



The Currents

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"All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual."

Albert Einstein

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Upcoming USG Funding Session: Monday, October 6, 2008

To apply for funding from the USG, your organization **must** be a Registered SOLID Tier II Organization and your COO or CFO must attend a **USG Informational Session** once per academic year.

****Funding packets are always due one week before the session. All sessions are at 6pm in SU 324.****

Feel free to contact the Funding Board Chairperson or the USG Office with any questions at 860-486-3708 or email at info@usg.uconn.edu.

Showcase Your Advisor!

The Currents is looking to highlight exceptional advisors. If you would like to feature your advisor in The Currents please send your advisors name to student0785@ad.uconn.edu.

Journey from the Fall:

The Vietnamese Student Association is hosting a free screening of the film, *Journey from the Fall*, on the aftermath of the Vietnam War. This powerful and historic film depicts the untold story of the Vietnamese refugees who escaped Vietnam by boat, as well as those who remained behind as re-education camp prisoners. The film's writer-director, Ham Tran, will be in attendance to host a Q&A session and to moderate a panel discussion. This event is free and open to the general public. It will be on Sunday, October 12 from 12:00PM-4:00PM in the Student Union Theatre at 11:30AM with refreshments. For any questions, please contact Quynh Tran at phuong-quynh.tran@huskymail.uconn.edu

SHAC Volunteers at Clinic!

The Student Health Advisory Council will be volunteering at a beneficial program on November 4th on the UConn Storrs campus. The Free STD Testing Clinic will be administered in the SU Ballroom from 10:15am-2pm. There will be supplies from The Department of Public Health for 200 people, and testing is free and confidential! There are some instructions for testing, so for more information, please contact Patricia Moriarty at patricia.moriarty@uconn.edu.

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 **2009 Leadership Legacy Experience**. Nominations are being accepted now through October 31, 2008, and you are encouraged to recognize and nominate one or two of your most outstanding undergraduate students today! The Leadership 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 2009 Leadership Legacy Experience cohort will begin their experience in January, 2009. 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.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The seventh issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on October 10, 2008. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Andrea at student0785@ad.uconn.edu by next Thursday.

A Mix of Leadership and Community Outreach: Join HOLDUP!

HOLDUP! is an exciting student-run program out of the Office of Leadership here at UConn. HOLDUP! members teach and mentor local high school students about the **importance and applications of leadership** through fun, interactive workshops. These workshops are custom-designed topics to fit the schools' needs. Joining HOLDUP! is a great way to work on your **presentation and public speaking skills**, or on honing your **program development skills** if presenting is not for you. They are **actively seeking students** for the Spring 2009 semester in all aspects of their program, from presenters to workshop developers to program advertisers and everyone in between. HOLDUP! is opening **their meeting sessions** on **10/27/08** and **11/03/08** for prospective applicants to see how they run their program. Student wishing to attend one of those meetings must **RSVP** their preferred to student0785@ad.uconn.edu by October 17th. Applications are **due** to the Student Union room 302 **on November 4th**. Applications and more information is available online at their website http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/leadership_holdup.html and in the Office of Student Activities, Student Union 302.



The Rock is Back! You may have noticed a rock sitting at the corner of North Hillside Road and Alumni Drive. The rock is to be painted by individuals and student organizations. It was first painted in the 1940s and became a coveted tradition among students. The original rock was removed for construction of the Life Sciences building in 1958, but a portion of it was relocated to North Hillside Drive where it was painted for the next 40 years, then moved to storage after the UConn 200 construction project. During Homecoming, The Rock will officially be welcomed back to campus with a special ceremony. This is a time to learn more about this tradition, hear stories of its past, and paint The Rock. The Rock Ceremony will be on Friday, October 24th from 4-4:30pm at the corner of North Hillside Road and Alumni Drive. After the ceremony, all are invited to the Alumni Center for hot chocolate.

A New Place for Photo Printing and Faxes!

Student Organization can now print photos and make/receive faxes at the Student Union convenience store, the Union Exchange! To print 4"x6" photos with the one-hour service costs \$0.19 each. Photos can only be accessed from a memory card or stick, no CDs or DVDs. Incoming and outgoing faxes are \$0.50 for the first sheet (cover pages are available) and \$0.10 for each sheet after that. This is a great opportunity for student organizations! With any questions, please contact Tracey Roy in the store.

This Month's SOARS luncheon:

This month's SOARS luncheons for Student Organization Advisors will be an overview of the program and important policies for you and the organization you advise. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by 10/3 to Heather Strunk at Heather.Strunk@uconn.edu. This week's luncheon is on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 12pm-1pm in Student Union Room 304A

Tip of the Week: Being an Institutional Rep While Still Being You

Being a student leader is often a 24/7 job. You serve as a campus role model and an institutional representative. But can you still be you? Of course! Keep in mind...

- While you may be able to separate you, the person, from your role as a student leader, others may not see the difference.
- Weighing your answers and actions before you act makes good sense.
- Thinking about the various implications of what you say and do is smart.
- Determining what message you want to send to other students takes forethought.
- Reconciling who you, the individual, are and what you, the student leader, want to convey to your community takes intentional effort.

Once you have gone through these considerations, ensure that your self-identity and student leader-identity complement each other instead of being in conflict. It'll be a much easier year as a result!

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