WELCOME COMMUTER STUDENTS SPRING 2011!

From the CSO President: R. Darnell Carpenter

This semester marks the second semester that the Commuter Student Organization has been active on campus. The Commuter Student Organization is concerned with the concerns of commuter students and with what they want to see happen on campus. We strive to make campus more attuned to the concerns of commuters. Many commuter students do not feel part of the WCSU community, our goal is to more fully incorporate commuters into campus life. Our goal is to connect commuter students to campus activities and events, as well as to host our own events catering to commuters. As you begin a new semester at WCSU, whether this is your first semester or you are a returning student, we encourage you to get involved in campus clubs and take part in campus activities. Being actively involved on campus is key to getting the most out of your college experience.

The Commuter Student Organization is busy organizing events for this semester. We will be discussing event ideas for this semester. Come if you have any suggestions, concerns, or just want to see what our club is all about!

From the SGA President: Kevin Freyer

Welcome Commuter Students! As the President of the Student Body for WCSU I would like to extend my best wishes for your successes this semester. Once again we have all come together to become part of the West Conn Family. As Commuter Students, I would like to encourage all of you to not only attend your classes on campus, but to become active in our campus life. Each student, commuter or residence, young or older, has the same access to all of the programs provided here at WCSU, so take advantage of them! While it is difficult to balance all of the rigorous scheduling, course work, and the daily grind of driving to school each day, take the time to do something fun for yourself and to become part of something great. Whatever your ambitions may be, I assure you that the WCSU community can provide you with avenues to expand your mind and ability to help accomplish anything. While you may be living on your own, or still living at ‘home’, WCSU is your home no matter which way you slice it. Again best of luck this semester and if there is anything I can do to assist you in your endeavors, come see me.

For more information on the Commuter Student Organization contact:
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As you may know, WCSU has developed a program for students entitled GROW – Great Resources!

The GROW program is designed to introduce students to many of the resources available on campus and in the Danbury area, while also providing them with information that will help them make their experiences at WCSU richer while making them more successful. This semester, a series of 8 dinners with faculty/staff speakers will be selected by our ARMs. Following the dinner in the Faculty Dining Room (with food centered around the speaker’s past), the guest speaker will speak about his/her educational and professional journey, and what path led them to WCSU.

And now, here’s where YOU come in! One of the most important things a new student can do is become involved in activities and organizations on campus. I’d like to start off our GROW program this year with you–students and administrators who can speak to what it means to get involved on campus. And, if you can identify another few students you think might be able to participate, all the better! Here are the details for our first GROW dinner:

**Featured Office of the Month: Housing GROW**

**Dr. Averell Manes**

**For more information contact Maribeth Griffin at: Griffinm@wcsu.edu**

Director of Residential Programs & Staff

**Thursday, February, 2012**

**6:30—8:00 pm**

The Danbury Room
(Faculty Dining Room)

Join us for very special dinners with some campus favorites as they talk about how life brought them to WestConn.

Space is limited, so please see your RD or ARM for information or to make your reservations.

(Reservations are due by the Monday before the dinner)
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For more information, please contact:
Registrar Office
Old Main, Room 102
(203) 837-9200
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January 19
Jen Vanderlyn
Folk Rock

“Today, Dion’s original music is a surprising combination of catchy pop/rock hooks with brooding, raw emotionality. His songs draw upon personal experiences but speak to a greater audience about conflicting perspectives and desires. What distinguishes this young artist from others is his genuine lack of pretense and guarded nature. He almost never reveals the backstories to his songs, encouraging his fans to find their own connection to the words.”

February 2
Homestate
Pop / Indie / Folk

“A breath of fresh air in the smog of songwriter records...”
Tim Mudd - San Diego Troubadour

February 9
WCSU Jazz Ensemble

If you like Jazz you are sure to like another performance by one of our awesome WCSU student jazz ensembles. Enjoy the music, the atmosphere, and some of the food and beverages provided for free!

February 16
Arildo de Souza
Brazilian/World Music

Every time Kurt Scobie sits down at the keys, the power of his expressive lyrics and percussive piano style have a magnetic effect on the entire room. The lyrics strike a familiar chord but carry a refreshing tone, and the catchy melodies enable listeners to sing along, even after hearing his songs for the first time.

March 1
TBA
TBD

“Joel Meyers, an interactive comedy illusionist who has already taken the world by storm at 26 years old. Performing a progressive brand of magic for celebrities and audiences of all types and ages worldwide. Newsweek magazine says Joel quite simply “will capture your imagination.”
Come and celebrate Women's History Month at the Coffeehouse. “Honor Finnegan is the Susan Boyle of quirky indie folk, only hotter. Her songs are humorous then heartbreaking with melodies that soar.”

March 22
Spring Break — No Coffeehouse

5 minutes original stories are judged on how well they are told, how well constructed, and how well they explore, connect and/or reveal some truth and, how well the teller honors the time limit. Students should submit names ahead of time if they would like to compete. Call 203-837-9700. Winner receives $50 gift certificate and together with runner-up will move on to Slammer Finals in New London on April 28th.

April 5
Play It By Ear
A Capella

P.I.B.E. is a group of 14-16 students - both music and non-music majors - who have performed A Capella extensively on and around campus and have a great campus following.

April 12
All-Night Open Mic
Various

Matt Beilis sounds like nothing you've heard before. His style fuses soul and hip-hop grooves with the electricity of a rock band. One might call Matt an Elton John Legend or a Maroon 5.

April 19
Matt Beilis
Singer

The Feature Act for this evening has not yet been determined but it sure is going to be fun. Come on down for open mic and then stay for the Feature Act.

May 3
Martini Glass
A Capella

Martini Glass is one of WestConn’s three A Capella groups and is made up entirely of female WestConn students. If you have not yet heard them, you should make a point of coming to this coffeehouse, they are spectacular!

This schedule is subject to change. Please check the website at www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/coffeehouse.asp
The SPOTS for Commuters

PAC Movie Night
Student Center Theater
On select Fridays at 8 p.m.

Warner Hall Coffee Kiosk
First Floor, Warner Hall
Mo – Th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Midtown Coffeehouse
Alumni Hall
Thursdays at 8 p.m.
Open Mic
Featured Performers
Free Food and Coffee

Midtown Food Court
Lower Level, Student Center
Mo – Th 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Daily Grind
Westside Campus Center
Sunday 6 – 11 p.m.
Mo - Th 3 – 11 p.m.
Closed Fridays and Saturdays

Game Room
Second Floor, Student Center
Mo – Th 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fridays 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Commuter Lounge
Second Floor, Student Center
Normal Building Hours

All times are subject to change.

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