



# The Currents

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*"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak."*

Epictetus

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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).

### Positions Available at Career Services!

The Department of Career Services has one or two Career Resource Assistant positions available, beginning in the Spring 2009 semester. Career Resource Assistants (CRA's) are students employed as paraprofessionals by the University of Connecticut's Department of Career Services to expand and support the services offered to UConn students. Of the two positions available, one is an event planning position which helps organize the Spring and Fall career fairs. The second position may be filled and will be more of a generalist role, offering assistance as needed, to various program managers within the department. Training will be provided to the CRAs for a 2-day period before the start of the Fall semester and on an ongoing basis throughout the year, which will include career development theory, interpersonal/listening skills, resume writing and interviewing, department resources and programs, and job search strategies. CRAs will be working directly with students, helping make their visit to Career Services easier and more productive. The hands-on experience, combined with the extensive training, will provide the CRAs with a solid foundation from which to build skills that will be invaluable when conducting their own job search. Applicants can find the application on the website [www.studentjobs.uconn.edu](http://www.studentjobs.uconn.edu) and must complete the online process, *and* submit a resume as well. Aspects of the application procedure must be completed no later than Wednesday, November 5, 4 p.m. Candidates will be notified by Friday, November 7 if they are being invited to interview. For more information, please contact Beth Shapiro Settje at [beth.settje@uconn.edu](mailto:beth.settje@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**. Today is the last day to send in your nomination!, and you are encouraged to recognize and nominate one or two of your most outstanding undergraduate students today, or nominate yourself! 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 eleventh issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on November 7, 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: Philip Mannheim

Professor Philip Mannheim, from the Department of Physics is the advisor of the Jewish Students Association. Professor Mannheim believes that campus involvement and leadership provides continuity and institutional memory from year to year as the student body changes. There is not one part of

being an advisor that he dislikes. His favorite part is seeing the students respond to challenges. Professor Mannheim says that every faculty person has commonalities with students and being an advisor is very satisfying for both the faculty and the students.

### 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).

### Mix Leadership and Community Outreach: Join HOLDUP!

HOLDUP! is an exciting student-led 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 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 the program, from presenters to workshop developers to program advertisers and everyone in between. Applications are **due** to the Student Union room 302 **on November 4th, 5:00 p.m.** Applications and more information is available online at their website [http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/leadership\\_holdup.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/leadership_holdup.html) and in the Office of Student Activities, Student Union 302. Please email [student07895@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student07895@ad.uconn.edu) with any questions.



**HOLDUP!**

## GET INVOLVED

### Tip of the Week: The Positives & the Pitfalls

Collaboration can be a challenging and rewarding experience. There are many positive outcomes: working with others, building new relationships, learning other strategies and techniques, and having a lot of fun in the process. While collaboration can be a great experience, be sure to watch out for potential pitfalls:

- **Value One Another:** Partnerships can quickly go wrong if you do not value one another's efforts. The key is to remember that a partnership takes two parties and that each adds value to the project. Strive to share responsibility for some pieces.
- **Discuss Expectations Up Front:** Expectations can differ, which can lead to feelings of inequality of effort because you or they think the other is not contributing enough. Establish deadlines in order to eliminate assumptions that may lead your project astray.
- **Do It for the Right Reasons:** Collaborate for the right reasons. You may be tempted to team up with someone because you think they may give you money. Make sure that your vision matches theirs and that there is equal investment in the project.
- **Show Appreciation:** Often the surest way to derail a partnership is to take others for granted. Appreciation can go a long way to building a strong collaborative team. This means acknowledging the skills and knowledge others bring with them, recognizing their contributions throughout the project, and thanking them for their help once it is complete.

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