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"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do, well."
Henry W. Longfellow

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Looking for Exceptional Student Leaders!

The University is proud to invite faculty and staff to recognize and nominate outstanding students who have demonstrated academic commitment, exceptional character, contribution to the community, and an overall level of extraordinary personal achievement as candidates for the 2008 Leadership Legacy Experience.



Nominations are being accepted now through November 7, 2007, and you are encouraged to recognize and nominate one or two of your most outstanding undergraduate students today! The Legacy Experience is a year-long leadership enhancement program that is immersive, comprehensive, substantive, and builds on students' legacies as leaders while helping them prepare for lives of commitment and contribution beyond graduation. Past experiences have included special guest speakers, outdoor adventures, outreach/mentoring opportunities and much more! The 2008 Leadership Legacy cohort will begin their experience in January, 2008. For more information about this exciting leadership experience and to obtain information/ nomination material, please visit www.leadership.uconn.edu and click on "Legacy Experience" on the left.

Check out the Student Organization Center

The Student Organization Center is a support center where your organizations can meet their organizational needs such as photocopying, meeting space, storage units, and mailboxes. The SOC is located in the Student Union, Room 218 and is open from Monday- Thursday 11a.m.-11p.m., Friday 11a.m.-7p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12p.m.-7p.m. For more information please e-mail info@usg.uconn.edu or call USG at (860)486-3708.

Help Support Our Troops

The United Services Organizations of Metropolitan New York ("USO") is seeking fundraisers for the "Million Acts of Kindness" campaign, which will raise one million dollars through individual fundraising. A Million Acts of Kindness will provide the necessary resources to deliver more than 20,000 care packages and personalized messages to our troops serving in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. In December 2007, 1,700 members of the NY Army National Guard are being deployed to Iraq. In March of 2008, the largest deployment of troops (6,000) since World War II are deploying from New Jersey for Iraq. The funds raised from A Million Acts of Kindness will establish an emergency fund for the 7,700 families of those soldiers. To find out more about how you can help please contact Colin Balfe at (212)695-5590, ext. 241 or via e-mail, cbalfe@usonyc.org.

Featured Student Organization Advisor: Roger N. Buckley

Roger N. Buckley is a Professor of History. He is also the Director of the Asian American Studies Institute. Currently he advises Tarang, South Asian Graduate Student Organization, Sikh Student Association, Indian Student Association, and the Pakistani Club. Rogers finds the experience of being an advisor very rewarding and enjoys learning first-hand what is on student's minds. Roger says "Campus involvement and leadership are vital to student success because we expect students to excel in these kinds of activities/ experiences in the work place, in public service, and community work. What better place to learn and test these skills than at the university." Roger enjoys experiencing the student's enthusiasm as well as being a part of their success. Great work Roger!



Peer Leadership Instructors: Now Accepting Applications for the Spring 2008 Semester!

Experienced student leaders are invited to apply to become a Peer Leadership Instructor (PLI) for next semester. PLIs will be trained on the relevant theories and principles of leadership as well as techniques for effective instruction and then actively participate in the design, development and co-instruction of a one-credit FYE course focusing on introducing students to the theories, principles, and opportunities for leadership on campus. PLIs will also be enrolled in a 3-credit course that will combine theory and practice of instructing students in the area of leadership. Interested students should visit www.leadership.uconn.edu and click on 'Peer Leadership Instructors'. To apply complete the 'PLI Application' by November 9th and email it to Elizabeth.Santos@uconn.edu, or drop it off in the Involvement Office, Student Union Room 302.



Help bring College Bowl back to UConn!

College Bowl is a game of knowledge and quick recall. Now in its 28th year, the College Bowl Campus Program is a popular tradition on many of America's campuses. UConn will be among nearly 300 institutions of higher education playing College this season. Like the popular radio and television series of the 50's, 60's and 70's, the game features two teams of four players each competing to score points to Toss-Up and Bonus questions. The questions cover every conceivable topic from literature, science, history, geography, religion, social sciences, multicultural topics and the arts



to popular culture, sports and current events. College Bowl is organized and administered with the cooperation of the Association of College Unions - International (ACU-I). Our Campus Tournament will be run by the Student Union. Competition at UConn begins with the Campus Tournament to select the Varsity Team. The Campus Tournament is scheduled for November 11, 2007. Our Varsity Team will advance to the Regional Championship Tournament, February 21-24, 2008. The National Championship Tournament, held in late April, features the 15 Regional Champions and a 16th wild-card team. If you've got what it takes, or are curious to see what it's all about, please plan to attend the informational meeting Thursday, October 25, 2007, 7pm-8pm, room 325 in the Student Union. Contact the Campus Coordinator, Colleen Ruppert, at student0547@ad.uconn.edu or call 486-1726 for more information.

Featured Student Organization: Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) is an honor society that recognizes those students who have succeeded in maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA in their first semester through initiation into the UConn chapter. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to "encourage superior academic achievement... to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society." ALD is a national organization that has been in existence since 1924. Since then, ALD has grown to have over 245 chapters and more than 700,000 students have been initiated. The UConn chapter currently has over 900 members and is involved in community service and academic projects both on campus and in the surrounding community.

Alpha Lambda Delta will be hosting PumpkinFest on Friday October 26th from 11a.m.-4p.m. on Fairfield Way. Students can purchase a pumpkin for \$2 and either take it home or leave it to be judged in our carving contest at 4p.m. for a chance to win one of three prize baskets. Those who purchase a pumpkin can enjoy fall themed foods as well! All of the money collected at PumpkinFest will be donated to the Students First Fund. For more information, contact the executive board at uconnald@gmail.com.

Showcase Your Organization or Advisor!

The Currents will be highlighting student organizations and advisors in every issue. If you would like to feature your organization in *The Currents* please send information, such as mission statement, goals, upcoming events, and any pictures to student0516@ad.uconn.edu. If you would like to feature your advisor, e-mail your advisors name to student0516@ad.uconn.edu.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of *The Currents* will be sent out on Friday, November 2nd. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu by noon on Thursday, November 1st.