



The Currents

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**"It is hard to fail,
but it is worse
never to have tried
to succeed."**

Theodore Roosevelt

Check out this week's announcements !!!

Register for the Spring 2007 Involvement Fair Now!! Limited Space- Limited Time

Spread the word about your group's activities. Find new members and showcase your organization's talents and interests! With thousands of students attending, the Involvement Fair is the best way on campus to promote your student organization!!! [Registration for student organizations will close this Friday, December 1st!](#)

Go to www.getINVOLVED.uconn.edu to register your organization for the Fair! (click on 'Register for the Spring 2007 Fair') All participating organizations must be fully registered with the Student Activities Involvement Office before registering for the Fair. Registrations for the Fair are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. *Submitting a registration for the Fair does not guarantee a spot in the fair, as space is limited.* All registrations will be confirmed prior to the Fair via the e-mail address provided on the form. Thank you to all of those organizations who have already submitted a request for registration. Be sure to look for a confirmation e-mail shortly. Any questions, please feel free to contact Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu

Money Matters Training Sessions

The Student Activities Business Office is offering Money Matters Training Sessions for Organizations that have accounts in the Business Office. The next session will be held on Wednesday 11/29 at 9:00 a.m. in Student Union Room 410. To register go to the Business Office website at http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/bo_officer_training.html or call the Business Office (student Union Room 314) at 486-3163. The Chief Financial Officer of all groups with accounts in the Business Office must attend a Money Matters Session prior to use of their account. Seating is limited so sign up now!

Featured Student Organization Advisor of the Week: Kathryn Strother Ratcliff

Kathryn Strother Ratcliff is currently part of the Sociology faculty, and Director of the Office of Student Activities and Involvement.

GUARD Dogs

USG is funding a program this year called GUARD (Giving UConn a Responsible Driver) Dogs, a free (with student ID), no questions asked safe ride program on the weekends. The number to use this service is (860) 967-9670 and it runs Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. GUARD Dogs is also looking for some volunteers to help run its operations so if you are in need of some community service hours, or just would like to volunteer it would be an excellent way to help our community. For more information or to sign up contact Bradford.Cook@uconn.edu

Personalized Student Organization Workshops

Help your organization run more efficiently: Plan Great Events! Have a Strong Presence on Campus! Recruit Everyone! Simply request a *Personalized Workshop* for your organization on the following topics: New Officer Training, Fundraising, Goal Setting, Member Recruitment and Retention, Program Planning and Publicity, Running Effective Meetings and many more upon request!

To Request a workshop contact Julie at julie.silverstein@uconn.edu or stop by the Involvement Office (SU 302) anytime!

Featured Student Organization of the Week: Husky Entertainment

Husky Entertainment is UConn's first student-run independent music label. The club's mission is to find and promote UConn students from different music genres. Using the same practices and tools as professional record labels, Husky Entertainment finds, produces, markets, distributes, and promotes music to provide its students with a unique experience. Everyone involved has experience in decision making, teamwork, and conflict resolution, which are all important characteristics of any business.

Currently Husky Entertainment is holding a contest, in which UConn artists send in tapes of their music act, and then the organization picks out which one they feel has the best qualities and marketable aspects. Husky Entertainment then is going to make a record with the winners, as well as tour over the state of Connecticut. Husky Entertainment also will have a TV show on UCTV next semester showcasing 2 to 3 UConn artists a week. For more information check out the group's website www.huskyent.uconn.edu or e-mail the Chief Executive Officer at brandon.cardwell@uconn.edu



Showcase Your Organization!

The Currents will be highlighting student organizations in the



Office of National Scholarships. She serves as the advisor to three student organizations: Haitian Experience, AHEAD, and Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. Kathryn Strother Ratcliff states that the most rewarding part of advising student organizations is "connecting with involved students and learning about the groups' content issues". Ratcliff believes that student involvement and engagement plays a large role in the education of students: "Students learn about new issues, and sharpen/deepen/extend their knowledge about other issues. Many students follow community involvement with academic classes or majors which help them better understand the social factors behind social problems, patterns, and processes. A student who is involved in the homelessness campaign gets interested in social class and poverty issues; a student who goes to Haiti decides on a public health career or pursues courses in economic development or international affairs. Students assume leadership roles and develop confidence and a desire to make the world a better place. They choose more socially responsible educations and careers." Kathryn Strother Ratcliff would recommend other advisors to help and encourage students to bring their experiences into the classroom.

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"Featured Organization" section appearing in the upcoming issues. This section will include information about the organization's mission statement, goals, members, upcoming events, honors, awards, updates, and any photos. If you would like to feature your organization in *The Currents* please send information to student0516@ad.uconn.edu.

Showcase Your Organization's Advisor!

The Currents will be running a "Featured Advisor" section in the upcoming issues. To nominate your organization's advisor please e-mail information to Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu.

The Currents Now on the Web!

From the Involvement Office Website (www.getINVOLVED.uconn.edu) you can access *The Currents* by clicking on the "Student Organizations Support" link on the right, then clicking on "The Currents- Organization Newsletter" link on the right. You can directly access *The Currents* at the following link: http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_newsletter.html

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of *The Currents* will be sent out on Monday, December 4th. Please have all information for the inclusion of this issue sent to Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu by noon on Friday, December 1st.

Any question or comments? Please e-mail Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu. We appreciate your feedback!