



It's the end of the semester, graduation is soon, and summer is almost here!

Let's CELEBRATE



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6 Steps to End Violence Against Women

By Betsy Cracco

Stop Using Sexist Language:

- Hold yourself accountable for not using harmful sexist language including:
 - language to refer to women (bitch, slut, etc).
 - euphemisms for sex (hit that, get a piece, etc).
 - homophobic or sexist remarks to insult masculinity (that's gay, fag, you're a girl, etc).
- Learn how language impacts violence against women.

Speak up about Sexist Behaviors and Jokes:

- When you hear attitudes and behaviors that degrade women and promote rape, hear jokes about rape, or hear people blame rape survivors for being assaulted, speak out.
- If you hear anyone you know being disrespectful or abusive to women, do not remain silent about it.
- Do not use jokes or make statements that promote violence against women or blame survivors.
- Learn about how jokes and behaviors promote violence against women.

Create a Climate of Respect:

- Don't fund sexism: Refuse to purchase or display magazines, videos, websites, posters, or music that portrays women or girls in a

sexually degrading, objectifying, or abusive way.

- Learn how media and images can effect violence against women.
- Learn about pornography and how it effects violence against women.

Promote Effective Sexual Communication:

- Learn about sexual consent.
- Promote getting consent through posters, consent condoms, etc.
- Speak to each other about healthy communication.
- Speak up to prevent sexual assaults at parties and gatherings.

Support Rape Survivors:

- Spread the word about how common and serious sexual assault is.
- Learn how to help a friend if s/he is assaulted.
- Learn about the problems and causes of victim blaming.
- Attend the workshop supporting survivors.

Learn about dating violence:

- Learn warning signs of dating violence.
- Learn about healthy relationships.
- Watch out for the warning signs in each other's relationships.
- Know how to get out of unhealthy relationships.



The UConn Women's Center sponsors the Violence Against Women Prevention Program. For more information go to their website at <http://www.womenscenter.uconn.edu/VAWPPP/>

Message from the Director

By Monica Rudzik

Where did the time go? Can it really be that the Student Union has been open for a full academic year already? What a year it has been! We hope you have enjoyed this facility and all the programs and services designed to enhance your time at UConn. For those of you about to graduate, we salute you and hope you will return frequently to visit us.

Just a few weeks ago, a computer randomly selected 3,500 students to receive an electronic survey from us regarding the Student Union. If you received one and completed it, thank you for your feedback. Your opinions matter to us. If you have not yet filled it out, there is still time so please take a few minutes and let us know what you think. I thought it would be interesting to share just a few of the comments you wrote on your surveys, and maybe together we can find ways to address your concerns. Lots of you had plenty to say about food. Here are just a few thoughts:

- Maybe international food can be served some days in the Union Market
- More cultural food nights
- Another sit-down restaurant like Chuck and Augie's or more variety at C&A
- More snack food, like big hot pretzels
- The menu is getting old – let's shake things up a bit to make it interesting

All of these sound like great ideas to me. I'm not sure where we would put another restaurant but we will explore all these possibilities. If it's not feasible to meet your requests in full, maybe there's a way to at least address the intent behind the suggestions. Lots of you also asked about the convenience store and expressed a strong desire to have it opened ASAP. We are very excited that it should be open when you return in the fall. The new manager has been hired, and we are looking forward to the construction to start in the very near future.

You were also loud and clear about the game room! What we have now is certainly not what you (or the staff) want it to be. We are working on a new design for a game room that creates a much better environment with better games, a pool table, and hopefully a small LAN gaming area. We are pretty sure you are going to like what you find in the new facility.

If you are staying on campus this summer, stop by the U and check out our Summer Programs. There will be weekly movies on Wednesday evenings, trips to Six Flags and lots of ice cream to go around while you enjoy some great entertainment. If you have a comment or suggestion, send me an email at monica.rudzik@uconn.edu. I'd love to hear from U.

Midnight Breakfast at the U!

By Colleen Ruppert

Due to an unforeseen maintenance problem, the traditional Sunday night kickoff to finals week was postponed until Monday. UConn's faculty and staff will pull together to help keep this tradition alive. The much deserved Midnight Breakfast will once again be held here in the Union. The ballroom will

serve a traditional breakfast fare. There will also be sampling of some favorites in Union Street Market. You will find entertainment in the lobby and hopefully in the Theatre. Despite a slight setback, Midnight Breakfast can still be a success for our students!



Relax



Play



Laugh



OFSL Expands the Sisterhood on Campus

By Colleen Ruppert

This semester has been a busy one for sororities on UConn's campus. There was the re-establishment of two organizations, Alpha Epsilon Phi and Sigma Gamma Rho, and a third organization, Alpha Phi, was selected to re-establish a chapter here in the fall.

Alpha Epsilon Phi, a national sorority founded in 1909, is dedicated to helping women become the best they can be. The mission of the sorority is to inspire and support exemplary women dedicated to friendship and a lifelong commitment to Alpha Epsilon Phi while building on the vision of their Jewish founders. The sorority was originally founded at UConn in 1944 and was re-established during the spring of 2007. The colors of the sorority are green and white and the flower is the Lily of the Valley. There are two philanthropic causes that the sorority supports: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Sheba Medical Center at Tel

Hashomer, Israel.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was founded on November 12, 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN by seven illustrious women. The seven founders were school teachers; therefore academics and scholarship are viewed highly among the members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Sigma Gamma Rho was originally founded at UConn in 1993 and was re-established during the spring of 2007. Sigma Gamma Rho's aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically. Sigma Gamma Rho is a historically black sorority and is apart of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The colors of Sigma Gamma Rho are royal blue and gold and the flower is the Yellow Tea Rose. Sigma

Gamma Rho's philanthropy is Operation Big Book Bag.

Alpha Phi was founded at Syracuse University on October 10, 1872. Alpha Phi is a membership organization dedicated to promoting, sisterhood, cultivating leadership, encouraging intellectual curiosity and advocating service. Alpha Phi develops character for a lifetime. Alpha Phi was originally founded at UConn in 1944 and will be re-established in the fall of 2007. Alpha Phi seeks the highest ideal of womanhood, and tries to gain this ideal by cultivating not only the power and passion for seeking intellectual development but, also, the spirit of love and charity. The colors of Alpha Phi are silver and bordeaux and the flower is the Lily of the Valley. Alpha Phi's philanthropy is Cardiac Care and Research.

For more information about any of these organizations please visit greeklife.uconn.edu.



Crest
Columns of
Alpha Epsilon Phi

The Alpha Epsilon Phi crest.



The Sigma Gamma Rho crest.



The Alpha Phi crest.

Up All Night Continues

By Colleen Ruppert

We have started a new tradition here in the Student Union. Though originally planned to begin Sunday, due to the same maintenance problem Midnight Breakfast faced, Up All Night will begin Monday. The building will be open 24 hours throughout the week until Friday, May 4th at 2am.

We hope that students will take advantage of using the Student Union for all their final exam preparation needs. They can study, take a nap, take a break, or get a snack. There will be a free refreshment cart offering snacks to students throughout the night.



Spring Egg Hunt

By Colleen Ruppert

On Monday April 9, the Student Union and Student Activities hosted a spring egg hunt. Staff hid over 425 eggs early in the morning, and beginning at 7:00am, students could collect their egg.

Inside each egg was a number that corresponded with a prize. Students

needed a UConn ID to claim a prize, and there was a one prize per student limit. If the egg was opened before the claim was made, that egg was disqualified. A wide variety of prizes were available ranging from the seasonal Peeps to iPod Shuffles.

There are still about 20 unclaimed prizes and some of them are pretty darn sweet. If you still have an egg in your possession, bring it to the Student Union Director's Office and claim your prize.

We look forward to making the egg hunt another annual tradition here at the III



End of the Year Recognition

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Outstanding Greek Scholar

Kristen Basiaga
Andrew Goodell

Outstanding Greek Alumna

Lauren Elliott
William T. Russell III

Outstanding Greek Leader

Victoria Thai
Max Chanoch

Outstanding Campus Advisor

Thomas Szigethy

Outstanding Chapter President

Jenna Tamburro
Chad Rosenberg

Outstanding Staff Member

Dr. Lee Williams

Most Improved Greek Scholar

Kalen Yixin Li
David Coulombe

Emerging Greek Leader

Lisa McCoun
Ross Gionfriddo

Outstanding Greek Volunteer

Kristen Morello
Aaron Silbert

Unsung Hero

Lexia Nowicki
Kyle Kruczek

Outstanding Greek Senior

Kim Hoa Bui
Andrew Callahan

Sorority Woman of the Year:

Alexandra Deeb

Fraternity Man of the Year

Jonathan Ficara

Most Involved Sorority Member

Victoria Thai
Arthur Louis Colon

Sorority of the Year

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Fraternity of the Year

Kappa Sigma

Community Outreach

Student Driver of the Year

Claudia Quintas

Student Leader of the Year

Ryan Notti
*Windham Heights After School
Tutorial Program*

Community Outreach Program of the Year

UConn Homelessness Project

Outstanding Initiative

Chris Krize
Transportation Coordinator

Also, Ross Moran from Community Outreach was selected as one of Peer Education's "Peer Educator of the Year" recipients.

End of the Year Recognition Continued

The Women's Center

Graduating Seniors

Vanessa Agudelo
Chloe Coenen
Amanda David
Alexandra Deeb
Deanne Kopp
Estela López
Brenda Myers
Chandra Waring
Shannon Wong
Jessica Zager
Chandra Zambruno

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2007

School of Pharmacy

Amy Kathryn Kelder

School of Engineering

Danielle McGearry

School of Fine Arts

Alexandra van den Berg

School of Business

Nicole C. Gonzalez

Neag School of Education

Rosalyn Reese

College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Anna C. Brandin

Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture

Rachael Garland

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Meghann LaFountain

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Devika Dhandapani

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Amy VanHeuverzwyn

School of Nursing

Megan Maureen Smith

Graduate School

Rosalina Mendoza

Graduate School

Hashini E. Mohottala

School of Law

Kirsten Springett Paquette Rigney

School of Social Work

Felicia Mosley

100 YEARS OF WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Shahista R. Ramanand
Coordinator

Student Union Board of Governors

The Student Union's Highest Leadership Award: 2007

Thomas E and Alice K AHERN Award Winners

Megan Vesce
Darcey Kane

SUBOG Staff Award

Anna Lugauskas

SUBOG Committees of the Year

Programming - Lecture
Brian Carabello, Chairperson

Non Programming - Public Relations & Info Media

Monisha Gurbani, Chairperson

SUBOG Program of the Year

Wayne Hoffman
*Daytime and Special Events
Committees*

SUBOG also made a special tribute
to Jackie Calkins for her long time
service and support of SUBOG.

Catering

Sharon Kulo has helped in the opening of the Student Union Catering. Sharon is partly responsible for the buffet set ups and adds much of that "extra touch" to the buffets. She is very dedicated and has never called in sick and is always on time!

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See you next year at the U!