



# The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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

### Last USG Funding Session:

**Monday, April 20, 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)

### Global Warming Town Hall Meeting Featuring Congressman Joe Courtney!

Come hear Congressman Joe Courtney, Professor Anji Seth, and Professor Phoebe Godfrey speak about the problems surrounding global warming and how individuals and the federal government can be part of the solution. This event is sponsored by: ConnPIRG, Ecohusky, Sophomore Honors Community, Human Rights Institute, Climate Task Force, Geography Department, Office of Environmental Policy, Political Science Department, Women's Center, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department.

### Attention Chief Organization Officers!

You and your advisor are invited to the 2009 Student Organization Advisor Recognition Luncheon. The Department of Student Activities is hosting this luncheon for student organization advisors so please invite your organization's advisor to attend this as a way to recognize them for their dedication and support to your organization. The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009** from **12 p.m.—1p.m.** in the Student Union Ballroom (Room 331). RSVP with your name, your advisor's name, and your organization's name to [heather.strunk@uconn.edu](mailto:heather.strunk@uconn.edu) by **Friday, April 17, 2009**.

### David Mamet's "Oleanna" is coming to UConn!!!

"Oleanna" is a two-character play by David Mamet about the power struggle between a university professor and one of his female students who accuses him of sexual harassment. UConn Dramatic PAWS will be presenting this show on **Friday, April 17th** and **Saturday, April 18th** at **7 p.m.** in the Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, contact director Josh Young at [joshua.young@uconn.edu](mailto:joshua.young@uconn.edu)

### Featured Advisor of the Week: Reda Ammar!



Reda Ammar is the Director of the International Academic Partnerships. He is also a professor and the head of the Science and Engineering Department. Reda enjoys his time advising the Muslim Student Association and the Saudi Student Association. He says that because we are living in a global world, which is well represented at UConn, students should have an opportunity to get to know others from diverse backgrounds. Reda loves working with his students. They've become his extended family and he believes working with these groups fulfills his life-long mission at UConn. The most rewarding part of being an advisor is watching the interaction between student organizations. His advice to anyone who is considering being an advisor is "the faculty advisor is not just having your name to sign some document but it is a real commitment. As an advisor you should spend some of your time with the students, share their joy and their hardship and take the lead in finding solutions for them."

### 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 17, 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 16, 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.



### Battle of the Brains Trivia Competition!

Get your friends together on **Thursday, April 16, 2009** from **7 p.m.—10 p.m.** to battle out a war of the wits. Admission is \$2 per person. E-mail [UConnHC@gmail.com](mailto:UConnHC@gmail.com) with the names of your team members as soon as possible to enter. For more information on this event, visit <http://www.hc.uconn.edu>.



### 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 @  
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### Fun Run Registration Now Online!

Club Sports Council will be hosting the 5th Annual Fun Run on **Sunday, May 3, 2009** from **10 a.m.—11 a.m.** Registration starts at **9 a.m.** in the Student Union Lobby. Costs include: \$10 for students; \$12 for non-students; and race day registration is \$15. Prizes will be given out to the first five male finishes and first five female finishers at 11 a.m. Proceeds will go to Gaylord Rehabilitation Center and Connecticut Sports Foundation. To register, visit <http://www.clubsports.uconn.edu>.



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*"I must follow the people. Am I not their leader?"*

Benjamin Disraeli

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### Tip of the Week: When to Follow, When to Lead

Effective leaders have natural abilities to create and oversee effective groups. However, good leaders also know when it is time to stop leading and start following.

#### Facilitating/Following:

- **Small group discussions:** You should not be the main attraction.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Show people how to resolve their own conflicts rather than doing it for them.
- **Group interactivity:** From icebreakers to role-plays, you're there to show the way.
- **Greater Understanding:** Your role involves facilitating connections between people and increasing their awareness.

#### Leading:

- **Set an example:** If you're on time and prepared for meetings and events, others will follow your lead.
- **Be the first to share:** If you start by sharing something about yourself, others will be more likely to contribute something about themselves.
- **Get control of the situation:** If folks begin to get unruly and disrespectful, you must take strong leadership action and get things back on an even keel.
- **Encourage others to shine:** Don't hog the limelight; your job is to direct the spotlight on others as well. You can lead very well from the backstage!

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