



# The Currents

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"Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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### Execute a Successful Officer Transition with a NEW SOLID Workshop!

All outgoing and incoming student organization officers are encouraged to attend the Officer Transition workshop. The workshop's goal is to initiate a productive conversation between existing and incoming officers as well as to provide new student organization leaders with the tools and strategies for successful officer transition. Take the opportunity to evaluate where your group stands now as well as to formulate future goals! Please visit the [SOLID webpage](#) for further information about the location, dates and times of the workshops. Also, be on the look out for E-mail updates with further information about the Officer Transition workshop!



### Law & Business Society Speaker: Sergeant Costa

On Monday April 14th at 6:30 p.m., the Law & Business Society will be hosting a speaker. Sergeant Costa will be speaking on how to be lawful during spring weekend. Students interested should meet in front on the UConn Police Station. All majors are welcome! If you have any questions, please e-mail [uconnlawsociety@gmail.com](mailto:uconnlawsociety@gmail.com)

### Volunteer at Festival on the Green!

Is your organization looking for a fun way to connect with the local community? Have you been searching for an opportunity to fulfill community service hours? Why not consider the Fifth Annual *Festival on the Green*? The Mansfield Downtown Partnership is looking for volunteers to help with the *Festival on the Green*. This event will be Sunday, September 14, 2008, from noon to 5 p.m. in the parking lots of the Storrs Center commercial plazas (behind Starbucks). There are a variety of ways that your organization can help out, from the children's bike parade to the pie-eating contest to clean-up. If you would like to volunteer at the *Festival on the Green* or if you would like additional information about this great community event, please contact Kathleen Paterson at the Mansfield Downtown Partnership at 429-2740 or [patersonkm@mansfieldct.org](mailto:patersonkm@mansfieldct.org).



### Featured Student Organization Advisor: Preston A. Britner

Preston A. Britner is an Associate Professor & Associate Department Head for the Department of Human Development & Family Studies in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Currently he advises Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He believes that skills you learn in student organizations are



applicable to life and can help students develop abilities that they can take with them into any kind of career. Preston enjoys watching the students' energy and creativity. He says that the most rewarding part of being an advisor is "knowing that you are appreciated when the students need a mentor or a sounding board. I don't expect to see members of the Fraternity, or even the officers or President, in my office every week. They are doing a great job on their own. But when there's a question about how to improve the Chapter, then I'm here, and the guys know that - as a past Chapter President from own undergraduate days - I'm willing to offer guidance and support." To other staff members Preston says that it's a great way to remember why it's fun to work at a university community, as well as make a difference and see students outside of the classroom.

### Earth Day Spring Fling 2008

Come celebrate our earth on April 22<sup>nd</sup>! Events will be taking place all day long! From 11 a.m. -2 p. m. on Fairfield Way there will be live music, a local organic cookout for a nominal fee, green technology displays, information booths, green vendors, games, a mountain of sneakers and more! From 7 p.m. -10 p.m enjoy Earth Conscious Night Life! The EcoHusky Student Group will be hosting live music featuring NapLajoy, Lawless Coast, and Hostage Calm. An Eco-Friendly fashion show will proceed. Come dressed in your best hemp, local, or second hand threads! Admission is free and open to the public. Events sponsored by Local Routes and EcoHusky. For more information please visit <http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/earthday2008.htm>.

### Students For Sensible Drug Policy to host Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

On April 15th, at 7 p.m. in Monteith 115, Students For Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) will be hosting the organization Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). LEAP is made up of current and former members of law enforcement who believe the existing drug policies have failed in their intended goals of addressing the problems of crime, drug abuse, addiction, juvenile drug use, stopping the flow of illegal drugs into this country and the internal sale and use of illegal drugs. LEAP believes that by fighting a war on drugs the government has increased the problems of society and made them far worse. A system of regulation rather than prohibition is a less harmful, more ethical and a more effective public policy. For additional information contact Dan Cornelious at [daniel.cornelious\\_jr@uconn.edu](mailto:daniel.cornelious_jr@uconn.edu)

### Want to reach the student body?

Want to reach the students at Uconn? Advertise in the SUBOG Daily Planner, given out the first day students return to Campus. All student groups are eligible to receive a 50% discount on all advertising rates. For information on rates and placing an ad, or for any additional information, visit the website at [www.campusyellowpages.com](http://www.campusyellowpages.com), call 860-523-9909 or 800-825-5364, or email [gary@campusyellowpages.com](mailto:gary@campusyellowpages.com).

### Featured Student Organization: Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP)

VAWPP began in 1980 in response to a violent rape on campus. As part of the Women's Center, VAWPP is grounded in a social justice and feminist perspective and is dedicated to addressing and preventing all forms of sexual violence through education, outreach and advocacy. VAWPP Peer Educators lead workshops that focus on facilitated dialogue exploring the entire continuum of sexual violence, from media images to criminal behavior. Peer educators also organize campus wide educational events, including "Take Back the Night" and "The Clothesline Project". VAWPP also supports the work of the "Men's Project", where 22 men have gathered for 2 hours each week to explore the intersection of masculinity, privilege and violence against women. One theme for the organization is "listening is a revolutionary act." VAWPP hopes to provide spaces on campus to listen to those who have been silenced, and empower others to speak out against injustice. VAWPP invites you, as a member of this community, to do your part to help prevent sexual violence by participating in **Take Back the Night** on April 16th. Walk, listen, and speak with us in solidarity against sexual violence. Survivors are invited to share their stories, poetry, spoken word, music during the Speak Out portion of the evening. 7 p.m.- Rally in the Student Union 8 p.m. - Candlelight Walk across campus 9 p.m - Speak Out, Spoken Word, Sharing in the Student Union (lounge area)



If you are interested in joining the efforts of VAWPP or have any questions about Take Back the Night, please contact Betsy Cracco at [Elizabeth.cracco@uconn.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.cracco@uconn.edu) or visit [www.womenscenter.uconn.edu](http://www.womenscenter.uconn.edu)

### 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, April 17th. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Connie at [student0516@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0516@ad.uconn.edu) by Wednesday, April 15th.