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See the center spread for a photo recap of the September 14, 2002 Centennial Kick-Off Celebration
By Yvonne Johnson
WestConn Public Relations

Like many expectant fathers, Danbury resident Charles Chakar ‘94 began planning and worrying about the future of his first child long before his wife, Mirta, gave birth to their daughter, Alexandra, on Saturday, Sept. 14. Before Saturday, one of his concerns was about paying for a college education.

“It was always on my mind when I’d think about the future,” said Chakar, who does accounting for IBM. “Always.”

But thanks to Alexandra’s early arrival—she wasn’t due until late October—paying for her education is one thing Chakar no longer needs to fret about. That’s because Alexandra’s delivery at 9:39 a.m. made her the busiest fall I can remember since becoming president 10 years ago, and it is just the beginning of the year-long celebration for you and your alma mater.

During the remainder of the year, all departments are making special efforts to celebrate the rich history that has taken us from Danbury Normal School to Western Connecticut State University. Performing groups, academic departments and athletic teams are inviting you to take a new look at WestConn. The recurring message I have heard from alumni who have returned to campus this fall is “The campus didn’t look like this when I went here!” In addition to our new facilities, there has been a tremendous growth in academic majors and program offerings. These changes have contributed to a 30% increase in enrollment over the past 10 years.

More than 11,000 alums live within a 20-mile radius of Danbury. Many of you who have driven on White Street have seen the Centennial light pole banners and the sign on the parking garage walkway. I invite you to visit WestConn and take a closer look at your alma mater and all the changes that have taken place since your graduation.

I look forward to seeing you on campus this year.

An alumna is born: September 14, 2002

By Yvonne Johnson
WestConn Public Relations

Fall semester at WestConn has been passing by swiftly. Alumni have returned to campus in unprecedented numbers to attend a variety of events in September, the Centennial Kick-Off Celebration; in October, the Presidential Lecture presented renowned actor, James Earl Jones; a poetry reading by Billy Collins, the U.S. Poet Laureate; and a damp but alumni-packed Homecoming. In November, the Dinner Theatre and Wine-Tasting brought record crowds of alumni and friends to campus. This has been the busiest fall I can remember since becoming president 10 years ago, and it is just the beginning of the year-long celebration for you and your alma mater.

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The university awarded the five-pound, five-ounce little girl with brown eyes and a full head of dark hair the scholarship to launch the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

WestConn was founded in 1903 and will be celebrating its Centennial with a number of activities throughout 2002-03. In fact, the university was just beginning its Kick-Off Celebration—a full day of activities including a children’s carnival, exhibits and a concert followed by fireworks—as Alexandra was being delivered.

“In celebrating our Centennial, we are embracing the university’s 100-year tradition of excellence in education,” WestConn President Dr. James R. Roach said. “With that in mind, it seems only natural to celebrate the milestone by giving the gift of an education.”

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“We received two wonderful surprises,” Chakar said. “First, the baby came early, then we found out that she’d won the scholarship. The baby is amazing, and the scholarship is a real blessing.”

While the scholarship came as a surprise, there wasn’t much doubt that Alexandra would attend WestConn. That’s because Charles Chakar, 31, received his bachelor of science in economics degree from the university in 1994. Mirta Chakar, 34, attended classes at WestConn. And the baby’s paternal grandfather and uncle each received master’s degrees from WestConn.

“I guess she knew where she wanted to go to college,” Charles Chakar said. “She knew, but the rest of us were totally amazed.”
WestConn gears up for the Annual Fund

By Michael Driscoll
Institutional Advancement

Did you recently receive your Annual Fund letter? It had an insert with lots of WestConn photographs, of buildings and places you may not have recognized. WestConn has been in a major growth phase these past few years, with new construction and expanding programs. Please come back and see the campus again!

The photos showed visible, tangible growth at WestConn. Your support for the Annual Fund is for the less visible...yet even more important...growth in scholarships and programs.

Scholarships attract and keep the best students. Last year the WestConn Alumni Association invested $101,789 from the Annual Fund in a new scholarship endowment. Annual Fund gifts have improved the AlumniNews, supported alumni events, and much more is coming! Related to WestConn’s 100th anniversary, we hope to raise $100,000 for the Annual Fund. Your support can help make that happen, and your contribution makes you an active alumni donor.

A gift from you in any amount is always appreciated, and we are asking alumni to consider $100 or more in honor of the Centennial.

You can get even more for your gift if you want a brick, tree, bench or light post at the Alumni & Friends Circle on the Midtown Campus. Bricks are $100, trees $500, benches $1,000, and light posts are $2,500. The Alumni & Friends Circle is located between Fairfield Hall and Old Main.

If you misplaced your Annual Fund letter, and still want to contribute, you can mail your check, made payable to: WCSU Foundation Annual Fund, 181 White Street, Danbury CT 06810. You can also call 203-837-8298 for more information about the Annual Fund.

Alumni participation high in university’s $5M Centennial Campaign

By Richard Gerber
Institutional Advancement

The Centennial Campaign for WestConn will begin its public phase in early 2003.

However, the silent phase of the fund drive began in August 2002 and more than two dozen campaign pledges already total more that $2.5 million toward the Campaign’s $5 million goal. And participation from WestConn’s alumni has played a significant role in the Campaign’s early success.

“The first Centennial Gift we received was the full payment of the $1 million donation from Ellen and Jason Hancock ‘81,” said Richard J. Gerber, WestConn’s vice president for Institutional Advancement. Hancock is a graduate of the University’s English Master’s degree program. That gift has been designated for support of student scholarships, leadership training and an innovative program employing computer graphics and the creative arts. “But other alumni, from nearly every decade of WestConn’s history, have already pledged other Major Gifts ($5,000+) to bring the silent phase of the Campaign past the half way point,” according to Gerber. Major Gift alumni donors include: Neil E. and Carolyn C. Wagner (both ’52), Theresa Eberhard Asch ’64, and Gordon Hallas ’90.

The Campaign’s first corporate cultivation breakfast was held in Alumni Hall on October 30th. Attendees included Tom Arconti ’89, Ray Boa ’77, Gordon Hallas ’90 and Neil Wagner ’52. A highlight of the breakfast was the presentation of $250,000 in corporate commitments to the campaign.

Union Savings Bank president Charles “Chic” Frosch presented Dr. Roach with a $100,000 commitment. Dave Nurnberger ’72 presented an additional $100,000 from Boehringer-Ingelheim. Nurnberger serves as vice president of human resources and public relations for the pharmaceutical firm. This contribution has been earmarked for the benefit of the Bio-Chemistry Laboratory which will be part of WestConn’s new Science Building. The Savings Bank of Danbury has also pledged $50,000 to the Campaign.

“WestConn alumni are increasingly influential in regional companies,” says Gerber. “Our expectation is that those firms with large numbers of our graduates, like Boehringer-Ingelheim, will play a key role in getting our Campaign close to its $5 million goal.”
Hill Williams establishes legacy of support

By G. Koryoe Anim-Wright
WCSU Public Relations

Since her graduation from Western Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1987, Gail Hill Williams has gone out of her way to support students following in her footsteps at the university.

Her goal is to endow scholarships to benefit students who are civic-minded, well-rounded and academically driven.

Hill Williams, who is African-American, said the university population was not very diverse when she was a student here in the late ’80s, but many members of the faculty and staff made her feel a part of the university community.

“WestConn truly embraced me, possibly because I was black,” she said. “I really wanted to give back to the school because I received a great education, and I got a lot of support regardless of my color. I feel very fortunate that so many people were generous with their knowledge, support and friendship.”

The 30-something alumna set up the insurance policy, which requires a monthly premium of “less than the cost of putting gasoline in your car” each month, with the assistance of fellow alum Michael Stuart ’75. Hill Williams said she encourages other alums to set up similar policies as a means to help future WestConn students.

“It’s quite inexpensive, and it was very easy to do,” she said. “It’s also a way to support the university in perpetuity.”

As a trustee, she also feels the financial support is paramount due to the diminishing contributions from the state to higher education.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Richard Gerber agreed. “This is a wonderful way to support the university,” Gerber said. “Ms. Hill Williams has set an example for other alums of all ages who want to make deferred gifts or bequests to benefit WestConn. We hope many others will follow her lead.”

For more information about deferred giving, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 203-837-8298.
Changes to A&S facilities and degrees: The future is bright

I began serving as the dean of Arts and Sciences on August 5 of this year. Each day I discover more about what makes Western Connecticut State University such an exciting academic community. In each of the Arts and Sciences’ thirteen academic departments, faculty and students are working together to create high quality educational experiences. So much is happening! Below are some of the new developments in six of our departments (next issue, we will update you on the others.)

In interesting and collaborative ways, the Art, English, and the Communication and Theatre Arts Departments are working together. There are joint art shows and poetry readings. World-renowned artists, illustrators, graphics artists, photographers, poets, authors, actors, and directors regularly visit our campus to speak. Students and faculty take trips to New York City to visit art museums, meet television producers and directors, see plays, and annually produce their own plays off-Broadway!

WestConn has the best of all worlds in the arts – our proximity to New York City gives us access to an amazing array of expert opportunities, scholars from around the world, and our idyllic setting in Danbury gives us a beautiful natural setting in which to think and create. Last month students were sewing costumes, designing and building scenery and practicing their lines and music for the Centennial Musical Production, “Meet Me in St. Louis.”

Art students and faculty painted murals in the Berkshire Theatre lobby. All of the commitment and activity are magnificent. I grew up playing the violin, and was always in the orchestra pit during productions like this. I will never forget what an exciting opportunity it was for me to have been in the middle of such rich productions – a wonderful part of a great education.

In October, we were lucky to have the US Poet Laureate Billy Collins come to WestConn to read his poetry. He was wonderful! If you missed the event and see that Collins is reading somewhere nearby, don’t miss the chance to hear him. You might also want to come back to school and learn to write poetry yourself! Our English Department has many poets and other writers who can show you how.

Also in the arts, we are in the initial planning phases of a new Fine and Performing Arts Center at the Westside Campus, and we are very excited about the prospects of having this beautiful new space for students, faculty, alumni and the community to engage the arts.

Relative to the sciences, you may have heard about the mercury abatement projects in the Danbury area. What you might not know is that a number of WestConn science faculty are leading the research. They have discovered a way to use plants to do the necessary repair work. Very exciting!

The chemists are busy in their labs, doing hands-on teaching and research with the help of undergraduate students, and doing “Wizard Shows” for young children in area schools – showing them the wonders of chemistry in the world around us.

Another exciting change relates to our observatory on the Westside Campus. It is currently undergoing a facelift – when finished, it will host a new “star theater” for planetarium shows, classes and guest speakers, a new “Spitz A3” projector for special effects; and a new patio area for star parties and other outdoor events. When finished, we will let you know so you can attend the grand opening (April 2003). Until then, we will have a public observatory night on the Midtown Campus, Higgins 216 (December 18, 5-7 pm). Call 203-837-8671 for more information. Please bring your family and look at the stars in new ways.

Also in the sciences, we have a new meteorology degree that allows students to focus on one of two academic tracks – theoretical or broadcast. In the broadcast option, students learn how to understand the weather and how to communicate it on television or radio. It is a very exciting hands-on degree.

The most exciting news is that we will break ground on our new $41 million science building soon (see photo). It will be built on the Midtown Campus (located at the site of our current athletic field). When you are nearby, drive over and watch its progress.

In sum, you graduated from a very active and thriving university. It is a great place where we all come together to learn and work in a safe, respectful setting. Join us, whether it is to come over for a talk, show or performance. Perhaps you know someone who is interested in one of our programs, or, maybe you are interested in taking a course or another degree yourself! Now is a great time to do so. Call me if I can answer your questions. I am very glad to be here.

$41 million Science Building to be built at Midtown, on the site of the current Athletic field.
The School of Arts and Sciences is proud to have alumna, Dr. Tara Kuther ’93, contribute to her profession as a member of the Psychology Department at WestConn since 1989. Dr. Kuther feels that she was very well prepared for graduate school because WestConn gave her a very comprehensive undergraduate education. She attended graduate school at Fordham University where she received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology in 1998.

During her last two years of graduate work she had a number of adjunct teaching positions at colleges and universities in the New York City. This peaked her interest in making teaching an important part of her career. Dr. Kuther was particularly interested in working at a public institution because of the greater diversity of the student population, so she was attracted to the teaching position at WestConn five years ago.

Dr. Kuther has made many contributions to the profession of psychology. She is an outstanding instructor who is responsible for teaching most of the departments developmental courses. She regularly teaches online and integrates writing assignments extensively into her courses. Several of her independent projects with students have resulted in joint presentations at professional psychological meetings. Currently she is helping the university implement a graduate certificate in gerontology.

Dr. Kuther is very active as a scholar publishing articles in a variety of journals and writing chapters in books. Her areas of interest are adolescent risk-taking behavior and ethics in psychology. Recently her book *The Psychology Major’s Handbook* was published by Wadsworth Publishing. Two other books authored by Dr. Kuther, currently in press with Wadsworth Publishing, are *Your Career in Psychology: Psychology in the Law* and *Extending the Boundaries of Psychology: Career Opportunities in a Changing World* co-authored with Bob Morgan of Texas Tech University.

Dr. Kuther also has become involved in the Danbury community, working on the Outcome Measurement Task Force of United Way; on the Board of Directors of the Interfaith AIDS Ministry and the Danbury Regional Commission on Child Care, Rights and Abuse; and as a consultant to Danbury Youth Services. She lives with her husband, Larry, in New York City where they like to explore neighborhoods, go to museums and eat at new restaurants. She also enjoys doing freelance writing, on and off the web, and designing web pages.

On March 3, businesses in Danbury will celebrate the University’s birthday. If you work outside Danbury, but employ WestConn alumni, please call the Alumni Office to make arrangements for a celebration cake for your business.

In the months to come, we have many new and exciting projects in the works: several regional receptions being planned around the tri-state area. Like to travel? Think about signing up for the Mississippi Steamboat Cruise. Or, if your interest is more international, call the office for information on the Scotland-England trip in August. July brings the return of the Alumni Golf Classic–Centennial Edition.

The Board and I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming alumni event.

**Feeling ignored?**

Know an alum who hasn’t heard from WestConn in years? Have them call us and get back in the know!

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**Alumni News**

The magazine for alumni and friends of WestConn.
Greetings and welcome to the fall 2002 semester. Hopefully, you still enjoy the fall as much as you did when you were a student. The fall, like all new beginnings, brings with it a sense of optimism and the belief that something great is just around the corner. Such is the case with the School. Our faculty are outstanding educators who are committed to their students, as you know from both your past and present contacts with the Ancell School. Dr. Frank Muska (JLA) who recently celebrated twenty-five years of service at WCSU, exemplifies this commitment.

Students are bustling through the hallways and are ready for the challenges in the classroom and are eager to work with firms who visit the campus. Local firms continue to look for ways of becoming involved with the School. In short, the School is a vibrant community of which you as alumni are an integral part. This column is one of several ways to keep you posted on the life of the Ancell School. I encourage you to visit the WCSU website and to contact the Office of Public Relations to find out about the many publications, such as the *Communique* and *WestConn Matters*, that help keep you informed about the happenings at WCSU.

In the last *AlumniNews*, I encouraged you to contact your professors or me. I am happy to report that many of you have done so. Some of you offered to create internship programs for students, while others have volunteered to offer career advice to students. Keep those contacts coming and stay connected with the Ancell School. Your professors and our students enjoy hearing from you and staying informed about your accomplishments.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to your newest faculty members. Dr. Cindy Chuang, the newest faculty member in the Management Department, teaches in Danbury and Waterbury. She earned her Ph.D. at the Florida Institute of Technology and teaches courses in operations, supply chain management and general management Dr. Chuang conducts research in e-commerce and supply chain management. She can be reached at chuangm@wcsu.edu.

Dr. Ozgur Kan is the newest faculty member in the Finance Department. He has a Ph.D. from Old Dominion University and has a masters and bachelors degree in engineering. Dr. Kan currently teaches Principles in Finance, Financial Management, and Investments and Portfolio Management. His research interests include mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and international finance. He can be reached at kano@wcsu.edu.

Departmental faculty are involved with a variety of local and national organizations. Dr. Cronin's advertising class is judging a nationwide advertising contest for the Samuel Adams Beer Co. Dr. Bazan and Tesch (Management) are offering management development courses for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, as well as classes for Chamber University, sponsored by the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce. Justice and Law Administration, under the leadership of Dr. David Machell, is currently preparing for American Bar Association approval of its paralegal studies program. Dr. Harry Schramm (JLA) is the Vice President of the Connecticut State Police Memorial Scholarship Committee. Dr. Marie Wright (MIS) attended a conference on computer security at Microsoft in June. She is also the co-Principal Investigator on a $688,414 National Science Foundation grant entitled “Computer Security and Data Assurance Associate Degree Program.” I am serving as chair of Economic Development Commission for the city of Danbury. Members of the media have recently contacted the Ancell School for insights on a number of current topics. For example, those of you who have watched cable television or listened to the radio recently, have seen either or heard Dr. Casey Jordan (JLA) talk about serial killings or child kidnappings. Professor Mullaney (JLA) was interviewed by the Fairfield County Business Journal on the role of business ethics in the courses that he teaches. WLAD radio interviewed me about President Bush’s statements on the economy and corporate responsibility, as well as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan’s speech on the state of the economy.

Our faculty are engaged in a wide variety of scholarly and professional activities. Dr. Schramm (JLA) is a Visiting Scholar at Yale University Law School for the study of constitutional law and is also currently conducting research at the Library of Congress from the private papers of Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court William J. Brennan. Dr. Fred Maidment (Management) published a paper, “How the United Nations Could Help the Third World” and edited, *Powerweb: Understanding Business*. Dr. Neil Dworkin (Management) has been named to the editorial board of the Journal of Health Administration. He also presented a research paper at the annual meeting of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. Dr. Annie Wong’s (Finance) paper “Century Bonds: Debt or Equity” has been accepted for publication. Dr. Ronald Drozdenko (Marketing) is the co-author of a new book, *Optimal Database Marketing: Strategy and Development and Data Mining*. Dr. David Machell (JLA) presented a paper “Towards a Taxonomy of Collectors: From Casual to Self Destructive” at the conference of the American Psychological Society. Professor Anthony Markert (JLA) presented a paper “Problems Encountered in Enforcing White-Collar Crime Laws: A Study of State
Government Investigators” at the Northeast Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Professor Monica Frizzell (Accounting) is providing her expertise to textbook publishers by reviewing upcoming textbooks and beta testing accounting software programs. Professor Richard Proctor (Accounting) is the co-author of Proli Footwear, an audit simulation book. A number of the Ancell faculty have been granted sabbatical leaves for research, including Charles Mullaney (JLA), Dr. Harry Schramm (JLA), and Dr. Greg Jin (MIS). Dr. Jin was also invited to deliver a paper at an international consortium on Chaos, Creativity, and Leadership in Basil, Switzerland. Dr. Duane Moser (Accounting) presented a paper on issues in tax accounting this summer at an international business conference.

As I mentioned in the last Alumninews, the Ancell faculty offers a classroom experience that is experiential, practical, and dynamic. This experience is a result of their dedication and continuous involvement with professional and scholarly societies. Professor Richard Proctor (Accounting) provides expert testimony on business valuation and recently attended a conference on forensic accounting, sponsored by the American College of Fraud Examiners. Dr. Karen Koza (Marketing) attended a conference on advanced research techniques sponsored by the American Marketing Association. Dr. John Coleman (Management) teaches courses in health care administration and attended the Case Management Conference, where he is on the editorial staff of the publication the Case Manager. Dr. Bruce Collins (Finance) is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Portfolio Management. Dr. Richard Montague (MIS) serves as the co-editor of the American Business Review. Dr. Michael Foley (JLA) recently attended a symposium on advanced homicide investigation.

This article highlighted some of the accomplishments of the talented and dedicated faculty of the Ancell School, who provided you, as well as today’s students, with an unparalleled learning experience both inside and outside of the classroom. The Ancell School is your School and we welcome and encourage your participation, comments, and support. Contact me via e-mail at mortona@wcsu.edu, or by phone at 203-837-9600.

Alumni News Snapshot

2002 Ancell School Graduate Reception

The Ancell School of Business Graduate Reception is held each fall to bring new graduate students together with the graduate faculty. It’s recognized as an important step in garnering a better relationship between faculty and student.

Alumni Alumni!

Move-in day was busy this fall. These alumni parents and new students took time out to have their photo taken on the steps of Old Main. Left: Dennis Zancan and Mom, Anna Zancan ’79; Center: Emily O’Donnell and Mom, Lynn O’Donnell ’01; Right: DeChristine Molony, and Dad, Darren Molony ’97
Reunite with old friends
See the new quad
Tour the new Student Center
Browse the new Ruth A. Haas Library
Chat with faculty
Visit your old dorm room
Park in the new parking garage
Earn your Master’s Degree
Stroll the Westside Nature Preserve
Enjoy a concert at Ives Concert Hall
See an event at the O’Neill Center
Tour the campus with your kids
Attend a sporting event and cheer the Colonials to victory
Visit the new residence halls at Westside
Gaze at the stars from the observatory
Dedicate a brick in the Alumni & Friends Circle
Have a picnic and enjoy a concert at the Ives Park
Be captivated by a renowned lecturer
Enjoy a poetry reading in the Haas Library CyberCafé
Take in dinner and a Night at the Theatre
Enjoy a non-credit course
Take a credit course
Investigate our new computer labs
Rethink your job possibilities at the Career Fair
Enjoy a ride in the glass elevator
Develop an appreciation for art at a student/faculty art show
Join the Alumni Association
Explore the changes to Old Main
Mount the loss of the White Street Wendy’s
Play pool in the game room
Buy a copy of Dr. Herb Janick’s, A People’s University
Show your campus pride and buy a sweatshirt
Catch a showing of the Centennial Photo Exhibit
Visit your old classrooms
Tour the Weather Center
Count all the new lamp posts
Play frisbee on the Quad
Pump iron at the O’Neill Center
Play sand volleyball outside Newbury Hall
Sit in the Alumni & Friends Circle
See a great concert and fireworks at the Ives Concert Park on the 4th of July
Enjoy wines and food from around the world at the Annual Wine-Tasting Event
Support the annual Cabaret fundraiser for WestConn’s Child Care Center
See Alumni Hall
Sign up for your Centennial license plate
Walk through the new campus gates
Attend a commencement ceremony
Meet friends and reminisce at the Homecoming Alumni Tent
Hit TK’s for wings and springs
Visit the Athletic Hall of Fame

Lois (Stefaneli) Crucitti and Tom Crucitti (both ’69) and Neil and Carolyn Wagner (both ’52) enjoy the Centennial Kick-Off on Sept. 14. Tom and Neil were honored with the Centennial Award for Excellence. Both men also serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Close to 2,000 people piled into Ives Concert Park to hear WCSU’s Music Department perform a gala concert—followed by a fireworks extravaganza.
Support the clubs at the Street Fair
Get gussied up for the Centennial Ball
Enjoy a hot dog at the new Westside Stadium
Tour the new Child Care Center
Buy stuff at one of the many shows at the O’Neill Center
Go for ice cream at Double Twist
Visit the Newman Center
Pick up a copy of The Echo
See the newest yearbooks
Write an article for the Alumni News
Take a workshop at the Student Technology Training Center
Celebrate Women’s History Month with us
Seeing on the Robert’s Avenue School swing set
Pay old parking fines
Get new parking tickets
Return old library books
Try to sell back an old psychology text
Sign up for an Alumni Picnic
Come back for an Art Department Senior Portfolio Show
Take in a Wednesday afternoon recital in Ives Concert Hall
Take advantage of free musical concerts
Take a yoga class
Swim in the O’Neill Center pool
Attend an Employee of the Quarter ceremony
Show your kids where Mommy and Daddy met
Have your organization rent a room in the Student Center
Attend an Alumni Dinner Theatre event
Take the annual Art Department Bus Trip to New York City
Give Blood at the annual Red Cross drive
See where our cable show is filmed
Stop in to chat with President Roach during his walk-in hours
Learn a foreign language
Sign up for the alumni Mississippi Riverboat Tour
Check out the changes to the WestConn web site
Pick up a copy of the Communiqué, WestConn Matters, or The Echo
Visit our International Center
Contribute to the campus food drive
Attend the faculty recognition ceremony
Make a donation to a scholarship fund for your School
Attend the African Film Festival
Listen to Dave Machell play the bagpipes on St. Patrick’s Day
Attend your school alumni honors program
Listen to Jane Goodall’s centennial lecture
Ask about the new Ed.D. degree program
Sign up for a certification program
Put your team together for the Alumni Golf Classic at Watertown Golf Club
Have dinner at the Newman Center on any Wednesday night
Join the WestConn Society
Get information on the trip to London in January or Scotland & England in August
Stop into the Alumni Office and get your reunion started for Homecoming 2003

Dr. Herbert Janick signs copies of the book, A People’s University, he authored.

Gail Hill Williams ’87 and Kay Schreiber ’79 celebrate the success of the Alumni and Friends Circle program they co-founded.

Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton (MS ’95) is congratulated by President Roach following the Award for Excellence program.
SPS celebrates: Centennial and Distinguished Alumni Awards

While the University is celebrating its 100th year, the School of Professional Studies is celebrating its 25th year! We hope to make this year the start of building new and re-establishing old relationships with alumni.

We were delighted to see many of you at WestConn’s Centennial Kick-Off Day Celebration on September 14th. The day was packed with exciting events from morning to night. At the Midtown Campus, the School and its Departments displayed their histories. It was fun seeing our alumni trying to pick themselves out in the various pictures! The Nursing Department also provided a session on The Many Roles of Nursing Profession, Health Science Students provided entertaining Hands-on-Health adventures, and Physical Education Department demonstrated some of the old physical education classes such as line and square dancing. The Music Department’s faculty and students outdid themselves. During the day their various ensembles performed throughout the Midtown Campus. With the festivities moving to the Westside Campus, Drs. Dan Goble, Kevin Isaacs and Fernando Jimenez conducted the Jazz Orchestra, the Concert Choir and the Wind Ensemble with a guest appearance from Skitch Henderson narrating the Lincoln Portrait, provided a breath-taking Gala Music Concert at Ives Concert Park, ending with fireworks.

On November 13, five alumni, representing each of the School’s departments, received the School’s first Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Elaine Abrams, RN, CHES, MPH
(BS HSC Class of 1978)

Dr. Cheryl Tatano Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN (BNS Nursing, 1970)

Mark D. Boughton, M.S.
(MS Education, 1995)

Patricia K. Bragdon, BSW, MSW
(BA Social Work, 1993)

Andrew M. Rodgers, MM
(BM Music, 1981)

Throughout this year, we will profile each of these individuals in the AlumniNews. The Distinguished Alumni Awards Reception and Ceremony will be an annual event. If you would like to nominate yourself or another alumnus for next year’s awards, please contact your department chair or myself.

If you were unable to make these past events, we hope to see you at the School’s next event on April 10th where President Roach and I will be co-hosting Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Past U.S. Secretary of Health Education & Welfare and current Chairman of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Mr. Califano will speak on “Future Trends in U.S. Health and the Healthcare System,” illustrating some of his Center’s research and prevention programs in alcohol and drug abuse. Other upcoming School events are listed on the next page.

Best wishes to you and your families this holiday season.

SPS Centennial Photos

1. Dr. Fernando Jimenez conducting the Music Department’s Wind Ensemble along with Skitch Henderson narrating the Lincoln Portrait during the Ives Concert Park gala concert.
2. Dr. Darla Shaw (Education Faculty) with Mrs. Cheri Jowdy (BS Elementary Education ’02), viewing the SPS & Its Department Histories displays at the Midtown Campus.
3. Mrs. Virginia Verhoff (HSC Department Chair) with Michaelyn McKay (HSC Club Student) display their Hands-on-Health Exhibit.
Andrew M. Rodgers ‘81: The Music Man

Andrew M. Rodgers, received his Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School in 1984 and his Bachelor of Music degree from WestConn in 1981. In addition, he holds an Associate in Applied Science degree in Journalism from the State University of New York at Morrisville.

He is currently a member of the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra, Opera Orchestra of New York, The Ridgefield Orchestra and The Columbia Brass Ensemble, of which he is a founding member. Additionally, he has performed with The Hartford, New Haven, Springfield, and American Symphony Orchestras, The Brooklyn Philharmonic, Philharmonia Virtuosi and The American Ballet Theater Orchestra.

He has toured Europe and the United States with The Paul Whiteman Orchestra, The Royal Shakespeare Company, Andrea Bocelli and Luciano Pavarotti.

Cheryl Tatano Beck ‘70: Advancing Medicine

Cheryl Tatano Beck is a professor in the Department of Nursing. Her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing is from WestConn ’70. She received her Master’s degree in maternal-newborn nursing from Yale University and her Doctor of Nursing Science degree from Boston University.

Dr. Beck is a certified nurse-midwife. She received her certificate in nurse-midwifery also from Yale University. Dr. Beck is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has received numerous awards such as the Eastern Nursing Research Society’s Distinguished Researcher Award, the Distinguished Alumna Award from Yale University and the Connecticut Nurses’ Association’s Diamond Jubilee Award for her contribution to nursing research. Dr. Beck has been a member of the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses since 1984. She was a past member of the editorial board for the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing. Currently she serves on the editorial boards of Advances in Nursing Science and Journal of Nursing Education. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Depression After Delivery-National. Currently she is on the Executive Board of the Marce Society. Over the past 15 years, Dr. Beck has focused her research efforts on developing a research program on postpartum depression. She has extensively researched this devastating mood disorder that plagues new mothers using both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Based on the findings from her series of qualitative studies, Dr. Beck has developed the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale. Western Psychological Services published this new instrument in February 2002.

She is a prolific writer who has published over 90 journal articles on such topics as postpartum depression, postpartum onset of panic disorder, phenomenology, grounded theory, meta-analysis instrument development, meta-synthesis, and caring in nursing education. Currently, Dr. Beck’s research efforts are focused on developing and testing a Spanish version of her Postpartum Depression Screening Scale.

She will be presenting at WestConn in February 2003.
The Division of Graduate Studies at Western Connecticut State University is one of our best kept secrets. We proudly offer an array of graduate programs in business, arts and sciences, and professional studies. It is my goal, as the newly selected Dean of Graduate Studies, to highlight our graduate programs, faculty members and students, and to provide our alumni with some food for thought regarding potential postgraduate education in their future. This article will provide a brief description of the programs we offer, as well as some general information about graduate studies.

The Ancell School of Business offers three master’s degrees: a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Health Administration, and a Master of Science in Justice Administration. Classes are taught by the distinguished faculty members of the Ancell School, and by highly regarded practitioners from their respective fields.

The School of Arts and Sciences offers Masters of Arts degrees in Biological and Environmental Sciences, Earth and Planetary Sciences, English, History, Mathematics, and Mathematics with a Computer Science option. Additionally, the School delivers a unique Masters of Fine Arts degree in Fine Arts, which is the preferred degree for the practicing artist.

The School of Professional Studies provides a Master of Science program in Education, in the areas of elementary and secondary education, with a variety of options and concentrations to choose from, including Music Education. SPS offers MS degrees in Counselor Education and Nursing. These advanced study programs are accredited by their appropriate professional associations, and allow working professionals to move up in their careers.

The Graduate Council, a body made up of faculty, student, and administration, monitors the academic and professional quality of graduate programs. The Council is responsible for developing and maintaining university policies in our graduate programs. Students are encouraged to become actively involved in the process by becoming a Graduate Council representative, or by sharing their concerns and ideas with Council members.

The Division of Graduate Studies Office is located in Warner Hall. I encourage you to stop by to pick up materials, visit our website, or to ask questions if you are considering graduate studies in your future, or if you have comments or suggestions to share with us. I can be reached at 203-873-8244, or via e-mail at durnine@wcsu.edu. I ask that you share in spreading the best-kept secret at WestConn: our graduate programs are of high quality, very affordable, taught by an excellent faculty, and can be the key to unlocking a better future for you. Come join us in the Division of Graduate Studies!

Dr. Ellen Durnin
Dean
Graduate & External Programs
including WestConn at Waterbury

WestConn at Waterbury held a Nursing Department Tea earlier this year giving a chance for Dr. Ellen Durnin (standing) a chance to share her thoughts about the success of the program to its current students.
In Spring, 2002, our student athletes competing in Baseball and Softball put together the best calendar season ever; the Baseball team won the Little East Conference Tournament Championship and advanced to its first ever appearance in the NCAA Championships. The Softball team won the Little East Conference title, regional NCAA championship and advanced to the Division III NCAA Women’s Softball Finals in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The women represented the first WestConn athletics team to advance to the NCAA Finals. Those successes concluded a most exceptional year for Colonial sports teams, with NCAA appearances achieved by Women’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball, and Men’s Basketball.

This fall our teams continue to perform well in the Little East Conference. Championship games are being played by both Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams as well as the Women’s Volleyball team; they successfully defended its conference title and advanced to its fourth consecutive NCAA post-season berth. The Football team has concluded its 2002 season with a 7-3 record in Coach John Burrell’s initial year as Head Coach.

WestConn takes pride in its accomplishments of its more than 300 student athletes competing each year. Their excellence on the field and court represent you and the University well. It is the tradition established by athletic alumni that have provided the foundation for today.

The Athletic Hall of Fame is the University’s way of honoring those men and women who have been the core of what WestConn Athletics is today and will become tomorrow. Please take the time to nominate for consideration the great athletes who have been the core of Western Athletics today. The form is located below.

Westside Athletic Stadium
It is also with great pleasure that I share the building progress of the new athletic stadium. The new stadium will be located on the Westside Campus; adjacent to the O’Neill Center. The project includes an artificial grass playing surface; field lighting, seating for 2500 spectators; locker rooms for home and visiting teams; coaches office space; athletic training work space; press box and concessions area. The stadium is scheduled for completion for the Fall 2003 sport season. This facility will offer a state-of-the-art playing field for football, soccer, and lacrosse teams.

We invite you to join us this year for an athletic event.

Go Colonials!

Athletic Hall of Fame Classes are made up of individuals who are among the most outstanding athletes and coaches in the history of the University. Western Connecticut State University is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our newest inductees. Featured left to right: Bob Pagel ’95, Baseball; John Osborne ’67, Basketball; John Bellino ’63, Baseball; Les McMillen ’78, Football, Basketball, Baseball; Dr. James Roach, President WCSU; Kristen Curtis ’92, Basketball; Ed Rosenberg, Lifetime Support; Tony Murphy ’91, Basketball and Doug Morabito ’94, Soccer.

Nominate Someone!

WCSU Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Anyone can make one nomination per year. The deadline for the 2003 ceremony is February 1, 2003. Complete the form below and mail to WCSU Institutional Advancement Office, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Call 203-837-8298 for more information on Hall of Fame nominations.

I nominate _____________________________________________________________
Sport............................................................................................................
❑ Coach          ❑ Player          ❑ Support Person

Include details.... years, honors, etc.!

Nominator Information:
Name _____________________________
Address ___________________________
Day Phone __________________________
Evening Phone _____________________
E-mail address ____________________
Celebrating a century: WestConn & Mary Edgett

By Brian Saxton
The News-Times

Mary Edgett says she still can’t believe it. The veteran city teacher, 100-years-old on Nov. 11, was sitting in the front room of the family home on Washington Avenue where she has lived for 93 of them.

“I never really thought much about it,” she said with a broad smile. “My grandmother lived to be 96 and my other relatives were in their 80s and 70s. When you keep on going and doing things, you don’t feel old.”

It’s “doing things,” says Edgett, that has helped her through a century of living and made her the oldest living graduate of Western Connecticut State University. “I always have projects although I never get to do all the things I want to do,” she said in an interview last week. “You know what that means when you have a house.”

In Edgett’s case, it’s a house which her father, Frederick, bought soon after it was built in 1909 and where she recalls a happy childhood with her only sister, Hattie. “We had fun in those days,” said Edgett. “We didn’t need someone to plan our day or our activities. We did our own. We played baseball out on the street here and mother also saw to it that we did things.”

For Mary Edgett, her mother, that included arranging summer neighborhood picnics at Lake Kenosia. “Those were the days when there was nothing out there except the water,” Edgett said.

Mary Edgett’s path towards becoming an educator began after she graduated from Danbury High School, then on Main Street, and went to the Danbury Normal School for a two-year teaching course. At that time, the Normal School occupied a building on White Street that would later become part of WestConn. “Although I began teaching after leaving the Normal School, after a while they expected us to get a degree,” Edgett said. “I wanted a degree in secondary education so I had to go to Central Connecticut State University in New Britain to get it.”

Mary Edgett taught English and science in the Danbury school system for nearly 50 years before retiring in 1971 from what was then known as Broadview Junior High. “I actually got my degree in English and social studies,” said Edgett. “Science was really a hobby but it developed into part of my teaching which I enjoyed, especially geology, astronomy and earth science.”

When Ann Lee Cole Thiessen, one of Edgett’s students at Broadview, heard of her 100th birthday, she wrote her: “I still love science and a big part of that is due to you.” “I had some other students who went on to become doctors and lawyers,” said Edgett. “It’s good to know I had such wonderful students.”

WestConn, now celebrating its own centennial, recently honored Edgett with a commemorative medal and a crystal book sculpture. At 100, Edgett reflected on the many changes she’s seen on Washington Avenue. “There were no sidewalks when we first came,” she said. “There was also a time when we called it ‘Faculty Row’ because there were so many teachers in the neighborhood. I remember we knew everyone who went down the street and when the school census man came, we could tell him the names of all the children who lived here.” Nowadays, she says, she has some good neighbors but doesn’t know many of the people on the street any more.

Edgett is known, however, as a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution which she joined in 1938. One of her aunts who was a member was Elizabeth Woodruff whose husband, John, was a prominent Danbury businessman and an original director of the Danbury Industrial Corporation in the 1930s.

“I’ve had a good life,” said Edgett. Pointing to the walker she uses to navigate her home, she added: “I’d rather do this than have anything else wrong with me.”

“I’m very lucky. God has been good to me.”

Cassidy shares talent with local businesses

Nancy White Cassidy ’96, a member of the Steering Committee for the Westconn Art Project, is a fine artist in pastels, fine arts instructor and a illustrator for a children’s book “Forest.” She has recently switched gears and is also creating Soft Pastel on Wallis Paper illustrations for young adult and editorial markets.

Nancy is a faculty member of the Washington Art Association, the Brookfield Craft Center and Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts in Ludlow, VT. She also teaches privately at her studio, House on the Hill Studio, in New Milford, CT. She designed, and is webmaster for, the Washington Art Association and the Brookfield Craft Center websites.

Her work has been published by Barbour Publishing, Harcourt Brace, Scott-Foresman, among others. She has advertised in the Directory of Illustration, volumes 15 through 17.

Nancy’s recent work in pastels includes a series of landscapes, depicting the Great North Maine Woods, and the surrounding Northern Maine/New Brunswick, Canada region.

Nancy has created illustrations for a children’s chapter book due out in bookstores spring of 2003. The publisher is Green Mansion Press and the book is Doll of Lilac Valley by Cora Cheney. The book has 19 black and white illustrations and a color cover.
Dear Alumni:

As president of your Alumni Association I have had the opportunity to meet many of you this year at the Centennial Kick-Off and Homecoming. Both events showed alumni how much their alma mater has changed since they last visited campus.

Many of you have told me how much you enjoyed the Homecoming Oktoberfest Tent (despite the showers), the front row-center aisle seats for the Jim Breuer performance, the “Meet Me In St. Louis” Dinner/Theatre and the reserved seating for the James Earl Jones Presidential Lecture. These are just some examples of how the Association is trying to reach out to involve alumni. As you can imagine, printing and mailing is a huge budget item for the Association. Send us your e-mail address to receive invitations to activities in your area, around the tri-state region and across the country.

By now, you should have received the initial mailing for the Centennial Alumni Directory. We hope you will send back the requested information and the supplementary survey. If you know an alum who did not receive the information, please give them the toll-free response number when it arrives in the next few weeks.

I am pleased to announce the following new members to the Board of Directors: Tom Crucitti ’69 & ’71, Amy Tworek Davis ’98, Jeff Heyel ’90, Jack Quinlan ’67 & ’93, Rich Stabile ‘89. Jack and Rich have returned to the Board. They join myself and continuing directors: Mark Boughton ’95, Sharon Fusco ’67, Kay Schreiber ’79, Neil Wagner ’52, Eric Wellman ’64.

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1930s
Florence Vogel Shankman BS ’30 celebrated her 90th birthday on July 16, 2002. She is a retired professor of Education from Temple University. Her great granddaughter, Anne Marie Semchuk, started at WCSU in Fall 2002.

Amelia Merkel Wilber ’34 has wonderful memories of classes in Old Main and living at Fairfield Hall. She kept in touch for 50 years by gathering with her classmates. Amelia was a teacher in Winsted, CT for 23-1/2 years. She has now been a widow ten years.

1950s
Helen Weitzel Chapman BS ’51 received the great honor of being one of the eighty alumni who received the WCSU Centennial Award of Excellence.

Alan Svonkin BS ’53 is looking for other 1953 grads. “Will we have a 50th reunion in 2003?” Alan and Lynda have 5 children, 6 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They have been living in Florida for the past 9 years. Alan works at the golf course of a private country club. He retired from teaching on Long Island in 1988.

1960s
Judy Falion Hutcheson BS ’63 taught school for 24+ years in Connecticut and Texas. She also has a nursing certificate from the State of Texas. Judy enjoys writing and makes many crafts items to sell. At the present time she is decorating jean shirts and vests with the stars & stripes which symbolize America and its freedoms.

Jeri Hansen-Balt BS ’64 moved from Fairfield, CT to Vermont in June of 1999. She’s working at Green Mountain College as an adjunct professor, supervising student teachers. Jeri and her husband Richard are enjoying all activities beyond the classroom and love Vermont!

1970s
Regina Aquistapace Finney BS ’71, Ridgefield High School Math Chair, was recently featured in the New York Times CT section in an article called “Teachers Worth Remembering.” She is also a past winner of the Edith May Sliffe Award for Distinguished High School Mathematics Teaching. Beginning with the 1989 American High School Math Exam–honors twenty teachers annually from the top sixty United States and Canadian Schools.

George Macri BA ’72 retired from the USAF Reserve in September 2001 after 29 years, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster). He is now a quality contract officer for NASA in Illinois.

Elaine Clark BS ’73, Iowa State Library Reference Librarian, helped students at Iowa’s North Tama County Community School researched the 1911 fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. Those students reached the national finals for the History Day Competition in Washington, D.C. In appreciation, the students invited Ms. Clark to Washington to see them in action.

Dorothy L. Gilbertie BS ’78 and her husband Marty celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 2nd. Marty has been employed by ITT Flygt Corp. for 26 years and is a US Naval “Seabees” veteran. Dorothy works for Stop & Shop Co., Inc.

Carey M. Hewitt ’79 is employed by the State on CT Dept. of Labor. His daughter, Jennifer, is a sophomore at WCSU. Carey is looking forward to more WXCI reunions!

1980s
Alan J. Clavette BBA ’80 is serving as co-chair for the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. Alan is a managing member in the Newington firm of Clavette Josselyn & Co., LLC.

Patrick Lombardo BS ’81 continues to work as a professional musician/private studio music teacher in the New York City Tri-State area. Most recently, he is performing as the first call substitute in the off-Broadway musical “The Prince and The Pauper.”

Alicia O’Brien BA ’83, MA ’86, Head Softball Coach at WCSU, has been inducted into the Connecticut Scholastic and Collegiate Softball Hall of Fame.

Ted Samodel BM ’85 is the Director of Bands and Orchestra at Branford High School. He is also a freelance trumpeter and conductor/musical director for the Middletown Symphonic Band (7 years). Ted and his wife Kathy have been married for eleven years. They have 3 children: Bradley (8), Haley (6) and Garrett (3).

Mark M. Wynnick BBA ’86 has been appointed chair of the Relations with Colleges and Universities Committee for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. Mark is a Manager for the Trumbull firm of Germain, Weinshel & Rooney, LLC.

Thomas Carney BA ’87 graduated from Norwalk Community College May 2002 with an AS degree in nursing. He is currently employed at Norwalk Hospital as a registered nurse.

Stay Current!

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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 developing an internship site with my company.
John Hurbon BBA ’87 and his wife Shalini recently opened Coffee, Please on Main Street, Danbury. Any musicians willing to perform or artists looking to display artwork should call them at 203-778-3670.

Lisbeth Olsen Condo BS ’88 and her husband Eric are the proud parents of Julia Anne. Lisbeth owns Cornerstone Children’s Center in Trumbull, CT.

Renee G. Morin BBA ’95 received an MBA from the University of California, Davis. She is currently a Project Supervisor in the Mutual Fund Accounting department at Franklin Templeton Investments in Rancho Cordova, CA.

Charlotte P. Rahrig BBA ’01 worked at Union Carbide Corporation for twelve years before accepting a position with Deloitte & Touche as a pension supervisor Westport.

Justine Quirk Sierzega BBA ’02 married and started a new job.

Wendy Vassak BS ’98 and Paul Yuhasz; Lisandro Checo BBA ’99 and Jennifer Egley; Teresa LiVolsi BA ’99 and Benjamin Levitt; Eleini Anastasakis BA ’99 and Anthony Caffrey BA ’00; Elena Fontana BA ’00 and Daren Sileo; Danielle Corso BS ’01 and Daniel McDermott; Vicky Lessard BSN ’01 and Christopher Hatzis; Janine Mancuso BA ’01 and Tim Spahn

Weddings
Susan Hurley BA ’76 and William Howell; Barbara Harris BA ’89 and Sven Kovacs; Caroline Bochnia BBA ’93 and Robert Driscoll Jr. BBA ’95; Susan Hueck BA ’93 and William Blatnik; Roberta Alves BA ’95 and Daniel Siler; Deidra Bonafele BS ’95 and Christopher Wallin Bret Gautrau BBA ’97 and Elizabeth Dugan; Douglas P. Clark BS ’98 and Amy B. Cameron; Alison Varesio BSN ’98 and Philip Kraska; Rylee Biersack BS ’98 and Paul Yuhasz; Lisaandro Checo BBA ’99 and Jennifer Egley; Teresa LiVolsi BA ’99 and Benjamin Levitt; Eleini Anastasakis BA ’99 and Anthony Caffrey BA ’00; Elena Fontana BA ’00 and Daren Sileo; Danielle Corso BS ’01 and Daniel McDermott; Vicky Lessard BSN ’01 and Christopher Hatzis; Janine Mancuso BA ’01 and Tim Spahn

In Memoriam
1925 Grace A. Carroll Danbury, July 18, 2002
1928 Mary J. Doyle Bronx, NY, May 23, 2002
1928 Anne Casagrande Girolmetti Ridgefield, Aug. 22, 2002
1930 Helen Durkin Minck Roxbury, June 10, 2002
1938 Jeannette M. Barnhardt Waterbury, Feb. 1, 1999
1938 Elsa Froeliger Waterbury, Feb. 1, 1999
1940 Marion Kellner Shaw Danbury, June 15, 2002
1943 Marjorie Weldon New Fairfield, Sept. 22, 2002
1951 Mary Denninger Corey Holden, MA, June 23, 2002
1955 Catherine Korcsmaros Derwin Danbury, Oct. 8, 2002
1959, MS ’62 Frederick T. Hoyt Danbury, September 26, 2002
1968 Marion Fraser Loveland Bixby, OK, Sept. 15, 2002
1975 Deborah G. Baldwin Torrington, March 1, 2002
1976 Ellen Cassetta Wappinger Falls, NY, Jan. 22, 2002
1980 Shirley J. Hill Darien, May 21, 2001
1981 Peter Strout New Milford, August 13, 2001
1982 Bernhard F. Klaus Newtown, October 27, 2002
1995 Maria O. Correia Bethel, August 7, 2002
1997 Gary Lister Wilmington, DE, June 8, 2002

Got News?
Complete the form on p. 17 and send it to us. We’ll include it in the next issue of AlumniNews.
These selections are brought to you from a variety of University sources. Thanks to Doug Stewart in the WCSU Bookstore and Richard Sullivan, Vice President for Finance & Administration for making this selection possible.

G WCSU Diploma frame with gold foil stamped logo on acid-free matte board. 14"x15", $75 (please specify G1, G2 or G3)

H WCSU Boston Rocker or Standard Chair– Classic Maple & Black with engraved seal, $295*

J CT only! Centennial License Plate (price inc. donation & 2 plates), $100 for transfer, $200 for new vanity plate. Do not order–call for details.

K WCSU Cat's Meow Collectible–an authentic, $19.99 (please specify Fairfield Hall, White Hall or Old Main)

L "A People’s University: The Centennial History of Western Connecticut State University 1903-2003" authored by Dr. Herbert Janick, Faculty Emeritus; hardcover edition: $30, softcover edition: $15. All copies ordered will be signed by the author. (Allow some extra time for book orders)

*Shipping Costs: $5 first item; $1 each additional item; chairs: $25; diploma frames: $10

See website for larger photos (www.wcsu.edu/alumni).

Thank you to Alumni Board Member Models: Tom Crucitti ’69, Sharon Fusco ’67, Gordon Hallas ’90 and Kay Schriner ’79
What a Homecoming!

Clockwise from left to right:

The new Colonial mascot makes a hit with the Homecoming crowd.

Rich Genovese ’76, Len Genovese ’74 and John Pilla ’75 enjoy the Alumni Tent food and beverages.

A future alum enjoys a hearty hamburger at the Alumni Pre-Game Tent.

1962 Spring Weekend King & Queen Tom Donahue and Priscilla O’Hara Wallace (both ’62) take time from their 40th class reunion to help crown the 2002 King & Queen.

Address Service Requested

Parents: If the address label lists a son or daughter who no longer lives at this address, please send the WCSU alumni Office the correct address. Send to WCSU Alumni Office, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810 or email WestConnAlumni@wcsu.edu