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The 2006-2007 academic year is proving to be an exciting time here at WestConn. We greeted the new semester with a new academic organization, new colleagues and new facilities — and of course a very promising group of new students. In fact, this group is one of the largest in the university’s history.

Especially exciting is the development of the new School of Visual and Performing Arts, which begins operation this year. Comprised of WCSU’s departments of art, music and music education, and theatre arts, and led by founding dean Dr. Carol Hawkes, the new school will take advantage of the university’s long-standing strength in the arts as well as its location in a region regarded as one of our nation’s prime centers for the arts.

Our new, 800-space Midtown Garage, which opened fully on Oct. 9, has relieved demand for parking.

Most significantly, last semester featured campus-wide discussions on a strategic plan to implement our new institutional vision. Here are some of the comments included in that report:

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Richard A. Stabile ’89

A message from the Alumni Association president

Have you heard about all that’s new at WestConn? This past year has seen many terrific additions, among them the new Westside Campus Center, a 49,000-square-foot student center that opened in January. This building provides a full-service dining facility, cardio-fitness center, ballroom, meeting and conference rooms, student activity space, lounge areas and related campus-life and student-life facilities.

On the Midtown campus, there is the new, 800-car student parking garage, and don’t forget the beautiful state-of-the-art Science Building, which opened last year. Who would have thought that WestConn would one day house so many great facilities?

This past year also was filled with some exciting events. Homecoming 2006 was one of the most memorable in recent years and we hope you will join us for this year’s homecoming scheduled for Oct. 6, 2007. This event is shaping up to be one of the best ever. Before the game, there will be an alumni breakfast in the new Westside Campus Center. There will be live music after the game. Once again, clubs and organizations will sponsor booths, rides and games for the little ones.

I’m delighted to tell you about some exciting new initiatives that involve alumni. WestConn is about to launch an Alumni Mentoring Program, a joint initiative instituted by the Alumni Office and the Career Development Center that will match successful alumni with students interested in their particular field. Please consider participating in this worthy venture. Future alumni will benefit from your expertise! For more information, e-mail Interim Director of Alumni Relations Tammy Hammershoy at hammershoyt@wcsu.edu.

Also, I’d like to leave you with one last thought. Each year, U.S. News and World Report ranks universities and colleges, in part, through their alumni participation in the Annual..." cont’d. on page 15
by Antonia Felicetti-Schachter ’07

In many ways the Danbury Garden Club (DGC), established in 1925, is just what you might think a garden club would be. Among other things, the 90-member organization meets periodically with local nurseries to discuss what’s new in the plant and landscape world. They solicit professional expertise about how to create seasonal floral designs.

But the DGC also has a greater agenda: to provide scholarship opportunities for students interested in plant biology or a related field. This year, the organization created an annual $1,000 scholarship for WestConn sophomores or juniors with a minimum 3.0 grade point average and some degree of financial need. They must also be Connecticut residents.

Alumnus honored for achievement

Alumnus earns prestigious Elie Wiesel prize

by Yvonne Johnson

Before graduating with his Bachelor of Arts from WestConn in May, Tristan Fischl won a prestigious award presented by Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel.

Fischl, a West Redding resident, took third in the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest for his 10-page “Speaking for Themselves: Aphasia and the Poetry of Witness” submission. The essay details Fischl’s effort to share his grandfather’s story after a stroke robbed the elder Fischl of his ability to speak.

“Language was not something I could give to my grandfather, although through me, he could receive his voice. The responsibility to speak for others, likewise, and the ability to perceive stories that echo with his own, is a gift that I have begun to receive through him. I am learning that to speak for another is to let that one speak for herself. The boundaries that exist between what an author can say for another is a boundary confronted within language itself. But there is no boundary which is not also a horizon,” Fischl wrote.

His was one of about 4,000 entries submitted by full-time undergraduate juniors and seniors at accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States for the annual competition. According to The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity Web site, the contest is designed to “challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today’s complex world. Students are encouraged to write thought-provoking personal essays that raise questions, single out issues and are rational arguments for ethical action.” A distinguished committee reviewed the essays and a jury that included Elie Wiesel chose the winners. Wiesel and his wife, who also are Connecticut residents, established the foundation shortly after Wiesel received the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1986 for his literary and human rights activities.

DGC scholarship now offered at WestConn

According to DGC member and scholarship administrator Janice Cernoch, the organization has a tradition of supporting and encouraging the study of plants. In the past, the organization has provided scholarship support to high school students in the Danbury and New Fairfield area. This year, the club has expanded its offerings to

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Navigating the Web to ‘net’ profits for clients

by Sherri Hill

Most people who use the Internet take for granted that if they click on an advertisement, the embedded link will bring them to a related Web site for more information. Clicking on “Want to lower your mortgage payments?” should bring you to the site of a lender, right? But what if something goes wrong and the link takes you someplace else?

That’s exactly the situation 25-year-old Carissa Wilson, a 2002 Ancell School of Business graduate, faced recently as media director at Fosina Marketing Group in Danbury. Wilson, a native of Otisville, N.Y., who earned a degree in Interactive Marketing in only three years at WestConn, is responsible for purchasing large amounts of ad space on Internet sites such as Yahoo, the Weather Channel and MSN. She negotiates contracts worth between a quarter- and a half-million dollars on behalf of more than two dozen of Fosina Marketing Group’s clients, among them Scholastic Inc., Gevalia Kaffe, International Wine Sellers, Gerber Products Co., Harlequin Books, Rodale Publishing, Columbia House, Thompson Cigar and 1-800-Mattress. Purchasing e-mail lists and managing search-engine optimization to place her customers’ names at the top of search results also fall within her realm of responsibilities.

Of course, as the proverbial “middle-man” between the client and the places where she purchases ad space on their behalf, Wilson quickly hears about it when things go wrong on the information superhighway, as they sometimes do.

“Not too long ago, a client wanted to buy some media on the Web,” Wilson explains. “So we executed it and soon after, the president of the company called and told me to check out their ad online. I did, and when I clicked on the ad, the link took me to a site advertising Russian brides. I called the Internet company from which I had purchased the ad and had them fix the link; but when I checked back again, my client’s ad now was linking to another incorrect site. Clearly, they were having technical problems, but that wasn’t my client’s concern — they had paid for an ad and it needed to be right.

“On the third try,” Wilson continues, “the ad was linking to the Web page of a well-known women’s lingerie retailer instead of to my client’s page. Obviously, we won’t be purchasing ad space from that particular Web company any longer,” she says, laughing. “And yes, we are still doing business with our client, who understood it was the provider’s error, not ours.”

Fortunately, incidents like these are relatively rare and Wilson has been able to successfully navigate such challenges while developing and expanding her client list to include more international companies, enabling her to travel to London, Paris and soon, Australia. What makes this part of her work especially interesting, she says, is that the laws governing the contracts are so different.

“There is far more government oversight here than in Europe,” Wilson explains. “The U.S. is stringent about payment terms in the contract and provisions like the Do Not Call List, which until January 2007 did not exist over there.”

While there’s a lot of “legalese” involved in the contracts, Wilson says her boss, President and CEO of Fosina Marketing Group Jim Fosina, prepared her well to look out for potential pitfalls and avoid them.

“It’s funny because I always thought when I was a student at WestConn that I’d be more of an account manager,” Wilson says of her current role at Fosina Marketing. “But I’m really more suited to be a buyer because there’s less hand-holding.” Looking ahead, she says, “In five years, I hope that I’ll have groomed someone to do my job so I can move on to handle larger, international accounts as a buyer.”

These ambitions come as no surprise to WestConn Professor of Marketing Dr. Ronald Drozdenko.

“She was a great student and you can see with some students very early that they have the potential for success,” Drozdenko says. “Carissa showed those signs.”

Fosina couldn’t agree more.

“I’ve had the opportunity to work with Ron Drozdenko for quite some

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Though her first years were spent in her American hometown of Danbury, Dr. Ana Ribeiro recalls vividly her family's move to Portugal, the birth country of both her parents. She was only in second grade at the time, and found herself in the midst of a new milieu, learning through the prism of her ancestral language and discovering her parents' native Portuguese culture.

"We were well-prepared for the move, actually," explains Ribeiro. "My father had emigrated to the States, finishing school in the U.S. Mom's an elementary school teacher. And we'd learned Portuguese at home."

WestConn's signature slogan of "Stay Near, Go Far!" could be rephrased "Return Here, Go Far!" for students like Ana Ribeiro and her sister, Eugenia. After coming back to the United States and graduating from Danbury High School, both young women chose WestConn as the university where they would major in biology with chemistry minors. Both later went on to earn doctorates.

Ana says she and her sister were motivated, focused students — inspired by the example of their smart, hardworking parents.

"I guess a love of math and science runs in our family," Ribeiro muses when asked about her background. "We are doctors and teachers … a lot of 'A' personalities, you might say." She laughs. "To this day, we still haven't found any engineering challenge that my father can't meet."

Ribeiro knows about challenges. She earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in cell and molecular biology at Fordham University. Today, a little more than a decade after graduating from WestConn, Ribeiro is a post-doctoral associate doing important research at the Rockefeller University Laboratory of Neurobiology and Behavior.

WestConn Professor of Biology Dr. Frank Dye recalls Ana as an intelligent, forward-looking student in his classes and labs. "Ana was a delightful student. Very bright and serious — but always cheerful and always curious," Dye says.

Ribeiro credits the positive impact of WestConn's faculty as key to her success in preparing for her career.

"No professor's door was ever closed to us," she remembers. "If you had a question or a problem, you could always call or go in. And except for my parents, who have been my greatest inspiration in life, it's those wonderful professors I had at WestConn who were the role models inspiring me to go as far as possible."

Her progress to date is impressive. Already she has earned dozens of awards, grants and fellowships. She has published extensively in various academic and scientific journals about her work involving brain and sleep physiology as it affects vigilance, arousal, attentiveness and response.

"There are so many facets that come into play when we talk about sleep," she says. "For instance, the role of estrogen and its changing impact during menopause — that has not been well studied. Right now, this is where my work is taking me."

It is detailed and exhaustive research, but her talent, dedication and passion for her work promise significant discoveries with valuable general applications. Dye is quite clear on the subject: "Ana's success doesn't surprise me in the least. I'm very proud that she did her senior research in my lab."

"The instructors at WestConn were some of the best I had throughout my career as a student," says Ribeiro. "Professors like Dr. Dye, Dr. Susan Maskel and Dr. Richard Halliburton — their dedication to teaching science and how to do exacting research was absolute. And now, with the wonderful new Science Building, the state has made a great investment in such work."

A visit to the Science Building last spring during Research Day recalled her own experience as a student mentor. Ribeiro was encouraged by the thoughtful questions she was asked regarding her work, and the variety of topics and challenges the students' own projects addressed.

"They seemed so engaged in what they were doing," Ribeiro recalls, "and respected one another's work as worthy. From what I saw," she says, "the future of science looks very promising at WestConn!"
By Irene Sherlock
For such a young guy, Steven Ortiz ’05 has a long list of firsts next to his name. He’s the first college graduate of his first-generation, proud-to-be American Costa Rican family. First band director at Immaculate High School in Danbury where he teaches drama, music history and music theory to grades 9-12. “I created their first pep band and wrote their first fight song,” he says with a smile.

He’s also the first alumnus — never mind the youngest — to conduct not one but two musical productions at WestConn. “Last year, I did ‘Nine,’ and last fall, ‘The Full Monty.’ The whole orchestra was in costume with flannel shirts and work boots. It was a blast.”

Creating a blast would seem to be part of Ortiz’s modus operandi. It reflects his boundless supply of energy and clearly informs his drive. “I’ve always expected a lot of myself,” Ortiz says. “But that was instilled in me. My parents taught me to see every opportunity that’s presented and take nothing for granted.”

In addition to his duties at Immaculate where he instituted a drum line and jazz band, Ortiz is assistant band director at his other alma mater, Danbury High School, where he teaches brass and arranges music for the marching band. He also gives low brass lessons at Norwalk High School (NHS) and assists fellow alumnus, NHS band director Jeff Smith ’75, ’82.

“Steve is a talented music educator. We’re lucky to have him here,” Smith says. “There’s another first on Ortiz’s list, of which he’s particularly proud. In 2003, he collaborated with the Danbury Portuguese Cultural Center to form a band for area youth. “I was born and raised in Danbury, so this, in part, is a way to give back.”

Perhaps because he was born and bred here, Ortiz had his sights on an out-of-state college. Though he had many acceptances from which to choose, he decided on The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, where he had a full scholarship waiting. His stay at The Citadel was short-lived. “The school was not a good fit for me and it didn’t take very long to figure that out.”

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Not surprisingly, his parents were not at all happy with his decision to leave The Citadel. Ortiz returned to Danbury, now in a quandary about when and where he would pursue college. His choices were limited. Many schools already had begun classes, but WestConn, it turns out, was just about to start.

“I was very lucky in that I ran into (musical arts assistant) Laura Piechota who knew me from WestConn’s Summer Band Camp. I explained my situation and she and Professor Fernando Jimenez worked some magic with the Admissions Office. I was admitted to WestConn the day before classes began.”

It was the home-town school that turned out to be the right fit, after all. Not only did he meet his fiancee at WestConn — fellow music major Mehera Phaiah — he also received excellent music education training. “I was under the impression that a great education costs a fortune. Not true,” Ortiz says. “WestConn’s music faculty, including Professors Marjorie Callaghan, Dan Goble and Wesley Ball, are teachers who excel in their field. They lead by example and helped create the teacher I am today.”

A different kind of educational boot camp than the one Ortiz would have received at The Citadel, perhaps; but WestConn seems to have suited him just fine.

“Steve is a classic example of WestConn’s mission fulfilled,” says Goble, chair of WestConn’s music department. “We gave him access to boundless opportunities and he took full advantage of them. Steve has made us all extremely proud and I know he will continue to do so.”

Ortiz graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education. As a student, he earned a number of awards, including the Grace B. Wheeler Scholarship, the Alumni Association Scholarship, the Kenneth Fryer Scholarship and the prestigious Henry Barnard Award.

Presently, Ortiz is enrolled at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford where he’s pursuing a Master of Music Education in Instrumental Conducting. However, he makes no bones about his loyalties. “I didn’t leave WestConn when I graduated in ’05. I’m still a part of it and always will be.”
Socrates said the unexamined life is not worth living. Tony Zatzick seems to have heard that message loud and clear.

And not so much from Socrates as from his remarkable family, which includes a marriage-and-family-therapist mother and nuclear-physicist-turned-headhunter dad. One of his brothers is a psychiatrist and college professor; another is a professor of organizational behavior. “I’m the black sheep,” he says, smiling. “The artist.”

Painter, musician and sometimes-philosopher Zatzick spent his youth in the lush hills of the Pacific Palisades, but left to become a world traveler. The places he has called “home” are as disparate as Little Rock, Ark., and Provence, France. Each, however, offered its own kind of abundance: fabulous landscapes, a colorful, brand-new-to-him culture.

“I backpacked across Europe and spent time on an archeological dig in Majorca, Spain. It was wonderful.” Zatzick pauses on some vivid recollection. “We found evidence of prehistoric man,” he says.

In the meantime, most members of his high-achieving family were concerned about his, well, future. “I’m sure I seemed directionless,” Zatzick confesses. “Probably it didn’t help that my favorite course in high school had been wood shop. It was my first introduction to art.”

His mother supported his decision to study art. “I had been thinking of a career as a scientist, though, when I started as an undergraduate at the University of California at Santa Cruz. But my stint in Europe changed that.”

In France, he studied at École des Beaux-Arts in Lacoste. “Just being there inspired me to push forward and own it (art) as something I wanted to dedicate my life to.”

Returning to the States, he found himself in Little Rock, “doing some teaching” at the Arkansas Art Center. He made a living with a variety of jobs that required his artistic sensibilities and craft. Also, he began to exhibit his paintings, mostly oils and watercolors. He landed some commissioned work.

By now, though, Zatzick was thinking of graduate school. Earning a master’s would open opportunities to teach in his field and he liked that idea. He’d heard about WestConn’s Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Visual Arts program from its coordinator, Margaret Grimes, who had come to lecture in Arkansas.

“She suggested I consider the school and have a look at its facilities,” Zatzick says. “It seemed like a good fit, so I moved myself and my faithful companion, Duke, an English bulldog, halfway across the county.”

M.F.A. graduate approaches life with an artist’s sensibility

“Mandala,” a painting by Zatzick
Would you consider hosting an alumni reception in your home?

Perhaps you’re an alumnus with fond memories of your days at WestConn. You’ve been meaning to get back to campus for Homecoming –– or for any one of our great events –– but you’ve moved out of town and there are work responsibilities, family commitments, etc.

We know how hectic life can be. That’s why we’re making it easier for you to reconnect with your alma mater, and with your help, bring the news of the university to others in your area.

But we do need your help. Would you consider hosting an alumni reception in your home? If you’ll supply the venue, we’ll contact alumni in your area and work closely with you to prepare for the event. We’ll even supply the food!

The vice president of institutional advancement, the director of alumni relations and WestConn President James W. Schmotter will be on hand to greet guests. Our goal is simple: to reconnect with alumni and spread the news about all the great things going on at WestConn. We’ll bring you up to speed on our terrific programs and tell you about some exciting initiatives that are being instituted on campus. Many of them involve alumni. Also, we’ll answer any questions you may have about your alma mater.

Here’s a great opportunity for you to connect with your fellow alumni. To learn more about serving as a host, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290. 

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We encourage students to apply,” Cernoch said. “The only real qualification is a passion for plant study.”

Through the support of numerous regional and national environmental and ecological organizations, the DGC offers regular programming that focuses on horticulture and the conservation of natural resources and wildlife. The organization also sponsors numerous civic projects, including The News-Times Campership Fund, which provides scholarships for low-income children to attend summer camp, and Wind Over Wings Inc., a nonprofit, wildlife rehabilitation and education center in Clinton, Conn.

During a recent visit, Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences Dr. Thomas Philbrick and his students gave members and friends of the DGC a tour of WestConn’s state-of-the-art Science Building. Philbrick also discussed his research on species’ relationships in water plants conducted in South America. Three students who traveled and studied with him also gave a short presentation to the group.

Visitors explored the observatory, the Weather Center and of course, the greenhouse.

“The group had a particular interest in the greenhouse,” Philbrick said, smiling.

WestConn launches Alumni Mentoring Program

Interested in sharing some of your professional expertise with a WestConn student? Or, maybe you’d be willing to pass on some hard-won advice about a particular field?

If so, we hope you’ll consider participating in WestConn’s new Alumni Mentoring Program, an initiative designed to match successful alumni with students interested in their particular field.

As an alumni mentor, you’ll decide on your level of participation — phone, e-mail or face-to-face meetings with your student. You will determine what works best for you. The goal is that students benefit from your years of experience as they prepare to enter or re-enter the workforce.

The Alumni Mentoring Program is a joint initiative between the Alumni Office and the Career Development Center. For more information about becoming an alumni mentor, please e-mail mentoring@wcsu.edu.

If you would like to nominate a WestConn alumnus, coach or support individual for the Athletic Hall of Fame, you may download a nomination form at the Alumni Relations Web site at www.wcsu.edu/alumni. Please send nomination forms to: WCSU Alumni Office, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. The nomination deadline is April 1, 2007. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290.
Women's soccer hosts NCAA Tournament

Under the tutelage of 10-year Head Coach Joe Mingachos '91, the Colonials capped off another fantastic season in what now has become familiar territory — the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Women's Soccer Tournament.

Add this season's achievements to a growing list of triumphs for Mingachos, who recently was named New England Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

"I am honored to have been chosen by the NSCAA," Mingachos says. "I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to make a living doing something I love."

For the second time in program history, the Colonials won 20 games and finished with an impressive 20-2-1 overall record. Ranked third in the final regular-season NSCAA poll, the Colonials won the Little East Conference (LEC) regular-season title with a perfect 7-0 mark. In addition, they rolled to victory in the LEC Tournament, with 4-0 and 4-2 wins over Rhode Island College and Keene State College, respectively.


This year's team shattered nearly every team record with regard to goals, assists and points in a season. The Colonials also eclipsed the school's mark with 15 shutouts and allowed just 13 total goals in 23 games. The school record for goals allowed was 11, set in 2000.

WestConn's football team finished with a 5-5 overall record and was 2-5 in the highly competitive New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). Eight players were named to the NJAC All-Star Team with freshman quarterback James Williams garnering Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

Men's soccer went 7-8-2 overall and was 2-4-1 in the Little East Conference. Four players were named to the LEC's All-Star Team with senior back Keith Simone named to the First Team.

- Greg Poole took the helm of the women's volleyball program and led the Colonials to an 8-16 overall record. Finishing 4-3 in the league, the team appeared in the LEC Post-Season Tournament, bowing out to Keene State College, 3-0.

- WestConn's field hockey team continues to strengthen its program. In the second season under mentor Danielle McDonnell, WestConn finished 1-14.

- WestConn alumna Stacy Slater '04 returned to her alma mater to head the women's tennis program this past fall. The Colonials went 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the LEC. The team finished fifth at the LEC Tournament.

- The WestConn women's swimming and diving team finished fifth in the Little East Conference Championships, held in December. Under the tutelage of eight-year head coach Jill Cook, the team won 21 of its last 24 dual meets in the past two and a half seasons.

- The recreation and intramurals program at WestConn now includes intramural flag football, and leagues for men and women in basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer. The department also offers noncompetitive activities such as aerobics, sunrise yoga and pilates. For more information about recreation and intramurals at WestConn, contact Amy Proulx at (203) 837-8609.
In the mid-1970s, when Marjorie Echols ’81 enrolled at WestConn, her intention was to take the necessary courses to convert her Registered Nurse degree to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Five years later, the 40-year-old mother of three graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Art instead — and a “third career.”

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Please join us for our WestConn Sweethearts Alumni Dinner Theatre, a Met & Married event, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2007, in Warner Hall on the university’s Midtown campus. Tickets are $45 per person and include dinner and a ticket to the theatre arts department production of “Romeo & Juliet: A Rock and Roll Love Story.”

For more information or to make a reservation, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290.

Sweethearts

Did you & your spouse meet at WestConn?

If so, you’re one of our many couples — our WestConn Sweethearts: Met & Married — and we’re creating a special series just for you! Please e-mail us at alumni@wcsu.edu to find out more.

(top-left): Beth Ann Fetzer with her parents, Neil and Carolyn Wagner, who met while students at WestConn and graduated in the Class of ’52.

Mark your calendars for these alumni events!

March 8-11
50th Biennial MENC Eastern Division Conference
managed by the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA), Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, Conn.

March 9
Music Educators Conference/Alumni Reception
6:15 to 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to WCSU alumni who are attending the CMEA Conference at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Conn. (203) 837-8290.

March 27
Watertown Area Alumni Reception
Call Alumni Office at (203) 837-8290 for details.

April 11
Alumni Association Annual Meeting
5:30 p.m., Warner Hall, Midtown campus.

April 17
West Haven Area Alumni Reception
Call Alumni Office at (203) 837-8290 for details.

April 23
Connect-with-Us Alumni Reception at Cartus Noon luncheon. A reception for WCSU alumni employed at Cartus, 40 Apple Ridge Rd., Danbury.

May 20
Undergraduate Commencement
10:30 a.m., Westside campus.

October 2
Alumni Association Golf Tournament
Call Alumni Office at (203) 837-8290 for details.

Met & Married
by Sherri Hill

Think back, if you can, to the day you arrived
On Midtown, or Westside, with stars in your eyes
Excited to be here for learning — and fun
Unaware that before long, you’d soon find “the one.”

Did a friend fix you up, or was it by chance
A mutual major, showing up at a dance
In a class, or a club or your residence hall
Did you look up, your eyes meet, and then start to fall?

Was it “love at first sight” or “just friends” at the start
Did you go with your brain, or give in to your heart
How long did it take before you two could see
You’d leave here with more than just your degrees.

They say “Changing Lives” is what WestConn will do.
Your marriage, of course, is proof that it’s true.
So tell us about your dear husband or wife,
And how meeting at WestConn affected your life!
Alumni reunion corner


B. (l-r): Regina Campbell O’Hara ’35 and Helen Hathaway Frisbie ’38 at the Golden Circle Luncheon, October 2006.

C. (l-r): Harriet Rosenberg; Ed Rosenberg, WCSU emeritus; John Zamary and John Hammer at the Class of ’61 reunion.

D. Palm Beach Alumni reception: Front (l-r): Carol White Brawley ’53, Linda Svonkin, Patricia Bassriel ’87 Middle (l-r): Mary Jane Newkirk ’54, Alan Svonkin ’53, Charles Farnham ’84, Ron Godward ’80 Rear: Ron Bassriel and President James W. Schmotter


Are you one of a group of alumni who meet on a regular basis? If so, we’d love to hear from you! E-mail alumni@wcsu.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290.
Schmotter (cont’d.)

England’s best small private universities, but with *much more affordable costs.*”

Note the italicized words. These will form the basis for conducting our strategic plan. We will explicate, set goals and assess progress in each of these domains. The importance of these elements is based on the discussions noted above. The planning process will, in a disciplined fashion, keep these areas in mind as we compare ourselves not only to other public universities in the region, but to private peers as well.

This vision has emerged after two years of conversations with WCSU stakeholders. It began with our Values and Vision process in 2004-05 and reflects not only our ambitious aspirations, but also, we believe, a realistic course to differentiate WestConn in the higher education marketplace of New England. It will, in short, continue to increase the value of the degrees held by every one of our alumni. Stay in touch with the campus to keep apace of this exciting journey. It’s yours as well as ours.

New WestConn Alumni Directory project now underway!

The 2007 WestConn Alumni Directory will be the most comprehensive register published to date. We want to make sure you’re included. To update your contact information, visit us at www.wcsu.edu/alumni or e-mail alumni@wcsu.edu.

For a limited time, WestConn alumni will be able to purchase a beautiful, hardbound, library-quality volume of the directory. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290 or e-mail alumni@wcsu.edu.

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Fund. The ranking is based not on the dollar amount, but on the number of people who actually contribute. Won’t you help raise our ranking by making a contribution to your alma mater?

This is only one of the many ways for you to give back to the university. I am confident that once you see and learn about all that is happening on campus, you’ll be eager to contribute to the cause that is WestConn. Hope to see you on campus at one of our events!

Wilson (cont’d.)

time now on the WCSU Advisory Board and I’ve made it a practice to make sure I interview every candidate that Ron personally recommends,” Fosina says. “I have hired many WCSU graduates over the past 10 years and Carissa came highly recommended. I believe the traditional and online marketing curriculums at WCSU prepared her well for the responsibilities and challenges of entering and growing in this marketplace.”

Fosina adds, “We continue to hire WestConn graduates and look forward to more future stars.”

No doubt the trail Wilson has blazed will enable those future WestConn stars to succeed at navigating the Internet, too.

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1930s
Freida Kornttheuer Maxwell '39, a kindergarten teacher, secretary and remedial reading teacher at Horace Hurlburt Elementary School in Weston, is a pianist at ballet classes and a nursery school teacher. She is enjoying her retirement in Salisbury, Conn., by assisting at nursing and rehabilitation centers and spending time with family and friends.

1940s
Marion A. Blake '40 is involved in church and senior activities. She keeps in touch with fellow classmates from the class of 1940 and has fond memories of her four years at what was then Danbury State Teachers College.

Shirley Nevesky Beresin ’46 and her husband, Bernard, are enjoying their retirement in Fairfield, Conn.

Lucy A. Law ’46 and husband, Loren (Bud) W. Kohrs, both graduated from New Milford High School, class of 1942. Both maintain strong ties to WestConn. Bud’s mother, Lorraine Watson ’19, was a graduate of Danbury Normal School.

Edyce D. Horrigan ’48 is enjoying her retirement and spending time with her four grandchildren. Her activities include volunteering at the Danbury Public Library and working at the Vascular Lab at Danbury Hospital, Hospice and the Red Cross.

1950s
Rosabel (Wells) Clark ’50 and husband, Hoyt, are enjoying the cool weather and snow in Franklin, Maine, where they make maple syrup from their own trees.

Katharine (Antey) Philbrick ’51 is enjoying her retirement in Escondido, Calif.

Barbara Moeckel ’54 was featured in an article about her passion for preserving Norfolk’s printed history through scrap booking, a project she has been working on since 1989.

Lois (Miller) Stephens ’54 and husband, Ralph, continue to enjoy retirement in Reno, Nev. They have a granddaughter at Pepperdine University.

Herman Anderson ’55 and his wife, Ann, are enjoying their nine grandchildren, traveling, reading, golf and the Brooklyn Dodgers. He had a great time at his 50th class reunion in fall 2005.

Janet R. (Pane) Loya ’57 & ’89 works for Hospice in the Healing Hearts Center for Grieving Children and Families where she does grief and divorce support group facilitation with children.

1960s
Myrna Campbell ’60 and husband, Barry Spencer ’63, are enjoying retirement at home in Meriden, Conn.

Frank Dye ’63 started his 40th year on the WCSU faculty this past fall. He and his wife, Kathleen Maucks-Dye ’65, have two children who graduated from WestConn: a son, John ’92, who received a B.A. in graphic design/illustration and a daughter, Kathleen ’02, who received a B.A. in biology.

Susan (Storr) Andrews ’64 welcomed granddaughter Elena Storr Schongalla on Oct. 6, 2006.

Helen (Hughes) Hamm ’64 retired from teaching and is enjoying retirement at home in Fairfield, Conn.

Bernadette (Kernicky) Ganio ’65 retired from the Bethel Board of Education and is enjoying retirement at home in Danbury.

Kathleen Keating ’65 just moved into a new home in Waterbury after living in her parents’ home for 60 years.

Ruth A. Lewis ’65 is enjoying retirement at home in Danbury.

Sharon (Hunt) ’66 and Darrell Haley ’76 are enjoying their retirement in Pawling, N.Y.

Ted Johnson ’66 retired in June 2005 after 39 years as a school site administrator for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is enjoying his three grandchildren, golfing and traveling.

Marie (Gilberti) Troha ’66, ’69, ’77 retired from Brewster Central School District in 1988 after teaching for more than 20 years. She spends her winters in Juno Beach, Fla., and summers in Brewster, N.Y. In between, she spends time with her son, John Troha ’78, and his family in Boulder, Colo., and in Gainesville, Fla., with her son, Richard, and his family. She loves to travel and take photos.

Mary B. (King) Gerrity ’69 retired from teaching in Naugatuck in 2001 and now is working at Sea World in Orlando, Fla.

Joseph J. Horvath ’60 is enjoying his retirement in Bridgeport, Conn.

Marna Mutrah ’69 is the director of pupil personnel for Regional School District #16.

1970s
Barbara Schancupp ’70 retired from the State of Connecticut and lives in Danbury.

Kerry McKeever ’72 is the associate dean of the College at SUNY Geneseo after 15 years with the University of Idaho department of English.

Anne Radak-Golder ’73 is enjoying retirement at home with her husband, William, in Pawling, N.Y.

Edward ’75 and Rozalia (Kozziupa) Dickman ’76 have three children who have become teachers: Kathryn – pre-K, Eddie – physical education, and John – math/physics.

Sharon Barbara (Henderson) Girard ’76 just completed her term as president of the Hartford Chapter Connecticut State Music Teachers Association and has been a teacher for 30 years. She recently celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary with husband, Lawrence.

Shirley (Costa) Dearstyn ’78 retired as a librarian in October. She is enjoying her retirement at home in Sharon, Conn.

Brenda Fegley ’78 received a 25-year Service Award in Nursing at Ashlar of Newtown.

1980s
JoAnn Sardo ’80 opened her own business in 2006, a digital photo processing center in Southbury, Conn., called In A Snap Photo.

Jean (Rieder) Irving ’82 is still working as a nurse at age 70. She is self-employed as a nurse delegate R.N. in Washington state.

Victoria Beattie ’86 is transferring to southern Sudan after serving 17 years as an R.N. in Zambia. She will be part of the Rebuilding Southern Sudan Church and Nation project and will be involved in training community health workers.

Alice E. Halpine ’86 is enjoying her retirement at home in Southbury, Conn.

Joel Gomes ’87 is working at the Grade Opportunity School for middle school students that have not advanced to high school. All classes are conducted online with laptops, data projectors and Smartboards.

Ellen (Ouellette) Van Olden ’87 is enjoying being a full-time mom. She is an elementary/middle school volleyball coach, president-elect of the Parents Association at The Day School at Coral Spring and a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

1990s
Patricia A. (Murtagh) Dowling ’90 recently purchased a new home in New Milford. She works as a psychotherapist, R.N. and hypnotherapist. She is expecting her seventh grandchild and enjoyed a trip to Paris in the fall.

Douglas J. Leonard ’90 was named vice president of sales for Ceridian, a leader in managed human resource outsourcing solutions. Leonard, a Danbury native, currently lives in Burlington, Conn.

Susanne Snearly ’90 was named to the Board of Editors of the Connecticut Family Lawyer, elected president of the Waterbury Bar Association and to the Board of Governors for the Connecticut Bar Association. She is planning her wedding to Robert J. Cartoceti, a former member of the CSU Board of Trustees.

Diane (Bruder) Banks ’91 completed her master’s degree at the University of Akron in 2004 and is pursuing a Ph.D. there in Public Administration.

Vera “Vicki” Barrett ’91 is enjoying her retirement in Springfield, Mo.

Joe Mingachos ’91, WestConn’s women’s soccer head coach, was named National Soccer Coaches Association of America New England Coach of the Year in November. Mingachos, who recently completed his 10th year, has a career record of 169-35-15. He and the Colonials went 20-2-1 this past fall, captured the Little East Conference regular-season and tournament championships and made their sixth NCAA Tournament appearance.
Karen (Adams) Mockler ’92 moved to Corvallis, Ore., in June 2006 with her husband and daughters Mirabella Rose, 4, and Leah Marie, 2. She is expecting a son in March.

Jennifer Jill (Martin) Trisele ’92 is the project architect and designer of the new Easter Seals Child Care Center in Waterbury, Conn.

Christopher Paige ’93, a major in the U.S. Air Force, won the Katz-Marion Award in September 2006. This award, presented to an individual who has had a positive impact on flight transport nursing on a global scale, is given by the Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association, a civilian group that encompasses the entire community of flight nurses.

Isabella (Sousa) Teixeira ’94 owns Douro Granite & Marble, LLC. She is raising four children, ages 2-10.

Dennis Cimmino ’95 has been teaching at Cypress Creek High School in Orlando, Fla. He married his wife, Lisa, on Valentine’s Day 2006.

Andrew Santamauro ’96 was ordained a Franciscan friar-priest in 2004. He is assigned to his parish, St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, in Jonesboro, Ga.

Scott Clayton ’97 recently was named assistant principal at Newtown High School in Newtown, Conn.

David J. Kozlowski ’99 recently graduated from St. John’s University School of Law and will begin clerking for a bankruptcy judge in Rochester, N.Y., after taking the bar exam. He also is planning to wed Suzanne Hereth.

2000s

Brett William Duchon ’00 has been director of choirs, general music teacher and musical theatre director at Stafford Middle School in Stafford Springs, Conn., for the past five years. While there, he has developed the Stage and Select Choir program to national ranking. His group has competed across the East Coast and has won six first-place awards, one second-place award, one Outstanding Section award, eight Outstanding Soloist awards, and were the Overall Grand Vocal in Williamsburg, Va., in May 2005. Duchon lives in Holyoke, Mass., with wife, AnnMarie.

O’Neil Palmer ’00 recently moved from New Britain, Conn., to Norman, Okla.

Nina Rezvan ’00 is a home loan consultant for Countrywide Home Loans and was Top Producer/2005 Rookie of the Year in Southport, Conn.

Daniel E. Pagliaro ’02 is attending Naval Postgraduate School and anticipates graduating in March 2008 with a Master’s of Science in Dynamic Meteorology.

Emile Mark Waite ’02 is enjoying retirement at home in Newtown, Conn.

Apur Borda ’03 recently moved from Danbury, Conn., to Jaipur, India.

David Zavarelli ’05 was hired at Edward Jones as an investment representative.

Samantha Kulish ’06 teaches kindergarten in Norwalk. In October, she participated in WestConn’s highly successful ghost tours, after which she was invited to take part in Danbury’s first Tellabration for Storytelling at the Danbury Library.

Katie Anne Raymond ’06 has released her first book, “Found in the Garage: A Collection of Writings, Musings and Way Too Many Opinions.”

And baby makes …

Stephanie (Cinque) ’02 and Tim Mcinerney announce the birth of their son, Chase Joseph, on August 27, 2006.

Eileen and Tom Delahanty ’85 announce the birth of their son, James Thomas, on June 21, 2006. He joins sister Nora Eileen, 2.

Alicia (DeLibro) ’89 and Mark Landy announce the birth of their son, Brett Anthony Robert, born on Sept. 23, 2006. He joins brother Kai and sister Ella.

Nicole (Ducham) ’01 and Matthew Jason announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on Feb. 18, 2006.

Genene (Kelly) ’99 and Brian Morehouse ’98 announce the birth of their son, Matthew, on April 8, 2006. He joins brother Daniel, 2.

Christine (Maleski) ’89 and James Clandrilelo announce the birth of their son, Charles Anthony, on Feb. 6, 2006.

Wedding bells …

Kimberly Capellaro ’02 and Thomas Lemak ’01

Melissa Grossman ’04 and Scott Rockafellow

Nancy Petcavage ’87 and Richard Setzler

Sarah Phillips ’05 and Joshua Doutney

Megan Webb and Joshua Shaw ’01

Jaclynn Snopkoski ’02 and Reid Mason

in memoriam …

Eleanor Allison ’72, Palmetto, Fla., August 2005

Ilene Calish Betts ’69, Westport, Conn., May 2006

Mary Bracken ’30, Watertown, Conn.

Martin J. Carr ’64, Ridgefield, Conn., August 2006

Russ P. Chicatell ’39, Stamford, Conn., June 2006

Mary Ciaburri ’53, Branford, Conn.

Lori Denihan ’91, Woodbury, Conn.

Mary Dunlap Donaldson ’72, Woodbury, Conn., October 2006

Mary Duncan ’67, Hawthorne, N.Y.

Alice Edwards ’31, Torrington, Conn.

Raymond Edwards ’76, Milford, Conn.

Alice Merwin Fales ’98, West Redding, Conn., September 2006

Barbara Fox ’38, Phoenix, Ariz., March 2006

Kelley Hudson ’85, Seymour, Conn.

Ruth Kelley ’21, New Canaan, Conn., August 2006

Douglas Kelly ’79, Mercer Island, Wash., October 2006

Margaret LeGolvan ’70, Boulder, Colo.

June L. Libbey ’39, Middlebury, Conn., December 2005

Mary A. “Mollie” McKone ’39, Canaan, Conn., November 2006

Gary William Morgan ’80, Waterbury, Conn., October 2006

Emma Morrison ’52, Ivoryton, Conn., April 2006

Nancy Anne Mortimer ’68, Newtown, Conn., October 2006

James Natale ’54, Gales Ferry, Conn., October 2006

Elaine D. NeJame ’49, Bethel, Conn., April 2006

Ruth C. Patti ’69, Bethel, Conn., June 2006

Florence Rassu ’59, East Hartford, Conn., June 2005

Richard A. Strumolo ’47, Woodbury, Conn., July 2006

Jessie Tripp ’26, Jupiter, Fla.

Jacqueline White ’89, Riverside, R.I., June 2006

Gail Whittemore (Wright) Petela ’61, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2006

Mary Wilson ’82, Katonah, N.Y.
Calendar of events

February 26
Harlem Globetrotters
7 p.m., O’Neill Center, Westside campus.
Tickets: $23 to $81. (203) 837-8499.

March 1,2,3, 8,9,10
Theatre production - “Romeo & Juliet: A Rock and Roll Love Story”
7:30 opening night, all other nights 8 p.m., Berkshire Theatre, Midtown campus. Cost. Box Office: (203) 837-8732.

March 5
Women’s History Quilt Project
featuring a display of quilts from Danbury Historical Society, area senior and community centers, the AIDS quilt and more! 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Haas Library, Midtown campus. (203) 837-8486.

March 7
Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble
8 p.m., Ives Concert Hall, Midtown campus. (203) 837-8486.

March 13-14
Sesame Street Live
10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., O’Neill Center, Westside campus. Cost. (203) 837-8499.

April 26-28
Jazz Fest
Ives Concert Hall, White Hall, Midtown campus. Cost. (203) 837-8499.

May 5
Twenty-First Annual University Ball
honoring “Deno” and Marie Macricostas, 7 p.m., WCSU Westside Campus Center Grand Ballroom. Black Tie. Cost. (203) 837-8298.

May 20
Undergraduate Commencement
10:30 a.m., Westside campus.

Attention business owners:
Do you participate in the WCSU-Save Program? The WestConn Alumni Association serves 25,000 members — 12,000 of whom live locally. Alumni who carry the WCSU Alumni Association card receive discounts at businesses throughout the region. If you’d like to increase your business by offering discounts to alumni cardholders, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290 or get details at www.wcsu.edu/alumni.

Zatzick (cont’d.)

Not only did Zatzick graduate from WestConn in May 2004, he also received the Master of Fine Arts Award that year. Presently, he is the M.F.A. assistant at WestConn.

When not attending to his WestConn duties, Zatzick paints and draws in his studio in Washington, Conn. He works mostly in watercolor, acrylic and charcoal, but says his medium is likely to change.

“I don’t discriminate,” he says. “As an artist, I think you need to have that flexibility. I am somewhat shocked when someone says I am a water colorist (only). What does that mean? I think you limit your potential for expression and power by excluding all the rest.”

For more information about Zatzick, visit his Web site at www.tonyzatzick.com.
WestConn’s marketplace

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Marketplace order form

Name ____________________________
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Daytime phone no. w/ area code ____________ E-mail address ____________________________
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Homecoming 2006

A. The new king and queen are crowned at Homecoming 2006. Pictured (l-r): President James W. Schmotter, Jose Santiago, Taisha Rivera, Lois Heckler ’61 and William Weiss ’61.

B. (l-r): Head Women’s Softball Coach Heather Stone ’94 with her daughter, MacQuarrie, 3, and Shelby Neverisky ’94.

C. (l-r): President Schmotter, Alumni Offensive Player Jeff Ward and Alumni Association (AA) President Rich Stabile ’89.

D. AA board member Jan Maria Jaugus '75, '81 (left) and her family at the Alumni & Friends Circle rededication.

E. Alumni Defensive Player Kevin Marchant and President Schmotter.

F. AA board member Monica Perry ’04 (right) hands out megaphones at the game.

Address Service Requested

Parents: If the address label lists a son or daughter who no longer lives at this address, please notify the The Office of Alumni Relations of the correct address. Send to: The Office of Alumni Relations, WCSU, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810 or e-mail alumni@wcsu.edu.