



# The Currents

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**"Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner."  
Les Brown**

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### "A Dream In Doubt" Film Screening!

Please join the Sikh Student Association as they present the internationally award winning documentary "A Dream In Doubt" on March 20th at the Jorgenson Center for the Performing Arts. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the film will begin at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. There will also be a post screening reception with the filmmakers at 9 p.m. in the Jorgenson Gallery. Seats are limited for the reception! To register for the reception please email [SsaUconn@gmail.com](mailto:SsaUconn@gmail.com). The screening of this documentary is sponsored by the Sikh Student Association, Asian American Cultural Center, Asian American Studies Institute, Connecticut Sikh Association, India Studies Program Department of Sociology and many more. For more information on the film and the trailer visit [www.ADreamInDoubt.org](http://www.ADreamInDoubt.org).

### Law & Business Society Debate

The Law & Business Society will be hosting a debate on Monday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the School of Business Room 211. All majors are welcome! If you have any questions please contact [uconnlawsociety@gmail.com](mailto:uconnlawsociety@gmail.com).

### USG Funding Sessions

Students interested in receiving USG Funding should attend an Informational Session this semester. The USG Funding Team will be happy to answer any of your organization's questions at these meetings. Informational sessions will be held every week from now until April 21<sup>st</sup> on Mondays 2-3 p. m., Tuesdays 2- 3 p.m., Wednesdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Student organization deadlines are March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information about USG Funding please visit [www.usg.uconn.edu](http://www.usg.uconn.edu) or e-mail [usgfundingboard@gmail.com](mailto:usgfundingboard@gmail.com).

### UConnPIRG Annual Hunger Clean Up

UConnPIRG will be having their Annual Hunger Clean Up on Saturday, March 29th. The Hunger Cleanup is a one-day service a-thon, where students volunteer in the community and get friends and family to sponsor them. Volunteers help local agencies meet their urgent needs, while also raising money to help them keep operating.

The money raised from the Hunger Cleanup goes to local, national and international hunger relief organizations.

This is a great opportunity for your organization or group of friends to put together a team of 5 volunteers to get together on Saturday, March 29th and make a difference! To sign up or get more information email [erin.sippel@uconn.edu](mailto:erin.sippel@uconn.edu) or go to [www.hungercleanup.org](http://www.hungercleanup.org).

### Featured Student Organization Advisor:

#### Dr. Willena Kimpson Price

Dr. Willena Kimpson Price is the Director of the H. Fred African American Cultural Center and Adjunct Faculty member on campus. Currently she advises the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, IMPACT Movement, BESOC, and International Caring. Dr. Price says that "Campus involvement is essential for students to reap the full benefits of campus life. Campus involvement gives students the opportunity to

engage in a plethora of programs and events that support and enhance the classroom experience. Involvement in student organizations encourages students to find a balance between their academic and co-curricular commitment." Dr. Price enjoys assisting students in organizational growth and believes that the most rewarding part of being an advisor is playing a part in adding to the richness of the campus life for both students and their organizations. To others considering becoming an advisor Dr Price says "Go for it! Advising is a blast!" Keep up the good work Dr. Price.



### Become a Peer Leadership Instructor (PLI) for Fall 2008!

Peer Leadership Instructors have the unique opportunity to co-facilitate a 1-credit INTD Leadership Seminar course! Enrollment in a 3-credit course will train PLIs on relevant theories and principles of leadership as well as techniques for effective facilitation. Becoming a PLI is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience as veteran student leaders with first-year students and at the same time expand and enhance your leadership skills. Apply NOW! The 'PLI Application' is available online: [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu), click on "Peer Leadership Instructors" or pick up a copy in the Involvement Office in the Student Union Room 302. If you have any questions please contact [Marisa.Sullivan@uconn.edu](mailto:Marisa.Sullivan@uconn.edu). Applications are due **TODAY** March 7th!!!



### Nominations and Applications Now Being Accepted for the DISCOVERY Leadership Programs Series!

This exciting new program is for all students with little to no previous experience with leadership roles or the concepts and principles of leadership at the University. Through this program, students will be provided with an introduction to the University, principles of leadership and involvement, and opportunities to explore and develop their own personal values. This program will provide a series of workshops intentionally and specifically designed for all students. To nominate someone, or to apply please visit [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) and click on "DISCOVERY Leadership Programs Series" on the left.

### Congrats to the UConn Equestrian Team!

The UConn Equestrian Team competes in over 10 shows during the course of the school year. Coming back from a thirty point deficit in October, the team has been showing off their outstanding riding ability and within four shows has nearly tied Brown University for the Region 1 Championships. On Saturday, UConn once again showed off their talent and were Reserve Champion at Connecticut College's home show in Gales Ferry, CT.

The Equestrian Team continues to ride competitively and focused, they bring themselves closer to the goal of full-team admittance to this year's Zone 1 Championships. If they are able to pass Brown University in leader points, they will achieve this goal. The team's last show to qualify for the Regionals in coming up at Johnson & Wales University on March 15th. Up to now, twenty-three Huskies have qualified for Regionals, making them the team with the most riders advancing! On March 29th, Regionals will be held at Mystic Valley Hunt Club in Gales Ferry, CT. Following this competition will be the Zone 1 Finals (April 5th) and then Nationals (May 8-11th), held in Burbank, CA. Questions can be directed to the captains of the Equestrian Team at [robymotoole@gmail.com](mailto:robymotoole@gmail.com) or [kaitmurray@gmail.com](mailto:kaitmurray@gmail.com). Good Luck!

### Featured Student Organization: UConn Surya

UConn Surya is a twenty two member student organization in its fourth year as South Asian fusion dance club. However, since June 2007, UConn Surya has been active as two teams: competitive and noncompetitive. Last semester, UConn Surya attended their first intercollegiate South Asian dance competition on September 1st at Avery Fischer Hall. Recently Surya attended their second competition (Hangama 2008) on February 22nd and won 3rd place in the fusion category! With two competitions under their belt, UConn Surya plans on shifting their focus from competitions to hosting a charity event scheduled for April 11th at the Student Union Ballroom. The event is Dancers for Darfur and will showcase performances by South Asian dance teams from the New England area. All proceeds of the night will be donated to [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org). Surya hopes to raise awareness of the grave situation in Sudan while providing students on campus a chance to culturally explore traditional South Asian dance forms.



### 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](mailto:student0516@ad.uconn.edu). If you would like to feature your advisor, e-mail your advisors name 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 Friday, March 21st. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Connie at [student0516@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0516@ad.uconn.edu) by noon on Thursday, March 20th.

## Have a fun & safe spring break!