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"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."
Vince Lombardi

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Represent Your Organization in the Student Organization Center!

The Student Organization Center (SOC) is asking that student organizations design an 11"x17" or 18"x24" poster to be displayed in the SOC (room 218 in the Student Union). The poster should include your organization's name, mission, and contact information as well as any pictures of current members and recent events. Please call the Undergraduate Student Government Office at (860)487-3708 for further information.

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 New York 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: Lindsay Sell

Lindsay Sell is the Assistant Director in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Currently she advises many groups associated with fraternity and sorority life, specifically the Interfraternity Council and its member fraternities. Lindsay says that students can use what they learn outside of the classroom to "make greater and more meaningful connections that will benefit them throughout their lives". She also believes that the connections and relationships built through student involvement enhance and encourage the development of students. Lindsay enjoys advising because it's fun, energizing, and exciting! To others who are considering advising, Lindsay says "While it can sometimes appear daunting to advise a student organization, the time that is put into this endeavor is most definitely worth it. What is gained from this opportunity is far greater than what is put in."



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 9th. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu by noon on Thursday, November 8th.

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.

A Cappella Concert

The UConn a cappella groups on campus will host an event to raise food and money for the local food banks. The concert will take place in Wilbur Cross North Reading Room on Friday, November 2nd and will begin at 7 p.m. The cost of admission will be \$2, or in place you may bring 2 canned goods.

Tunnel of Oppression

The UConn community is welcome to participate in the Tunnel of Oppression. The program has a series of rooms that are designed to propagate knowledge on issues of oppression and it also encourages the participants to reflect upon the questions raised by hatred and ignorance. The participants will be led through by students and professional staff volunteers in groups of 8-10 individuals. The rooms will focus on eight different issues: Disordered eating, racism, Homophobia/Transphobia, Depression/Suicide, Everyday violence against women, Broken Systems, Substance Abuse, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Following the experience, the individuals will participate in a facilitated processing in our "Room of Hope." Also, in addition the counselors from Counseling and Mental Health Services will be available for individual counseling as needed. The experience will last for 45 minutes. This program will take place on Tuesday November 6, from 1-6 pm and Wednesday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-registration for this event is highly recommended. You can contact Missy Korduner at missy.korduner@uconn.edu or (860) 486-3832 for more information.

Featured Student Organization: Nutmeg Yearbook

The Nutmeg Yearbook at the University of Connecticut was established in 1915, and since that time has been responsible for chronicling the events that have had an impact on each graduating classes four years at the university. Every member of each graduating class receives a copy of the Nutmeg, which features everything from individual portraits of the graduating seniors to important highlights of their final year at the university. Nutmeg is funded through a \$3 per semester charge on every students fee bill.

Senior portraits are a vital part of the yearbook and Nutmeg does its best to get as many seniors photographed. This year portraits will be taken from October 29th to November 16th and then again in the spring from February 25th to March 20th. Seniors can sign up at www.ouryear.com and use school code 269.

Yearbooks are mailed to every graduating senior's home address in the late fall following their graduation. Nutmeg can answer any questions about students' yearbooks or portraits by being emailed at nutmegyearbook@gmail.com

We've got the picture!
Schedule your **SENIOR PORTRAIT** sitting NOW!
Portraits will be taken beginning **OCTOBER 29**.
Log on to www.ouryear.com
(UConn code 269)