



The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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"Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss,
you'll land among the
stars."
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Advertising Your Organization to Freshmen at Orientation!

During the summer orientation program, the Orientation staff will set up information tables in Buckley Hall, which is where freshmen stay overnight for the two-day program. The staff would like to fill these tables with an abundance of fliers and posters on UConn clubs and organizations to show incoming freshmen all the activities that are available on campus. In order to set the tables up, the Orientation staff will need printed material. If you would like to provide your organizations' fliers, brochures or posters for the "Information Tables," start planning your strategy for producing a flier or brochure now! The staff could use approximately 300 pieces of material. Please do not submit t-shirts, large objects, banners, framed pictures, cups or other materials that you would not want people to walk away with because the table is not supervised. The tables are for printed material that can be taken home by new students. Only materials from University affiliated organizations registered with the University as an official organization will be made available. The Orientation staff will accept fliers or brochures for the Information Table starting May 1st. Please deliver them to the Orientation Office, Room 17, Wilbur Cross Building. All material not picked up by Friday July 10th will be discarded due to the inability to transport and store anything after the orientation program ends. New students are always concerned about the types of activities that happen outside of class. This is a wonderful opportunity to show them the diversity of co-curricular options available on campus and to advertise your organization. Please e-mail Maria A. Sedotti at maria.sedotti@uconn.edu should you have further questions.

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.



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 last issue of the semester will be sent out on Friday, May 2nd. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu by Wednesday, April 30th.

Attention: All Student Organization Officers! Explore the NEW SOLID Officer Transition Workshop

The Officer Transition Workshop is an optional workshop that is designed to address the needs of all incoming and outgoing student organization officers. Attend an hour-long workshop to learn tips on how to best transfer important information to new officers, draft organizational goals, learn about useful resources, and more! The last workshop is scheduled for Wednesday April 30th at 2:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 325. If you are interested in attending, please reply via e-mail to Heather (student0690@ad.uconn.edu) with the number of officers from your organization that plan to attend, and on what date.



4th Annual Club Sports Fun Run

The UConn Club Sports Council will be having their 4th Annual Fun Run on Saturday, May 3rd. The run will be a 5K through the UConn Storrs campus. Check in and registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Student Union Lobby. The Fun Run will begin at 10 a.m. Pre-Registration fee is \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students (\$18 on race day). Proceeds will go to Gaylord Hospital and Tri-County ARC. Medals will be given to 1st - 5th place male and female finishers and additional prizes may be awarded after the race. This event is open to everyone and the first 200 participants will receive a FREE T-Shirt. For more information or to register online please go to www.clubsports.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, call 860-523-9909 or 800-825-5364, or email gary@campusyellowpages.com.

Featured Student Organization: AOD Ambassadors

AOD Ambassadors' mission is not to prevent students from drinking but to help them realize the consequences of drinking in excess. The group hopes to aid students in identifying their own high-risk behaviors and those of their peers, how to manage risks and reduce the potential harm that could stem from these behaviors. AOD Ambassadors produces programs and services that educate students in being accountable for the decisions they make and their actions while drinking.

AOD is looking for Peer Educators. The AOD peer educators are volunteer student leaders who support UConn students in making healthy and responsible choices in regards to alcohol and other drugs. The AOD peer educators are dedicated to raising awareness on campus about issues related drug and alcohol use. The group likes to provide information in a fun and interactive format. By joining you can gain skills in communication, leadership, and public speaking. You can also make a valuable difference in the UConn community! If you are interested in joining please call (860)486-9431.

Featured Student Organization Advisor: Phil Lombardo

Phil Lombardo is a Graduate Assistant in the Math Department. He currently advises the Uconn Capoeira Club. Phil believes that campus involvement and leadership are vital to student success because "it is important and healthy for students to be well-rounded and pursue interests outside of academics. College is also a great time to try new things since the University provides many different opportunities to get involved in something that you would not encounter elsewhere." He enjoys spending time with the students in the club, and also enjoys the fun and relaxing environment. Phil enjoys the chance to practice and learn one of his own interests, and working with other group members. Phil encourages others to become advisors because it is a great way to engage in a balanced lifestyle.

