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As Western Connecticut State University held its 108th Commencement ceremony in May, there was much evidence that we’re making great strides in educating our students for the complex challenges they’ll face as citizens of the 21st century. Today’s students must go beyond the mastery of soon-to-be obsolete textbooks; they must become active participants in learning experiences broad enough to pose questions as well as to yield answers. Here are some of the ways in which WestConn encourages students to do just that.

At the second annual WestConn Research Day, student seminars and more than 60 student poster presentations were evaluated by volunteer alumni judges. Prominent science journalist John Horgan gave the keynote address. Most research projects were completed by undergraduates in disciplines ranging from chemistry to psychology to nursing to music. The enthusiasm was palpable in the halls of our new Science Building as faculty encouraged students to make the most of what for many was an introduction to the research process. This kind of invaluable learning experience is typical of what is offered at the country’s top private universities, and I’m happy to report it’s the kind of experience we are offering at WestConn.

Another example of active learning was evident at an April conference on immigration organized by senior social work majors. This daylong program featured a keynote address by Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and offered workshops with city officials and members of Danbury’s immigrant community. The debate on the controversial issues surrounding immigration was handled with...

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I want to express my sincerest thanks to all of you who elected me to be the new president of WestConn’s Alumni Association.

As a WestConn student, I was an active member of the Student Government Association and participated in athletics as well as in several clubs and organizations. I have fond memories of WestConn, and this has made my reinvovement with the university that much more rewarding. The faces have changed over the years, but the people associated with this university continue to be warm, enthusiastic and always eager to help.

Both the Alumni Association and the WestConn community at large have experienced tremendous growth in recent years. Together we celebrate a mutual success due in large part to the support and contributions of our alumni. I urge all of you to become more familiar with the university and to participate in its growth, traditions and outreach.

You may want to start by taking a stroll through the Midtown campus where you will no doubt be delighted and surprised by the wonderful changes that have occurred during the past decade. Those who have not been on campus in a while will be amazed by our vibrant new look, as well as how much we’ve grown! WestConn now offers some of the most architecturally interesting and technologically advanced buildings in Connecticut. And having made the tour, I hope you’ll decide to join me at some of the many educational, cultural and sporting events open throughout the year to you and your family.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors and the entire Alumni Relations team are here to encourage and support your relationship with your alma mater. Give us a call, stop by at an event or just send us an e-mail to let us know how you’re doing. We are here to help you reconnect with your university in any way we can.
The Alumni Association provided $11,000 in scholarships to WestConn students at this year’s honors ceremonies.

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Benefits include an annual invitation to an exclusive donor event specifically designed for members of the President’s Club, also special invitations to exclusive WestConn events and to the VIP receptions preceding these events.

“We have much going for us: outstanding faculty, outstanding programs like those which will comprise our new School of Visual and Performing Arts, a steadily improving physical plant and excellent educational technology,” Schmotter said. “With your help and the help of others, wonderful things are happening at this university, but we’ve only just begun to realize our potential.”

For information about how you may join WestConn’s President’s Club, call (203) 837-8279.

The President’s Club
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Student honors for achievements

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Alumni Association Awards also were presented to students in the School of Professional Studies. They include (l-r): Beth Quinn, winner of the May Sherwood Scholarship; Kathryn Kupchik; Megan Brunelli; and Nicole Perry (not pictured). Also present were Alumni Association Board members (l-r): Tom Crucitti ’69, Gordon Hallas ’90, Kay Schreiber ’79, Sharon Fusco ’67 and Virginia Crowley ’69, ’74.

Barnard Scholars

Stephanie O’Brien ’06

Cheryl Haller ’06
Collaboration with senior living community a success

By Sherri Hill

Thanks to a new partnership between WestConn and Ridgefield Crossings, a senior living community with independent and assisted-living style apartments, area residents can expand their knowledge about a variety of topics in classes taught by WestConn professors, in Ridgefield, for free.

Interested in local history? How about theater or music? Want to learn about another religion or find out what lives in the crevices of the stone walls that surround your yard? Then Ridgefield Crossings University (RCU) is the place to be for monthly seminars on these and a wide variety of topics.

RCU is the result of a proposal by 86-year-old Ridgefield Crossings resident and former dean of the WestConn Ancell School of Business (ASB) Dr. Al Stewart. Stewart taught business and marketing courses at WestConn for many years after his retirement from Union Carbide; he also served two stints as interim ASB dean. A resident of Ridgefield Crossings for about a year, Stewart chairs the resident council and proposed the creation of a continuing education series in the community.

According to Ridgefield Crossings Director of Community Relations Sara Bilik, the rest of the resident council embraced the idea wholeheartedly, so she and Stewart called WestConn. Bilik described the residents at Ridgefield Crossings as highly educated and deeply committed to ongoing learning. She said the idea that WestConn would share its professors and students with the seniors living there was an instant hit. It also made perfect sense to invite the rest of the community to benefit from the partnership.

“We see this as a unique opportunity for seniors and others who live in the area to enjoy topical seminars given by WestConn’s outstanding academic faculty,” Bilik said.

“Ridgefield Crossings and WestConn plan to continue this partnership, ensuring that these terrific lectures remain available — at no cost — to our neighbors of all ages.”

For information about lecture dates and topics, call the Office of University Relations at (203) 837-8486 or visit the WestConn Web site at www.wcsu.edu/news/events/events.asp.

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Heroes

By Sherri Hill

When Danbury resident Daryle Dennis was a boy, he had several sports heroes, as most boys do. Born and raised in Nebraska, he looked close to home for inspiration.

“I grew up in Omaha, so my heroes were Gayle Sayers, who went to Omaha High School and played for the Chicago Bears; and Bob Gibson, who was born in Omaha and went on to pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals,” Dennis says.

Dennis was 10 years old when Sayers scored the rookie record of 22 touchdowns and 132 points as a halfback in the National Football League. At about the same time, Gibson pitched his way to two World Series Most Valuable Player titles, in 1964 and ’67.

When it came to finding role models, Dennis stayed close to home, too. “My parents were a big influence on me,” he says. “They both were very involved in the community and I have tried to continue that.”

By the time he was in high school, Dennis lived in Willingboro, N.J., where his father ran a job-training site to assist un- and under-employed workers. A successful athlete, Dennis was recruited to play football at several colleges, including WestConn.

Initially an accounting major, Dennis switched to justice and law administration after becoming interested in law enforcement as a result of a security job at Danbury Hospital. An injury at football practice forced Dennis off the field and into other campus activities such as the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Black Student Alliance, which he served as president. Dennis also stuck close to the football team by serving as its manager; and after recovering from his injury, he joined the tennis team.

Looking back almost 30 years, Dennis recalls a lot of interesting things about WestConn in those days. “During my sophomore year, I was one of the first men to live in Newbury Hall, which up until that point was women-only,” Dennis says. “And as a member of the SGA during the 1976 bicentennial, we were in charge of changing the university’s mascot from the Indians to the Colonials. I was impressed it was done with so little fanfare. People just recognized that it was the right thing to do.”

Little did Dennis know then that his involvement in equal rights and cultural sensitivity issues as a student would be a fitting precursor to his current position as Director of Diversity Programs at WestConn.

After graduating in 1979, Dennis held several jobs both on and off campus. In the 1980s, as WestConn joined the many colleges and universities across the country looking to take an informed approach to diversity issues, Dennis was well-suited to step into that role, working first in minority affairs with a student emphasis, and then in multicultural affairs with a staff focus.

“My work really involves promoting multicultural programs and activities at the university,” Dennis says. “I bring in guest speakers, sponsor film festivals, work with food services for international meal celebrations, and work with community partners to bring events to campus.”

Asked how WestConn in the ’70s compares to now in terms of diversity, Dennis is thoughtful. “I think the biggest change is that the students coming to WestConn now are more global and have been more exposed to diversity due to the Internet,” he says. “Students today are very aware. They come here already accepting of or ready to accept multiculturalism.”

Dennis, who is married to fellow alumna Marie, has two children: 18-year-old Michelle and Michael, 12; yet he still finds time to serve individuals and the larger community in which he lives. He’s been an Amateur Athletic Union youth coach “since forever.” He’s a past president of the local NAACP chapter and of WeCahr, former president of WestConn’s Alumni Board, and is or has been a member of Concerned Black Men, Danbury Head Start’s Policy Council, the Hord Foundation, the Danbury Board of Education and the United Way.

Dennis’ accomplishments can’t be found in the baseball or football halls of fame, like those of his heroes. But with awards ranging from SGA Freshman Senator of the Year as a student, to NAACP State President of the Year and the United Way’s Forrest Palmer Community Service Award, it’s clear that this alumnus is a hero to many in Danbury.
Close encounters with anaconda on the Amazon River were not what Maureen Shanley imagined in her future when she accepted her English degree during WestConn’s commencement ceremonies in 1967. The Peace Corps poster in the then-Student Union had intrigued her, as it had so many members of her “ask not what your country can do for you” generation. But for this Connecticut resident, the oldest of seven children, there seemed plenty of valuable “doing” to be done at the Helen Keller Middle School in Easton, Conn., where she would teach grades five through eight.

“When I was at WestConn, it was Danbury State College and still largely an education school,” says Shanley. “I felt fortunate to live close to where I could get my degree at a reasonable cost. I really wanted to teach and the faculty at WestConn was so good.”

In 1976, while still teaching, Shanley earned her second master’s degree from Fairfield University in corporate and political communications. Two years earlier she had traveled to Spain to take an intensive course in Spanish at the Universidad de Salamanca. “I’ve always loved the Spanish language,” she says. She also was thinking about taking a hiatus from her job to enter the Peace Corps and did so in 1977.

Her two-year stint as a volunteer in the Peace Corps took her to Colombia, South America. “I went through a program of advanced language and cultural studies there first,” Shanley explains. “It helped prepare me to research, write and edit the training videotapes or slide/tape presentations needed by other volunteers and host-country agencies.”

While in the Peace Corps, one of her assignments drew on those skills to produce slide and tape presentations on behalf of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). The presentations highlighted a Colombian slum rehabilitation program and went on to be used to promote community programs in other third-world countries. “Years later,” Shanley recalls, “I was thrilled to see one of my photos in an exhibit at the U.N.

“At the end of my two years in Colombia, I went home,” she says. But her technical and public relations savvy and concern for others remained with her. Returning to Helen Keller Middle School, Shanley applied her presentation talents to projects like multicultural diversity through the arts projects and organizing events. She promoted student involvement in community projects such as serving at “community suppers,” collecting clothing and goods for the poor, and UNICEF Trick-or-Treat fund drives. Her child-centered concerns also are reflected in her volunteer work that has taken her, as an educational consultant, to Nicaragua and Cuba.

Retired since 2000, Shanley continues her volunteer activities. “Working abroad in the Peace Corps,” she says,
School of Professional Studies

The Midas touch — to go!

David W. Nurnberger

By Irene Sherlock

When class president David W. Nurnberger graduated from WestConn in 1972, then-Senator Lowell Weicker Jr., already a maverick politician, gave the commencement address. “He talked about the ‘loud-mouth lazies’ in America and how he didn’t want any of us turning into any of them,” Nurnberger says with a smile. “It certainly got our attention. Lots of things had our attention that year.”

He means the Vietnam War, which was winding down, and the level of protest in our country. Though Weicker may have been concerned about the work ethic of young Americans, he needn’t have worried about Nurnberger, an articulate, soft-spoken man who has spent a lifetime devoted to work and public service.

Presently, Nurnberger is vice president of human resources for Boehringer Ingelheim Corp., and senior vice president of human resources for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc., both located in Ridgefield, Conn. And if these two titles aren’t indication enough, his resume tells a more detailed story of his industrious life.

Despite a high-powered career, Nurnberger always has been involved in community outreach.

Mostly he raises money for folks in need and he’s good at it. He currently is on the board of the Western Connecticut State University Foundation and a member of the Danbury Hospital Board of Trustees. He’s also chairman of a $1.8-million capital campaign and a member of the board of directors for Ann’s Place: The Home of I Can, a local not-for-profit organization providing support and services for cancer patients and their families.

“I grew up during a tumultuous period in our country,” Nurnberger says. At WestConn he earned a Bachelor of Science in education with a concentration in history — a degree that he says has informed both his personal and professional life.

“Here I was, learning about history as it was being made,” he says, referring to the political upheaval taking place both here and abroad. During the spring semester of his senior year, Nurnberger received a graduation present in the form of a draft notice. “I opted to join the Air Force and decided to further my education while I was there.”

In the Air Force he received a Meritorious Service Medal and, true to his word, went on to earn a Master of Public Administration degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

After his discharge, he considered career options. “By then I knew I didn’t want to teach high school. I was interested in business, as well as in public service.”

Returning home to Connecticut, his first civilian job was as a fundraiser for the United Way of the Central Naugatuck Valley Inc. “It was a great experience,” he says. “I found I liked fundraising. Also, I began to learn what constitutes good leadership.”

Organization, Nurnberger says, is a key component. “And you have to have an appreciation for your volunteer base, which, in the nonprofit world, can comprise the bulk of your work force. It’s important not to waste their talents.”

In 1980, the United Way of Northern Fairfield County Inc. in Danbury recruited Nurnberger. He worked there for 10 years, as president and chief professional officer.

“When I came to United Way (of Northern Fairfield County), the organization was poised for growth,” he says. Rather than setting his immediate sights on increased fundraising, he chose to focus on broadening the base of the organiza-
Twenty years ago, when Marianne Mitchell was an undergraduate nursing student at WestConn, she took a course called Group Dynamics. Little did she know that she would be running groups one day — in fact, quite a few of them.

“A group can be a very powerful influence,” Mitchell says. “Think about how many we belong to — at work, at home.” She is fascinated with the dynamics of groups and the ways in which they can encourage change and personal growth. People who want to kick the nicotine habit, for instance, often find such support invaluable. Mitchell understands the rationale behind this, pointing out that “it helps to be with people who are going through the same thing you are.”

As coordinator of Danbury Hospital’s “Quit Now” smoking cessation program, Mitchell integrates various programs that facilitate success in breaking the habit. She has been a certified “Freedom from Smoking” counselor for the American Lung Association since 1991. “We offer group hypnosis, Weight Watchers meetings, aerobic exercise — even the services of a dietician for those afraid of gaining weight after they’ve quit. We also provide our Complementary Medicine Program, which speaks to the mind/body experience. Different things work for different people.”

Mitchell became interested in smoking cessation after working in the field of pulmonary medicine. “As the American Lung Association says, ‘If you can’t breathe, nothing else matters,’” she observes. “In pulmonary medicine, patients are suffering from emphysema, asthma and lung cancer. Treatment often is long and protracted. You develop a relationship with your patients and some even become your friends. Though I really enjoyed the work, I now have the opportunity to employ preventative medicine. I tell program participants, ‘I would really rather you didn’t become one of my patients in 20 to 30 years.’”

In her outreach to area elementary and middle school children, Mitchell does more than read them the riot act about smoking. “I bring in pictures of diseased lungs. That’s usually very effective when working with kids.”

“I could not have had the professional life that I do, were it not for WestConn,” Mitchell maintains. “Everything was so close — work, home and school. That made it possible for me to continue my studies. Also, WestConn provided me with an invaluable professional network that helped me move up the nursing ladder.”

By all accounts, she’s still moving up. “I’m very lucky. I have a great boss who says ‘yes’ to all my crazy ideas. I was fortunate to have spent years happily in the field of pulmonary medicine, but at some point I recognized that I was ready for a change. I wondered what I could go to next that would be new and challenging.”

As if being a working mother of three were not challenge enough; but Mitchell clearly is one of those persons for whom engagement in proactive work is part of a satisfying life.

She pitched the idea of a smoking cessation program (modeled on Hartford Hospital’s “Quit Now”) to the administration at Danbury Hospital. “At the time, there was very little offered in the Danbury area in the way of educational resources for people who wanted to quit smoking. There was virtually no place they could go to for help.”

As part of her role as coordinator of the program, Mitchell regularly participates in Danbury Hospital’s Medical Town Meetings and coordinates local efforts for the Great American Smokeout held annually in November. She says that more than 200 people have participated in the hospital’s smoking cessation program since its inception in February of 2002. “The national success rate for most smoking cessation programs is around 30 percent. I’m happy to report that a year after completing the DH program, 40 – 50 percent of our participants are still smoke-free.”

Marianne Mitchell ’86, ’95 at a Danbury Hospital Medical Town meeting.
By Sherri Hill

Walk into most any Danbury business and start asking people where they went to college and chances are a sizable number of employees will say “WestConn.” In fact, a significant number of our graduates remain right here in the local area, contributing their skills and expertise to the local economy.

Depending on the decade during which they graduated, many of our alumni also are juggling young children, teenagers or caring for their parents in addition to holding down their jobs. That’s why WestConn is coming to them with a series of “Connect with Us” events at area businesses.

In late March, more than two dozen WCSU alumni who work at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals came together for an afternoon reception on their Ridgebury Road campus in Ridgefield. In mid-April, about 50 Cartus (formerly Cendant Mobility) employees with WestConn ties met for breakfast at their headquarters, also on Ridgebury Road.

“It’s great to see so many of our graduates turn out for these events,” says President James W. Schmotter, who attended both get-togethers. “They lead busy lives and it makes sense for us to bring WestConn’s good news to them where they work.”

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dr. Koryoe Anim-Wright also attended the “Connect with Us” events.

“The purpose of these functions is to reconnect with our alumni,” she says. “Many work close to the campus. However, work and other family obligations preclude them from interacting with us. Our message to them is two-fold: to bring them up-to-date on programs and initiatives currently taking place at WestConn, and to encourage them to take a few hours about once every few months to ‘reconnect’ with us by attending lectures, theatre productions, musical performances and other campus events.”

For some in attendance, it was their first face-to-face interaction with Schmotter who, in his two years as WestConn president, has made a concerted effort to meet as many stakeholders of the university as possible. Alumni also viewed a video presentation narrated by the president focusing on what he calls the four pillars of the university: mastery, creativity, diversity and opportunity.

Human resources departments at both Boehringer Ingelheim and Cartus helped facilitate the alumni “reunions” by inviting their employees with WestConn degrees to attend their respective events.

Senior Vice President for Human Resources David W. Nurnberger was WestConn’s liaison at Boehringer Ingelheim. He’s also a WestConn alumnus.

“Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. was very pleased to hold a ‘Connect with Us’ reception at our facilities,” Nurnberger says. “We saw this as a great opportunity to expose those employees who graduated from WestConn to Dr. Schmotter and today’s university.”

Plans are underway for future “Connect with Us” events. For more information, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (203) 837-8279.
By Irene Sherlock

Danbury hometown boy makes good — that’s how you might describe the career of Joe Mingachos. And he’s done it right here at WestConn where he has been head coach for women’s soccer for the past nine years.

“Before that I was assistant coach for the men’s team,” says Mingachos, adding that his soccer career really began to flourish only after he met his mentor, Wayne Mones. Mones was named head coach for men’s soccer in 1988. At the time, Mingachos was a sophomore on WestConn’s then-beleaguered team.

“We were having a less than stellar season,” Mingachos says. “I was discouraged — all the players were — and I was about to transfer to another university.” Even then, soccer was extremely important to him. “But I heard WestConn had hired a new coach and decided to go down and meet him to let him know why I was leaving.”

Not only did Mones convince Mingachos to stay on, but after graduation he appointed him head assistant men’s soccer coach, a position he held for six seasons.

“Best thing I ever did,” Mingachos says of his decision to remain at WestConn. He graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Human Relations. It was Mones who really sealed the deal for him.

“The guy could sell ice to an Eskimo,” Mingachos laughs. “I learned so much about coaching from him.”

Mingachos was not too shabby as a player, either. During his senior year at WestConn he was named a Division III All-American sweeper, and that same year the Colonials finished with a 16-4-2 record and made their first of five consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament appearances. Not surprisingly, Mingachos was named to the All New England Intercollegiate Soccer League and All Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All Star teams, both in 1989.

After graduation, in addition to his coaching duties at WestConn, Mingachos coached the Danbury Girl’s U-16 Premier team. He also was the director of the mentoring program for the Danbury Police Athletic League.

“You might say I live, eat and breathe soccer,” Mingachos says. In 1995 he played professionally for the Connecticut Wolves soccer team. Today, however, his days are filled with coaching duties that include recruiting for WestConn.

“A college coach is only as good as his/her recruiting abilities,” he says. “You’re always trying to get the best players and I go to a lot of high school games, trying to scout talent. “Also, you have to look out for the players that are already on your team. My job is part den parent, part coach. I tell my players, ‘I know you love soccer, but your first priority is your schoolwork.’”

When asked to compare differences between men and women players, Mingachos says the two prioritize the game differently. “Women have other things going on in their lives besides soccer, whereas men tend to put soccer at the top of their list. Sometimes it becomes more important than academics, friends and family. That’s when I step in. I tell them if they don’t do well academically, they can’t stay on the team.”

Mingachos, who was a first-ballot WCSU Hall of Fame inductee in 1999, has had an impressive .796 winning percentage (149-33-14), tops...
Outgoing Alumni Association president vows to stay active

By Sherri Hill

Outgoing Alumni Association President Tom Crucitti looks at his calendar — which typically has four days a week marked “golf” — and declares that even after ending his tenure as Alumni Association president, he probably won’t have time for a fifth day on the links.

“Just because I’m stepping down doesn’t mean I’ll go away,” he says with a smile. “I’ll stay on the executive committee as past president and I’ll help (incoming president) Rich (Stabile) as he transitions in. I’m going to stick with the initiatives and issues in progress during my presidency and see them through.”

Stabile appreciates Crucitti’s contributions.

“Tom led our organization with a professional standard that allowed us to grow and become both administratively and financially more stable,” Stabile says. “He left me with the building blocks firmly in place. The Alumni Association and the university community all benefited from Tom’s tenure at the helm of our organization.”

Crucitti says under Stabile, the Alumni Association plans to redefine its role, seeking increased opportunities to cultivate relationships with alumni and occasions for them to get involved. Stepping down as president, he says, probably will result in his spending more time — not less — engaged in WestConn endeavors.

“My commitment to WCSU is still there — and will be — in my efforts to try to grow the Alumni Association and get involvement and giving to a different level,” Crucitti says. “I’ll help Rich wherever I have to. Past presidents really need to be more active in helping incumbent presidents make connections and move forward. We’ve got a great board, Rich has great ideas, and I’m looking forward to helping him implement them.”

When not dividing his time between Alumni Association activities and his medical imaging consulting business, Crucitti enjoys time with his wife, Lois, also an alum; his married adult children, Corin and Christopher; and his namesake, 1-1/2-year-old Tommy Vincent, his first grandchild. Of course, on four days of the week, Crucitti can be found on the course at Heritage Village in Southbury, trying to nudge his seven handicap down a digit and aiming for his first hole-in-one.

Shanley (cont’d.)

“opens your eyes to what’s needed in your own back yard.” She’s proud of having worked for some 20 years with Appalachian Volunteers Inc., a nonprofit organization lending support to the poverty-stricken people of the Appalachian Mountains, whose fascinating folk art achieved greater recognition through the volunteers’ efforts.

Shanley also spent 24 years as vice president and president of the Easton Education Association, and has been a Eucharistic minister visiting the sick, working on social-justice issues and assisting at Mass. Service to others seems to run in the family. With sisters who also volunteer and a nephew (Kevin Trnka, a WestConn sophomore) who traveled to Biloxi, Miss., to help with the Katrina relief effort, Shanley appears to have sprung from the kind of “stock” that embodies that principle and passes it on.

In her current capacity as president of the Connecticut Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Shanley speaks regularly at schools. As she puts it, she is “taking the message of the Peace Corps to fifth graders all the way up to Yale graduates.” More than what Peace Corps volunteers do, Shanley seeks to impart what her fellow volunteers are. “We’re part of the family of man, living in a global village, learning to see our similarities and value our differences,” she says.
Alumnus Rich Stabile revels in ‘family business’

By Irene Sherlock

Perhaps it was destiny that Rich Stabile would one day become president of his family’s business, Stabile & Associates, founded by his father, Louis, in 1972. The same might be said of his role as president of the Alumni Association — which represents WestConn’s “family” in its own right.

“Well, I don’t know about destiny,” Stabile says with a smile. “I’ve been involved with the Alumni Association on and off for 15 years, and I certainly love WestConn and care about its future.” Stabile, who graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Industrial Management from the Ancell School of Business in ’89, has served the last two years as Alumni Association vice president under outgoing president Tom Crucitti. “I’m honored to have been elected to the post,” he says.

Both positions presume a host of responsibilities, in addition to the ones Stabile has at home. He and his wife, Giorgia, a foreign language teacher in Wilton, have two sons, Louis, 4, and Richard, 3. “Two active, fun boys keep you very busy,” laughs Stabile. The family lives in Brookfield, Conn.

He and his brother Tim are co-owners of Stabile & Associates, a full-service sales organization that represents foreign and domestic manufacturers and links them directly with retailers across the United States and Canada. Stabile also represents and demonstrates products on home shopping retailers such as QVC Inc. and the Home Shopping Network.

“I worked out of state for a while after graduation,” Stabile says, explaining the circuitous professional path that led to his eventual way home. “I did sales and marketing for Union Carbide, First Brands and SmithKline Beecham. Eventually I made my way back to Connecticut and joined the family firm in ’94.”

Although work requires Stabile to travel a great deal, he did not hesitate to run for Alumni Association president when Crucitti stepped down. “I think the association is at a crossroads and poised to grow. The board is in a unique position to do a lot of good for the school.”

In his capacity as Alumni Association president, Stabile hopes to raise awareness about WestConn in and around Fairfield County and beyond. “People need to know how we’ve grown and what a great place this is,” he insists. “There is so much going on here.”

Spoken like a man truly proud of his “family.”

Mingachos (cont’d.)

among all active coaches at WestConn. In his initial season in women’s soccer, the Colonials won their first-ever Little East Conference championship and were ranked as high as fifth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division III Women’s Soccer Poll. The team ranked first in the Metro Region nearly every week and made their first-ever NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer championship appearance. That year Mingachos was named National Soccer Coaches Association of America Metro Region Coach of the Year.

His successes continued to grow. In 1998, his team was ranked No. 1 for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Metro Region Tournament, advancing to the second round for the first time in school history. In 1999, he led the Colonials to a 17-1-2 overall mark and their third straight post season tournament.

In 2001, WestConn won a record 20 games and its fifth Little East Conference title, advancing to the NCAA Division III New England Regional finals. His team finished 12th in the 2001 National Soccer Coaches Association American Coaches’ Poll.

In 2002, in his 124th game, Mingachos captured his 100th win, a 1-0 overtime victory over Stevens Tech. At the start of the 2003 season, his winning percentage was ranked fourth among all Division III active women’s soccer coaches and in 2004, he led the Colonials to their seventh post-season tournament, also winning the ECAC New England Championship.

Last fall (2005), WestConn’s team returned to the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the second round after earning an at-large bid despite finishing second in the Little East Conference.

“I love what I do,” says Mingachos, who clearly is proud of his accomplishments both on and off the soccer field. “I have a great job and a wonderful family. I’m a lucky man.” Mingachos and his wife, Maria, have a son Ryan, 8, and daughter Kayla, 4. The family lives in Danbury.

Head Coach Joe Mingachos ’90 rallies his team.
professionalism, balance and intelligence — the very model of rational discourse that universities seek to foster but that is rarely seen in today’s public forums. It was a great day for WestConn, and I was tremendously proud of our students and their faculty advisers.

Additionally, the first weekend of May occasioned concurrent visits by two leading intellectual figures of our time: environmental activist Jane Goodall and noted futurist James Martin. Both speakers offered world views and inspiring presentations to members of the Danbury and WestConn communities.

Finally, I would point to some life-changing experiences that have been reported by students participating in projects funded by the President’s Initiatives Fund. In April, a group of theatre arts students traveled to Guayaquil, Ecuador, to perform William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” and conduct workshops at local schools. Upon their return, many students said their views on theater — and certainly their world-views — had been greatly altered and expanded. Another group of students spent a long weekend in New York City, on a trip arranged by the Franciscans International. The focus was on women’s issues. In the course of the weekend, students met with senior United Nations officials, spent time working at the Henry Street Settlement House, and attended a Broadway performance of Alice Walker’s “The Color Purple” that allowed them to see how oppression can be harnessed by the oppressed to produce personal triumph and great art.

The message of these powerful learning experiences remains evident: WestConn’s commitment to “Changing Lives” continues well beyond the boundaries of our Danbury and Waterbury campuses. Thanks to our proximity to New York and other cities, and to the many partnerships we have forged locally and abroad with those who share a similar vision for learning, we are surpassing peer universities in preparing students for the exciting, yet challenging, years ahead. And what fun we will have in doing so!

For information about the President’s Initiatives Fund and the projects created to employ the university’s regional advantage to educate for global realities, visit www.wcsu.edu/president/initiatives.

We had such a good time!

The Chick Corea Trio was the featured act at the 11th Annual WestConn/Litchfield Performing Arts Jazz Festival in April.

(l-r): Tannar Karacias, Paul Hackley and Brian Kelly represented sponsor Liberty Mutual at this year’s annual Alumni Association Golf Outing.

The 2006 University Ball honored Roy and Ginny Young for their contributions to WCSU. Pictured are (l-r): the Youngs, Dr. Daphne Jameson and President James W. Schmotter.

Music students Andrea Caruso and Tim Rykoski performed during the jazz festival.

Guests mingled at the alumni cocktail party that preceded the jazz festival. Pictured are (l-r): Gail Hill Williams ’87, Tom Crucitti ’69, Braxton Hill ’77, Greg Williams, Dr. Daphne Jameson and Professor of Music Dave Smith.

Theatre Arts professors (l-r): Sal Trapani and Frank Herbert joined guests at a pre-performance dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association.
By Irene Sherlock

Calling all alumni! Please join us for Homecoming 2006 — Tuesday, Oct. 17, through Saturday, Oct. 21 — as WestConn’s family and friends come together and celebrate school spirit!

Activities and events planned for the week include the Homecoming banner contest, the Homecoming king and queen contest and a street fair on Saturday. These events will be sponsored by the Student Center/Student Life Office, in cooperation with the Student Government Association and the Program Activities Council.

On Saturday morning, Oct. 21, there will be a rededication of the Alumni & Friends Circle at 9:30 a.m. All alumni and their families are invited to attend. For more information, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (203) 837-8298.

Afterwards, please join us on the Westside campus for some pre-game tailgating before the Colonials face the College of New Jersey at noon. The Alumni Association will once again sponsor an alumni hospitality tent and offer free food and entertainment before and after the game.

Then at 6 p.m. the Class of 1961 will commemorate its 45th reunion in Warner Hall on the Midtown campus. For cost and other reunion information, call the Alumni Relations Office at (203) 837-8290. All alumni, students and their families are invited to join the festivities of the day.

For more information about Homecoming events, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (203) 837-8290 or the Student Center/Student Life Office at (203) 837-8214.

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- Yes! I want information about the Alumni Association Board and its volunteer committees.
- Yes! I want to help organize an event in my area.
- Yes! I would be interested in sponsoring an internship with my company.
Those who enjoy the arts will be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system recently approved formation of a new School of Visual and Performing Arts at Western Connecticut State University, a move that will establish WestConn as the premier regional center for cultural, intellectual and artistic excellence.

WestConn’s fourth school will bring together the art, theatre arts and music departments to allow the university to better promote and expand the art disciplines.

“This new school is a perfect example of how WestConn employs its regional advantage to educate for global realities,” says President James W. Schmotter. “It also will serve as a hub for the many other arts organizations and initiatives in our area. It will complement and collaborate with the other impressive cultural resources of our region.”

Among other things, the school will allow WestConn to offer the highest quality educational, pre-professional and professional programming within a liberal arts environment; recruit the highest quality students in the arts disciplines; and fulfill the role of designated center for the arts in the CSU system.

Dr. Carol Hawkes, associate vice president for academic affairs, has been named the founding dean of the school.

“This is much more than a beginning,” Hawkes says. “It is the culmination of a century of building excellence and distinctiveness in the arts.”

Hawkes hopes the school will capitalize on its location in Fairfield County, home of many artists and friends of the arts, and conveniently located close to the artistic and cultural centers of New York City and Boston. This proximity has allowed the university to draw faculty from leading professionals in the arts, who in turn, offer WestConn students a world-class educational experience.

“The formation of a School of Visual and Performing Arts will enhance and broaden programs by bringing together students and faculty in music, theater and the visual arts to work in a single school with a common focus and vision,” Hawkes says. Schmotter agrees.

“Our location gives us not only a unique pool of faculty talent, but also incredibly exciting off-campus learning venues for our students in the arts. The new school also will address work force needs — in K-12 music education — which the state has identified as an area of teacher shortage as well as in areas such as graphic design, a need of corporate, government and nonprofit organizations throughout the state.”

The Center for the School of Visual and Performing Arts will be built on the Westside campus and is tentatively scheduled for completion within the next five years.
1940s
Ruth Carlson ’45 is retired and lives on a farm in Bridgewater, Conn.

1960s
Maureen Linderfelt ’61 was featured in a Feb. 21, 2006, Connecticut Post story about her passion for advancing causes for women and the disabled.

1970s
Ellen L.F. Strauss ’78 is expanding her Weston-based divorce, family and civil law practice.
Carey M. Hewitt ’79 and Leigh Hewitt are happy to announce that their daughter, Jennifer Stomsky, graduated from WCSU in 2005. Their son, Shawn Hewitt, was recently accepted to Xavier High School, class of 2010.

1980s
Nursing instructor Neal K. Gallagher ’83 was selected by the graduating students at New Mexico State University-Grants Campus to receive the Roush Award as Best Teacher of 2006.

Richard Colbert ’87, a partner in the Stamford office of Day, Berry and Howard, has been named to the board of directors of the Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County, a United Way agency that serves nonprofit organizations, employers and industries.

Gail Hill Williams ’87 was named the first executive director of the Hord Foundation, an organization that promotes education and enhances career opportunities for young students of color.

1990s
Christopher Paige ’93, a major in the U.S. Air Force, is now stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As a flight commander, he is responsible for training the 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron that handles war casualties from Iraq, Germany and the United States.

Thomas J. Saadi ’93 received a commission as first lieutenant in the Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s Corps while assigned to the 77th Regional Readiness Command. He continues to serve on the Danbury Common Council and as an assistant attorney general.

Lauren Weinstein ’95 worked as a nursing director for an outpatient surgery center and taught at a local college after graduating from WestConn. She became certified in pediatric and gastroenterology nursing before moving to Florida where she now works part time as a G.I. nurse. An avid golfer, Lauren is married and has three children, ages 27, 24 and 7.

Darleen Ferraro ’95, ’97 launched a reality talk show, “Moms Gone Mad,” to help new mothers cope and share the joys of raising children.

Bernadette Gaynor-Filgate ’96, ’06 received a Master of Arts in English in January 2006.

Angela S. Robertson ’97 is an attorney with Attorneys Liability Protection Society in Missoula, Mont. Previously, she worked for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in Springfield, Mass. Kellanne Dohan Koemp ’99 and husband Raymond Tyler have moved to Guam, allowing them to travel to places like Japan and Australia. Kellanne is currently a stay-at-home mother of 9-month-old son Christopher Patrick.

Heather Helen Hurd ’99 is a business banker with Frost National Bank in Texas.

2000s
Julie Adams Del Core ’00 is an audit manager at Deloitte and Touche in Plano, Texas.
Tristy Conte Petteruti ’00 works as a player development coordinator at Foxwoods Resort & Casino.
Beverly F. Roop ’01 recently moved from New Fairfield, Conn., to Uniontown, Ohio.

Shawn Michael Kraemer ’01 works as an art director at Tracy Locke. His wife, Amy ’04, is an editor at Benchmark Education Company. Christopher Wilcox Borkin ’01 works as a broadcaster with Cumulus Media Inc.

Anna-Maria Heredia ’01 received a Master of Science in Counseling with a concentration in student development education from Central Connecticut State University in May 2005. She is a default prevention consultant with the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation.

Lloyd S. Williams ’02, ’04 graduated from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston, in May 2005. He recently was hired as an archivist at History Associated Incorporated in Rockville, Md.

Christina Lynn Medina ’04 is an intervention specialist at Community Solutions Inc.

Robin Currier ’04 is completing the RN program at Naugatuck Valley Community College and will be working at Danbury Hospital.

Kerri Ann Brinckerhoff ’05 works at Danbury Hospital in the pre- and post-surgical unit. She is enrolled in Drexel University’s three-and-a-half year MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program.


Kathryn Johnston ’06 is a registered nurse at New Milford Hospital.

Eric David Pylar ’06 is a financial recruiter for the world’s largest financial placement company, Robert Half Financial in Hartford, Conn.

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Wedding bells …
Keri Alvarez and John Cedar Jr. ’02
Lisa Della Valla ’00 and Richard Marino
Keisha Guy ’01 and Mark Dykes
Megan Heller ’90 and Brian Norton
Stephanie Keenan ’98, ’02 and John Rich ’92
Sharon Brown and James Luchingsner ’00
Jessica McKee ’01 and Marc Balanda
Erin O’Meara ’05 and Daniel Gaita
Sara Phillips ’05 and John Drutneg
Jennifer Presser ’98 and Matthew Gies
Diane Sousa ’93 and Kenneth Locke

In memoriam …
Anne Feltove ’39, Shelton, Conn., Oct. 15, 2005
June Leander Libbey ’39, Middlebury, Conn., Dec. 1, 2005
Helen Mahoney Quinn ’32, Southbury, Conn., Dec. 23, 2005
Mary R. Moffa ’69, ’73, Danbury, Conn., Jan. 7, 2006
Elizabeth Farwell ’45, Brewster, N.Y., Feb. 22, 2006
Daphne Dunbar Stephens ’81, Brewster, N.Y., April 5, 2006
Mary Anne Meagrech ’27, Ridgefield, Conn., June 7, 2006
The Midas touch (cont’d.)

tion’s operation. “I thought it important that we become more inclusive and relevant to the community so that we could better serve the needs of the people.”

By the time he left the United Way of Northern Fairfield County, the organization was raising more than $2.5 million annually and serving more than 25 nonprofit organizations.

Although Nurnberger enjoyed the challenges of the nonprofit world, the private sector beckoned. In 1990, Boehringer Ingelheim invited him to be its director of public affairs and personnel services, managing internal and external public relations as well as community relations. Today, as senior vice president, Nurnberger is responsible for personnel policies and practices for six subsidiaries of the U.S. corporation which, in its aggregate, employs more than 8,500 people.

Not surprisingly, Nurnberger’s nonprofit training proved a valuable asset in the corporate milieu. “Communication and negotiation skills are vital in the nonprofit world. If people don’t like you and respect your organization, they’re not going to give you their money. But these qualities also are important when it comes to employee relations in the private sector,” Nurnberger says.

“Also, in nonprofit, I learned that every penny counts, and that’s pretty much the way businesses are run now. The days of big budgets are long gone.”

Nurnberger seems to have passed down his business acumen to his sons. Timothy, 25, is director of client services at Campaign Solutions Inc. in Washington, D.C., and Bryan, 28, is president of Simply Smiles Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of impoverished children around the world.

“I’m proud of my boys and the work that they do. I’ve tried to be a good role model and give back to the community when I can. That’s why I’m on the board at WestConn. It’s an incredibly impressive school now, and I want people to know that. Our goal is to help deliver the funds that will continue to increase the quality of life for WestConn students.”

Very likely former Senator Weicker would be happy to know his message was heard.

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<td>Dr. Darla Shaw will discuss “The Effects of Brain Research and How It Has Changed Education in the Last Two Decades,” 7 p.m., Ridgefield Crossings, 640 Danbury Road, Ridgefield, Conn. (203) 837-8486</td>
<td>First Annual Tri-State Weather Conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Science Building, Midtown campus. Cost. For more information, e-mail Prof. Rob Eisenson at <a href="mailto:eisensong@wcsu.edu">eisensong@wcsu.edu</a> or call (203) 837-8989</td>
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President’s Initiatives

“One of our university’s central strengths is the way we employ our regional advantage to educate for global realities.”

President James W. Schmotter

A. Celtic band MacTalla Mor perform during one of the many events offered by “The World at Our Doorstep,” an initiative that reflects and draws upon the ethnic diversity of the university and surrounding community.

B. Composer Charles Ives is depicted in a portrait by MFA student Betty Ann Medeiros. Fellow Danbury resident Marian Anderson also is featured in the work of art.

C. A gentleman from the Danbury Senior Center shares some of the city’s history with students from South Street Elementary School. “The Danbury Global Heritage Project” focuses on improving understanding of the importance of immigration.

D. WestConn students visited the United Nations this spring as part of the “Step into the World in New York City” program, a joint WCSU – Franciscans International partnership designed to develop students’ understanding of and connection with international issues that affect the global community.

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