On August 1, 2004, Dr. James W. Schmotter began his tenure as president.
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It’s with humility, and great anticipation, that I write to you this first message as Western Connecticut State University’s eighth president. I am humbled to have been selected to lead our great university into its second century, especially when I consider the accomplishments of the seven remarkable individuals who have preceded me. I am particularly grateful to Dr. James Roach for the marvelous legacy he leaves us. What lies ahead is exciting, and every morning I wake up full of enthusiasm about both our distinguished past and the promising future we will build together.

There seems to be a “western” theme in my life and career. I did my doctoral work at Northwestern University, lived during my time at Cornell in a neighborhood known as West Hill, married a graduate of Cincinnati’s Western Hills High School, and have most recently been a dean at Western Michigan University. Now I am “heading west” again, albeit through a geographic move to the east.

But “heading west” implies more than just physical movement. It is also, more importantly, about imagining and constructing new futures. That’s what our pioneer and immigrant ancestors were really doing when they undertook their arduous and sometimes dangerous journeys.

That’s also what, for a century, WestConn has been about: enabling our students to imagine and to construct new, exciting futures. All of us in the immediate WestConn community have important roles to play — the faculty and staff certainly, but also the alumni and friends who provide material, intellectual and emotional support while they also serve as role models for our students. And our students must be active partners, engaged in the learning experiences, both inside the classroom and out, that will prepare them for their own journeys “west.”

I believe strongly in the importance of such collaboration and community.

Dear Alumni:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my greetings to all of you as your new president of the WCSU Alumni Association.

I renewed my relationship with the university in 2000 by becoming active in the Alumni Association after a long and successful career in the healthcare industry. I thought it was extremely important for me to give back some of my time and energy to the university that had played such a major role in preparing me for my chosen career. Once I returned and began to get involved in the Alumni Association and programs and activities at the university, I felt a strong and increasing sense of pride for being part of WestConn’s history. But most of all, I was more enthusiastic about being part of its present and future activities.

For the past three years, I have had the opportunity to meet many members of the WCSU community — officers, faculty, administrative staff, support staff, many undergraduates and, of course, alumni.

A Welcome to the Class of 2004

To meet and to know such a diverse group of individuals with so much talent and knowledge is truly a pleasing experience.

I recently had the honor of serving on the University Advisory Committee that coordinated the on-campus activities for interviewing the candidates for the new president. Again, to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented individuals was truly a positive experience; but to have had the chance to give input and insight into the selection of our president was by far the most rewarding.

Each year, beginning in July, the Alumni Association begins its programs and activities that unite the existing WestConn community, the alumni and the local community in a very spirited and collegial environment. I invite all of you to consider being part of that experience. The alumni are an extremely important part of a university’s image. It is time for all of us to consider how we can contribute to making sure that WestConn’s image remains strong and vibrant.

Finally, I say to all alumni, “Come back and continue to share the WCSU experience!”

Tom Crucitti ’69
WCSU Alumni Association President
WestConn’s Capital Campaign Continues Success

While WestConn’s first-ever capital campaign exceeded its $4-million goal at the end of 2003, additional gifts continue to add to the total raised. New commitments from Grolier/Scholastics Inc., Branson and other corporate supporters have increased the campaign’s contributions to $4,185,693. Several solicitations are still pending, according to Richard J. Gerber, WestConn’s vice president for institutional advancement.

“The Honor Roll of Centennial Capital Campaign Donors will not be complete until December, so alumni and friends may still be included if they make a contribution by the end of the year,” Gerber said.

As a result of the campaign’s success, WCSU Foundation scholarship funds available for students have reached record levels, with more than a score of 2003/04 grants awarded. Many of the campaign’s other significant accomplishments will come on line over the next few years as campaign pledges are paid, matching dollars are secured, and new buildings and facilities are opened. These include funds raised for an entrepreneurial award at the Ancell School of Business, an endowed visiting professorship in the School of Arts and Sciences, a named reception hall in the forthcoming Center for Fine and Performing Arts, and an endowed lecture series. The Boehringer Ingelheim Bio-Chemistry Laboratory, planned for the new science building, will be among the first of the campaign-related projects to be rolled out on campus.

Annual Fund … Calling on All Alumni

The Annual Fund supports many needs at WCSU: scholarships; academic programs; alumni benefits, events, activities, and reunions; and this issue of the Alumni News!

Alumni Association Board Member Len Genovese ’74 is this year’s Annual Fund Chair. Expect a solicitation letter from him this fall. You might also receive a phone call from a WestConn student or alumni volunteer during this year’s annual phone-athon.

Your generosity is always appreciated.

Alumni & Friends Circle Marker

Thanh Lieu, campus mason, completes the installation of the Alumni & Friends Circle marker just in time for the June 5 All-Alumni Picnic. The cast bronze medallion was donated by the University Gifts Committee of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni & Friends Circle is a designated area on the Midtown campus, near Old Main and the majestic old oak tree, that houses an ensemble of engraved bricks, inscribed benches, trees and light posts.

Rededication will take place on Homecoming Weekend, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23.
**Colonial Club**
Support WestConn athletics by joining the Colonial Club — the “Team Behind the Teams.” Pick any team to receive your gift, support the Athletic Hall of Fame, or direct your contribution to the entire athletic department.

Donate $100 or more for full Colonial Club membership and benefits, or send a smaller amount to assist your team. Make your check payable to the WCSU Foundation, with a notation for the team you wish to support.

**A Scholarship Fund for President Roach**
President James R. Roach left many legacies at WestConn that will last forever. Upon his retirement in July, a scholarship fund was created by WestConn employees and friends who wanted to show their appreciation for his 12 years of service to the university.

Alumni and others can also support the Roach Scholarship Fund with a gift of any amount, payable to the WCSU Foundation. The fund will be endowed, and WestConn plans on applying for a 50 percent match from the state. Scholarships will assist worthy WestConn students for years to come.

**Your Gift Can Be Doubled!**
Many companies match their employees’ charitable gifts. Some also match gifts from retirees and spouses. Knowing this can help you double, even triple, your gift to WestConn!

Each company has its own rules. You can usually get the proper form from your company’s payroll or human resources office. Most major corporations will match a gift, and in this age of mergers, your company may have a new parent corporation that will match your gift! Smaller companies have these programs, too, or will start one if you ask.

Get the form, send it in and watch your gift grow!

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Bricks use up to 36 boxes: use a box for each letter, space and punctuation mark. Trees, benches and light posts have double the space: use a separate piece of paper.
Busy Spring Continues into Fall

Student Excellence
Management student Amy Stanzione's gourmet dessert business plan finished in the top five at the 7th Annual “You Belong in Connecticut” Business Plan Competition sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. Management Information Systems (MIS) students Dennis Karjanis, Steve Trimandilis, Pascale Abousaada, Booth Gibson, Vincent Ierace, Ellen Murphy, and Ricardo Palmerini won first, second, and third place in Norwalk Community College’s CyberSecurity Challenge.

Faculty Achievements
MIS Professor Dr. Marie Wright was certified in Homeland Security, Level III. Her leadership resulted in the MIS Information Security Option attaining 100 percent compliance with the National Standard for Information Systems Security Professionals of the National Security Agency.

Educational Partnerships and Services
Associate Professor of Management Dr. Stanley Bazan and Dr. Frederick Tesch, professor of management and M.B.A. coordinator, serve as instructors for the Boehringer Ingelheim Management Development Program. The Center for Business Research coordinated consulting and service learning projects for students. Students and faculty worked on projects with several area corporations, including Casey Fuel, Topshelf Sports, TBICO, and the Body Rub Company.

The Center for Business Research has hired a research associate and plans to increase its portfolio of service learning and other experiential learning projects.

ASB Events
In the fall, please join us for these and other events:
The Connecticut Appellate Court will hold a session of the Court on campus in late October. Professor of Justice and Law Administration Dr. Harold Schramm will announce final details in early fall.
The Governor’s Small Business Advisory Council is hosting a conference on internet security for small business this fall. For more information, send an e-mail to mortona@wcsu.edu.

Upcoming events planned by student groups include:
The Accounting Club will host its annual career day in November.
Our MBA investment club will continue its spring project of valuing the IPO Google stock offering and developing portfolio and investment strategies.

Barnard Award Winner
Lillian McKee, pictured with Dr. Stanley Bazan (left) and Dr. Frederick Tesch, received the Henry Barnard Award from the Connecticut State University System Foundation. McKee graduated from WestConn with a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Ancell faculty participates in an Organizational Analysis class.
Graduate Studies and External Programs staff, faculty and departments have been very busy with the planning of current and new programs. If you have any questions, please contact me at durnine@wcsu.edu or call (203) 837-8244.

- Implementation of our first doctoral program, the Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership. Twenty-five professionals in K-12 education began their studies in January 2004.
- Launch of the university’s first interdisciplinary certificate program in Advanced Gerontological Studies. Faculty members from the departments of nursing, social work, management, psychology, and health exercise and wellness deliver classes from a variety of perspectives.
- The Master of Health Administration program began an on site program at Norwalk Hospital. The hospital and the university collaborate to offer the program in a convenient schedule and location.
- A new Master of Fine Arts in Writing program was approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education. This new low-residency program allows students to study with renowned writers from around the country while continuing their professional and family lives.
- Creation of a partnership with the Princeton Review to provide “Cracking the GMAT” on campus at WestConn, a pilot program that can provide students with the necessary 50-70 points they typically need to gain entrance into the M.B.A. program.
- Inauguration of Western Connection, a pilot program for developmentally disabled students, aged 18-21, to provide their educational program in a setting with age-appropriate peers.
- Graduates of the Master of Fine Arts in Painting and Illustration program graduates continue to win awards and exhibit their work all over the Northeast.
- WestConn, in collaboration with Danbury High School, has initiated a program to provide graduate certificates to social studies teachers in the area of Teaching American History. WestConn faculty has provided courses, and noted historians are invited to the university campus.
- WestConn partnered with area health care organizations and other colleges to re-establish the Greater Waterbury Nursing Consortium, a group devoted to advancing nursing as a career of first choice to the citizens of Connecticut.
- Created the Graduate Students Honors Ceremony, where, for the first time, a graduating student from each graduate program was recognized for excellence in his or her studies. Faculty members spoke about their honorees, scholarships were awarded, and graduates and their family members celebrated the students’ achievements.

Ed.D. Program Flourishes

Dr. Ellen Durnin (seated center) and some members of WestConn’s first Ed.D. cohort listen to Dr. Marcia Delcourt (standing) during the program’s orientation.

Jeffrey Word receives an award at the Graduate Honors Ceremony.
Dear Alumni:

Not only was this the year WestConn was accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, it also was the one in which many of the departments in the School of Professional Studies (SPS) became accredited or re-accredited by their national and state professional organizations. All in all, we had an extremely positive year.

Below are some of the highlights:

• The music and music education department received a five-year, full national accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music. Not to be outdone, the nursing department received a six-year, full national accreditation from the Council of Nursing Education. Additionally, all WestConn’s teacher preparation programs received site visits from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). The programs met all standards of the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education and CSDE for state re-accreditation, and received a six-year accreditation status. Commendations were received in seven areas.

• Faculty members in SPS were busy publishing. This resulted in a total of 52 scholarly works and 61 research or professional presentations at international, national and state conferences.

• The nursing department received a significant grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education to partner with Danbury Hospital’s Department of Nursing.

• We awarded $39,000 in scholarship support to 64 SPS students. Thanks to you, our alumni, for your continued support.

As always, the school and its departments look forward to seeing you at events in the coming year. For a full list, visit www.wcu.edu/sp/sps/calendar. Here are a few events to consider:

The Fall Music Season opens with the WCSU Jazz Combos concert at 8 p.m. on October 8 in the Ives Concert Hall. The full concert listing for the choir and orchestra concerts, and the opera, “Amahl & the Night Visitors,” can be found at www.wcu.edu/music/calendar.

The SPS Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Ceremony and Reception will be held in Warner Hall at 5:30 p.m. on November 10. A 7:30 p.m. reception will follow.

Five students in the School of Professional Studies each received a $1,000 scholarship at the Honors Convocation in May.

(l-r): Virginia Crowley ’69 & ’74 (Alumni Association (AA) Board of Directors), Sharon Fusco ’67 (scholarship committee chair), Jenna Rao, Rafaela Moraes, Tom Crucitti (AA President), Elizabeth McGovern, Gordon Hallas ’90 (scholarship committee member) and Pam Leonetti (May Sherwood Scholarship)
(l-r): On June 22, Frank J. Kelly, president and CEO of Danbury Hospital and Danbury Health Systems, Inc., and then-president of WestConn, James R. Roach, sign a partnership between WCSU and Danbury Hospital. The partnership was made possible by a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

Ilana Ofgang, pictured with Music Professor Dr. Dan Goble (left) and Jimenez, received the Henry Barnard Award from the Connecticut State University System Foundation. Ofgang graduated from WestConn with a bachelor of music degree in jazz studies.

CSDE Visitor, Mary R. Luce, reviews teacher preparation materials with Dr. Leah Stambler, Professor of Education and Educational Psychology as part of CSDE Re-Accreditation Visit on April 18th.

Music Department Chair Dr. Fernando Jimenez and renowned John Philip Sousa revivalist Keith Brion have dinner with more than 60 alumni prior to the “Red, White and Sousa” concert in May (extreme left).

Hugh Price, past president/CEO of the National Urban League, speaks at the Executive Forum’s “Think Tank on Non Profits” on May 7th.

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Talk to WestConn’s eighth president for a few minutes and you get the sense that you can tell him anything. And that’s okay with Dr. James W. Schmotter, because he wants to learn all he can about WestConn and the surrounding community.

“My immediate goal is to successfully complete the experience of drinking from a fire hose,” the 57-year-old Midwesterner jokingly said, referring to the deluge of information he’s had to absorb since assuming the presidency on Aug. 1.

On a more serious note, Schmotter said his immediate objective is to meet and form personal relationships with as many of the key on- and off-campus folks as possible.

“I’d also like to take time out to see what everyone is doing and look at what we are doing with fresh eyes and through the lens of my experience,” Schmotter said. “This will give us a chance to see if we can do even better what we are currently doing well.”

There’s no doubt Schmotter is excited to be here. And the community feels the same way.

“There’s a great deal of enthusiasm among all the stakeholders — faculty, students, alumni, staff and the community,” he said, reflecting on his meetings with key constituents. “WestConn is a university on the move. Great things have been accomplished here, especially under Dr. (James R.) Roach. The potential is great, everyone is excited about the future.”

The excitement is about what WestConn can become.

“WestConn has a rich tradition of serving non-traditional students, as well as first- and second-generation college students,” Schmotter observed. “We are committed to being accessible. That’s what public institutions are in the business of doing, and that’s what WestConn will continue to do.”

From his office window, Schmotter can easily see the many Midtown campus improvements. He’d like to review the master plan for the Westside campus and get ready for the upcoming construction projects.

“One can’t help but notice the obvious investment in the university’s appearance by the state, our donors and the community,” he noted. “A first-time campus visitor is surprised and
impressed, and will become even more so with the science building, the proposed Center for the Arts and the other anticipated construction plans.”

The university’s potential is one of the things Schmotter wants the community to appreciate. He also wants to spread WestConn’s net of relationships and visibility by meeting people and developing new partnerships. And, he’d like to take a closer look at the quality of the experience of WestConn students to ensure that current highly favorable student satisfaction survey results continue — and even increase.

“I want to see how we can learn from them,” he said slowly. “We need to make sure our students are getting a great experience in and out of the classroom.”

Connecting with students is something Schmotter takes very seriously. In the past, he’s done that by teaching.

“It’s important for the leadership of the university to have direct experience with students. That helps us establish credibility with students and faculty.”

Teaching, Schmotter said, is a great way to get to know students. Though he won’t be able to do that immediately at WestConn, he says he intends to find a way to teach in the future.

“Teaching always reminds me of the business we are in,” he said. “Educating students is the core mission of the university, and the leadership needs to remind itself of that on a regular basis.”

Since being named president, Schmotter has been very busy. He attended the alumni golf outing in July, met with some of the university’s key stakeholders, and joined the alumni on a trip to Yankee Stadium. Yes, he is a Yankee fan, and going to Yankee Stadium was “a real treat” for him.

“I grew up in the Midwest in the ’50s and ’60s, and you either were a Yankee hater or a Yankee fan. I fell into the Yankee fan category.”

His Yankee roots were further strengthened when he moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter attended high school. Baseball, however, is not Schmotter’s only pastime.

“My most serious hobby is writing fiction,” he noted.

He stumbled onto his love for writing quite by chance, during his tenure living on campus at Lehigh University.

“It was a weekend that Daphne [his wife] was away,” he explained. “The students were gone, and the campus was very quiet. I entered our second bedroom, which had been transformed into a study, and sat down to write. Next thing I knew, it was 2 a.m. and I had all these characters in the room with me.”

Schmotter and his wife both share a love for cooking. When it comes to gardening, however, he simply says, “Daphne enjoys gardening; I just do it.” He also loves to read, and recently read David McCullough’s biography of President John Adams, a book he says he should have read a long time ago.

For now, though, Schmotter is focused on WestConn and hopes to lead in a way that encourages everyone to be his or her best.

“There are lots of clichés about leadership, but one resonates especially strongly for me,” he said. “It’s from the book ‘Leadership is an Art’ by Max De Pree.”

De Pree is the former CEO of Herman Miller and son of the company’s founder. In his bestseller, De Pree writes that leadership encompasses three things: explaining reality to people, thanking people for what they do, and creating an environment within which everyone rises to his or her potential.

“The president of a university is the one person who has to see the whole picture and how it all fits,” Schmotter said. “And you get that by talking to people, thanking people for a job well done, not surprising them, and engaging in effective and consistent communication.”

And that includes the alumni. He wants to increase the level of involvement of this important group. The way he sees it, the alumni and the university are in this together.

“The alumni are graduates of this university,” Schmotter said. “As we get better and improve the quality and scope of what we do, the value of their degree increases. Likewise, all their successes benefit the university.”

Schmotter pledges to do his part to keep advancing the university.

“We will continue to be a university of which our alumni are proud. In return, I hope our alumni will continue to support us, keep us informed about their successes, and join us for alumni events and activities.”

Schmotter doesn’t plan on spending a lot of time in his office. His plan is to walk around campus and get to know what everyone has to say about moving the university forward.

So if you happen to meet President Schmotter in the hallway or walking across campus, engage him in a conversation about WestConn. Chances are, that’s exactly what he’s looking for.
In reviewing this past year’s events, some of the most notable for us were those that involved you — our alumni and friends. They included the yearlong series of monthly forums on “Exploring War” that encouraged thought and open discussion on all sides of America’s decision to go to war and the “Science at Night” program, where the science faculty hosted talks and presented their research to the general public. As part of this program, WestConn collaborated with the Candlewood Lake Authority and joined them in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the lake.

Other projects that kept us busy this year included:

• A summer star party in June to celebrate the transit of Venus across the sun, something no one alive today had ever seen. The early in the morning viewing, from 5 – 7:30 a.m., included one participant celebrating her birthday! Don’t forget to join us for our regularly scheduled public viewing nights. We also now have a Friends of the Observatory group, and we are beginning to train alumni and members of the community to serve as docents for the Observatory.

• The architectural phase for the new Center for the Fine and Performing Arts has been finalized and the building is scheduled for completion in 2007. This facility will house the departments of art, theatre, and music, and will allow for greater collaboration between these groups.

• The Roger Sherman Debate Society was revived by a group of political science students and their advisor, Associate Professor of Social Sciences Dr. Christopher Kukk. They finished the year with a bang — they held a debate in the University Senate on WestConn’s Strategic Plan and invited the Cambridge University Debate Society to a parliamentary-style debate. What a gutsy group! If you are a debater and would like to get involved, please let us know!

• The M.F.A. in Professional Writing has now been approved and is licensed by the state. This program is an innovative low-residency program that addresses the need for effective writing across many fields, including both creative and practical genres. The search for a program coordinator is near completion, and we anticipate beginning the program’s first summer residencies in summer 2005.

• We collaborated with the School of Professional Studies and the Danbury and Bethel high schools. This led to the creation of a new program designed to help high school seniors better prepare for

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(l-r): Sharon Fusco ’67 (scholarship committee chair), Charles Whitman, Neil Wagner ’52, Melissa Lahoud, Kathryn Ehrlismann, Gordon Hallas ’90 (scholarship committee member), Anna Youngquist, Galina Filipova and Kay Schreiber ’79 (scholarship committee member)

On April 13th, Jeanne Christie, Assistant CTA Professor, shared her experiences in Vietnam at the “Exploring War” series.
Mounira Stott Receives Master of Fine Arts in Painting

Master of Fine Arts 2004 graduate Mounira Stott received her degree in painting. She works with oils and other media and shows her work in Connecticut and her homeland, Moscow, Russia. In addition to her classes at WestConn, Stott studied painting the human figure with Steven Brown, landscape and still life with Kirill Doron, and drawing and painting at Naugatuck Valley Community College. She also received a professional certificate with high honors at the Moscow College of Artistic Professionals in Russia.

Upon graduation from the Russian college, Stott worked as a private artist, selling her works through galleries and brokers in Moscow. Many of her works from this period are now in private collections in Eastern and Western Europe. Stott is a member of several Connecticut art associations and has participated in exhibitions and juried shows in Kent, Newtown and Watertown.

“"The purpose of art is to express emotions or moods to the viewer," Stott said during an interview. “My favorite artists are the Renaissance painters, the Impressionists and the Pre-Raphaelites. They dealt with the images of real things in a beautiful and creative way. “I have made portraits, but I have never felt that they were ‘pictures’ of someone,” Stott added. “Rather, I see them as capturing an emotion from within that person.”

Stott also has a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Moscow Institute of Radio Engineering and Automation. Until 1992, she worked in the Soviet defense industry as a research engineer. In 1998, she met Dr. Paul Stott, a research director for an American chemical firm. They were married and she immigrated to the United States and now resides with her husband and son, Alexei, in Southbury.

The Roger Sherman Debate Society and members of the Cambridge University Debate Society
Team Highlights

Winter Team Highlights

Men’s Basketball Highlights
The men’s team finished 19-11, 8-6 in the Little East Conference (LEC) and were the 2004 East College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Tournament Champions. Marvin Evans was named Most Outstanding Player of the ECAC Tournament. Evans received numerous honors, including LEC Player of the Year, the National Association of Basketball Coach’s First Team All-Northeast Regional Team, Metropolitan Sports Writers First Team, and second team honors from D3Hoops.com, All Northeast Regional Team and ECAC Division III New England All-Star Team. Head Coach Bob Campbell is expecting to return four of this year’s starters next season.

Women’s Basketball
The women’s team finished 9-17, 5-9 in the LEC. In February, they beat Eastern Connecticut, the defending national championship runners-up, 71-70. Mallory Stevens was named to Little East Conference’s All-Star Second Team. Coach Kim Rybczyk ’88 and Professor of Health Promotion and Exercise Sciences Jody Rajcula are planning a bigger than usual alumni game this year. Plans include honoring the ’84 NCAA post-season team.

Women’s Swimming and Diving Team
The women’s team finished at 4-6. Several WestConn records were set: Katherine Collins, 500, 1,000, 1,650 Freestyle and 800 Freestyle Relay and the 100 individual medley; Tara Norcross 50 butterfly; Katherine Massicotte for 1- and 3-meter dives and Sarah Koenig, Karen Fenton, Pamela Rhodes, Katherine Collins set the freestyle relay record.

Spring Team Highlights

Softball
The women were 15-3 at home, were 26-16, 9-5 in the LEC and were LEC Tournament Champions. This led to their seventh NCAA Tournament appearance where the team advanced to the third round of the NCAA Northeast Regionals. Katie Wardlow, Holly Szymanski and Emily Ann Cullen were named to the LEC All-Star First Team.

Baseball
The men were 21-18, 9-5 in the LEC and qualified for the LEC Tournament as the third seed. Adam Kaplan and Mike Troester were named to the LEC All-Star First Team. The baseball team finished over .500 for the first time since the 1995 season. Eben McKnight and Josh Coleman were named to the LEC All-Star Second Team.

Women’s Tennis
The men’s team returned after a year’s absence and finished 9-2, 5-0 in the LEC, third in the LEC Tournament. Matt Cusack won the Flight 2 singles championship at the LECs, and Forest Robertson won the Flight 6 singles championship at the LECs.

Football Joins New Jersey Athletic Conference

The New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) approved WestConn as an affiliate member in football starting with the 2004 season. WestConn’s selection received unanimous approval by the seven current NJAC members that sponsor football. The WCSU membership brings to eight the total number of football teams playing in the conference.

“The addition of WestConn is a win-win situation for both us and them,” said Glenn Hedden, director of Athletics at Kean University and chair of the NJAC Football Committee. “They strengthen our schedule both in number of contests and in quality of competition.”

“Everyone that is part of WestConn football has recognized that the NJAC is a premier conference in Division III football,” said WCSU Director of Athletics Edward Farrington. “We are extremely pleased to be accepted as an affiliate member and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that are ahead.”

WestConn opens the 2004 season at home against non-conference opponent Fitchburg State College at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3.
Class of 2004 Hall of Fame Inductees

Joseph Bagley '78
Support Person
Joseph Bagley was a trainer and physical therapist for the athletics department. According to Stephen Evanuska '78, one of Bagley's former patients, he gave selflessly of his time, provided personal counseling and guidance to many athletes, and assisted student athletes in finding part-time employment. He is now deceased, but will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of many former WestConn athletes.

Paul Ellis '94
Basketball
Paul Ellis finished his distinguished playing career third on the men's basketball all-time scoring list with 1,579 points. He averaged 14.8 points in 107 career games. Ellis graduated with a bachelor's degree in business. He resides in Westchester County and is a dental educator/endodontic specialist for Dentsply.

Andrea Franck '98
Softball
Andrea Franck was the softball program's first All-American selection in 1996. She was a two-time New England Intercollegiate Softball Coaches Association First Team selection during her junior and senior campaign. As a junior, she hit six home runs, had 46 runs batted in, and batted .465. She was named to the NCAA All-American Third Team. During her career, the softball program appeared in two NCAA and two ECAC tournaments. In 1997, she led the Colonials to their first 30-win season (31-9) and the ECAC North Title. She still holds the career university record with 160 runs batted in. Franck, a Torrington resident, married Kenneth Jones in July. She is currently a teacher at The Forbes School in Torrington and is pursuing a master’s in exercise science from Southern Connecticut State University.

Gary E. Lemme '69
Baseball
Gary Lemme was an outstanding pitcher for the Danbury State College and then the WCSC baseball program from 1965 to 1968. He finished his career with a then-school record of 18 victories on the mound. Lemme registered 19 complete games in 24 career starts. As a junior, he went 5-0, allowed just five earned runs in 46 innings and was ranked in the Top 20 nationally in the NAIA. He had a 0.96 earned run average. Lemme graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He is a senior vice president with Union Savings Bank in Danbury.

Angela Mele '91
Basketball
Angela Mele was a three-time American Women's Sports Federation All-America honoree and a 1990 Kodak All-American Honorable Mention selection. Since 1991 she has held the all-time scoring record with 1,597 points. She also holds the program standard for field goals made (712) and attempted (1,565). During her four-year career, the Colonials appeared in four-straight NCAA New England Regional Tournaments and went 85-25. As a junior, she led WestConn to a program best 24-3 record. Mele, a native of Hillsdale, N.J., played basketball professionally in Alvesta, Sweden, in 1992. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. She is a nationally certified massage therapist at Spa Serin and is an administrative assistant for Healthsouth in northern New Jersey.

Wendy Patenaude-Baker '03, Soccer
Wendy Patenaude-Baker helped establish the women's soccer program at WCSU in its 1994 inaugural season. She is still one of the most dominating strikers in the program's history (49 goals and 115 points). She also holds the single-season record with 20 goals and 43 points during her freshman campaign. That season she was named NEC Rookie of the Year. Patenaude-Baker was named to the All-Region First Team as a forward in each of her four seasons. As a senior in 1997, she was named to the All-American Third Team. She lives in Rhode Island and is employed by Brinks.

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WCSU Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The WestConn Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to pay tribute to former WestConn student athletes, coaches and friends. It is intended to enhance the university’s tradition by honoring those who have displayed exceptional ability while on the campus and since graduation.

Only one annual nomination per person is accepted. The annual nomination deadline is March 1. Hall of Fame inductions are held in conjunction with the fall Homecoming celebration. We encourage you to consider nominating someone; without your nomination, potential inductees may never get the recognition they deserve.

Simply complete this form and mail to WCSU’s Institutional Advancement Office, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. For more information about Hall of Fame nominations, call (203) 837-7849.

Class of: ___________  Sport: _______________________________

Check One:   ____ Coach   ____ Player   ____ Support Person

Please provide information about the outstanding merits that support this individual’s nomination.

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Nominator Information
Name: ___________________________          Class of: ___________
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London Trip for Alumni

Jet to London on Virgin Atlantic, January 4 - 11, 2005, $1,400 (current cost estimate) double occupancy. Includes coach airfare, motor coach between WCSU & JFK/Heathrow & the Thistle Kensington Hotel (or similar), continental breakfast, full-day escorted trip to Stonehenge & the city of Bath, half-day trip to a royal castle, and a complimentary alumni cocktail party. For more information and reservation forms, check the alumni Web site at www.wcsu.edu/alumni.

A $500 non-refundable deposit is due by October 1, full payment is due November 1.

1950's
Dr. Mary Carbone DeCarlo '54 was back in the classroom briefly this spring. She taught an eight week “Hands on Science” class to kindergarten and first-grade students at her granddaughter's school.

1960's
Jack Sikora ’65 is the newly appointed coordinator of disability services in the WCSU Department of Equity and Multicultural Affairs. He continues to teach as senior adjunct in Social Sciences at WestConn. His most recent book, “Batcats: The United States Air Force 53rd Reconnaissance Wing in Southeast Asia” was released on Veterans Day 2003 and is available from Barnes & Noble, as is his 2002 book, “Religions of India.”

1970's
Lynne Wunderlich Ducker ’73 has been an elementary teacher in Freehold, N.J., for 29 years.
Jan Maria Jagush ’75 was recently inducted into the Bethel Lions Club as its first female member. She is a teacher at Bethel Middle School.

Robert G. Flade ’96 was promoted to director of the Emergency Department for New Britain General Hospital in March 2004.

Peter Andreotto ’00 has joined Sterling Lender Group as a senior loan officer.

1990's
Rita Tuccio, Ridgefield, Conn., March 22, 2004

And Baby Makes ...
Janine Brentari Brennan ’88 and Mark Brennan ’87 proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Ann, on May 11.

Kerilynn Fecarotta Hallas ‘94 and Gordon Hallas ’90 proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Eileen, on June 23.

Tammy Hammershoy ’97 and Todd McInerney ’97 proudly announce the birth of their son, Liam Thomas, on May 8.

Kathryn Anderson Leszko ’97 and Dennis Leszko ’95 proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on May 3. Mackenzie Rhea Leszko will be 3 in October.

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Yes! I would be interested in developing an internship site with my company.

Wedding Bells
Lara Azzarito ’84 and Will Ward
Lora Meeker ’96, ’98 and Christopher Swickard
Maureen Curran ’97 and Kevin Gilmartin
Wendy Hipp ’99 and Dana Cassel
Mykel Sirico ’00 and John Milligan ’98
Karen Kacmarsky ’01 and Timothy Taylor
Richard Barton, Jr. ’01 and Catherine Smith
Jennifer Resendes ’02 and Colin Delaney
Amanda Marsilio ’02 and Ara Burlinson
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Alumni pause for a photo at the All-Alumni Picnic on June 5. The rain forced the event into the Bill Williams Gym, but did not dampen the spirits of picnickers. All enjoyed Styrofoam cone wicket croquet and basketball along with conversation and great picnic fare. Standing (l-r): 1961 graduates John Zamary, Wendy Nichols Donovan, Brenda Hartigan Zamary, and Ron Strand. Seated (l-r): Romanello Tyrrell ’60, Veronica Owen Smith ’56 & ’75 and Rose Paonessa ’61.

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Gary Hawley ’78 addresses graduates at Commencement.
Homecoming Week October 17 - 24
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**Saturday, October 23**

| **Alumni & Friends Circle Rededication**<br>Midtown campus 10 a.m. | **Pre-Game Oktoberfest Tent**<br>Alumni, friends and fans welcome<br>Stadium area, Westside campus<br>11 a.m. | **All Reunion Groups**<br>Athletic Stadium, Westside campus<br>11a.m. | **Class of 1964 Reunion Banquet**<br>Warner Hall, Midtown, 6 p.m. |
| **Hall of Fame Room**<br>Open to Public<br>O’Neill Center, Westside campus<br>10 a.m.-1 p.m. | **All Reunion Groups**<br>Athletic Stadium, Westside campus<br>11a.m. | **Colonial Football vs. Montclair State**<br>Athletic Stadium, Westside campus<br>1 p.m. | **Class of 1959 Reunion Banquet**<br>Stony Hill Inn, 6 p.m. |
| **Alumni Art Gallery**<br>Open to Public<br>Warner Hall, Midtown campus<br>10:30 a.m.-Noon | **Pre-Game Oktoberfest Tent**<br>Alumni, friends and fans welcome<br>Stadium area, Westside campus<br>11 a.m. | **All Reunion Groups**<br>Athletic Stadium, Westside campus<br>11a.m. | **Contact Ned Moore (203) 744 0676** |

**Welcome Reunion Classes of ’59, ’64, ’74 & ’79!**

**Reservation Deadline: October 4**

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**For those registering by the deadline of October 4, a complimentary beverage awaits you at the Alumni Tent. Tickets will not be mailed. Check-in at your first event for all ticket distribution. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (203) 837-8298. Special rates have been arranged at the Courtyard by Marriott, (203) 730-2228, $89 per night + tax. Please ask for the WCSU Alumni Rate.**
WestConn Marketplace

A. Champion pull-over WCSU logo sweatshirt w/hood, 50/50 cotton/poly, grey only, S-XXL, $34.98
B. Champion pull-over WestConn logo sweatshirt w/hood, 50/50 cotton/poly, yellow w/lavender, lavender w/white, chocolate w/beige, charcoal w/pink, royal w/navy, navy w/light blue, S-XXL, $49.98
C. Champion pull-over WestConn sweatshirt w/hood, 50/50 cotton/poly, light blue or navy w/white, $34.99
D. Champion long sleeve shirt, 100% cotton, navy or charcoal, S-XXL, $17.99
E. Gear WestConn logo Skinny T-shirt for women, 100% cotton, S-XL, white lettering on pink, pink w/white, lavender gray w/white, chocolate w/beige, charcoal w/pink, royal w/navy, navy w/light blue, S-XXL, $49.98
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G. Water bottle with WCSU imprint, red, blue, purple, yellow, grey and aqua, $14.96
H. Diploma Frames: Regency or Gallery styles: $115*, seal and school name gold embossed on black and gold museum double matting. (H1) Regency: mahogany, (H2) Gallery: cherry, both: gold inner lip 23K; (H3) Signature style frame: $150* 23K jewelry-quality medallion, black & gold museum double matting, gold embossed WCSU, cherry. (please specify H1, H2 or H3)
I. Children’s onesie in light blue or pink with bear on the front, 95/5 cotton/spandex, by Third Street, 6/12/18 month sizes, $19.98
J. WCSU sweatshirt blanket in blue or pink tie-dyed, fleece, 54 in. x 84 in., $29.98
K. WCSU authentic Cat’s Meow Collectible, $19.99 (specify Fairfield Hall, White Hall or Old Main)
L. WCSU Boston rocker or standard chair – classic maple & black with engraved seal, $265*

**Marketplace Order Form**

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Alumni Golf Outing is a success!

A: 1- Anne Sullivan, Claudia Anderson ’61, Josie Hamer, Megan Anderson B: Len Genovese ’74 C: Ron Pugliese ’74 Golf Outing Committee Chair D: Mark Simonelli, Nancy Barton ’94, Mark Valenti & Robert Simonelli

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