



# 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.\*\***

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).

Or stop by the office (SU Room 219)

### Advisor of the Week: Kevin Lobdell



Kevin Lobdell, who serves as Graduate Assistant in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is an advisor for many organizations on campus such as: Multicultural Greek Council, Order of Omega, and Greek Week Management Team.

He feels that leadership and campus involvement play an important part in a student's success because the experience allows students to get the most out of the college life. He says that these experiences nicely compliment each student's academic experiences and allows them to gain additional valuable skills which will allow student to be successful even after UConn. Kevin advises so many groups because he enjoys working with students who have the drive to make a change and improvements within their organization. He feels that the most reward comes from seeing an organization that has grown and improved over time and sharing the pride students have when they've accomplished what they set out to do. If you're considering becoming an advisor, Kevin has some advice for you. "Anyone who is considering the role of advisor should definitely take advantage of the opportunity. You learn a lot about yourself and grow personally as you develop your own advising style. My advice is to make sure students are in the driver's seat, not you as the advisor. They will need you to interpret some road signs along the way, but it's their journey."

### 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).

### A Minor A Cappella Invitational Concert!

A Minor A Cappella is hosting a musical extravaganza! This is the biggest a cappella concert of its kind, featuring: NYU's Mass Transit, BU's Aural Fixation, Fordham's B-Sides, UVM's Hit Paws, UNH's Alabaster Blue, and of course, UConn's own A Minor! Come out and enjoy a night of great a cappella music for a good cause! The concert will be held **Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room. Admission is \$3 and all proceeds go to UConn's GUARD Dogs and the Katie Bu Memorial Fund.

### UConn Dramatic PAWS and the Writers Guild of America, East Co-Sponsors Special Presentation by Melissa Salmons!

Interested in writing for television? Want to know more about the Writers Guild of America? UConn Dramatic PAWS is pleased to announce that two-time Emmy Award-winning television writer Melissa Salmons will give a special presentation on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Student Union Theatre. The program will cover such topics as: the Writer's Strike of 2007, the emergence of new media, and how to break into writing for television. There will be an open question and answer at the end. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact **Ryan O'Connell** at [ryan.o'connell@uconn.edu](mailto:ryan.o'connell@uconn.edu).

### Sperm Wars: Your Body's Own Soap Opera

The UConn Psychology Club is hosting Ms. Sexuality Speaker Megan Andelloux and her presentation "Sperm Wars" on **Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7 p.m.** in Konover Auditorium in the Dodd Center. For more information, visit the organization's Facebook event at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=59773676049&ref=ts> or the speaker's website at [www.ohmegan.com](http://www.ohmegan.com).

### Deadline for the next issue of *The Currents*

The next issue of the Spring 2009 semester will be released on **Friday, April 10, 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 9, 2009**.

### Get Ready, Get Set, Involvement Fair!

Does your organization want in the Involvement Fair? It's time to start preparing! In order to be accepted into the Involvement Fair, student groups will need to re-register beginning on **Monday, April 13, 2009**. To re-register your organization, visit [http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv\\_fair.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_fair.html) and fill out the form. The Student Activities website will not reflect the changes until July 1, 2009.

Also on **Monday, April 13**, reservations for the fall Involvement Fair will begin. Reservation requests must be received by **Friday, August 14, 2009 at 5 p.m.** to be considered. Any groups that have not completed their SOLID training will be waitlisted. All new executive officers need to complete their respective SOLID workshops by **Sunday, August 30, 2009** for their group to be allowed into the fair.

## GET INVOLVED

### The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites you to participate in the Sixth Annual *Festival on the Green!*

This exciting event will be on **Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 12 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** behind the Storrs Center commercial plazas. Planned activities include musical performances, cooking demos, a Juried Art Show, and a pie eating contest. The day will kick off with the Celebrate Mansfield Parade, which will march down Storrs Road/Route 195 and into the *Festival* grounds. There are many ways in which you and your organization can participate: host an activity booth, volunteer as an individual or with a group, or even march in the Parade! For more information, please contact **Kathleen Paterson** in the Partnership office: 860.429.2740 or [pater-sonkm@mansfieldct.org](mailto:pater-sonkm@mansfieldct.org).



### Coffee Hour Series- 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

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 @ [laurie.tompkins@uconn.edu](mailto:laurie.tompkins@uconn.edu)

### An Evening of Howls!

The UConn Chapter of The Wildlife Society presents "An Evening of Howls" on **Thursday, April 9, from 5-9 p.m.** in Ratcliffe Hick's Arena. The event features Eastern coyote biologist Dr. Jonathon Way and includes a visit from the Wolf Conservation Center and their ambassador wolf, Atka! The presentation is free and open to the public, donations are appreciated. For more information, contact the organization at [uconnwildlife@yahoo.com](mailto:uconnwildlife@yahoo.com).

### Tip of the Week: Aack! What Do I Do?

- **The Question:** When asked a question you're not prepared to answer, it can be awkward. Be honest about what you know and offer to get back to the person who asked. You're knowledgeable so, utilize your resources and refer them. Take responsibility and ensure you're sending them to the right place.
- **Feeling Pressured:** If you're asked to do something you may feel pressured, especially if asked by an administrator or in front of someone. Say you'll get back to them. Later you can talk it over one-on-one, get more information, and agree to do it or gracefully decline.
- **Programming Saves:** Another on the spot moment is when there's a delay in an event, last-minute change or cancellation. Filling a few minutes may seem feasible. But what happens if the presenter/performer cancels or the equipment's absent or not working and you need to cover the whole event? It can be a challenging and daunting task. Depending on the topic or activity, there may be a way to save the day:

- Use what you have
- Utilize resources
- Unearth hidden talent
- Always have a backup plan

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"We are healthy only to the extent that our ideas are humane."

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

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