Announcing the Winners of the Second Annual
John C. Edwards Undergraduate Prize Plays!

The John C. Edwards Undergraduate Prize Plays honors outstanding work in playwriting, as well as directing, stage management and design. The program was created to foster student playwriting through the development of new works. It has been underwritten through a generous gift by Mike O’Malley ’88 (“Diverting Devotion,” “Yes Dear” and “Glee”).

These original student productions will be featured in an evening of one-act plays, April 16-19 in the Hennessy Theatre. The winning entries are:

“Ones and Zeros,” written by Brian Walker ‘15 of East Kingston, NH.

Seen. Typing… now there's nothing. What's going on? Adam and Violet struggle to keep their relationship together as it gets pulled apart by the petty problems of online communication. Meanwhile, Brick and Ava have a much more serious problem to deal with.

The winning playwright, Brian Walker, is a junior marketing and acting double major from East Kingston, New Hampshire. Brian is a board member for Mask and Dagger's dramatic society and loves music, acting, sports and writing. He hopes to pursue a career in music/writing/acting when he graduates. “Ones and Zeroes” is his first play and will be directed by Kaitlin Deyo ’14.

“Raisin Hell” written by Dan Shine ’14 of Shrewsbury, MA.

Sixteen year-old Mel and her mother don't always get along, but when Mel accidentally summons a soul-bargaining demon, Mel is forced to realize the consequences of her actions and see that perhaps she is not always right.

Dan Shine is a senior English and theatre major from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He hopes to pursue a career in writing and directing for stage, but also enjoys performing improvised comedy with UNH's Improv Anonymous as well as collecting comics and playing video games in his free time. This is his second John C. Edwards playwriting award. “Raising Hell” is directed by Danielle Barrett ’14.

“Party of Three” written by Amy Desrosiers ’14 of Salem, NH.

When recent-college-grad Julia gets the house to herself for the weekend, she plans to take advantage of her alone time. The step-father/step-son robber duo, Cal and Dennis, find the perfect house to hit in order to save their butts from an angry mob boss. When the two worlds collide, mayhem and confusion commence.

Amy Desrosiers is a junior theatre and Spanish major from Salem, New Hampshire. She is involved with the social justice group, WildActs, and the leadership organization, uLEAD. Amy hopes to pursue a career in either acting or international hospitality. This is her first play and she plans to keep writing. “Party of Three” is directed by Rachel Vilandre ’14.

“Uncle Zeke” written by Thomas Spencer ’16 of Bedford, NH.

When Zeke suspects his own wife Connie may be in the Mafia, he attempts to confirm his theory with schemes woven of hints from old friends, the assassination of President Kennedy and aliens.

The winning playwright, Tom Spencer, is a sophomore journalism major from Bedford, New Hampshire. He frequently contributes to The New Hampshire and UNH Tales. He is studying Arabic and hopes to pursue a career in journalism. “Uncle Zeke” is directed by Samantha Smith ’14.

Other prize winners include set designer, Lyndsey Nowlan ’15 of Leominster, Massachusetts; costume designer, Sarah LaFlamme ’14 of Franklin, Massachusetts and lighting designer, Connor McGrath ’14 of Manchester, New Hampshire.

The second annual John C. Edwards Undergraduate Prize Plays runs April 16-19 in the UNH Hennessy Theatre. Tickets are $8 for UNH students, ID holders and seniors and groups of 15 or more, and $10 for the general public and can be
purchased through the PCAC Ticket Office located in the Johnson Theatre lobby of the Paul Creative Arts Center. This full-service ticket office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and one hour before curtain. Tickets purchased online will incur NO ADDITIONAL FEES. Call 603-862-7222 or visit UNHarts.com. For more information about our season, our programs, to book a tour or to make field trip reservations for your school, visit http://cola.unh.edu/theatre-dance or call 603.862.2150.

Photo by UNH Photo Services:  Left to right:  Brian Walker, Danielle Barrett, Kaitlin Deyo, Samantha Smith, Thomas Spencer, Amy Desrosiers, Rachel Vilandre

##