



# The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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

### Upcoming USG Funding Session: Monday, April 6, 2009

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 11 a.m. in SU 221.\*\***  
**Funding packets due Monday, March 30, 2009**

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).

### Featured Advisor of the Week: George Gibson!

George, a Professor of Physics, is the advisor for the UConn Ballroom Dance Club and Team. He says that student involvement and leadership are important in the respect that it teaches students lessons such as: raising and managing funds; running major competitions involving hundreds of competitors from around New England; and keeping club members satisfied. He also makes note that the Board often does not get recognition for their achievements but continues to work hard and respond to feedback. George really enjoys learning from the Board members about their expertise in technology, team building and maintaining morale, and the creative ways they deal with the difficulties of running a club. Advising the Ballroom Dance Club and Team rewards George by allowing him to be the continuity to the group and to assist the transition between officer teams. He also gets to learn how to dance! His advice to anyone who is thinking about becoming an advisor is to do it. He says "If you work students in just one setting, like the classroom or office, you really only get to see and know one side of them, and especially the side you expect. When you are involved in a student organization, you become much more aware of their leadership skills, creativity and values that you would not otherwise have known about. You get a much better appreciation of their lives and what they are concerned with."



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## REMINDER CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Reserve Space at the Student Union

Requests for Meeting & Event Space for the  
**Entire 2009 - 2010 Academic Year**  
for Recognized Student Organizations Accepted

**Beginning Monday, 3/30**

Submit requests to:  
Event Services - Student Union Room 106

For More Information Visit:  
[www.studentunion.uconn.edu/reservations](http://www.studentunion.uconn.edu/reservations)



### EcoHusky Presents: Global Warming Outreach, Connecticut's Involvement!

EcoHusky will be welcoming Laura McMillan from the Connecticut Fund for the Environment on **Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 6-7 p.m.** in Student Union Room 304C. Students will be given the opportunity to ask questions immediately following the lecture. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.



### Visit Real Slow Food at the Earth Day Spring Fling!

Real Slow Food is a student-run organization that began in the Fall of 2009. The purpose of Real Slow Food is to foster an improved appreciation for the cultures of food on campus while focusing on local agriculture and sustainability. They achieve this goal through food and beverage tastings, farm tours and participation at the EcoGarden, volunteering at local farms, as well as other events that work towards bridging the gap between people and food. The organization is a synthetic local chapter of the national organizations Slow Food U.S.A. and the Real Food Challenge. In addition to many activities they have already been involved with since their inception, they will have a booth at the **Earth Day Spring Fling on Monday, April 22, 2009**. At the booth they will be offering UConn Gold, the Department of Dining Services harvested honey, in several delicious recipes. On **Thursday, April 23, 2009**, they will be participating in Health Care Day to discuss the positive health and environmental impacts of eating Local and Organic Foods. Come by and check them out!



### 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 advisor's name to [student0886@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0886@ad.uconn.edu).

### Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Spring 2009 semester will be released on **Friday, April 3, 2009**. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at [student0884@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0884@ad.uconn.edu) by **Thursday, April 2, 2009**.

### Rainbow Center Offers Interactive Workshop on Heart Disease!

On **Tuesday, March 31, 2009** the Rainbow Center (Student Union 403) will open its doors to offer the student body an interactive workshop on Heart Disease sponsored by Student Health Services. A nurse practitioner, a personal trainer, and a dietician will be discussing cardiovascular disease, preventive measures, lifestyle changes, and resources. This workshop will run from **12-1 p.m.** and is free to anyone who wishes to attend.

### Greek Week and Order of Omega Co-Host 5k walk for Charity!

On **Sunday, March 29, 2009**, Order of Omega and Greek Week will be co-hosting a walk to benefit the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT. The camp provides terminally ill children with the opportunity to be a kid again for an all expenses paid week. Registration is \$6 and will begin at **11 a.m.** The walk starts at **12 p.m.** at Fairfield Way. For more information about this event, contact **Amy Nelson** at [amy.l.nelson@uconn.edu](mailto:amy.l.nelson@uconn.edu).



### Coffee Hour Series- March- April "Learn about the Cultural Centers"



**Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm at The International Center, Student Union, Room 307**  
Presentations will take place between 2:30pm-3:30pm

**March 25, 2009 - "Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center" Presentation**  
Mavé C. Pérez-Franco, Ph.D. Director

**April 1, 2009 - "Asian American Cultural Center" Presentation**  
Sheila Kucko, Asst. Director

**April 8, 2009 - "Women's Center" Presentation**  
Kathy Fischer, Associate Director

**April 15, 2009 - "African American Cultural Center" Presentation**  
Dr. Willena Kimpson Price, Director

For additional information contact: **Laurie Tompkins** @  
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### Tip of the Week: Tackling Tough Questions

Part of making a positive impression is knowing how to tackle the tough questions directed your way. And they'll likely be flying fast and furious during your time as a student leader! Students will be curious to hear what you have to say—and some may consider it "their job" to test you with some tough questions. You're up for it! In order to tackle tough questions in a quality way, consider the following:

- You're "not just a student with an opinion." When you speak, you may be viewed as a university official through your leadership status
- Students won't trust you if they feel you're just feeding them "the old public relations line." Talk with your advisor about ways to walk this line effectively.
- You're never going to know everything that's thrown your way. So, be gentle with yourself and get comfortable admitting the limitations of your knowledge. Keep learning about campus resources and places to get more info. And don't ever make up answers—that does more harm than good.

From PaperClip Communications, Inc.

"When people talk,  
listen completely.  
Most people never  
listen."

Ernest Hemingway

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