope that attendees come with curiosity and leave with a better understanding of energy policy, economics and technology," he says.

The conference, which showcases a range of alternative as well as traditional energy subjects, opens with a keynote address by Nick D'Arbeloff, president of the New England Clean Energy Council. Morning sessions, in the Strafford Room at the MUB, focus on policy, economics and utilities. In the afternoon, the Strafford Room hosts a series of discussions on large-scale generation technologies, while homeowner-scale technologies and economics are the subject of panels in the MUB Theater 2.

Presenters will explore a range of renewable energy technologies, including hydro, wind, solar, and biomass. Paul Chamberlin, assistant vice president for energy and campus development at UNH, will discuss EcoLine™, UNH's landfill gas-to-energy project scheduled to launch the day of the conference.

The free conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, a schedule, and to register, go to <http://unhenergyclub.com/>. The UNH Energy Conference is sponsored by the UNH Parents Association, the UNH electrical and computer engineering department, Ellison Software Consulting and Harold Davis.

Launched in October 2008, the UNH Energy Club has had more than 100 participants in its events and was named UNH "new student organization of the year." The club, which aims to provide education about energy for anyone, is an affiliate of the national Collegiate Energy Association.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

