



Happy Valentine's Day!

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Greek of the Month

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Jillian is an active member within the sorority as well as on campus. The leadership positions she has held include: 2008 Theta Technology Chair, Huskies away from Home mentor, FYE mentor, and Vice President of Administration for Kappa Alpha Theta.

She is a role model to many of the women in her chapter because of her ambition to succeed. Jillian is committed to her sisters, and with each position she works toward the greater good of the chapter. She is a trusted friend, putting their feelings and faith in high regard, always willing to lend a helping hand to a sister in need. Although her commitment to Theta is strong, she also keeps her priorities straight and is able to do well academically.



www.huskython.uconn.edu

February 21st-22nd

GAMMA

GAMMA's next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 8:30 pm in Beech Hall room 443. Everyone is invited to attend!

GAMMA stands for Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol and is an organization designed to promote healthy decision making in the fraternity and sorority community.

As a new organization, there are many ways to get involved as a leader. Come to our meetings to learn more about how you can be involved

HuskyTHON is just around the corner! All the money raised prior to and during the event goes to Connecticut Children's Medical Center, a Children's Miracle Network affiliate. HuskyTHON was founded in 1998 by the fraternity and sorority life community. It has become a premiere philanthropy event at the University of Connecticut. Many organizations have already started fundraising for the event and will be hosting mini-fundraisers in the coming weeks. Some of these events include a spin-a-thon, where Bodywise will host spinning classes for a \$5.00 entrance fee. In addition, many Greek organizations have put together events, such as Thursday Night Calzones with Delta Chi, Dips with Delta Zeta, Midnight Snacks with Pi Beta Phi, and the list goes on. All the students are putting forth their best efforts in fundraising and helping HuskyTHON meet its highest goal set in the past twelve years! So please come and support HuskyTHON and children who need our help the most! To show your support for HuskyTHON dancers feel free to donate or come and join us the night of the event!



Delta Chi Late Night Calzones
February 5th, 10pm-1am

Delta Chi is serving D.P. Dough calzones to raise money for HuskyTHON for \$3 per person. The event will be held in Husky Village A1. For more information contact Eric Phillips at eric.m.phillips@uconn.edu.



NPHC/SUBOG Step show
February 6th, 7:00pm
Jorgensen

\$5 UConn Student w/ID
 \$10 Non-UConn College Students w/ID
 \$15 General Public

Dips with Delta Zeta
February 9th, 7-9pm
Husky Village

\$3 all you can dip in the Delta Zeta common room. Chips, veggies, fruit and dessert all with a plethora of dipping delights. All proceeds to benefit HuskyTHON. For more information contact Tanya Petronchak at tanya.petronchak@uconn.edu.

Midnight Snack with Pi Beta Phi
February 12th, 10pm-1am
Husky Village

Come help Pi Phi raise money for HuskyTHON. For more information contact Melissa Carleton at melissa.carleton@uconn.edu.

Emerging Leaders
Conference
February 14th, 9:30am-3:30pm

Featuring Dr. Scott Allen and based on his book "Emotionally Intelligent Leadership," this one-day conference is for newly initiated fraternity and sorority members looking to enhance their leadership skills. The book signing will be held from Friday, February 13th from 3-4:30pm in SU 304B.

Northeast Greek
Leadership Association
Conference

February 19 - February 22, 2009
Connecticut Convention Center

Hundreds of fraternity and sorority leaders from the Northeast attend this Annual Meeting each year to participate in three days of workshops, general sessions and idea sharing. There is an award program that recognizes the outstanding efforts of Greek governing councils and celebrates accomplishments as part of this conference.

This year the UConn Greek Life Community is proud to have 32 members attending the conference. For more information about NGLA please visit www.n gla.org

“ Leadership can be thought of as a capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future. ” - Edwin H. Friedman

http://www.wisdomquotes.com/cat_leadership.html



Attention Seniors

February 9th, 2009 is the last day to make up incomplete grades from Fall 2008 or Winter Intersession 2009.

Seniors make sure you stay on track for graduation by completing any incompletes!

February 16th, 2009 is the last day to apply online and submit plans of study for May Commencement!

February 18th-19th, 2009 Class Rings

Come see some of the class ring options available to you! Brought to you by Jostens and Alpha Phi Omega. Check out the Jostens website to preview UConn ring options!

February 24th, 2009 Career Fair For the Common Good
SU Ballroom 12pm - 3pm

The goal of this Fair is to provide a forum where recruiters and students will discuss internships, volunteer opportunities, and full-time or part time employment with human service, non-profit organizations, public services agencies, or social change endeavors.

February 24th, 2009 Senior Trip Information Session

5-6pm Alumni Center, Great Hall

Interested in going to Europe after graduation?

To get more information about the Senior Trip this year please attend the Senior Trip Informational Session and all your questions will be answered!

March 2nd, 2009 Senior Portraits
Alumni Center Lounge 10am - 4:30pm

All seniors get a free copy of the Nutmeg Yearbook. Make sure your photo is included!

For information about scheduling and appointment during one of the dates below visit the Nutmeg Yearbook website.

March 2nd, 2009 Career Fair
Careers in Liberal Arts - Focus on PSYC, SOCI, ANTH, HDF5
CLAS Rm 434 4-5pm



Women of every Panhellenic sorority gathered together on Monday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 4 as a community for UNITE, a new initiative hosted by the Panhellenic Council collaborating with the Women's Center. Both evenings provided an atmosphere of honesty and intensity where women could talk about pertinent issues, ranging from body image and sexual relations to the media's portrayal of women.

Facilitators from the Women's Center opened the evening with media clips depicting some "girl-on-girl" crime, and followed these clips with a discussion pertaining to changing the objectification of the female body. Students then shared their testimonies, putting a face to the harsh words that many hear every day. The evening wrapped up with breakout sessions, dividing the larger group into five sections - allowing for more intense discussions and more personal elaboration. Panhellenic is very excited about UNITE's message and success, and looks forward to sponsoring more events centered around female empowerment in the near future.

T-shirts from this event are available for \$5.00. You can purchase them in the Greek Council Office on the 2nd floor of the Student Union Tuesday 11-1:30pm, Wednesday 12:30-3:30 or Friday 12-2:00pm. Thursday, February 12 Panhellenic asks all women with this shirt to wear it in pride of supporting women.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Book Club

The first fraternity and sorority life book club will kick off with Dr. Scott Allen's book "Emotionally Intelligent Leadership." The book signing is on Friday, February 13th from 3-4:30pm in SU 304B and there will be book discussions held on February 24, March 24, and April 21 from 12-1:00pm. If you are interested in joining the Fraternity and Sorority Life Book Club please contact Kendra at kendra.darigan@uconn.edu by next Wednesday, February 11. Please use the subject line "Fraternity and Sorority Life Book Club" when responding to this opportunity. The first 20 people to email before next Wednesday, February 11 will receive a free book to participate in the book club.



OFSL wants to better meet the needs of seniors, so be on the lookout for a survey coming to all senior members via e-mail soon!



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Don't forget to submit your organization's upcoming events as well as
any updates from past events to

Paige Hottovy, at student0912@ad.uconn.edu.

Send any nominations for Greek of the Month to

Kevin Lobdell at student0642@ad.uconn.edu.

For anyone interested in learning more about Student Affairs there will be a new course offered in Fall 2009. The course is **EDLR 3298: Introduction to Student Affairs: Education Outside the Classroom**. This course has been designed to introduce junior and senior undergraduates with an interest in student affairs to the field's many facets. The course will be offered on Thursdays from 3:30PM-5:30 PM in a 10 week accelerated format. Participants will learn about Student Affairs through a combination of readings, class sessions, projects and experiential learning opportunities. Anyone interested in applying for this class should visit: http://dsa.uconn.edu/undergrad_course.html

2009 Fraternity and Sorority Life
Awards
February 26th at 6pm in
Rome Ballroom

The Men's Project

The second all male-identified Men's Project at UConn will consist of a ten-week intervention that begins Wednesday, February 11, 2009. The program examines issues related to gender socialization, masculinities, privilege, and gender violence prevention. The goal is to train men who will then positively influence their peers by challenging other men to examine their own socialization, and to prevent things like sexual assault and domestic violence.

All men are encouraged to apply, and will be given opportunities to contribute to the Men's Project. Ideal candidates are men who relate well to other men and who are sensitive to issues of violence against women. These men may have many different personalities, but it is essential they be open to collective and collaborative learning.

If you are interested in applying, contact Ryan at Ryan.Barone@uconn.edu or Kenny at kimportant@gmail.com.

Welcome Alpha Phi Alpha & Alpha Kappa Alpha!

The National Pan-Hellenic Council experienced tremendous growth last semester with two organizations returning after a 2-year hiatus. By the end of Fall 2008, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. joined the ranks of the OFSL.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for Black college students, was organized at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, on December 4, 1906. The Kappa Delta Chapter was chartered at the University of Connecticut by a man known as Dr. James Smith on February 8, 1975. The schools under the charted are University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Trinity College. UCONN welcomes the newest brothers of Kappa Delta, Jason Balfour and Harris Agbor, to our greek community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-trained women. The Lambda Tau Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on September 30, 1977 by 12 sophisticated ladies. Lambda Tau, the city-wide chapter of Hartford, CT, encompasses the following colleges and universities: Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Trinity College, University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, and Wesleyan University. The OFSL welcomes the newest members of Lambda Tau, Nicole Edwards, Akina Warner, Zoe Hunter, Areal Allen-Stewart, and Alexandria Butler, to our Greek community.