



# The Currents

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**"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."**

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

### Upcoming USG Funding Session:

**Monday, November 3, 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 6:00 p.m. 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).

### 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).

### SUBOG's Homecoming Weekend!

**GAME NIGHT** This year's Annual Lip Sync Competition will be on tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Gampel Pavilion. It's the Homecoming event that UConn students look forward to most! Be a part of a 6,000+ audience and watch the student organizations compete for the 1st place Lip Sync Trophy. It's an evening you're sure to remember for years to come! The Homecoming Football Game, UConn vs. Cincinnati, will be tomorrow at Rentschler Field, East Hartford at noon. What creates more spirit than a Homecoming football game? Watch the UConn Huskies take on Cincinnati, hear the winners of the Alma Mater competition perform at the pre game show, and be introduced to your 2008 Homecoming Royalty Court at halftime. Come and show us your Husky Pride! Be creative – paint up for the Husky Roadshow! Display your school spirit in the most creative way for the Homecoming game. Winners will get front row seats in the student section for the game to be featured on ESPN! This event is open to the entire campus body! See [www.subog.uconn.edu](http://www.subog.uconn.edu) for more details. For ticket information contact the Athletic Ticket Office at (860) 486-2724 or 1-877-AT-UConn.

### 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 Friday 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 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](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) and click on "Legacy Experience" on the left.

### Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The tenth issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on October 31, 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.

### Advisor of the Week: John Tanaka



John Tanaka, an Emeritus Professor in the Chemistry Department, also advises the Pre-Dental Society. He believes that preparation for certain professions is not covered in the formal coursework in an undergraduate curriculum. His favorite part of being an advisor is the opportunity to work with the students and watch them mature. He says the most rewarding part of advising a student group is that it is rewarding to see students succeed. For pre-dental students, it is to share the joy of being accepted into a dental school. John encourages staff and faculty to advise student groups.

### Get Your Org's Photo Taken by Photo Club!

The Photography Club provides basic photography education with anything from basic digital Point-n-Shoot to Digital Single Lens Reflex cameras. They also photograph different events around campus, either for a documentary project or on behalf of some groups. They are currently working on the Inter-UConn Organization & Clubs Project in which they document images (photos) representing each student organization on campus. They create images with your club's characteristics in mind! They do not charge for any photography at this point, because the photos are for the project. If organizations would like to have their events covered by a trained and well equipped photographer, they can participate in the Photography Club's fund raising program for a very low rate. The completed project will be on display in the Student Union Art Gallery until October 31st. The project is Co-Sponsored by Division of Student Activities and SUBOG. Sample images can be seen on: <http://www.mattlinphotos.com/UConnPhotoClub/CooperativeProject.html>. If your club is interested in getting your photo taken and being part of the project, please email [uconnphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:uconnphotoclub@gmail.com) to set up a time and place.

### Ecohusky's Green Week! November 3-7

**Monday:** Energy Conservation Day! Get CFL light bulbs when you trade in your traditional bulbs and stargazing at the observatory at 7 pm. **Tuesday:** Recycling day! If we catch you recycling, you win a prize! **Wednesday:** Wildlife day! a showing of Fern Gulley in the SU Theatre at 7 pm. **Thursday:** Water Conservation day! Take the tap vs. bottle water taste test! **Friday:** Sustainable Food/Living day! EcoGarden tours from 12-4 p.m. **Help us promote a cleaner world!**

### Tip of the Week: A Cohesive Team

Many factors go into the development of a cohesive team...

- **The Behavior Favor:** Respond to your fellow organization members. Your positive approach will gain respect and they'll be much more likely to return the favor.
- **Avoid Cliques:** Nothing breaks down group cohesiveness like cliques. Some folks will become better friends than others, yet get to know others, too.
- **Balance Strengths and Weaknesses:** In solid teams, people complement each other, creating an effective balance. Grab this chance to learn.
- **Create Team Traditions:** Spending so much time together, you'll develop your own unique traditions that reflect your group's special sense of loyalty or quirkiness.
- **Establish Open Lines of Communication:** Develop mutual respect through open, honest sharing. Agree to discuss issues directly rather than behind someone's back. And, follow through.
- **Support One Another:** Your views may differ, but keep an air of support, addressing contentious issues in private. Recognize each other for a job well done.
- **Maintain a Professional Attitude:** Professionals work together to resolve a problem rather than searching for who to blame. Evaluating your own responsibilities and owning up to your mistakes is a sign of a great professional.
- **Be Polite:** Good manners are an important part of any workplace relationship.

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