The Inauguration of President Schmotter

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### Life Members

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Dear WCSU Alumni:

First, let me wish all WCSU alumni, family and friends a healthy and prosperous 2005.

The Alumni Association (AA) has had a busy year implementing its core programs and activities. This year, the AA has added three new scholarships to a program that has awarded more than $30,000 to some of WestConn’s most deserving students. Also, the Board of Directors continues its job in redefining and refocusing the association’s mission to the university, to its members and to the Danbury community at large.

This year’s major initiative focuses on our goal to “Connect-Connect-Connect.” By this, we mean to work more closely with the WestConn community, with our alumni, and with the greater Danbury community. We plan to offer a number of special events, guest lectures and a Community Day on April 9 that we hope will encourage more alumni to return to campus.

The AA is also pleased and honored to participate in the inauguration of Dr. James W. Schmotter. This event is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 15, 2005 (see page 11). Later that evening, the AA will host an “Evening at the Opera” which includes a champagne reception in Warner Hall, followed by several operatic performances by WestConn faculty and students in Ives Concert Hall. I hope to see many of you there.

As some of you may know, this has been a year of transition for the Office of Institutional Advancement, the administrative office that oversees alumni relations. In addition to a change in the university’s presidency, the university is in the process of conducting a search for a new Vice President of Institutional Advancement and a new Alumni Director. Dr. Schmotter is guiding us through these proceedings. The AA board pledges its support to Dr. Schmotter as he transforms the Office of Institutional Advancement into a stronger, more effective and responsive organization.

Once again, I’m extending an invitation to all alumni to join us for one of the many events we’ll be hosting this year. For more information, please call (203) 837-8290 or go to www.wcsu.edu/alumni.

Sincerely,

Tom Crucitti ’69
WCSU Alumni Association President
**Gifts that make a difference**

Giving **opportunities** at WestConn

Gifts come in all shapes and sizes. Here are some of the ways in which you might choose to contribute to WCSU:

**Outright gift**
Give cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate and gifts-in-kind.

**Endowment funds**
Create your own endowment or supplement an existing fund. Most of our existing endowed funds are for scholarships. They can also be earmarked for supplies, lectures and much more.

**Restricted gift**
Select the school, department, facility or program you wish to support.

**Unrestricted gift**
Allow WestConn to use your gift where the need is greatest.

**Estate planning**
The most common way to make an estate-planning gift is to include WestConn in your will. We also ask that you consider a trust, an annuity, or insurance policy, from which you’ll receive tax advantages, create a living memorial and, in some cases, receive a guaranteed income.

**Gifts-in-kind**
Donate products or services. In 2004 we received rare books, an electric piano, a photo scanner and copier, food, wine, tickets to sporting and cultural events, printing services, oil paintings, artist supplies and more.

**Corporate matching gifts**
Many companies will match gifts made by employees and retirees. Contact your human resources department for information about your company’s matching policy.

Call the Office of Institutional Advancement for more information – (203) 837-8298.

**Remember WestConn** in your estate plans.

**Leave a legacy with your…**
- House, land or other property
- Bequest in your will
- Trusts that provide you with life income
- Life insurance
- Stocks, bonds and more

For advice on estate planning, call your attorney or financial planner. For more information or to attend a free estate-planning seminar, call Director of Institutional Advancement Michael Driscoll at (203) 837-8419.
Calling all alumni!
WestConn’s Annual Fund supports a variety of initiatives — student scholarships, academic programs, alumni benefits, events, activities, and reunions — even this issue of the Alumni News is made possible by the Annual Fund.

Alumni Association Board Member Len Genovese, class of ‘74, is this year’s Annual Fund honorary chair. You should have received his letter of request in September, or perhaps you spoke to one of our many student callers and alumni volunteers during our annual telethon. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated and your contribution will allow us to continue to fund scholarships and other valuable programs at WestConn.

Those who would like to may still contribute to this year’s Annual Fund. Checks should be made payable to the WCSU Foundation and mailed to WCSU Foundation Annual Fund, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, July 19, 2005

WCSU Alumni Association golf outing
Call (203) 837-8290 for information

Indicate how you would like to contribute to WestConn (select one):

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- Ancell School of Business
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Make checks payable to: WCSU Annual Fund/Foundation. Mail completed form and check to: WCSU Annual Fund/Foundation, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. For more information, please call (203) 837-8298.

Print the message you wish to engrave below. Use all capital letters.

Bricks use up to 36 boxes: use a box for each letter, space and punctuation mark. Trees, benches and light posts have double the space: use a separate piece of paper.
The fall 2004 semester was a celebration of partnership and wonderful accomplishments for the Ancell School of Business (ASB) faculty, alumni and students.

Most notably, Dr. Michael Foley and Dr. Harold Schramm of the Division of Justice and Law Administration (JLA) arranged for the Connecticut Appellate Court to hear two criminal cases and a civil case on campus on Oct. 28, 2004. WestConn alumnus Judge Thomas West ’66 was one of three judges who reviewed cases and spoke with faculty, students and members of the Danbury Bar Association. On Nov. 12, alumna Gail Hill Williams ’87 was among the area business leaders who attended a breakfast hosted by the ASB and the Center for Business Research. The event was held to present and discuss partnership opportunities with Danbury community members in the areas of student mentoring, executive-in-residence service and experiential class projects. For those interested in participating in this exciting opportunity, please contact the dean’s office at (203) 837-8521.

Ellen Murphy, a recent graduate of the Management Information Systems (MIS) program, passed the Certified Information Systems Security Professional exam. JLA alumni Erik Kukk, Courtney Almeida, Brian Linkowski, Jonathan Osborne, Joshua Nassi, Sharmese Hodge and Teeka Harrison all passed the bar exam. Alison Healey (JLA) was recently admitted to Duke, Georgetown, and the University of Pennsylvania law schools.

Other department highlights include: Dr. John Cronin’s marketing class, which developed a marketing plan for the Girl Scout Council of Southwestern Connecticut. Additionally, Dr. Richard Bassett and Dr. Marie Wright (both of MIS) arranged for two IBM system architecture experts, Peter Bouchard and Jeff Crume, to lecture students in their information security classes. Also, MIS students Kathleen Yerks, Pasha Billimoria, Erin Palomba, David White, Eric Miller and Richard DeLand won scholarships from the Connecticut Information Systems Security Association.

Management students Bonny Amico and Fred Maidment, Jr., wrote winning essays for a regional essay competition sponsored by the Danbury Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society. Congratulations to all who helped make fall 2004 an exciting semester.
It’s been a busy and productive year in the Division of Graduate Studies and External Programs (DGSEP). We’d like to share with you some of the highlights and give you a glimpse of what’s ahead.

Reception for graduating master’s degree candidates
Last May, DGSEP capped the academic year with a reception for graduating master’s degree candidates. More than 100 people attended the event, including graduates, family members and faculty. This year, GSEP coordinators awarded a certificate of excellence to one student in each graduate program. We plan to make this event a yearly tradition.

Connecticut Quality Improvement awards
Last year, WestConn was honored by the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award (CQIA) Partnership, Inc. The university, honored for its Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership program and its interdisciplinary gerontology studies certificate program, received two silver 2004 Connecticut Quality Improvement Innovation prizes.

The CQIA Partnership recognizes candidates who “embody the critical intellect that is the foundation of Connecticut’s long-term growth.” The prizes are based on the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award for performance excellence. In October, during the annual CQIA Partnership conference in Westbrook, Conn., Dr. Marcia Delcourt, coordinator of the Ed.D. program, accepted the awards on behalf of the Division of Graduate Studies & External Programs.

The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Professional Writing
WestConn’s new MFA in Professional Writing program is underway. The first weeklong residency of readings, workshops, and lectures will be held this August. Our board of advisors includes Norm Pearlstine (editor-in-chief of Time), literary agent Georges Borchardt, Dr. Daphne Jameson of Cornell University and David Hartwell, editor, TOR Books.

WestConn’s first low-residency writing program combines creative genres such as poetry, fiction or drama with the study of practical genres (journalism, technical and business writing or public relations/marketing writing).

For more information about this program, visit www.wcsu.edu/english/mfa.

Teaching American History partnership with DHS
GSEP has partnered with Danbury High School (DHS) to deliver two, 12-credit graduate certificates in Teaching American History to social studies teachers at DHS. The project is funded by a grant that includes tuition support for graduate-level study, scholars-in-residence to work with DHS teachers and guest speakers.

For a complete list of graduate programs or additional information, call (203) 837-8244 or fax us at (203) 837-8326. Also, you may e-mail dauriol@wcsu.edu or visit www.wcsu.edu/graduate.

WestConn at Waterbury
In its fifth year at the Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC) campus, WestConn at Waterbury offers bachelor-completion programs in nursing and management. In an effort to highlight educational issues, our faculty and staff continue to collaborate with members of the Waterbury and Naugatuck communities. We hold board membership in the following organizations:

• Greater Waterbury Nursing Consortium
• Business Women’s Forum
• Educators’ Roundtable
• Greater Waterbury Chamber of Commerce

Also, the 2004 President-to-President scholarship was awarded to Elaine Nadal, a physics and music student at NVCC. This award, created three years ago, is given annually to a student recommended by NVCC’s President. The student is awarded two years’ in-state tuition at WestConn.

For more information about WestConn at Waterbury, call (203) 596-8777, fax us at (203) 596-8793, e-mail gamachem@wcsu.edu or visit www.wcsu.edu/waterbury.

Dr. Ellen Durnin
Dean
Last August, WestConn was pleased to meet and welcome our new president, Dr. James Schmotter. This year the university also welcomed four full-time faculty to the nursing department — Kathleen Thelian, Patricia Moreland, Laura Hunnibell, Joan Palladino. Denise Colianni joined the health promotion and exercise sciences department.

In June 2004, WestConn’s nursing department signed a partnership agreement with Danbury Hospital’s nursing department, allowing a Danbury nurse educator to teach as a visiting professor at WestConn. Funding for this partnership was made possible by a grant from the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

Last October, CSU Chancellor Dr. William Cibes and President Schmotter, as well as the presidents of NVCC and UCONN, signed an agreement establishing a seamless career/degree ladder in nursing — from an associate to a bachelor degree to a master’s degree in nursing. The program, called the Nursing Pathways Collaborative, is directed toward easing the shortage of registered nurses in Connecticut.

In September 2004, thanks to the leadership of Dr. Kay Campbell, chair of the education and educational psychology department, WestConn received word that the Connecticut State Board of Education had approved re-accreditation for all of the university’s teacher education programs for the next five years. WestConn has formally met all NCATE standards and received commendations in nine areas.

Also, under the leadership of Professor Marjorie Steinberg and Dr. Robert Veneziano, the social work department underwent a successful site visit in October 2004, when the Council of Social Work for Re-Accreditation reviewed the department’s Bachelor of Art in Social Work program.

In collaboration with the Bethel Public Schools, WestConn’s School of Professional Studies (SPS) was fortunate to bring holocaust survivor and author David Faber to campus in September. Those who attended Mr. Faber’s talk went away emotionally charged.

On November 10th, the School held its third annual Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards. Honored were Jeanne B. D’Angelo, MS (Music, class of ’74 and ’77), Joyce B. Burns, MSW (Social Work, class of ’94), Laurie Krebs, MS (Education, class of ’81), Kristeen Kaczka, MS (Health Education, class of ’79) and Christina Niles-Beaudoin, MSN, A.P.R.N.BC (Nursing, class of ’91). Each recipient provided a brief lecture on what their WestConn education meant in pursuing their professional careers.

If you were on the Midtown campus on Nov. 19, you would have witnessed 150 high school students from the seven school districts in Western Connecticut participating in teaching and leadership activities at the Sixth Annual Future Teachers Conference.

Plans for WestConn’s new School for the Visual and Performing Arts, where the music department will eventually be housed, continue to move forward. An architectural firm has been selected for the building’s design.

As always, the SPS hopes you will attend one of our many spring events. We also hope you will join us for President Schmotter’s inauguration ceremony on April 15.
Dr. Albert Owino, visiting assistant professor of meteorology, begins his appointment in spring 2005. Dr. Owino has a B.Sc. in Meteorology from the University of Nairobi (Kenya), a M.Sc. in Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry from the University of East Anglia (U.K.), and a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Physics from the University of Pune (India). His area of expertise includes climate variability and change, and meso-scale meteorology.

In other news from the meteorology department, Assistant Professor Rob Eisenson's meteorology students recently placed 10th in a field of 42 universities in the National Collegiate Weather Forecasting Contest for fall 2004. For more information about WestConn’s weather department, see the Arts and Sciences Web site, www.wcsu.edu/media/weather.html.

Emmy-nominated Todd Brewster, an editorial producer for the ABC news show, “Peter Jennings Reporting,” and author (with Jennings) of “In Search of America,” has been named a Distinguished Visiting Professor by the CSU Board of Trustees. This spring, he will teach the following courses: Journalism and the Documentary Film, America Goes to War, and Constitutional Law (with Professor Harold Schramm). He’ll also present several talks to the WestConn community.

CSU Professor Thomas Philbrick, professor of biology, was awarded two grants — one from the National Geographic Society ($8,695) for “Flowering Plants in Waterfalls: Taxonomy and Conservation of Riverweeds in Eastern Venezuela,” and the other from the National Science Foundation ($400,000). His project is titled “Surveys of Podostemaceae (Riverweeds) in Central and Northern South America.”

Associate Professor of History Burton Peretti has received a Fulbright lecturing award for spring 2005 and is spending the semester in Germany teaching American studies at the University of Regensburg. He has recently begun work on a new book about the history and impact of America in the 1980s.

Drs. Abbey Zink and Peter Lyons (English) and Drs. Paula Maida and Josie Hamer (mathematics) are this year’s coordinators for “Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success: A Collaborative Project Between WCSU and Area High Schools.” This endeavor, now in its second year, combines the resources of WestConn’s faculty with department members from both Bethel and Danbury high schools to determine ways to encourage greater success for university freshmen in their English and mathematics coursework.

The School of Arts and Sciences is sorry to note the passing of Dr. Thomas Butterworth, professor emeritus of biology, who died on Oct. 30. Dr. Butterworth served WestConn for 27 years as a full-time faculty member, and seven years as an emeritus lecturer.

Also, Dr. Ronald Chriss, professor of chemistry, died on Nov. 16. Dr. Chriss served WestConn for more than 23 years.

We encourage all A & S alumni to send news about what you’ve been doing. If you would like more information about the school, please call (203) 837-9401, or e-mail vadengoadl@wcsu.edu. Or, reach us by mail: WCSU, School of Arts and Sciences, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810.
Planning for inauguration involves university-wide effort

By Dr. G. Koryoe Anim-Wright

The winter intercession is normally quiet for most staff members. This past intercession, however, was very busy for some. That’s because they are involved in the planning for the inauguration of Western Connecticut State University’s eighth president, James W. Schmotter.

The inaugural week will begin on Saturday, April 9; the inauguration ceremony will be on Friday, April 15. To allow everyone an opportunity to attend the ceremony, classes will be cancelled beginning at 11 a.m. on April 15.

The Inauguration Steering Committee is one of many committees formed to assist with the university-wide planning. The steering committee, comprised of members of the university and the community, sets the focus and tone, and meets monthly for updates on the planning and execution of all activities related to the inauguration; the installation committee, made up of faculty and the university’s four academic deans, is charged with developing the program and sequence of events for the inauguration ceremony; staff members make up the planning committee and are responsible for working out all the details associated with hosting and planning the events taking place during the inaugural week; and a student group is planning and organizing events for WCSU students. Just before the semester ended last year, members of the planning committee attended chairs’ meetings to bring faculty up-to-date on plans for the inauguration.

“People are working hard across campus to make sure the week and the ceremony are memorable and a great success,” said Dr. Carol Hawkes, who co-chairs the Inauguration Steering Committee with Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dr. G. Koryoe Anim-Wright. “We are especially caught up by the inauguration theme, ‘Changing Lives.’ Everyone involved in the planning wants to make sure that the inauguration is a success and that the activities of Inaugural Week reflect the educational and intellectual diversity of WestConn.”

A community day kicks off the week’s events. Beginning at around 9:30 a.m. on April 9, WestConn will join the City of Danbury’s Clean City project and engage in clean up projects to enhance the city and the university’s campuses. Other activities taking place that day include exhibits in the Ruth Haas Library, a holistic health fair, and a picnic on the university Quad.

Events during the week will include a photo exhibit showcasing the work of WCSU faculty and staff, a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Westside Campus Center, lectures, dance performances, and much more. Highlights of the week include a WCSU Authors’ Exhibit on April 9 that will run throughout the month of April, a “Changing Lives” ceremony and reception, and an academic linkages day that will highlight the university’s dynamic partnerships.

“The authors’ exhibit will be featured in the Haas Library during the Inaugural Week,” said Associate Director of Library Services Janet Ohles. “The exhibit will demonstrate the breadth and quality of scholarly works created by WCSU faculty and staff. Other events at the library during the week will include an art exhibit by Ridgefield artist Ken Kenan, an exhibit of historic Danbury postcards, and a book sale.”

The “Changing Lives” event, scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, will bring together former and current WestConn students in an evening that will celebrate academics and the education WestConn students receive. Speakers will make brief presentations about how an education at WCSU prepared, or is preparing, them for the next phase in their lives. A “Changing Lives” essay contest is being run in conjunction with this event and the top three winners will be invited to attend and read their winning essays.

Thursday, April 14, is the day set aside to celebrate academic partnerships and linkages with the community. In preparation for this event, the deans of the Ancell School of Business, School of Arts and Sciences, School of Professional Studies, and Graduate Studies and External Programs have been working with their respective faculty to plan a day that showcases the diversity in the programs the university and the community share.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase great partnership programs,” said Dr. Lynne Clark, dean of the School of Professional Studies. “Working with our faculty members, we hope to celebrate the numerous service and partnership initiatives with the community.”

Dean of the Ancell School of Business Dr. Allen Morton agreed.

“This program will highlight many of the unique student and faculty collaborations with the community that make WestConn a key resource in the Western region of Connecticut.”

Steering committee members are excited about the planning and pleased with how the university community is engaged in this initiative.

“We all are thrilled about the start President Schmotter has had, and are confident that the week’s events will reflect the level of energy and enthusiasm that he has brought to the campus,” said Ron Pugliese, a member of the...
Saturday, April 9
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Danbury/WestConn Community Clean-up Day
Danbury residents and members of the WestConn community team up on projects that will enhance the city and the university campuses. In conjunction with Danbury’s Clean City project.

All day Exhibitions in the Ruth Haas Library
Midtown campus
Exhibits include a display of the history of Danbury and a WestConn faculty author’s display.

2 p.m. Picnic on the Quad
A picnic on the Midtown campus Quad for members of the city of Danbury and the WestConn community. Entertainment provided by WestConn’s music and theatre arts departments. Rain location: Student Center.

Monday, April 11
5 – 7 p.m. WCSU Photo Exhibit
Warner Hall, Midtown campus
Join faculty and staff for an opening reception and browse a gallery of photographs by WCSU faculty and staff.

Tuesday, April 12
10 a.m. Ceremonial Groundbreaking
Westside Campus Center, Westside campus

2 p.m. Conversations with President Schmotter
Student Center, Midtown campus
Attention students! Create your own ice-cream sundae and chat with President Schmotter.

3 – 4 p.m. Slam Poetry, Harambee Youth Center students
Student Center, Room 202

5:30 – 7 p.m. Lecture and Performance by Nicholasleichterdance Company
5 to 7 p.m., Bill Williams Gymn
Berkshire Hall, Midtown campus

7 p.m. ‘Changing Lives’ Panel Discussion and Essay Awards Ceremony & Reception, Warner Hall
Graduates and current students will share stories about how WestConn changed their lives. Student contest winners will read winning essays.

Wednesday, April 13
Noon – 3 p.m. Diversity Day
Student Center, Midtown campus
Join the WestConn community as we celebrate diversity through poster displays, films and more.

3 – 4:30 p.m. Beatrice K. Nemzer Symposium
Pinney Hall, Westside campus
Hear social work graduates explain how WestConn prepared them for different fields of practice within the social work profession.

Thursday, April 14
5 – 7 p.m. Poster Presentations ‘Our Dynamic Communities: Unique Faculty/Community Partnerships,’ Warner Hall Midtown campus
Join us as we celebrate service and partnership within the WestConn and greater Danbury community.

Friday, April 15
1:30 p.m. Inauguration Ceremony
O’Neill Center, Westside campus
Observe the installation ceremony of James W. Schmotter as the eighth president of WCSU.

3 – 5 p.m. Reception
O’Neill Center, Westside campus
Join the platform party, institutional delegates and the Connecticut State University Board of Trustees for a reception in the O’Neill Center immediately following the ceremony.

6 p.m. ‘An Evening at the Opera’ and Reception
Warner Hall, Midtown campus
The Alumni Association will host an alumni reception (precedes opera concert). RSVP by April 10 to (203) 837-8290.

8 p.m. WCSU Opera
Ives Concert Hall, White Hall
Enjoy an unforgettable evening performance by the WCSU music faculty and Opera Ensemble.
‘Values and Vision’ of WestConn’s stakeholders will shape the university’s future

By Sherri Hill

“When you think of Western Connecticut State University, what comes to your mind first? “What does WestConn do especially well?” “What about WestConn makes you proud (to go to school here, to work here, to send your son or daughter here, or to have the university in your community)?”

Those were just some of the questions being asked of groups of people assembled on campus and across the community last month as part of the “Values and Vision” project initiated by WestConn’s president, Dr. James W. Schmotter. Open sessions for faculty, staff, students and members of the Greater Danbury community allowed everyone to join in structured conversations that centered on the questions above and others, such as “What is WestConn’s role in the community?” and “What changes in WestConn would you like to see in the next five to ten years?”

These questions will yield answers that will help shape the university’s future, said President Schmotter.

“The Values and Vision process is important not only to me as a new president, but to the entire WCSU community and our external stakeholders,” he said. “To understand where we are now, and how we should proceed to achieve our great potential, we need to have dialogue about some basic questions: What values matter to us? How do our constituents perceive us? What are we known for? What do we do well? What do we do less than well? What can WCSU become?”

A 15-member Task Force, representing a diverse cross-section of the university community, has been assisting the president with the project since late September. Education and Educational Psychology Professor Dr. Marcy Delcourt serves as co-chair with Dr. Schmotter. The other members of the committee are Reference Librarian Vijay Nair, Music Department Chair Dr. Fernando Jimenez, English Professor Dr. Edward Hagan, Director of Admissions Larry Hall, Interim V.P. of Inst. Adv. Dr. G. Koryoe Anim-Wright, Assistant Professor of Marketing Dr. Karen Koza, Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Colleen Delaney, Director of Career Development Maureen Hernett, Management Professor Dr. Fred Tesch, Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences Dr. Tom Phillbrick, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Linda Vaden-Goad, Student Trustee Tim Doran, SGA President Cat Ferrigno, and M.B.A. students Steve Roscoe and Janette Santizo.

Ten open-ended questions were designed to solicit feedback from the various groups on their perceptions of the university’s past, present status, and future opportunities and potential. At each of the more than 78 discussion sessions, a facilitator posed the questions and the answers were transcribed. Responses were kept anonymous, and the information obtained will be attributed to groups rather than to specific individuals. Because of the anonymity afforded the participants, they were able to freely offer their opinions, whether positive or negative.

The individuals who comprised the discussion groups took their assignment quite seriously, said Linda Vaden-Goad. “They further provided us with ideas for groups that need to be included in ongoing conversations for positive change.”

Task Force members Delcourt, Delaney, Koza, Roscoe and Santizo are compiling the responses, coding them to identify primary themes, and conducting qualitative analysis of the data. The results were summarized and presented at the community-wide “Stakeholders Conference” on March 5. It involved a lot of work, but Delcourt said the group believes it’s an important mission on behalf of WestConn’s new president and the university.

“Our job is to make the thousands of units of data useful,” she said. “In order for this project to be successful, we have to code, organize, categorize and refine the data so that it is accessible and useful for President Schmotter’s purposes.”

As a result of all the effort expended, WestConn will obtain useful information about its self-identity and how the university is perceived in the region. Additionally, Dr. Schmotter believes that by identifying oft-mentioned opportunities and challenges, WestConn will find insight into its future direction.

“We’ve come a long way since our beginnings as a small, local teachers’ college,” Schmotter said. “What we learn from the Values and Vision conversations will help us determine where the next leg of our collective journey will take us.”

Director of University Admissions Larry Hall, a member of the Values and Vision Task Force, listens to a community member during a February Values and Vision session in Warner Hall.
Archivist Meg Moughan safeguards university’s treasures

“I have always liked history, and being an archivist allows for the opportunity to look at history from so many different angles — literature, politics, religion, culture — all these areas intersect in the Archives & Special Collections department,” Moughan said.

Among Moughan’s first goals in her position was to increase the visibility and use of the Archives & Special Collections materials.

“We really want to make people aware that this department exists,” said Moughan. “We are working to make this a more active area in the library.”

To that end, Moughan has begun reaching out to area libraries, museums, historical societies and cultural organizations to get a sense of the focus of their collections, to see what gaps the Haas Library Archives and Special Collections can fill, and to seek out possible areas of collaboration.

Moughan also had an eye on WestConn’s centennial celebration in 2003, which provided an opportunity to preserve and highlight the university’s history.

Working alongside Moughan is Mary Reike, the library’s part-time archives assistant. It was Reike who got the Archives & Special Collections department up and running before, during, and after the recent expansion of the Haas Library. She saw the collection move from a small closet to the current expanded space, which includes storage, processing and reading rooms. Moughan said she is “indebted” to Reike for the work she has done and continues to do.

Moughan came to WestConn from Columbia, South Carolina, where she was the processing archivist for the South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina. That experience, in USC’s well-established archives department, will serve Moughan well as she develops policies and practices for the Haas Library collection.

Preview Yamaha piano sale for alumni, faculty and staff

Through a generous arrangement with the Yamaha Corporation of America, WestConn received a number of professional upright, baby grand and conservatory grand pianos for use during the 2004-2005 academic year. As part of the agreement concerning the use of these instruments, Yamaha will sell these pianos at a public sale on Friday, July 29, through Sunday, July 31, at Warner Hall on the university’s Midtown campus.

WestConn alumni, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to attend a special preview sale on Thursday, July 28. Yamaha’s local affiliate, Fry’s Westport Fairfield Pianos, will also bring additional inventory for inclusion in the sale — resulting in a wide selection of instruments, including Disklavier player pianos and Clavinova digital pianos, at significant savings. Additional discounts on these items will be available for WCSU alumni, faculty and staff.

Sale hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5. Appointments are recommended. For more information or to arrange an appointment, call 1-800-742-6618.

Introducing the new WCSU Save card program! WCSU alumni can now save on great goods and services. Just show your alumni membership card at these locations:

Anna DeMaasi on a new Yamaha concert grand piano in Ives Concert Hall.
Softball and Baseball teams head south

Believe it or not, the sub-zero temperatures will be a thing of the past very soon. The spring programs are banking on warmer days ahead this March when both teams head for sunny Florida.


WestConn’s baseball squad, headed by sixth-year Head Coach John Susi, opened the 2005 season at the Chowan College Invitational three-day tournament.

After a scheduled game at Stevens Tech in Hoboken, N.J., Susi and his troops traveled to Port Charles, Florida for a six-game slate that began on March 20.

The softball team, under the guidance of 16-year Head Coach Alicia O’Brien, opened its northern schedule on March 30 at home, playing Framingham State.

Baseball opens its home slate on March 30, with a game against Ramapo College at the Westside Field at 3:30 p.m.

Softball Southern Swing

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Athletics & recreation

The athletics program has now completed its fall and winter seasons and the department is looking forward to a season of baseball, men’s/women’s lacrosse, softball and men’s tennis.

While we are pleased with the success of our athletics teams, it seems fitting to mention our two long-time WestConn head coaches, Wayne Mones and Rich Myers, who have left our athletic scene this past year.

Wayne Mones retired last summer after 16 seasons of coaching men’s soccer. Under his leadership, the team became one of the best in New England. The team’s final record was 212-89-34, which qualified them for post-season competition (ECAC/NCAA) in 10 of their 16 seasons.

Rich Myers has left his post as head coach in women’s volleyball following the 2004 season. This concludes a 17-year run with a final record of 297-270 and post-season appearances in 1998-2003.

It should be noted that both men were part-time coaches which makes their successes all the more extraordinary. Each has left a strong and enduring legacy with WestConn athletics.

The 2004 Athletic Hall of Fame induction was held in October during Homecoming week. Newly-inducted members with President James Schmotter (l-r): Angela Mele ’91, Gary Lemme ’69, Paul Ellis ’94, Andrea Franck Jones ’98 and Wendy Patenaude-Baker ’03. Joseph Bagley was inducted posthumously.

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WestConn students don’t plan to be left out of the celebration. Elizabeth Dyer, the student representative on the steering committee, has been working closely with student leaders and groups to develop activities she is sure will interest her peers.

“We are planning a number of student-oriented events,” Dyer said. “This includes a ceremonial groundbreaking of the Westside Campus Center, a special dinner, and a dive-in movie at the O’Neill Center pool on Friday night.”

Planning for the inauguration is spreading throughout the campus. From office to office, many are involved in the planning of this historic event.

University Publications and Design (UP&D) got involved early on with the design of the Save-the-Date cards. Since then, UP&D has designed the formal invitation package. They now are poised to develop posters for inaugural-related events. And then there’s the final piece: the installation ceremony program booklet.

“This is an important occasion to showcase the university and we want to make sure that we present WestConn in the best possible light,” said UP&D Director Jason Davis.

John Murphy, manager of the William O’Neill Athletic and Convocation Center, is happy to host the event on the Westside campus.

“Having the inauguration at the O’Neill Center will truly highlight the beautiful facilities that we have,” Murphy said. “It’s wonderful because it shows the growth of the university over the years.”

More are involved in preparing for the inauguration: University Computing and Public Relations are in the process of developing an inauguration Web site; Media Services is gearing up to provide audio-visual needs for the week; and Associate Professor of Social Sciences Dr. Robert Whitemore will be showing a film in conjunction with activities scheduled for Diversity Day on Wednesday, April 13.

University Events Coordinator Helen Masterson is keeping an eye on a number of projects. From playing a key role in organizing the installation ceremony to assisting with events throughout the week, Masterson and her staff have their hands full.

“My office usually works with an office or two in preparing for an event,” Masterson explained. “The inauguration, much like the Centennial, has given us an opportunity to work across all constituencies at the university, and that makes the task truly enjoyable.”

In the President’s office, Mary Sergi and Janet McKay have also been busy. From developing VIP lists to helping with the formal invitations to coordinating special events, this hard-working duo still have a lot of work ahead of them. RSVPs from institutional and campus delegates will start pouring in around mid-March. And that’s not all: come inauguration week, the challenge they will face is managing President Schmotter’s schedule so he can make an appearance at all inauguration-related events. But Sergi and McKay are focused on the end result of the planning, not the work involved in preparing for April 15.

“We hope it will be a memorable and special day for President Schmotter, the university community and everyone attending the inauguration,” Sergi said. McKay agreed.

“An inauguration doesn’t come along very often,” she said. “Hopefully, we can all enjoy the celebration.”

For more information about the inauguration, send an e-mail to inauguration@wcsu.edu or log on to www.wcsu.edu/inauguration.
President’s Gala promises to be a gem of an evening

By Sherri Hill

For 18 years, WestConn’s University Ball has been a premier event in terms of the occasion itself and the funds it generates for the WCSU Foundation. So when a committee began meeting a few months ago to start planning the 19th annual ball scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at the Ethan Allen Inn, they were working with a lot of history. But they also were looking ahead to the future as they decided to keep the best of the old while adding some new things to make the event truly shine.

For starters, the ball has been renamed the President’s Gala. The new name more accurately reflects that the evening is not only a dance: there’s also a gourmet meal, a silent auction and a chance for all those who support the university to join together in a common celebration.

The committee also decided to create a theme for this year’s event that will provide inspiration for future President’s Galas.

“We wanted to select an ongoing theme, something that would continue as the years go forward,” said Honorary Committee Co-Chair Terry Eberhard-Asch, a WestConn alumna and also a member of the Connecticut State University System Board of Trustees. Her co-chair is her husband, Richard Asch.

“This year the gala will be called ‘An Evening of Diamonds & Dancing,’ and that will be carried through to the decorations and all the details,” she said. “It will really be wonderful.”

Interim Director of Alumni Relations Mary Figueroa, also a member of the committee, agreed.

“You often hear how WestConn is really a jewel or a diamond in the rough, so we’re starting with ‘Diamonds & Dancing’ this year,” she explained. “Next year, it may be ‘Rubies & Rhythm,’ or ‘Jade & Jazz.’ The gemstones really point to the fact that this is a premier event not only for the university, but also for the Greater Danbury community.”

And the community comes out to support the event in impressive numbers. Last year, more than 200 people attended the $200-per-person ball at the Hilton Hotel in Southbury. Corporate tables purchased for $3,500 by area businesses accounted for nearly two-thirds of the guests, which is testament to the strong relationships WestConn has built with its corporate neighbors. In acknowledgement of the importance of these kinds of associations, the university will recognize Ridgefield-based Boehringer-Ingelheim during this year’s President’s Gala for its more than 20 years of corporate support for the university.

Eberhard-Asch acknowledged the importance of and appreciation for corporate partners but expressed a desire to see more of her fellow alumni participate in the event.

“I would like to see more people take advantage of the opportunity to attend the gala because it’s a prestigious event,” she said. “It’s an opportunity to see old friends, form new friendships and interact with the faculty and high-profile members of the community. It’s an elegant evening of dinner and dancing to a wonderful, well-known band. I think we’re very lucky that WestConn hosts this event, because it’s the only Connecticut State University campus that has a President’s Gala.”

Those who attend will have a great meal, bid on wonderful silent auction items donated by more than 100 business and individuals, and enjoy a memorable evening. Figueroa said that the silent auction accounted for about one-third of the $40,000 the event netted last year and predicted this year’s auction would have some truly unique and desirable items for bid.

“This year, we will once again have an eclectic variety of items to bid on,” she said. “Included will be international trips, jewelry, home furnishings, gift baskets, and certificates for the theatre and restaurants. We’ll also have incredible, original artwork donated by several alumni artists, as well as some of WestConn’s art faculty.”

There will be dozens of tempting treasures on which to bid at the President’s Gala, but only those who attend the event can participate in the silent auction. For those who are unable to attend but still want to support the university, an outright gift can be made directly to the WCSU Foundation.

For more information about the President’s Gala, contact Mary Figueroa at (203) 837-8290 or Sue Wolf at (203) 837-8279.
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1960s
Ellen Turkowski Masterson ’62 is enjoying retirement, traveling with her husband, Joe, to West Palm Beach, the Bahamas and Europe. Her seven grandchildren keep her young, happy and hopping.

Judge Thomas G. West ’66 was among 20 African-Americans honored by the Connecticut Supreme Court during Law Day 2004. The event highlighted the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of Brown vs. Board of Education, celebrating its 50th anniversary. West was honored for exemplifying the legacy of the Brown decision through his notable achievements in Connecticut.

1970s
Howie Gulack ’74 is beginning his fourth year of teaching at Sheng Da University in China. He has resided in Asia for the past 10 years, after an airline flight operations career.

Pamela Peterson Heinemann ’77 teaches private piano lessons in Jupiter, FL. She is the staff accompanist at Palm Beach Community College, Gardens Presbyterian Church and performs at Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach. She has performed and traveled aboard Carnival and Holland America cruise lines.

1980s
Alan J. Clavette ’80 was elected treasurer of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants for the 2004-2005 year. He is a managing member of the Newtown firm of Clavette, Josselyn & Co., LLC, a director of the Newtown Chamber of Commerce, co-host and co-producer of a cable show, “Family Finance,” and serves as a coach for the Newtown Soccer Club.

1990s
Jeanette Manning ’97 has joined the Philadelphia law firm of Cozen O’Connor. She concentrates her practice in insurance, corporate and regulatory matters, and resides in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

Robert Peters ’99 has been named director of food procurement at the Daily Bread Food Bank in Miami, Florida.

Kellyanne Dohan ’99 and Raymond Tyler Koemp were married on Nov. 20, 2004 in Alumni Hall on the WestConn Midtown campus. Her grandparents were married at the same location (formerly St. Nicholas Church) before WestConn acquired the facility. She is a history teacher at Stonington High School and her husband serves as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

2000s
Christina Sanderson ’00 was among a distinguished group of 15 Yale-New Haven Hospital nurses recently honored with a Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing. She is an eight-year veteran at Yale-New Haven where she works in the orthopedics unit.

Manuel Estevez ’01 is a commissioned U.S. Army officer stationed in Sadr City, Iraq, with the 1st Calvary Division. He married Andrea Follis in January 2004.

Jeuse Saint-Fleur ’02 was among a distinguished group of 15 Yale-New Haven Hospital nurses who were recently honored with a Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing. She has been employed for the past two years at Yale-New Haven where she works in the medicine unit. 

In memoriam. . .
’35 Jerri Cimmino Quist, New Preston, Conn., Dec. 4, 2004
’49 Dominic Orticelli, Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 12, 2004
’71 & ’79 Janet Toce Foster, Brookfield, Conn., Aug. 8, 2004
’83 Sandra Mutascio Stephens, Southbury, Conn., Aug. 1, 2004
’85 Barbara Allen Planz, Bridgewater, Conn., Dec. 14, 2004
’87 Sarah Novachek, Danbury, Conn., Oct. 28, 2004
Professor Emeritus Ronald Chriss, Nov. 16, 2004

And baby makes. . .
Frank Anzalone ’96 and Wendy Anzalone proudly announce the birth of their son, Joseph, on Aug. 19.

Susan Thompson Napoli ’93 and Ron Napoli proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Lena, on March 8, 2004. She joins sister Nicole Rose, 4.

Trish Roop Forrester ’02, proudly announces the birth of her daughter, Nicole, on July 30.

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Wedding bells. . .
Kimberly Alworth ’99 and Scott Smith
Nuchette Black ’98 and Kirkpatrick Burke
Jessica Rapp ’98 and Gabriel Breich
Megan Lancelot ’01 and Robert Babcock ’99
Holly Pearsall ’04 and Kenneth Keeler
Laura Prescott ’01 and Matthew Morgan ’99
Gina Rea ’01 and Erik Tonner ’04

Kellyanne Dohan ’99 and Raymond Tyler Koemp
Nora Lovett ’98 and David Knight

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**K.** WCSU authentic Cat’s Meow Collectible, $19.99 (specify Fairfield Hall, White Hall or Old Main)

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