



# The Currents

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*"As a general rule the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information."*

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

### Upcoming USG Funding Session:

**Monday, November 17, 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 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).

### Spring 2009 Involvement Fair!

The Spring 2009 Involvement Fair will be on Wednesday, January 28th, from 3-8 p.m. Here is what you need to do to ensure your organization has a table:

- 1) Please visit [http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv\\_fair.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_fair.html) to fill out a **request** form. Requests end on December 4th, 5pm. Please note that Tier II orgs get priority over Tier I organizations.
- 2) Make sure your organization has completed all SOLID training by December 19th. Here is the website for reference: <http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid.html>
- 3) Check your email: We'll communicate with the person who requested a table, so make sure to keep checking your email for confirmations, questions, or other correspondence.
- 4) Make sure you have enough staff and materials to cover the extended time of the fair: from 3-8 p.m.!

If you have any questions, please email Andrea at [student0785@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0785@ad.uconn.edu).

### HuskyTHON!

HuskyTHON is a non-profit student organization that holds fundraising events throughout the year to benefit the Children's Medical Center. One of these great events is the HuskyTHON Pep Rally, which will be on Wednesday, October 12th in the SU from 7-8 p.m. Another great way to get involved with this awesome group is to look for tickets to attend the Annual Pasta Dinner at St. Mark's on the 14th of November, at 6 p.m. Contact Jessica Budnick at [jessica.budnick@uconn.edu](mailto:jessica.budnick@uconn.edu) for any questions and to get involved with HuskyTHON.



### Relay for Life!

Relay For Life is an overnight on-campus walk put on by Colleges Against Cancer in April with entertainment and activities throughout the night. Teams of 8-10 people make an individual goal of raising money for the American Cancer Society. Last year, the Relay had over 700 participants and raised over \$98,000! The Relay For Life Team Captains Rally will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm in the Student Union room 304A. Colleges Against Cancer invites anyone who is interested in forming a team, joining a team, or volunteering at the Relay For Life to attend. At the meeting, team captain's packets with all the information about the Relay For Life at UConn will be distributed. Computers will be available for people to sign up. The actual Relay will be held on April 17th and 18th, 2009 on the CLAS quad. Please visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/uconn> or email [relayforlifeUCONN@gmail.com](mailto:relayforlifeUCONN@gmail.com) for more information.

### Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The twelfth issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on November 14, 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: Steven Park

Steven Park, Manager of the Learning Resource Center and adjunct professor of History at Avery Point is the advisor of the Reformed University Fellowship. Mr. Park says that students who are most likely to succeed are those who are engaged in the campus life of their university and one of the biggest indicators for success in life is leadership among one's peers. He most enjoys interacting with college students and assisting them in navigating around UConn. He says the most rewarding part of being an advisor is to see the students' plans and programs come together. Mr. Park's words of wisdom to faculty are to get involved with one of the many groups at UConn and give the students the support that they need to thrive!



### WorldFest2008!

We hope you can join us this year to celebrate our rich cultural diversity and to show your support to our international community. *UConn Worldfest 2008* will include performances from the UConn Taiko, Albanian dance, Irish Step Dance African Student Association dance, Italian Dance Group, UConn Surya, UConn BAILE, Laotian Dance Team, as well as a Cultural Fashion Show, and international food and beverages that attendees can sample from around the world. There will be African, European, Latin American, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Asian, Middle Eastern, and American samples to enjoy. Many UConn international student organizations will have exhibits as well. This educational and fun event will be held on Saturday November 15, 2008 in the University's Student Union Ballroom, sponsored by the Department of International Services and Programs, the International Relations Association, the Student Union Board of Governors, and the Office of International Affairs. Worldfest 2008 will begin at noon and end at 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome! Admission is free of charge. Dining Services student meal swipes and/or small fee will be charged for food and beverages. Please contact 486-3855 if you have any further questions.

### Tip of the Week: Navigating the Scene

As you begin interacting with more campus administrators, let the following tips guide you:

1. **Search for Common Ground:** Talk about common interest, families, etc. There is so much more to these folks than just their jobs.
2. **Joke Appropriately:** Remember that administrators are people, too, and many like a good laugh!
3. **Don't be Afraid.** You didn't get to this point by holding back. No one is better than the other in this scenario.
4. **Learn About Their School Days:** Many administrators have their roots in student leadership so, ask them about it and let them reflect on those "glory days." You're bound to learn a lot.
5. **Corral Your Own Confidence:** Remember, as a leader on campus, you're a valuable commodity to campus administrators. They can learn from you, just as you can learn from them!
6. **Beware of Self-Fulfillment:** Rather than using good relationships with administrators to advance your own cause, stay true to your organization and your organization's needs.
7. **Remember Names:** Repeat someone's name several times during a conversation to help it stick.
8. **Make Title Distinctions:** Academic "labels" such as "professor" or "doctor" may be more important than you think. Try to make these distinctions and address people appropriately.
9. **Have Faith In Yourself:** Don't minimize your impact or your importance, simply because you may be younger and less experienced than many administrators are.
10. **Start Now:** Get to know administrators now before your time as a student leader is over.

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