



# The Currents

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"In simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where he wants to go, and gets up, and goes."  
-John Erskine

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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.



### 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)

### Featured Student Organization Advisor of the Week

Think your advisor is doing a great job? Want to thank him/her for all of their hard work and dedication? Well then feature your advisor in *The Currents*!!! It's easy, just e-mail [student0516@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0516@ad.uconn.edu) with your advisor's e-mail address and name. Your advisor will be sent an e-mail stating that he/she has been nominated to be the Featured Student Organization Advisor of the Week. The e-mail will include a quick questionnaire that the Advisor can fill out and e-mail back.

It's a quick simple way to say Thanks and recognize your advisor.

### 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, April 16. 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, April 13.

### UConn Club Sports Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5K Fun Run!

The Fun Run was started as a benefit for Marc Codeere, a UConn Student and men's Rugby player who incurred life threatening injuries in a drunk driving accident. Marc, now paralyzed is still facing tremendous hospital and rehabilitation expenses. Please help the UConn Club Sports Council raise money to benefit these two worthy causes in the fight against drunk driving. The Fun Run will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. You can register in advance at [www.clubsports.uconn.edu](http://www.clubsports.uconn.edu) for \$15, or you can register the day of the event at 9:00a.m for \$18. The Fun Run will begin and end at Fairfield Way. If you have any questions please contact Kate Durant at 486-1856.

### Relay for Life at UConn!

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to bring together



those who have been touched by cancer in our community. More than 200 Relays will be held throughout New England in 2007, all celebrating survivorship and raising money to help the American Cancer Society in its mission to save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back. During the event, each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. Relay for Life will be taking place at UConn on April 13 & 14 in the CLAS Quad. For more information or to register your team please go to <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=206306>

### Featured Student Organization: UConn Sikh Student Association

UConn Sikh Student Association is a new student organization on campus. The group is working to gain exposure and share awareness of the Sikh religion around campus. Since 9/11 there have been many hate crimes against innocent Sikhs, who "look" like terrorists. The truth of the matter is that there is a big difference between Sikhs and some terrorists who also wear turbans. The group's main goal is to fight the unfair bias that exists towards Sikhs. There will be a Vaisakhi Social on Thursday, April 12th. Vaisakhi is the day of the birth of the Khalsa (another name for the Sikh community). The event will be an informative social in which people can mingle, eat and get informed about Sikhism. There will also be two guest speakers and an eye opening film on Sikhs. Don't miss this great opportunity! Join UConn Sikh Student Association at 7p.m. in the Asian American Cultural Center in the Student Union building. For more information please e-mail [maninder.singh@uconn.edu](mailto:maninder.singh@uconn.edu)

### Featured Student Organization Advisor of the Week: Janella Mildrexler



Janella Mildrexler is the Coordinator of Student Media Organizations in the Department of Student Activities. She currently advises many large groups such as Nutmeg Yearbook, UCTV, Daily Campus, and WHUS Radio. Students say that Janella is hard working and dedicated to student organizations. Janella meets with most of the groups on a weekly basis. Janella believes that "seeing the students meet, and exceed their goals" is the most rewarding aspect of advising groups. She says that "Being involved outside of academics can help students learn more about who they are and allows them to see the world through different viewpoints. It offers an outlet for creativity and growth and can create friendships that last beyond college." Janella's work with these groups has been outstanding and has helped better media publications on campus in a variety of ways. Keep up the great work Janella!

### 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)