The magazine for alumni and friends of Western Connecticut State University

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Inside:
Spotlighting four of WestConn's alumni authors

Several hundred alumni and friends enjoyed cake and camaraderie on March 3, as WestConn officially celebrated its 100th birthday.

Top right: University President Dr. Roach and Vice President Richard Sullivan blow out the candles on the cake at the Midtown Campus. Bottom left, WestConn graduates and faculty of Shelter Rock School celebrate with their individual cake.

100
never looked
so good!
Dear Alumni and Friends,

During this Centennial Celebration year, the Alumni Association and the University have invited alumni and friends back to campus for an unprecedented number and variety of social, cultural and academic programs. Many of you have taken this opportunity to visit campus, renew friendships with classmates and reconnect with your academic department. The Alumni Association and University invite you back to campus or to any of the many alumni events scheduled around Connecticut and the region. In the next few months we will be holding alumni get-together social events in several communities. Watch for those invitations. I encourage you to attend, and bring friends!

On May 22 a special NYC event at the Society of Illustrators is planned—check the website for all the specifics and to make your reservation. The Society, a private club, is the home of hundreds of original works of art by every American artist since it was founded in 1901. This is the perfect event for you if you enjoy viewing great art while enjoying great food and drink.

The Centennial Golf Outing on July 1 will get you on the links at the Watertown Golf Club. It promises to be a great day of golf. The planning committee has assured me that it will be 80 degrees with a light wind always at your back. With the wild winter we’ve had in Danbury, we can all look forward to warm summer days on the golf courses!

The All Alumni & Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 7. This is the 4th Annual picnic—a great reason to not cook!

I look forward to talking with you at one of our upcoming events.
There’s something to traditions

In this year we are celebrating the history of your alma mater. An important element of that century of history is tradition.

Some traditions were established years ago, and others, though fairly recent, are very much a part of the fabric of the university. Alumni who attended in the ’30s, ’40s or ’50s have shared with me memories of their traditions of “Do-Days” and tea with President Ruth Haas. Alums from the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s remember having their car pulled out of the street was for sale. He dared me to purchase it so I could have my own place to play.”

Hurbon took the dare.

There are also traditions that educate and challenge us to think about our society and humanity.

The WestConn International Center, under the direction of associate professor of anthropology Dr. Robert Whittemore, sponsors the Festival of African films during Black History month in February. Dr. Jane Goodall lectures annually on ecological issues and ways to protect our environment. The President’s Lecture series has brought renowned speakers to campus to address issues of regional, national and international concern.

Many academic departments and programs have established their own traditions.

The Music department jazz and symphonic band concerts draw a large audience for each performance.

The Communication and Theatre Arts department produces outstanding plays each semester, which display the talents of our students and faculty. Many alums have begun the tradition of enjoying “dinner and a show” at the university. The CTA department also has established a tradition of hosting holiday productions in the fall and spring.

WestConn alum brews up coffee, culture

By Sherri Hill
WestConn Public Relations

When he graduated from WestConn’s Ancell School of Business with a degree in Business Administration in 1987, Danbury resident John Hurbon had dreams of becoming an actor or performer. He never imagined he’d end up owning and operating a coffee café. But Hurbon and his wife, Shalini, are doing just that with the opening of their business, “Coffee, Please,” at 262 Main Street in Danbury.

Located directly across the street from the Danbury Post Office, “Coffee, Please” has been beckoning coffee connoisseurs and aficionados of the arts since last October, when the Hurbons purchased the shop from its original owner.

“It started out as a dream and came to be because of a dare,” Hurbon said. “I bought a 1966 Gibson acoustic guitar at The Music Guild on Main Street. I spent a lot of time there playing it, and one day the owner told me the coffee shop down the street was for sale. He dared me to purchase it so I could have my own place to play.”

Hurbon performed his Bob Dylan tribute “Approximately Bob” on opening night. Since then, he has relinquished the stage to many other performers, a number of whom are WestConn students.

Sophomore Tim Walsh, a jazz performance major with a concentration in percussion, entertained a full house on Dec. 19. “It was the most packed night ever; it was amazing,” Walsh said, noting that the vast majority of the audience members attend WestConn.

According to Hurbon, Walsh already has quite a following among “Coffee, Please” regulars, having played there twice in 2002 for the previous owners. Walsh, an accomplished drummer, says his performances at “Coffee, Please” are now turning into a regular gig, which he plans to continue. What’s unusual is that Walsh doesn’t play drums at the coffee shop — he plays acoustic guitar.

“I’m really a drummer,” he said. “The guitar is a hobby, just for fun. It’s great for everyone to get together and hang out and drink coffee and listen to music.”

Walsh hails from Killingly, in Connecticut’s northeast corner.

He came to WestConn at the suggestion of an older friend, also a drummer, who had graduated about seven years earlier. “I came and auditioned and I was very impressed,” Walsh said. “The faculty and the department are absolutely amazing, and I know my friend has had incredible success in his career because of what he learned when he was here.”

This love of music also draws people to the open-mike nights at “Coffee, Please.” Many of those who take the stage are current or former WestConn students, perfecting their art or indulging a hobby. They share their talents in everything from free-form poetry to gospel to opera singing. Rap, Brazilian music, and classical guitar tunes also are shared.

“We’ve been very successful from a diversity standpoint,” Hurbon said, reflecting on the variety of performances in the past few months. “Eventually, I’d like to incorporate skit drama here as well, because there are so many talented people writing short stories that could be acted out in a small area.”

In addition to providing a venue to showcase musical and dramatic talent, “Coffee, Please”...
DANBURY, CT — Western Connecticut State University announced its $4 million fund drive—The Centennial Campaign—has begun, as the university continues its celebration of 100 years since its founding.

“Since July, we have been in the ‘silent phase’ of our first campaign” said Richard J. Gerber, WestConn’s vice president for institutional advancement, “but now we have begun a 12-month public phase—and the initial reaction from the greater Danbury community, as well as from our supporters throughout Fairfield County and other parts of Connecticut, has really been extraordinary.”

Gerber noted that approximately 60% of the funds raised would significantly increase student scholarships and academic support, including faculty development; the balance of the money will be designated to strengthen the university’s libraries, as well as men’s and women’s athletic programs.

While the campaign goal is ambitious for the school, Gerber is optimistic that recent campus improvements, increased visibility, and much-expanded alumni outreach will contribute to a successful effort. “WestConn is now seen as worthy of increased public support, so now we are taking our case to a broader cross-section of area businesses, residents and our alumni,” he added.

The unique generosity of individuals and companies in the greater Danbury region made the decision to embark on a major fund drive for the university at this time much easier, according to WestConn President James R. Roach. “We looked at our projected needs over the next five years and recognized that increased private support would be critical to WestConn’s future. We conferred with our various constituencies, set our goals, and approached our strongest supporters during the silent phase. The response has been very gratifying.”

Leadership gifts and pledges to WestConn’s Centennial Campaign include a recently announced $1.1 million endowment commitment from Constantine and Marie Macricostas, and a $1 million gift from Jason and Ellen Hancock. Commitments of $100,000 or more have also been made by Boehringer-Ingelheim, Ms. Isabelle Farrington, Fiorita Kornhaas and Van Houten, Konover Construction, Union Savings Bank and Roy and Ginny Young, among others.

Gifts That Make a Difference
Constantine “Deno” and Marie Macricostas, on behalf of the Macricostas Family Foundation, pledged $1.1 million to the Western Connecticut State University Foundation. This commitment is the largest ever received by WestConn.

In making the announcement, WestConn President James R. Roach thanked the Macricostases for their generous gift. Roach also announced the gift will contribute to WestConn’s $4 million Centennial Capital Campaign goal. The $1.1 million will create the Macricostas Endowment.

Constantine Macricostas, founder and chairman of Brookfield-based Photronics Inc., is a long-time supporter of higher education, and he believes education is “the key to every individual’s future.”

“Education provides the building blocks and tools necessary to achieve our objectives and goals — not only as individuals, but as a society,” Macricostas said.

“I believe that WestConn has made incredible strides from its origin as a teacher’s college. Today it is an integral and vital component in the life of the entire community, preparing individuals to excel in a variety of important fields. And don’t forget that I’m a businessman — I look for a return on investment. As far as I know, there is no investment that yields a better return than education. And that return benefits individuals, society and civilization.”

Macricostas has served on the board of the WCSU Foundation for more than 15 years. His sons, Stephen and George, attended WestConn, and Photronics employs a significant number of WestConn graduates. “On behalf of the university community — faculty, staff and students — I want to express our profound gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Macricostas for this generous gift to WestConn,” Roach said. “It will contribute significantly to the university’s growth and development, provide wonderful support for our students and faculty, and will be of great benefit to this region.” The gift will establish four new programs at WestConn. The first will be the Macricostas Chair in Hellenic and Modern Greek Studies, followed by the Macricostas Scholarship Endowment, the Macricostas Lecture Series, and the Macricostas Entrepreneurial Endowment.

It is the first-ever endowed chair at WestConn. The scholarships will be for students who immigrated from any country to the United States in the past seven years. Lectures will be on topics ranging from Hellenism to entrepreneurship to world cultures. The annual entrepreneur award will honor a local business person, who will help select the department within the school of business to receive proceeds generated by the fund that year.

“This gift touches on four core areas that are important themes in Mr. Macricostas’ life: responsible entrepreneurship, the pursuit of higher education, global understanding, and an appreciation for Hellenic culture,” said Michael McCarthy, Photronics vice president of corporate communications and investor relations.

Constantine Macricostas was born and raised in Greece. In 1954, he immigrated to the United States, attended college, served in the U.S. Army, and eventually embarked on a career as a design engineer in the embryonic semiconductor industry. In 1969, he founded Photronics Inc., a hi-tech company that manufactures photomasks for integrated circuits. As the result of his vision, astute leadership and uncompromising dedication, Photronics has become the largest independent global supplier of photomasks.

Realizing how education changed his life for the better, Macricostas hopes the scholarship endowment at WestConn will help ensure that those in similar situations have an opportunity to receive an education.
From events to books:
Arts & Sciences is in the news

Last fall was a very busy semester! It was my first semester here at WestConn and the first semester of the University’s Centennial Celebration. We saw many of you at the Centennial Kick-Off Event in September. It was very inspirational to hear about alumni honorees and your many successes. This spring, we also had several important events at the university in Arts and Sciences. The A&S Honors Convocation will be held on May 6 in Warner Hall at 7:30 p.m. It is tradition that the Alumnus/a of the Year give a brief talk to our current honors students. I am looking forward to that evening. Honoring academically successful students and alumni is a vital part of maintaining strong programs.

Last fall, I described the programs and new initiatives of six of our thirteen departments. This issue, I would like to bring you news from the other seven.

Mathematics
Many new things are happening! At the end of August 2002, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science became the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Computer Science. The split was very amicable and promises to support the development of each major. Also, there are four new faces in Mathematics, with Dr. Barry Mittag joining us in 2000, Drs. David Burns and Charles Rocca in 2001, and Dr. Amanda Lubell this year. They bring new ideas and vitality to the faculty. Five of the department’s 10 members attended the national Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore in January. Dr. Ed Sandifer gave a presentation on Spanish Colonial mathematics, Dr. David Burns spoke on preparing geometry teachers using Geometer’s Sketchpad, and Dr. Charles Rocca organized a session on teaching underprepared students.

Regarding under-prepared students, we are testing the use of a new computer-based system for assisting in the teaching of our two introductory-level mathematics classes. The system is called ALEKS. What is special about this system is that it allows students to begin their particular study of mathematics exactly where they need to start, and the students may repeat topic sections as many times as are necessary. If the students need extra help in basic fractions, for example, they can spend as much time as is needed to truly understand them (maybe for the first time!). Also, if they work especially hard, students may complete two semesters of work during one semester, and receive credit for both. On the weekend of March 1-2 we hosted the Eighth Annual Meeting of ARITHMOS – a group devoted to reading the history of mathematics from original sources. Mathematics faculty from any school, college or university were invited to attend. More information may be found at the ARITHMOS website (www.arithmos.org).

Finally, if you are interested in teaching school and are trying to decide which discipline might be useful and fun, think about mathematics. The need in the schools for good math teachers is enormous. Give us a call.

Computer Science
The new Department of Computer Science is actively designing new minors to suit the needs and interests of the student body. For example, soon minors will be available in Informatics, Web Development, Digital Media and Security. Also, we are preparing for the Second Annual Computer Animation Festival. It will take place at WestConn on April 8-10. Student work in animation from around our region will be displayed, and noteworthy speakers are invited to present the state of the profession in computer animation. It will be an interesting event. Also in the news is Professor Rona Gurkewitz. Her new book is entitled *Multimodular Origami Polyhedra: Archimedians, Buckyballs and Duality* (with Bennett Arnstein), and several of her models are being included in the October 2003 Masterworks collection and exhibition of the Mingei International Museum of San Diego, California. Finally, one of our CS students has been selected to present a paper at a prestigious computer science conference.
History
From the History Department comes a new book written by Emeritus Professor Dr. Herbert Janick. A People's University: The Centennial History of Western Connecticut State University 1903-2003 is available, signed, from the Market-place section of the AlumniNews. Professor Janick presents such an interesting history of the university and its path to the present. There are many fascinating photographs of the university throughout the years.

Social Sciences
The Social Sciences faculty have been engaged in helping the university understand the world situation and Iraq. We held a panel discussion a few weeks into the Fall semester that was collaborative across Arts and Sciences and attended by over 150 people. The response to the panel was very good. In fact, we plan to do follow-up panels this semester, updating the community on the latest developments. Please come join us in the discussion. We will publicize our upcoming panels on the Arts and Sciences website (www.wcsu.edu/sas).

Dr. Oluwole Owoye, was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Teaching Fellowship this semester to teach and conduct research at several universities in Nigeria.

And finally, department faculty continue an impressive record of publication. Just last semester alone: WestConn alumnus and part-time anthropologist/sociologist, Jack Sikora ’65, published Religions Of India: A User Friendly and Brief Introduction to Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and the Jains (iUniverse, 2002); Sociologist Steve Ward, Modernizing the Mind: Psychological Knowledge and the Remaking of Society (Praeger, 2002); Sociologist Rosalind Kopfstein, “Chapter 11: Early Intervention and Prevention: Issues and Services;” and Anthropologist Laurie Weinstein, is the General Editor of a series of volumes on Native Peoples of America. The most recent volume is also co-edited and co-authored by part-time anthropologist, Bethany Morrison.

Psychology
The Psychology Department will host an all day event, CSU Psychology Day, May 9. The Psychology Departments from the four CSU campuses will participate. The purpose of the day is for CSU students to share their research through posters and oral presentations. Several new books are in the works by the psychology faculty. Dr. Shane Murphy is working on a new book entitled Essential Sports Psychology. Also, Dr. Tara Kuther’s ‘93 new book; Careers in Psychology: Opportunities in a Changing World will be published this summer.

Philosophy
We have some interesting and timely things going on in philosophy. For example, a course on the Ethical Issues in Health Care is being taught this spring by Dr. Kristin Aronson. Health care issues and policies are being viewed in this course from the perspectives of the health care professional, the patient and the general public. With serious ethical problems surfacing regularly in the news, it is of growing importance that our students learn more about how to make sound choices when questions arise. The philosophers and interested others continue to maintain a weekly reading group that meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in White Hall 325a. They are reading Nelson Goodman’s Ways of World Making, available in the university bookstore.

Foreign Languages and Literature
A lot is happening that may be of interest to you. For example, Adjunct Professor of Italian Patrizia Farina is planning a 10-day trip to Italy in June 2003. Interested parties should contact her at farinap2000@hotmail.com. The Foreign Language Department continues to engage the schools in significant ways. Dr. John Dever arranged a visit to the Midtown Campus for the students of Professor Hamilton Justiano of Danbury High School. Professor Justiano’s students are recent arrivals to the U.S. and are enrolled in the bilingual program for secondary students. We congratulate Department Chair Dr. Thomas Doyle, who has been nominated for the Lothrop D. Higgins Fellowship Grant for 2003.

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on the American Queen Paddleboat
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Minneapolis to St. Louis
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WCSU Summer String Camp
July 6 – July 12

WCSU Summer Music Camp for Band Instrumentalists
July 20 – July 26

WCSU Summer Flute Institute
July 27 – August 1

The Julius Baker Flute Master Class
August 1 – August 6

For more information contact Laura Titemore, 203 837-8614 or titemore@wcsu.edu or visit www.wcsu.edu/summemusic

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ASB: Continuing to be a strong force in the community

The Ancell School’s participation in the local economy is strong and alumni are participating in the School’s activities, both as featured speakers, and as students of the School’s management development activities. Our faculty continues to distinguish themselves as scholars and innovative educators and have earned recognition for their efforts from their peers.

The Macricostas Foundation (page 5) recently established the Constantine Macricostas Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the Ancell School. Mr. Macricostas and his firm Photronics, have worked with WestConn and the Ancell School for many years. We look forward to working with Mr. Macricostas to recognize community minded entrepreneurs who will contribute to economic growth and create meaningful educational opportunities for our students.

Our faculty continues a school tradition of providing service and expertise to local organizations and business firms. Dr. Cronin’s marketing class completed a market case study of The News-Times and presented an advertising and marketing recommendation to the paper’s management team. Professor George Kain (JLA) organized a workshop for the Connecticut Police Commissioner’s Association in the fall for police commissioners from the entire state of Connecticut. Drs. Fred Tesch and Stan Bazan of our Management Department recently taught management development courses for Boehringer-Ingelheim. The Ancell School will begin its third round of management development courses for Boehringer in mid-March.

I am pleased to announce that alumni continue to support our programs and serve as mentors to our students. The Accounting Association held its annual career day forum in November and offered valuable career advice to students from all majors. Several alumni were panel members, including Ken Silliman ’96 (Finance), Lorraine Peoples ’98 (MIS), and Gus Psarros ’98 (Accounting). Students love hearing from alumni who were once in their shoes and I urge you to contact me or your professors and discuss ways in which you can share your insights with current Ancell students.

As I mentioned above, Ancell School faculty members continue to set examples as outstanding scholars and educators. Dr. Ozgur Kan (Finance) recently published a paper Day of the Week Effects: Recent Evidence from Nineteen Stock Markets. Drs. Tesch and Bazan, Management, and Dr. Ellen Durnin, Dean of Graduate Studies, are the co-authors of an article entitled “Managing a Department’s Adjunct Faculty: Let Them Eat Sweet Rolls.” Dr. Ron Drozdenko (Marketing) and Dr. Gregory Jin (MIS), are the co-authors of a paper “Direct Marketing Manager's Perceived Organizational Values and Ethical Attitudes,” which earned the best paper award for the Tenth Annual Conference of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences.

The Accounting Department will begin offering courses in the field of forensic accounting in the fall. Forensic accounting is one of the fastest growing practice areas in the field. Few universities offer courses in this increasingly important area. The Accounting Department will offer a three-course sequence, with courses in business valuation, fraud investigation, and the valuation of damages and lost profits. Please contact Professor Richard Proctor, or Professor Monica Frizzell for further information.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. David Machell for his many years of service as the chair of the Division of Justice and Law Administration. Dr. Machell has served as chair since 1992 and recently announced that he will return to fulltime teaching duties in August. I urge our many JLA alumni to thank Dr. Machell for his guidance in their educational and professional careers and to drop him a line and offer their best wishes.

In closing, continue to stay involved with the Ancell School. Write, call, or stop by for a visit. We look forward to staying in touch and to working with you closely in the future, as the School strives to maintain the tradition of excellence to which you have become accustomed.

All Alumni Picnic!
Driscoll is impressed with the institutional Advancement Michael T. WestConn's Director of Institute—education." As an example of their generosity to their students' outstanding academic achievements. And, of course, commencement each year has continued the tradition of recognizing our graduates in bachelor and masters degree programs. In the near future, we will be able to recognize graduates in our first doctoral degree program.

These are just a few examples of university traditions. The Centennial year has exposed us all to the rich and varied history of our university. Many of you have come back to campus for the first time in several years to join us in our centennial celebration. I hope you will continue to join us each year at the many new events and activities we have established and started a few new traditions of your own.
A visual artist as well as a writer, Peter Selgin’s work has appeared in The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal, Gourmet, Salon.com, the Chicago Sun-Times, Newsday Sunday Magazine, Oasis, Aikali Flats, South Dakota Review, Madison Review, Glimmer Train, and other publications. His stories have won several awards and received two Pushcart nominations. His children’s book, S.S. Gigantic Across the Atlantic, (Simon & Schuster) won the Lemme Award for Best Children’s Book of 2000. He has been a fellow at the Blue Mountain Center and the Eugene O’Neill National Playwright’s Conference. He lives in New York City.

Selgin graduated from WestConn in 1982 with a B.A. in English, concentration in writing.

**Reading**

Monday, April 7
7:00 p.m., Alumni Hall
(with Cortney Davis)

No charge
Open to the public
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Laurie Krebs received her Masters in Education from WestConn in 1980, and went on to become a successful first grade teacher for twenty years in the Ridgefield School District. Now she has turned her teaching experience and knowledge of what young children like to read into a profitable career as a children’s book author. Her books include The Beeman, published by National Geographic; On Safari, published by Barefoot Books; as well as a series on pre-revolutionary times published by the Rosen Group.

In 1971, Cathrene Valente Youngquist received her Bachelor's in Education from WestConn. With a tremendous love of the arts, she became a creative arts facilitator for preschools in the Connecticut shoreline areas. Now Anthenum Books has just recently published her first book, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Mean Calypso Joe, based on her time spent in Anguilla, British West Indies. She is pictured above with her daughter Anna, a freshman at WestConn.

Cortney Davis is the author of I Knew a Woman: the Experience of the Female Body (Random House), winner of the 2002 CT Book Award in non-fiction. Her poetry collections are The Body Flute and Details of Flesh. Recipient of an NEA Poetry Fellowship and two CT Commission on the Arts Poetry grants, Davis’s poems and essays have appeared in Poetry, Witness, Hudson Review, Massachusetts Review, Prairie Schooner, Self, Discover, and Ms.

Davis graduated from WestConn with a B.A. in English, concentration in writing, in 1983 and with an M.A. in English in 1989. She graduated from Norwalk Community College in 1972 with an A.S. in Nursing, and from Cornell University School of Nursing’s nurse practitioner program in 1978. She lives in Redding, Connecticut.

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A Year of Educational Excellence

In keeping with WestConn’s mission of a quality education to all its students, the Fall and early Winter months of 2002 brought many historical events of educational excellence for the school and its departments, of which we are all very proud and wish to share with you.

December 18, 2002, marked a historical date for the University, School and its Education and Educational Psychology Department. On this date, WestConn received approval from Connecticut’s Board of Governors for Higher Education to establish the University’s first Ed.D. Program in Instructional Leadership. WestConn’s program is primarily designed for K-12 teachers who wish to remain in the classroom, but want to advance professionally and serve as peer leaders in their schools. This program is distinctive, it will be one of only thirteen programs of its kind in the country, and the only program of its kind between Boston and Delaware!

In November 2002, the Counselor Education Programs received national reaccreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for a full eight-year period, citing the program for the exceptional educational quality of its curriculum and instruction.

In late September, the Music Department underwent an outstanding national accreditation site visit from the National Association of Schools of Music. The Site Visitor’s Report positively cited the Music Department for their extensive curricula offerings, the collaborative faculty commitment to the provision of a high quality of instruction, the national renown and professional expertise of its faculty, and the dedication and energy of its music students. No doubt by the time you read your summer AlumniNews, the Music Department will have been granted full accreditation status from NASM.

In November, the University approved its first interdisciplinary, graduate educational program, an Advanced Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Interdisciplinary Gerontology Studies. This program was developed under the efforts of School’s Health Science, Nursing, Physical Education and Social Work Departments in collaboration with the Psychology and Management’s Health Administration Departments. The 12-credit certificate program is designed for practicing professionals in an array of health care and human services areas who have an interest in gerontology. Individuals admitted into this graduate certificate program can choose from both professional discipline specific and core gerontology courses.

The Health Science and the Physical Education Departments received final University approval to merge their departments. Effective as of January 2003, the new department, known as the Department of Health Promotion and Exercise Sciences, is working toward establishing an undergraduate B.S. degree program in Health Promotion with options in community health, wellness management, holistic health, and aging. It also hopes to establish in the future a dual B.S. degree program in Health and Physical Education to meet the current teacher shortages in these areas.

The School of Professional Studies and its Departments look forward to seeing you at its events.

Dr. Lynne Clark
Dean
School of Professional Studies

SPS Photography

1. WCSU’s Jazz Combos with renowned Saxophonist, the late Bob Berg.
2. SPS Prospective Teacher Education Evening held for Danbury High and ACE students and their families on Oct. 30.
3. SPS 2002 Distinguished Achievement Alumni Award recipients at ceremony held on Nov. 13. (L to R: Andrew Rodgers ’81, Elaine Abrams ’78, Cheryl Tatano Beck ’70, Patricia Bragdon ’93, Mark Boughton ’95).
4. The Effects of War on Nursing and Nursing’s Effect on War featuring Alumnus Speaker, Christine Beaudoin on Nov. 7.
Elaine Abrams, RN, CHES, MPH, is a Certified Health Education Specialist with a background in nursing. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from WestConn in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education.

Abrams was the first WestConn graduate in Health Science to obtain national certification as a health education specialist (CHES). Also, Abrams is a founding member (1998) of WestConn’s University/Community Advisory Board in Partnership for Health Education.

Abrams completed a Master of Public Health degree from University of Connecticut in May 2002. For her master’s thesis, she worked closely with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Environmental Protection Agency Region I to evaluate Connecticut’s Indoor Air Quality.

Tools for Schools Program. This was the first evaluation of this national program.

Abrams’ nursing, health education and public health experiences have often targeted hard to reach populations.

Abrams coordinated the Wellness on Wheels mobile medical outreach program for Danbury for two years prior to returning to graduate school.

She also co-coordinated the Connecticut AIDS Education and Training Center at Yale University.

While attending graduate school, she worked as a health education consultant for the Danbury Public School District, implementing a district wide Coordinated School Health Program.

Abrams is currently working as a health education coordinator for a statewide pilot childhood lead prevention program in conjunction with the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in Hartford.

Elaine Abrams ‘78: A State Leader in Public Health

Patricia Bragdon, BSW, MSW, speaks on her travels into and through her profession, with doors opening and choices expanding even as she earned her BA in Social Work from WestConn in 1993.

Bragdon was a non-traditional aged, married mother of two sons in public school, who returned to higher education following recovery from cancer. She had established a social service agency, I Can Inc., in 1991 with several health & mental health care providers, to address unmet social service needs of cancer survivors in the Western Region of Connecticut.

Bragdon soon recognized that she needed formal credentials and more specific knowledge to be effective as a direct care volunteer and advocate. It was then that she returned to college, to complete that goal while she was well.

Ms. Bragdon’s professional career choice of social work was logical, and it provided the skills and knowledge base she needed, including an understanding of how to separate the personal from the professional. Her first internship was with a social service oversight organization, which provided knowledge about structure, funding and staffing needs. For her senior college year, Bragdon asked for another setting different from the health care field, to which she continued to devote volunteer energies.

Bragdon was inducted into the national social work Phi Alpha Honor Society at the end of her junior year, and graduated Magna Cum Laude from WestConn in 1993. She was then admitted to Columbia University’s School of Social Work in its advanced standing program, from which she graduated in one year.

Majoring in clinical practice, she chose children and families as her field, and became a school social worker, first in Danbury, and now in nearby Katonah-Lewisboro School District. She is currently a doctoral candidate in the Clinical Doctoral Program at New York University’s School of Social Work, with her dissertation on Wheels mobile medical outreach program for Danbury for two years prior to returning to graduate school.

SWSU Opera
April 11, 12, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

SWSU Percussion Ensemble
April 14, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

“Negative Impacts Of The Media” Senior Social Work Community Organizing Program
April 25, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Student Center

WCSU Jazz Fest
April 25, 26, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

WCSU Concert Choir
April 29, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

Int’l Nursing Honor Society Induction Call for time, date & location

Education Club’s Guiding Lights Day for Danbury Public Schools 4th Graders
April 30, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Student Center

May

Education Club’s Honor Society Reception Call for time, date & location

WCSU Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble
May 6, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

SWSU Student Honors Convocation May 7, 7:30 p.m. Warner Hall

WCSU Orchestra
May 8, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

Nursing’s Pinning Ceremony Call for time, date & location

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May 10, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Warner Hall
For information, e-mail CHHA@danbury.ac1.com

Education Club – 3rd Grade Participation in Danbury History Day May 16, Time TBA, Warner Hall

April

President’s/SPS Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Series: Joseph A. Califano, Jr. April 10, 8:00 p.m. Warner Hall

WCSU Opera
April 11, 12, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

WCSU Percussion Ensemble
April 14, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

“Negative Impacts Of The Media” Senior Social Work Community Organizing Program
April 25, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Student Center

WCSU Jazz Fest
April 25, 26, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

WCSU Concert Choir
April 29, 8:00 p.m. Ives Concert Hall

Int’l Nursing Honor Society Induction Call for time, date & location

Education Club’s Guiding Lights Day for Danbury Public Schools 4th Graders
April 30, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Student Center

May

Education Club’s Honor Society Reception Call for time, date & location

WCSU Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble
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Scholarship Notice:

James Furman Memorial Award

We understand that many of you may have given donations in the past to this award. We wanted to let you know that the award is now given out annually to five exemplary music students. We also understand that many of Music’s alumni may be interested in contributing further to this award. If so, please contact Dean Lynne Clark, at 203-857-9500 or send an e-mail to clark@wcsc.edu.

Alumni News

The magazine for alumni and friends of WestConn.

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WestConn Public Relations

When Southbury resident Kevin Keane began looking for a university to pursue his master of science degree in community counseling, he was drawn to WestConn.

“I chose WestConn because the program is well-rounded,” he said.

Keane also chose WestConn’s program because it is one of only three in the state accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the specialized accrediting body that seeks to advance quality educational program offerings in the field. That decision turned out to be an important one for Keane, who received his degree in December.

“The accreditation at WestConn allowed me to take the nationally certified community counselor’s exam just prior to graduation,” he said.

Without the accreditation, Keane might have had to put in more hours and take other steps to even get the opportunity to take the exam.

With the accreditation, Keane passed the exam and now is fulfilling the hours of post-master’s degree work in the field required to earn his professional license. Now, students in the community counseling and school counseling programs at WestConn who are following in Keane’s footsteps can be assured that they also are on the right track while pursuing their degrees. CACREP, which first accredited the WestConn programs in 1995, and recently renewed its endorsement for eight more years.

The reaccreditation process included a self study and four-day site visit among many other steps. In a report filed after its visit, the site team praised the WestConn education and educational psychology department’s graduate-level counselor education programs.

“The curricula offerings are solid and offer in-depth study of the critical components of counseling and human growth and development,” the report states.

The report also notes the caliber of the faculty involved with the programs: Drs. Kathryn Campbell, Michael Gilles and Aram Aslanian, all assistant professors of education.

“Dr. Michael Gilles

The program faculty are intelligent, energetic and committed,” the site team wrote. “The faculty,
Spring athletes ready to go in ’03

Following a successful fall season for all of WestConn’s athletics teams; we have moved with full force into our winter season and Little East Conference competition schedules in Men’s and Women’s Basketball, as well as Women’s Swimming and Diving. Kim Rybczyk ’88 has begun the task of rebuilding the program in Women’s hoops and Jill Cook is beginning to see some positive results in the pool. Bob Campbell continues to have a team that typically finishes fast and will again be a prime contender to win the conference post-season tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

We are anticipating men’s basketball is looking at a first place during its ‘regular season’ play. Watch for information on WestConn hosting the LEC Championships at the O’Neill Center. That would be a first-ever accomplishment. As basketball moves into its final third of the season; WestConn’s baseball, women’s lacrosse and softball teams are beginning to begin their pre-season practices and everyone is eagerly awaiting the spring break training period that will take place in Florida during the latter part of March.

All the players and coaches are expecting to have successful seasons; and hopefully repeat the results that baseball and softball experienced last spring.

Laura B. Schnechter ’90 runs in many 5Ks each year, and Kay Schreiber ’79 runs the Housatonic Valley Classic International Bicycle Race each year. So it was a natural fit for both women to volunteer their time as members of the Centennial Campus-to-Campus 5K Committee.

CAMPUS-TO-CAMPUS CENTENNIAL 5K
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
APRIL 27, 2003

Schnechter and Schreiber are two of the fourteen-committee members planning this first-time event scheduled for Sunday, April 27.

Linking WestConn’s two campuses was the main focus for this inaugural race, held in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration.

Proceeds from the run/walk will benefit fitness and wellness programs at the university; including new fitness equipment and lectures and workshops relating to physical fitness.

Participants will start the race on the Westside campus and finish on the Midtown campus. The 3.1-mile course also will include live music and free massages.

“This event is important because it shows, in a very visible way, the big strides the University is taking in hosting events of this magnitude,” said Schreiber, from Housatonic Valley Tourism District. “It has a large base appeal for all alumni groups to participate and enjoy.”

Schnechter, an avid runner, became involved after reading an announcement in the winter issue of the AlumniNews. As a fourth generation graduate of WestConn who enjoys competing in local road races, I knew this event was something I wanted to be a part of.”

I enjoy volunteering my time at WestConn,” she said. “I also like to see the changes on the two campuses and have the opportunity to reminisce about my own experiences at WestConn.”

“Many local businesses and corporations have already offered to sponsor the race, including FastSigns, Economy Printing, and Cendant Mobility. Sponsorship helps ensure that all of the proceeds go directly to the cause,’ said Mary Figueroa, the 5K coordinator. “We’re truly grateful to these local businesses for their involvement.”

For more information about the 5K, call at 203-837-8832 or log on to: www.wcsu.edu/5k.
WestConn lessons lead alumna to state leadership

By Eric Drexler
WestConn Public Relations

A WestConn education took Shirley Cole Ferris ’86 places she never imagined she’d go, leading her from a sheltered life on a farm to the position of Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut.

“Attending WestConn really changed my life,” Ferris, a recipient of the university’s Centennial Award for Excellence, said. “The education I received brought me all kinds of new challenges, broadened my horizons, and made me think differently.”

Ferris was the ninth child in a family supported by a father who worked an assembly-line job in a factory. Her father had her work in a factory one summer, so she would know what it was like and would never want to do it again—a way of creating higher aspirations for his daughter.

In high school, her guidance counselor told her there was no need for her to take college preparatory classes. A few of her teachers saw her potential and urged her to take some higher-level courses, but Ferris did not see college in her future just out of high school. She married young, to a dairy farmer, and together they raised five children.

In the late 1970s, Ferris started writing for an agricultural magazine. She had a few of her pieces published but wanted to become a better writer. That’s when WestConn entered her life.

In 1980, she became a “non-traditional” student, taking her first undergraduate classes at the age of 38.

“My whole world up to that point was my children and working on the farm,” she said. “The family joke was that I had to go to college to learn about Vietnam, because I was just not in touch with the world in that way.”

At WestConn, she met other women, who, unlike herself, were going to college because they were on their own, following a divorce, and needed an education to get a better paying job to support a family.

“I felt so fortunate to be going to college because it was something I wanted to do, not because I had to do it,” she said. “The only reason I could go to college was because it was affordable, I could commute, and I could do it part-time and make it fit in around family life.”

She began by taking a few writing courses and then decided to work toward an associate’s degree. Her love of learning spurred her on, and she set her sites on a bachelor’s degree, majoring in history, which she earned in 1986.

While at WestConn, Ferris worked as a reporter for the “Brookfield Journal.” She was assigned to cover now Lt. Gov. Jodi Rell as she began her first campaign for the Connecticut House of Representatives. At the time, Ferris was president of her county Farm Bureau, and she and Rell discussed issues of mutual interest, including the future of agriculture in Connecticut.

Reading back on her years at WestConn, Ferris sees a direct link between her education and the path her life has taken.

“I cannot imagine a better team of professors than I had,” she said, singling out the most influential teachers she had: Ken Young, David Detzer, Herb Janick, and the late Arnold Brackman. “They each had their own style, but they all pushed me, and stretched my mind.”

But one of the most profound lessons Ferris learned in college came not in the form of a lecture, but in an off-handed comment made by Dr. Brackman.

“Ferris and a group of fellow students were talking about the incredible luck another student had in landing a great job. When Dr. Brackman heard them, he stopped and told the students: “Luck is the product of design.”

“That has stayed with me for all these years, and I can certainly see how it applies to my life,” Ferris said. “By the things you decide to do, the opportunities you decide to take advantage of, you create your own life design. The pattern of choices determines the direction your life will take.”

topic on grief in adolescents as secondary victims. Her studies on health recovery issues and adolescent reactions and needs following loss and grief show how her learning paths have converged.

Additionally, as a volunteer supervisor and speaker, Bragdon was active in the Mayor’s Task Force on Homeless Adolescents in the mid ’90s, which resulted in the first older teen shelter for non-adjudicated youth in Danbury. This melding of community service with career is not unusual for graduates from the Social Work program. Bragdon’s successes are particularly outstanding, as is the self-effacing manner in which she guides and sets an example for others. There are such warm smiles and knowing nods when her name is mentioned in our community. Bragdon’s journey always has fellow travelers, who may take other routes, but have been refreshed by their time with her and energized to reach for their own goals.
who have a diverse and rich professional background, identify solidly with the counseling profession and have modeled extraordinary professional behaviors for students. The program faculty are well-respected by students, and students speak very highly of the program faculty.”

Campbell, the coordinator of the school counseling program, served as the CACREP liaison during the process. While the process was lengthy, it was worth it, she said.

“This is recognition that WestConn offers a program of high quality,” Campbell said. “It assures our students, and their future employers, that their training is in accordance with the highest professional standards.”

Gilles, the coordinator of the community counseling program, agreed.

“With the accreditation, students can be confident the training they receive will provide them with the knowledge and skills considered the standard in the field,” Gilles said. “The students who complete the program are the best they can be.”

As for Keane, he’s very pleased with the education he received at WestConn. He said it is serving him well in his work at Southbury-Middlebury Youth and Family Services.

“I strongly recommend WestConn’s program because of the accreditation, because of the faculty and because it’s well-rounded,” he said.

For more on the counselor education programs, call Campbell at (203) 837-8574.

Alumni Time Capsule

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Items selected will not be able to be returned until 2103. Items not selected will be returned to their owner by the committee.

Alumni Baseball Road Trip Reservation Form

Saturday, Sept. 6 • Game Time 1:04 p.m. • Yankee Stadium

Use additional paper if necessary. Please print or type and return to Alumni Office, WCSU, 181 White Street,Danbury, CT 06810. If you include photos, please also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like it returned.

❑ Yes! I want information about the Alumni Association Board and its volunteer committees. ❑ Yes! I want to help organize an event in my area

Name (maiden if applicable) Grad Year Spouse’s Name (maiden if applicable) Spouse’s Grad Year

Employer Spouse’s Employer

Address E-mail address

Information

Stay Current!

- Wear a WestConn logo shirt or hat and a WestConn fan gift will be delivered to you at your seat during the first inning.

**Reservation cannot be filled without full payment.**

The coach will leave from University Hall at 10:00 a.m. and will leave immediately following the game. Park in the garage next to University Hall.

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Barbara Warner Obeda BA ’77, land use consultant for the town of Redding, received an award for lifetime achievement and leadership excellence during the 25th annual meeting of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions. Barbara has served over 25 years. She was also honored with the Centennial Award for Excellence at the Centennial Opening Day festivities in September.

Peter Ogan ’71 lives in Newtown. He completed his master’s in European History and has been teaching evening master’s in European History in Newtown. He completed his bachelor’s degree in European History at Yale University.

1990’s
John J. Guinipero BA ’98 is employed as a Professional Sales Representative with Boehringer Ingelheim covering the Northeast region.

2000’s
Michael Leona BA ’01 is a meteorologist for several Connecticut radio stations as well as Syracuse, NY; Columbus, OH; and Long Island, NY.

Weddings
Deborah A. Simons BA ’91 and Robert Cavallaro BA ’91
Jennifer Angelopoulos BSN ’94 and Mark Ryan
Becky Eide BS ’99 and Eugene Hall
Jennifer Lockhart BS ’99 and Brian Calise
Kimberly Azzarito BA ’98 and Michael Costa BA ’97
Robert Makowski BA ’98 and Stephanie Branson
Christine Schweikert BBA ’98 and William Capone BBA ’98
Shelby Russell BA ’00 and Frederick C. Baumer Jr. BBA ’01
Melissa Lourenco MS ’00 and Jonathan daSilva
Nicole Ducham BA ’01 and Matthew Jason
Alison McCabe BS ’02 and Timothy Palancia
Vicki Haag BBA ’02 and Kevin Sose BA ’00

In Memoriam
1926 Helen McGlynn Cumming Ridgefield, January 9, 2003
1942 Mary Halpin Hoffman Warren, February 3, 2003
1943 Arlene Norman Gillette Roxbury, January 17, 2003
1951 Willard ‘Bill’ Starbard Oreland, PA, January 9, 2003
1953 BS, 1970 MS Marilyn Hurley Thulin Thomaston, Dec. 29, 2002
1963 Kathryn Marlowe Kish Brookfield, November 20, 2002
1969 Raymond J. Trimpert Danbury, September 15, 2002
1974 Deborah Molloy Johnston Mesa, AZ, November 14, 2002
1991 Concetta Stankey Barnes New Milford, November 18, 2002

And Baby Makes....
John Magner BBA ’93 and Sharon along with their son, Ian Patrick, welcomed Dylan Joseph on May 24, 2002.
Rich Stabile BBA ’89 and Giorgia happily announce the arrival of their son Richard Alphanso on February 20, 2002.

“**You don’t look 100!”**

For left: Caroline Norelius. WestConn’s alumni director speaks briefly with NBC Today Show weathercaster Al Roker about WestConn’s upcoming birthday celebration on March 3.

Left: WestConn Publications & Design Department Designer Ellen Myhill ’01 poses with Caroline Norelius. Myhill created the poster that Norelius took with her to New York City. Roker autographed the poster.

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**Alumni Calendar ’02-’03**

**April**
2  28th Annual Beatrice K. Nenzer Social Work Symposium, Warner Hall, 7 p.m.
8  4th Ann. Art Alumni Forum, Alumni Hall
10  Joseph Califano Centennial Lecture*: “**Substance Abuse: American Attitudes and Pathways Among Girls and Young Women**”
27  5K Centennial Run, Alumni Table

**May**
3  Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Brunch (All Alumni are invited to attend) Alumni Hall, 10 a.m. Call 837-8290 for brunch reservations
3  Centennial Ball, Ethan Allen Hotel
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5  ASB Honors Convocation
6  SAS Honors Convocation
7  SPS Honors Convocation
13  Athletics Senior Awards Program
18  Commencement*
   - Alumni Time Capsule Dedication – Westside Campus
22  Alumni Reception:
   - NYC Society of Illustrators
30 – June 1 Class of 1953 Reunion Weekend

**June**
7  Alumni College and Alumni Picnic
21  ’40, ’45 Reunion Luncheon

**July**
1  Centennial Alumni Golf Outing, Watertown Golf Club

**August**
23  Men’s Soccer Alumni scrimmage, 1 pm, New Soccer Stadium, Westside Campus
29  Men’s Soccer vs William Patterson, 40th Season Kick-Off, Alumni Reunion, 7 p.m.

**September**
6  Yankees vs Red Sox baseball game trip

**October**
3  Golden Circle Luncheon
17, 18 & 19  Homecoming Weekend

* Special seating available to alumni, contact the office for your reservation. For more information on these and other events, call 203-837-8298 or email westconnalumni@wcsu.edu
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.

Call today to place your order!
203-837-8290

WCSU T-Shirt and Hat Combo M–XXL, $24.98

Grey hooded WestConn sweatshirt by Champion, M–XL, with center pocket, dark gray shown, light gray also available. $49.98

WCSU Hooded Sweatshirt with logo, M–XXL, $34.98

Navy shown, also available in Gray

WCSU CoffeeHouse cup, $10.50

WestConn Hooded Sweatshirt, M–XXL, $49.98

WCSU Blue basketball shorts by Champion 14.98, also available in dark blue, M–XXL

WestConn Alumni Sweatshirt; Gray only, M–XXL, $39.98

Diploma Frames: Regency or Gallery styles: $105, seal and school name gold embossed on black and gold museum double matting, (H3) Regency: mahogany, (H2) Gallery: cherry, both: gold inner lip 23K; (H1) Signature style frame: $125 23K jewelry-quality medallion, black & gold museum double matting, gold embossed WCSU. (please specify H1, H2 or H3)

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

WCSU Afghan, Full Color, 5’x8’, $50

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

“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)

WCSU Cat’s Meow Collectible—an authentic, $19.99

(please specify Fairfield Hall, White Hall or Old Main)

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

Make checks payable to and send orders to:
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Winter at WestConn!

blizzard!

A fierce snowstorm covered WestConn over this past President’s Day Weekend - snow piling up to over two feet. These students joined WestConn’s determined Maintenance crew in clearing out the white stuff.

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