



# The Currents

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"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."  
– Leo Buscaglia

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## Check out this week's announcements !!!

### Looking for: Peer Leadership Instructors

Peer Leadership Instructors (PLIs) co-instruct a 1-credit FYE Leadership seminar (meets on Wednesdays), and participate in a class (meets on Fridays) to enhance their own leadership development. PLIs receive 3-credits for completing the program. This is a great opportunity for students to practice public-speaking and be in front of a class teaching other undergraduates. The information is available online at [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) in the "Peer Leadership Instructors" section.



### Worldfest 2007

UConn Worldfest 2007 will be held on Saturday March 24, 2007 in the University's Student Union Ballroom 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 330-331. The Department of International Services and Programs, the International Relations Association, the Student Union Board of Governors and the Office of International Affairs are sponsoring this event. Worldfest 2007 will begin at noon and end at 6:00pm. Highlights of the festival include performances from the UConnTaiko, B.A.I.L.E Echo Uganda, Uconn Surya, Capoeira, Albanian dance, Lebanese dance, African Student Association dance, Portuguese dance performance as well as various other groups and will feature international food and beverages attendees can sample from around the world. There will be African, European, Latin American, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Asian, Middle East, and American delicatessens to enjoy. Many UConn international student organizations will have exhibits as well. We hope you can join us this year to celebrate our rich cultural diversity and to show your support to our international community. Please contact 486-3855 if you have any further questions. This is an educational experience for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free of charge. Dining Services student meal swipes and/or small fee will be charged for food and beverages.

### UConn Violence Against Women Prevention Program Looking for Summer Orientation Facilitators!

**WHAT:** VAWPP Summer Orientation staff facilitate 1-hour, small group, interactive educational sessions about sexual consent and power and control in relationships for incoming first-year students.  
**WHO:** We are looking for an articulate, engaged and diverse group of individuals who are dedicated to creating a community of respect at UConn, and who are willing to challenge their peers on these issues. We provide the training (see below).  
**WHEN:** Time commitment is approximately 4 hours per week, plus training (see mandatory training below). Sessions are conducted at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the following dates: May, 22, 25, 30; June 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29; July 3. You will be paid approximately \$20 per session. We would like facilitators to commit to as many sessions as possible, but we will consider applicants who can only cover some of the sessions.  
**Applications** are DUE 4/16/07 and are available on-line at [www.womenscenter.uconn.edu](http://www.womenscenter.uconn.edu). They should be submitted in hardcopy to the Women's Center.

**Mandatory Training:** Monday, May 14, Tuesday, May 15th. 9:00-5:00, UConn Women's Center. For more information please view the website at [www.womenscenter.uconn.edu](http://www.womenscenter.uconn.edu) or contact Elizabeth Cracco at [Elizabeth.cracco@uconn.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.cracco@uconn.edu)

### Now Accepting Nominations and Applications for Student Life Awards 2007

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to nominate fellow students or registered student organizations for one or more of the 2007 Student Life Awards at the University of Connecticut. These awards have been developed to recognize student contribution to, and leadership of the University community and beyond. Many awards have been specifically designed to recognize the contributions of undergraduate students at the Storrs campus, and may include a monetary reward. For Award Descriptions and On-Line Nomination Material go to [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) (click on Student Life Awards). Nominations must be received by March 16, 2007. Recipients will be recognized in April during Student Leadership Recognition Week!



### Student Union Reservations

The Student Union is instituting a new policy for room reservations for next year (2007-2008). The new policy is described at: <http://www.studentunion.uconn.edu/>.

### Environmental Leadership Awards

The Office of Environmental Policy is now accepting nominations for the biennial Environmental Leadership Awards. These awards recognize student, faculty, staff, alumni and group contributions to increasing UConn's environmental performance. Time is running out - nominations are due March 15th! Please refer to the website at <http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/2007ELA.htm> for further details and nomination forms. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Murphy at (860)486-5773.

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month Workshops

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This semester, the Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP) is holding several exciting new events. VAWPP is leading a great campaign entitled "What Will You Do?" This campaign challenges student groups to pledge to do one concrete thing to end violence against women. VAWPP would like to provide your organization with a workshop on how to take action to end violence against women. Your group can take positive action and serve as leaders in challenging the community. Please contact [Jaclyn.Vanase@uconn.edu](mailto:Jaclyn.Vanase@uconn.edu) between March 19th - April 6th if your group has interest in taking a pledge and being provided with more information.



### Volunteers Needed! Check Out Spring 2007 Community Service Days!

Community Service Days are designed so that individual students and student organizations can participate in a service activity that is convenient and meets their interests. Past activities have included serving meals at a soup kitchen, planting and cleaning community gardens, or doing recreational and social activities with the elderly. An average of 8 Service Days are offered each semester, with 3 to 5 different service activities to choose from on each day. Without the help of volunteers, many non-profit agencies will not be able to complete their vital projects. Sign up now to get involved! More info at [http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co\\_csd.php](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co_csd.php)

### Showcase Your Organization!

*The Currents* will be highlighting student organizations in the "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](mailto:student0516@ad.uconn.edu).

### Deadline for the next issue of *The Currents*

The next issue of *The Currents* will be sent out on Monday, March 19. Please have all information for the inclusion of this issue sent to Connie at [student0516@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0516@ad.uconn.edu) by noon on Friday, March 16.