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**"Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things."**

**Peter F. Drucker**

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## Check out this week's announcements !!!

### Upcoming USG Funding Session:

**Monday, October 20, 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](mailto:info@usg.uconn.edu).

### Become a Peer Leadership Instructor!

Experienced student leaders are invited to apply to become a Peer Leadership Instructor (PLI) for this Spring (2009). Peer Leadership Instructors have the unique opportunity to co-facilitate a 1-credit INTD Leadership Seminar course! They also enroll in a 3-credit course that will train them on relevant theories and principles of leadership as well as techniques for effective facilitation. *This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience as veteran student leaders with first and second year students and, at the same time, gain valuable experience.* APPLY TODAY! 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 Student Union Room 302. Applications are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>! Contact [Marisa.Sullivan@uconn.edu](mailto:Marisa.Sullivan@uconn.edu) with questions.



### Advisor of the Week: Tyson Miller

Tyson Miller advises two groups on campus: Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Phi Lambda Upsilon, a chemistry graduate student group. He believes that students are competitive in the job market only if they can sell themselves as being "the best" at what they do, gained through interaction with peers and faculty in this capacity. His favorite part about advising his student groups is watching students work together to accomplish goals that would be difficult to achieve individually using thoughtful and active leadership. Being an advisor of students, either individual or group, affords him the opportunity to serve as a mentor, which is the most important role he believes he can fulfill in student lives. Tyson believes that to be a successful advisor requires two things: 1) be willing to serve as a mentor, and 2) be willing to strike a balance between student guidance and student freedom. When this happens, students will optimize their opportunities to be successful in their professions.



### Looking for Exceptional Student Leaders!

The University is welcoming faculty and staff to nominate one or two outstanding students as candidates for the **2009 Leadership Legacy Experience**. Nominations are being accepted now through October 31, 2008. The Leadership Legacy Experience is a year-long **leadership enhancement program** that builds on students' legacies as leaders while helping them prepare for lives of commitment beyond graduation. Past experiences have included special **guest speakers, outdoor adventures, outreach/mentoring opportunities** and much more! For more information about this exciting leadership experience and to obtain information/nomination material, please visit [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) and click on "Legacy Experience" on the left.

### Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The ninth issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on October 24, 2008. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Andrea at [student0785@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0785@ad.uconn.edu) by next Thursday.

### 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](mailto:student0785@ad.uconn.edu).

### UConn Senior Class Gift Committee – 2009

The UConn Senior Class Gift Committee shares responsibility for the overall success of the class gift. The Senior Class Gift Committee, under the guidance of the UConn Foundation's Program Director of Constituent Groups, will strategically and creatively solicit UConn seniors to partake in their first act as alumni, as a student today and a Husky forever. Members will gain invaluable experience and can showcase this volunteer leadership position on their resumes. The Class Gift Committee's goals are to attain donor and dollar goals as determined by the Senior Class Gift Committee and UConn Foundation, be representative of all UConn schools and colleges as well as a variety of student organizations, and be willing to commit the time to develop the skills needed to build an organization of volunteers and to manage a complex fundraising project. Members of the Committee will be responsible for making a commitment to personally give to the Senior Class Gift, committing time and energy to complete the overall goal, assisting in determining the beneficiary of the Class Gift, and establishing a creative schedule regarding participation/project/event deadlines.



*Qualified applicants may send a resume by Friday, October 24, 2008 to Kate Wasserman, Program Director of Constituent Groups, University of Connecticut Foundation, [kwasserman@foundation.uconn.edu](mailto:kwasserman@foundation.uconn.edu). We will be accepting between 10 and 15 committee members depending on quality of applicants.*

For more information, please visit [www.sye.uconn.edu](http://www.sye.uconn.edu).

### SUBOG's Homecoming Parade!

Over the past 28 years, the Homecoming Parade has become the most exciting event of the entire year. This year the parade will kick off Homecoming Week and will feature student organization floats, marching units, the UConn Marching Band, and many other exciting sights. It will be at 1:30 this Sunday, October 19th. See <http://www.subog.uconn.edu/> for details.

### Tip of the Week: Carving out Your Character

This leadership position you've taken on requires strength of will, strength of convictions and, most importantly, strength of character. Your values help define you as a leader and as a person. And your character is who you are and how you act, even when no one is looking.

So what'll it be? What is the essence of your character now and what would you like it to be? As you carve out your character, as a person and as a student leader, consider the following:

- **Good Intentions Alone Don't Cut It:** You may have the best of intentions yet, if your multiple promises go unfulfilled, that's what will be remembered. Don't promise so much that you're unable to follow through on your good intentions.
- **You Need to Act:** Wishful thinking and good intentions alone aren't enough. Put them into action. That's what exhibits your true character.
- **Let Your Values Be Your Guide:** If something feels wrong, it probably is—at least for you. Your values have been your guiding force for many years, so don't abandon them now!
- **It's the Big AND the Little Things:** How you act under pressure during major decision periods speaks to your character. So, too, does how you act on an everyday basis. Your character impacts the person you choose to be, when others are around and when no one else is watching.

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