A New Campus —

The West Side Story . . .
A New Campus . . . FINALLY!

Ella Comes To See Us!
A New Campus Begins

After years of delay, political fighting, broken promises, and frustration the day that everyone anxiously awaited came — the day the ground was broken for the first building on the new Westside Campus.

Governor Ella Grasso, along with former College President Dr. Ruth A. Haas, and President Robert Bersi enthusiastically dug in to start the new eleven million dollar facility.

Hundreds gathered at the new campus site to witness the groundbreaking, and not even a cloudy and drizzly day could dampen the spirits of those on hand.

The battle for the new campus had finally been won — the needs of the students and southwestern Connecticut were finally being addressed by the State of Connecticut; however, it wasn’t a day to say thank you — this day was earned!
Ten Years Of Planning
Ground breaking today

5-level building
done in 650 days

by Candy Wotl

It took 12 years, two governors, two college presidents, six bond
authorizations, six studies, and one road
from Danbury legislators, 1,500 mourn-
ing students and enough red
tape to stretch from Danbury
in New Haven and a new
ground-breaking for the first building on
the Westside campus.

In a ceremony that the
Danbury area has struggled for since 1967, local business, education,
and city officials — in-
cluding Conn. Ed. &
Trade, will gather on the Mill Plain
Road site to dig the first
shovels of dirt for construction
of a 60,000-square-foot
classroom building.

The groundbreaking comes
good news: the Milford
Government for theﺒ
in 1967.

Learning of the ground-break-

group, and the city

SGA approves 50% hike in student fees to meet raising costs

by Ledy Klosky

After weeks of debate, the Student Government Association last week approved a 50-cent increase in student fees, necessary because of increased costs.

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Students reaction: “I don’t know if I’m going to be able to afford it,” said a freshman.

“Tired of paying so much,” said another.

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Yearbook Pictures

The following dates have been assigned for club pictures:

- Thursday, April 14, 3 p.m.
- Monday, April 25, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 26, 3 p.m.
- Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m.

These are the last dates for club pictures. Clubs are urged to sign up for inclusion in the 1979 Yearbook.

Fall sports can be mailed directly to students from the publishers. Order forms are now available in the Yearbook Office. Second floor of the College Union Postage and handling costs are
A Funeral For Higher Education

When it looked as though the Governor and the State Legislature were going to back out of starting the new Westside Campus in the eleventh hour WestConn’s students rallied. Over 1,200 students, led by the Student Government Association, held a mock funeral for the new campus and higher education.

Hundreds of cars followed a hearse through Danbury to the new campus site where a coffin bearing the name “the Future” was lowered into the ground. The SGA and WestConn’s students made their point and soon the Governor and the State were announcing the date for the groundbreaking.
When one reviews the 1978-79 Student Government Association, one will find a crew of very dedicated, hard-working individuals, who were, perhaps, the most successful in achieving their goals. Under the Ray Lubus Administration, the SGA was a progressive organization, with a new Esprit-de-Corp. The dependable group of Larry Selnick, Scott Gibson, Marty “BFD” Flynn, Tony “Duke” Saviano, Carol “CB” Benson, Jim “Rag” Norman, Margaret Gagen, Martin J. Smith, Phil Cappozzi, Paul Garavel, Joni Gomes, Sue “Spike” Murray, Sue Voccia, Pam White, Pam Hoofnagle, Bryan “Deano” Dean, Pete Dunn, Laura Cahill, Sheena Graham, Julie O’Dwyer, Bob “Yankit” Yamin, Marie Dean, Phil “DOOD” Cryulick, Carey “Goose” Hewitt, Mike Grady, Cindy “Cupcake” Pascale, Janece Cheney, Dawn Larson, Jean Gallagher, and the amazing Bogus, were continually on top of the issues. From the age old Parking situation, to the library cuts, to the Dance-a-thon, to the Basketball Rally, to the Funeral, and to Finally breaking ground on the West-side Campus, the SGA was always innovative in finding solutions and instilling pride in WESTCONN
West Conn Gives . . .
Blood For Life!
Anyone not interested
In going to China.
Please sign up for the
Bus to Sweden

P.S. Bring your own lunch!
Faculty reacts to poll

by Michael Grady

The first college gubernatorial straw poll in the state, conducted by this newspaper last week, has led to explosive mixed faculty reaction here at WestConn.

Comments ranged from "a reflection on student attitudes towards incumbents" to "an excuse for failure."
The poll, which included 177 ballots, showed Ronald A. Santarosa, the registrar at WestConn, to be losing to Brian T. Round at a ratio of 104 to 63. 6 votes were uncounted.

The question, posed to an arithmetic of the respondents, asked: If the election were held tomorrow, would you be voting for...

Dr. Robert Betsi, president of WestConn, suggested that the outcome, in favor of the underdogs, reflects student concern over the time it has taken for the construction of the Westside campus. Not all faculty members agree with Dr. Betsi, however.

Dr. Robert Fryer of WestConn's science and history department does not think that this, or any poll for that matter, will be the outcome of the actual election.

Fryer contends that poll-taking is "the easy way out," explaining that "people do not measure their intensity of opinion." Polling is disrupting the American political process, he says, and sometimes, it is an attempt to rationalize American politics.

Friday's poll was a test of the validity, even the necessity of any polls. Other faculty members at WestConn also questioned the validity of the poll.

Dr. John Leo, professor of social science and history department, thinks the base for polling was too small. "Five thousand students here at WestConn and only 177 ballots," he said that Leo and continued. "Saving is necessary."

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SGA 1st two day elections

by Fred Hammond

For the first time, the Student Government Association will hold elections on two days.

Students may vote from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the basement lobby of the College Union, or on the Information Booth. According to the SGA - Senator Susan Frenette, who is to recharge the vote of students who were absent on during the Tuesday classes, as well as the college's last two days, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The Freshman class has seven senatorial and two alternate positions, with twelve freshmen running for the slots. They are Sandy Aronson, Marie Cavanaugh, Robert P. Feliz, Jean Gallagher, Sherry A. Ger- gen, Joni Gomes, and Sheena

City's Mayor Boughton denies responsibility for WestConn parking

by Jim Seri

Mayor Donald W. Boughton, the mayor of Danbury, has failed to act on the parking problem at WestConn. Boughton believes that the state is responsible for parking at WestConn.

"I did not anticipate a problem," he said. "I can't be held accountable for something that I didn't control."

Boughton said that he would not have acted had he known that the state was responsible for the parking problem.

The parking problem at WestConn has been a major issue in the city. Boughton believes that the state is responsible for the parking problem and is not willing to take on the responsibility.

Full-time hours are O.K.'d for library

by Susan Racabcwski

A new library policy, which will extend full-time hours, has been approved by the board of trustees.

Beginning in the summer, Monday through Thursday hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 10 p.m.

The library has been operating on an extended service schedule since February.

Enrollment up 6% over former high

by Staff

A total of 6,362 students are now enrolled at WestConn, an increase of 6% over last year. The increase is attributed to the registrar's office last Friday.

This is 6.3 percent increase over last year, when enrollment topped the 6,000 mark for the first time.

A breakdown in enrollment shows:

- 22 full-time graduate students
- 1,156 part-time graduate students
- 2,876 full-time undergraduate students
- 2,351 part-time undergraduate students

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Spring '79
Basketball
Baseball Team

Field Hockey Team
Women's Tennis Team

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Clubs And Organizations
Revolution IV

Revolution Founders Association

This page is given to the memory of David Shoemaker, a comrade in revolution who died while ice-climbing in Huntington’s Ravine, Mount Washington, Feb. 1979.
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Sophomore Class Cast Sing '79

Litchfield Dorm Council
Jr. Class Officers

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Men's Athletic Association

Theta Phi Sigma
SGA Bloodmobile Committee

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Tuesday High Club

Over The Hill Gang
American Chemical Society

Board Of Governors
Volleyball Team

Softball Team
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