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"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost."

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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. To re-register your organization, visit 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.



Reservations for the fall Involvement Fair have begun! 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.

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/>.



New York Times Journalist Roger Cohen to Visit UConn!

The Undergraduate Student Government will be hosting International Writer-at-Large Roger Cohen. Roger is a world-renown journalist for the New York Times and the International Herald Tribune. He will be speaking on **Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Student Union Theater. For more information, contact honors@uconn.edu.



Gay Parenthood & the Revolution of the Modern Family Lecture!

The Rainbow Center is hosting a presentation of "Gay Parenthood & the Revolution of the Modern Family: An Examination of the Unique Barriers Confronting Gay Adoptive Parents" by Nicholas Arntsen. Scholarly literature and the research data illustrate how the cultural myths and legal restrictions are interconnected and reinforce the social hardships for gay adoptive parents. Recently, the Rainbow Center honored Nicholas with the Distinguished Student Research Award. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 12 p.m.—1:30 p.m.** in the Rainbow Center, **Room 403** in the Student Union. Admission is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to provide their own lunch. For more information, contact the **Rainbow Center** at 486-5821 or rainbowcenter@uconn.edu, or you can visit them online at <http://www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu>.



Agents of Improv Comedy Appreciation Hour!

The Agents of Improv are hosting an hour-long appreciation activity for comedy on **Monday, April 27, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the Student Union Theater. Admission is free and open to the public! For more information, please contact **Michael Badulak** at agentsofimprov@gmail.com or visit <http://agents.uconn.edu>.



Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Spring 2009 semester will be released on **Friday, May 1, 2009**. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by **Thursday, April 30, 2009**.

Featured Advisor of the Week:

Philip Balma

Philip is an Assistant Professor of Italian Literature and Cultural Studies as well as an Italian Language Coordinator in the Modern and Classical Languages Department. He is the advisor for the Italian Club and the "Caffè Italiano" organization. Philip says that involvement and leadership are important for students because it provides them with invaluable opportunities to network with other students they may not otherwise come in contact with. While in college, his experiences as an active student helped shape him into a candidate for Graduate School and opened many doors for him. He enjoys connecting with students and observing the unique variety of people on campus. His opportunity to give back to the students outside of the classroom is what he finds most rewarding as a student organization advisor. His advice to anyone who is considering being an advisor is, "Ask yourself this question: why are you here at the University of Connecticut, why did you choose to spend time in an environment that puts you in constant contact with the leaders of tomorrow? If your answer is that you recognize the fundamental importance of higher education, and that you have a genuine desire to meet new people and have a positive impact on their lives, then you owe it to yourself and the students at UConn to volunteer some of your time and get involved with student organizations."



EcoHusky Sponsors: Give & Go Program!

The University of Connecticut is running a move-out program, "Give & Go." This program will capture gently used materials that would have otherwise been discarded by students vacating the residence halls and donate them to a range of local non-profit organizations and town agencies. In past years, the University has generated an additional 60-80 tons of solid waste during move-out week and this waste carries significant environmental impacts in addition to being socially irresponsible and wasteful. We're looking for lots of volunteers! Volunteers will be responsible for staffing collection locations during the program and logging in donations as they come. We need volunteers from **Tuesday, May 5, 2009 to Sunday, May 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.** Volunteer shifts are in two hour time blocks but we'd encourage you to consider volunteering for multiple blocks if you can! You can sign up to volunteer at: http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co_csd_individual.php. If you are part of a group and group members would like to sign up together, please call **Gina DeVivo-Brassaw** at 486-2806. General inquiries can also be directed to **Jennifer Sayers** at 486-5773.

Tip of the Week: The 4 "P"s of Family Partnerships

Perspective. The tumble of emotions that families with students in school are experiencing may hit them hard. Family dynamics and relationships are bound to change and this fact crystallizes in September and after break periods. Be aware of the possible issues and lend perspectives.

Professionalism. Some families may be under the impression that you are "just another college kid" due to your age and appearance. Let them know who you are as a student, a person and a student leader. Your professionalism will be enhanced by several other things, including:

- Keeping your cool when under fire.
- Dressing the part; a neat, comfortable appearance helps to instill confidence.
- Not making disparaging comments about others.
- Handling emergencies, both big and small, with calm attention.

Patience. Once families realize how knowledgeable and competent you are, they may bombard you with questions. Field these patiently and take a true interest in what they're wondering. Parents and families come to campus because they want to see what college life is all about.

Promises. In order to instill confidence, be truthful with parents. When they ask for your opinion "as one of the students", use this opportunity to express your views about the positive things being done. Don't make promises you can't keep—as this will surely backfire.

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