OR IS IT JUST WESCONN?
I’m In Love With My Car...
I'm Easy Come, Easy Go
A Little High, A Little Low
No Escape From Reality
OPEN YOUR EYES!
The reality of the other person is not what he reveals to you, but what he cannot reveal to you. Therefore, if you would understand him, listen not to what he says but rather to what he does not say.

Kahlil Gibran
Oh Oh people of the earth
Listen to the warning
The seer he said
Beware the storm that gathers here
Listen to the wise man.

I dreamed I saw on a moonlit star
Spreading his hands on the multitude there
A man who cried for a love gone stale
And ice cold hearts of charity bare.
I watched as fear took the old men's gaze
Hopes of the young in troubled graves
I see no day, I heard him say

So grey is the face of every mortal.

Oh Oh people of the earth
Listen to the warning
The prophet he said
For soon the cold of night will fall
Summoned by your own hand.

Oh Oh children of the land
Quicken to the new life
Take my hand
Fly and find the new green bough
Return like the white dove.
Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the land and help you understand the best I can.
In Dreams, No pain will kiss the brow.
The Love Of Ages Fills The Head.
Ooo, You Make Me Live
You're The Best Friend I Ever Had
And I can't get it out of my head,
No I can't get it out of my head.
Now my old world is gone for dead,
'Cos I can't get it out of my head,
No I can't get it out of my head.
Now my old world is gone for dead,
'Cos I can't get it out of my head.
Here it comes another lonely day,
Playing the game, I'll sail away,
On a voyage of no return to see,
If eternal life is meant to be,
And if I find the key, to the eternal dream.
On July 1, 1975, Dr. Robert M. Bersi, associate vice president of California State College in Dominguez Hills, California, was named as the new president of Western Connecticut State College.

When Dr. Bersi was announced as the successful candidate for the Wesconn presidency the campus screening committee said that he was "a man of exceptional ability" with an impressive background of professional experience.

Dr. Bersi's first year has proven the campus screening committee's claim to be true. The first year of the Bersi Administration has been an exciting one. New programs, new administrators, and evidence of persistent determination, have become the predominant characteristics of this young administrator's presidency.

Dr. Bersi has refused to permit budget cuts, capital building delays, or campus strife to alter the course he has set for Wesconn — a better campus serving the needs of western Connecticut and the future growth of the most rapidly expanding area in the nation.

Dr. Bersi has strengthened Wesconn in the year he has been here. He has developed excellent personal and public relations with students, staff, alumni, with people in the immediate community, with business and professional groups and with leaders on a state level. His success can be attributed to his personal concern for the reputation and public character of his institution rather than merely its image.

As the local campus screening committee stated when Dr. Bersi's appointment was announced, "Dr. Bersi's talents and experience match the needs of Western Connecticut State College."

His vision and determination also match the future of Wesconn and the needs of its students.
Fall Weekend
The theme of Fall Weekend was "Try to remember," and from the success of the events it is certain that the campus will not soon forget this Board of Governors weekend.

Football, Homecoming, floats, a coffee house, a beer bash, clubs carnival, alumni coffee hour, and a concert all added up to an event to remember.

Only with the exception of a poorly attended concert — and an equally poor group — will this weekend be forgotten.
Did I tell you that I need you every single day of my life?
Halloween continues to capture the imagination of Wesconn students. Over 700 Wesconn ghosts, vampires, snow men, rabbits, tin men, and other assorted freaks jammed the Elks Hall to celebrate the coming of the Great Pumpkin.

Dancing, screaming, and drinking the night away turned Halloween into one of the most successful events of the year.
One of the newest events of the year was a Medieval Banquet. The faculty dining room was converted into an ancient castle for the feast and students, faculty, and guests filled the feasting chamber for a journey into the past. Medieval music, foods, and wines served to highlight the occasion.

Barbara Atton was the coordinator for the banquet with the special assistance of Dr. Janick, Mr. Stinchfield, and Dr. Leopold.
When Wesconn students aren't drinking, studying, smoking, eating, or enjoying each other, they're dancing.

The annual Ted Hine's Square Dance for a local charity was filled to capacity again this year as Wesconn students turned out to dosey-doe and contribute to a worthy cause.

Not every couple swung their partner with the greatest of ease but everyone had a good time.
A New Class And A New President!

This year's Orientation program for new students was highlighted by the presence of a new college president. As in years past, upperclassmen served as guides and program directors for the new students (and the new president). After two days of being lost, walking into the wrong class, finding women in the men's room, and standing in long lines outside the book store, the campus settled into something called routine.
DORMS:
Living together and having fun too!

Co-ed housing continues to be a success at Wesconn with Newbury Hall being the focal point for authorized joint living. "Partying" seems to be the highlight of the dormitory world with occasional attention given to academics. With the advent of younger dorm parents it looks as though those old Victorian-age dorm days are gone for good.
Are you guilty of being a Witch? Dr. David Detzer's classes met in joint session for several days to discuss Witchcraft and decide if Cotton Mather was guilty, or innocent. Following the verdict everyone was burned at the stake — grade-wise that is.
Parents, players, friends, and Alumni gathered after one of the football games to exchange ideas, meet the coaches, the college president, and each other in an effort to boost Wesconn's sports participation.

It is hoped that featured programs like this will serve to elevate the Wesconn varsity sports program in the future and attract more support from students and alumni.
The 1975 edition of the Wesconn Yearbook was formally presented at a reception honoring retiring Wesconn president Dr. Ruth A. Haas. The 1975 edition, dedicated to Dr. Haas, was presented by editor Ron Pagano and alumni advisor Jim Dyer. The 1975 edition won second place in Columbia University's national competition and was one of the largest editions in the college's history.
WESCONN CRAFTS
State college trustee Jim Dyer noted one day that many colleges in Connecticut had highway directional signs and Wesconn did not. Dyer wrote the Department of Transportation and requested that signs be erected for Wesconn. He received the backing of the Board of Trustees and Wesconn students in making the request. The Department of Transportation responded in usual bureaucratic fashion — NO! What was basically a simple request escalated into a major campaign.

For some reason the Department of Transportation felt that their “requirements for signing” would not permit the putting up of Wesconn signs because of space limitations and “current standards.” Dyer immediately undertook a survey of other areas in the state and informed the Department that if there were standards he couldn’t determine what they were, and if distance between signs and application of mileage was to be applied to the Danbury area then there was plenty of room for Wesconn signs. Dyer cited several other state college signs and the measurements that applied to those areas. Shortly after the study was sent to the Department of Transportation the Wesconn signs were erected.
S.G.A. ELECTIONS '76
Pavis Squeaks . . . Varga Sweeps . . .

The Bi-Centennial version of the S.G.A. elections proved to be the usual exercise in democracy — a low voter turnout.

Dave Pavis won re-election over Dan Waterbury by a sixteen vote plurality. The Pavis victory was attributed to the extensive efforts of Sue O'Brien, who engineered the Pavis campaign, and leafleted the campus single-handedly. Following the election Pavis married O'Brien . . . Who said politics makes strange bed fellows!

While Pavis was squeaking to victory Steve Varga piled up an overwhelming victory for SGA vice-president. Varga ran as the "non-politician" candidate.
Ella MacBudget Cutty Of The Hartford Clan
One of the more exciting programs of the year featured Doug Henning, illusionist, and creator and star of Broadway's "The Magic Show." Henning's appearance at Wesconn was part of a national tour and was sponsored by the Board of Governors.

Henning's presentation centered on the psychology of magic, the potential for higher consciousness, and the realm of reality versus illusion.
AWARDS ASSEMBLY...
The annual Awards Assembly featured the presentation of certificates, money, trophies, and other forms of recognition for excellence in academics. Countless checks and awards of merit were passed out to Wesconn achievers as the college paid tribute to the real reason a college exists — the pursuit of high intellectual standards.

One of the highlights of this year's awards program was the first presentation of the Ruth A. Haas Scholarship Award. The first recipient was Glenn Manochi, a Business Administration major.

As is tradition, the newly elected S.G.A. officers were also sworn in.
Wesconn’s foreign students made various contributions to this year’s campus life. One of the highlights of the year was an International Festival featuring the various ways Christmas is celebrated. The foreign students also provided us with a sampling of their native foods and customs.
A.R.A. Food Service Leaves You With ... A Rotten Appetite!

One of the most frequent complaints on any campus relates to the quality of food forced upon students. Economics and contracts usually determine who gets the privilege of poisoning the student body. This year ARA lost out and SAGA won, and for some reason it still seems as though the students keep losing.
FORMALS RETURN!

Dressing-up, dancing close to your partner, and smooth sounds returned to the campus in 1976. The formal dance was reborn — well almost ... it didn’t reach black tie proportions but “looking good” made a strong comeback this year, and it wasn’t all that bad either!

Do A Little Dance, Make A Little Love,
Get Down Tonight!
One of the annual concerns of the Wesconn student is when work will begin on the new campus. This spring saw another rally to support the new campus. Bob Faubel initiated the event in conjunction with Wesconn President Robert Bersi. State College Trustee Jim Dyer, SGA President Dave Pavis, and other campus leaders gathered to express their views on the status of the new campus project. Optimism seemed to be the major expression of the day as everyone continued to look toward the day when ground-breaking will take place.

To help interest the audience President Bersi requested the SGA to sponsor a keg of beer — of course SGA was more than happy to accommodate the request.
Larry Benanti
Debra Sheppard

Harry Bellmore

Maureen Ellen Belford
Karen Bogholtz

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Marsha Brindley

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... at all times, in all places,
in all kinds of situations!
If there is one simple truth about 1976, it is that Wesconn’s Chi Epsilon Sigma provided more good times, more beer, more laughs, and more happiness than anyone else!
SPRING WEEKEND '76

The 1976 version of Spring Weekend maintained a long standing tradition — FUN. Dancing, singing, partying, and listening, highlighted Wesconn's annual pre-summer bash. The class of 1978 won Sing Competition; however, even those who lost had fun in decorating sets and dancing on stage. To complete a superior weekend, an outstanding Spring formal was held at the Amber Room.
The 1976 Commencement marked an end for the Class of 1976; however, a new beginning was officially marked for the college.

Wesconn President Robert Bersi was officially installed as the college's president during the commencement ceremonies. Bersi had refused the usual regal, and costly, Inauguration ceremony and opted, instead, for a modest reception and speech during the 1976 commencement. Both the commencement and Bersi's decision were well received by the campus community.
COMMENCEMENT
A Special Dedication!

The Class Of 1926

During the Spring of 1976 the Class of 1926 met at Wesconn to celebrate their 50th re-union. It seems appropriate that during the Bi-Centennial year we pause and pay tribute to those Wesconn "pioneers." We wish the Class of 1926 many more happy re-unions.
The 1976 edition of the Wesconn Yearbook is late in being released. The reason is very simple . . . six people cannot be expected to produce such a complicated publication, as this one is, in 9 months. It is unfortunate that so few of the campus community volunteered to assist this publication. Everyone wants a good book, but no one wants to work to make it good. Our sincere appreciation to those Alumni who volunteered to see that this publication would be released, and our apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the late release of the 1976 Wesconn Yearbook.
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