The way we are...
... at Western Connecticut State College

... will, great determine how
As students, we are part ... to a very extent, we will be ... of an enigma,
part of a kaleidoscope image,
wandering through a great series of monoliths.
There is reason for this voyage ...
there must be reason
for all voyages.
Looking ahead to a future today, though, Only means that tomorrow we will be looking back at the past.
THE FUTURE LIES SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN . . .

in between BIRTH and DEATH . . .

somewhere between shortages and surpluses . . .
... somewhere in between nostalgia

... and reality.
Is each of us trying to reach back to the times before . . .

before war . . .

before the computer . . .
to before emotions were rendered impotent by the sterility of ill-doings.
there will now be 18 minutes of silence . . .

Are we trying to reach back to the times before . . .
1974 will go down in campus history as the year of the take-off! Students across the country shed their inhibitions and revealed to the world thousands of pounds of flesh. “Streaking” became the newest campus fad as the world witnessed the mass media covering of the uncovering. Wesconn proved itself just as contemporary as any other college or university as it experienced a series of streaks. The first took place during winter weekend as two gentlemen displayed their wares to several hundred spectators at an all-night party. The next great unveiling took place at midnight on March 7th as approximately 30 jocks went without. A crowd of about 400 gathered for this athletic activity as the state police swarmed into the campus to “recover” order. Not to be outdone a young lady rushed forth to represent the campus females on Tuesday, March 12th at high noon before about 500 who had gathered to witness Wesconn’s first female streak.

By the time spring had rolled around most of the flesh had stopped rolling as the novelty of the daring events wore off. For all the effort and the planning that went into the streaks the only thing that was actually proven was that most Wesconn students look better with some covering.
Points of view

He can look but she, apparently, can't† as Wesconn's streakers romp across the campus last night.

By Mary A. C. Fallon and Linda Martelli
News-Times staff

DANBURY — Some local male college males got down to basics early this morning.

Wearing only sneakers, the students were cheered on by those less daring as they streaked a path around the campus of the Western Connecticut State College.

The group of naked trail-blazers grew to about 30 as women in curlers shouted for more from their dormitory windows.

On-lookers outside whistled and called their approval as men streaked twice around the Student Union.

The naked runners called for audience participation, particularly from the female students.

"I'm all for watching but I'll never do it," said one male on-looker.

Streakers picked a warm night to return to their natural state. There were no reports of frostbite. Some confided having indulged in liquid warmth before their dash.

"It's a helluva pleasure... I love it... It sure beats panty raids," were comments streakers shouted over their shoulders as they ran through the crowd.

In man-on-the-streak interviews, when asked if they'd like their girlfriends to follow in their footsteps, they agreed: "We'd love it!"

One naked student broke from the group and rode down Roberts Avenue in the open trunk of a car. A small group of streakers clinging to a panel truck drove through the crowd of more than 150 observers.

Six state police from Ridgefield, called in by city police who had received complaints about the noise, rolled in behind the panel truck and detained one student who was shortly released at the scene.

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The naked truth about city streakers is their willingness to show off at the flick of a camera shutter.

Observers said most of those who dropped their pants and ran are freshman athletes, although they spotted several musicians in the group.

Is this an undress rehearsal for streaking sequels here? Will it become as contagious as spring fever? Participants said they belong to no club.

This morning's runs were spurred by dares yesterday. Cindy, a senior coed, who had reservations about the fad said she had to admit: "It is the biggest thing that's happened here in a long time."
Are You Lost in Illusion

“lost in a lost world?”
The time has come to say . . .

GOODBYE
YELLOW
BRICK ROAD . . .

. . . Goodbye Dorothy . . . Goodbye Ruth

. . . Goodbye Tin Man . . . Goodbye Registration

. . . Goodbye Campus . . . Goodbye . . . Goodbye . . . Goodbye
Whoever said parting is such sweet sorrow? Could they have possibly known happiness . . . security of friendship . . . the feeling of love?
Have we been living in a land of make believe?

IS THIS PLAY LIFE?
We are from all dimensions of thought . . .
WE are the actors, the poets, the mathematicians, the teachers, the nurses, the
musicians, and the thinkers. We are the scientists. We are the totality of the human race. We are a microism.
We have only completed a fraction of life...


... a fraction completed on a campus

... that itself only represents a fraction of time too small to imagine.
Did you ever wish you were old and had already survived life?

You can never go home again — home to recapture what used to be there.
ARE YOU A PRISONER OF YOUR MIND, or is your mind a prisoner of you?
Concerns about the quality of education at the college and state budget cuts were voiced at a non-strike demonstration by faculty members early in the fall semester. The faculty invited all members of the college community to attend a rally during one of the demonstration days, but only about ten interested students did so. On the day of the rally a student slave sale was taking place at the same time the faculty demonstration was going on. Some 250 students attended the slave sale and avoided the faculty protest just across the street. To further dampen the success of the faculty effort the Student Government Association had voted not to support the professors in their efforts to gain more money for themselves and the college. One could not help but reflect back several years to when faculty and students had joined together so strongly in protest of war and inadequate budgeting.
Slavery Abolished At Wesconn

By Dawn Whaley

The recent Student Government Association meeting held Sept. 25 covered topics including Freshman elections, budget reports, class repetitions, a benefit square dance, the impeachment of President Nixon, and the abolition of all future Slave Sales.

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The first item on the agenda motion an unnecessary one under new business was the donation of $100 to Mr. Hines for the purchase of materials and tickets for the organization of a square dance to be held Oct. 25. All money made on the dance will benefit the Danbury Kidney Dialysis Foundation. The bill was passed after several amendments. The disagreement arose not over the relative merits of the project but over the specific wording of the bill.

Also acted on by the S.G.A. was a motion to forbid the holding of any future slave sales on campus. Some Afro-American students felt it a degrading and unnecessary event. Some Senators felt the
Are you afraid to touch, to feel,

... to express. Are you jealous? Can you accept the success of others before you obtain your own?
Have the faith and dreams of childhood been repudiated by the realities of life . . .

is there coldness . . .
or is there warmth?
Fall Weekend '73 was a combination of activities that served to produce an outstanding success, as well as a lot of fun. The program featured a pool exhibition, talent show, football pep rally, tailgate party, wine festival, an all-night party in the Student Union, and to top things off a packed B.Y.O.B. dance at the Elk's Hall. Weekend chairmen Ralph Zona and Debby Grover planned well for Fall Weekend and the success of their efforts were evidenced by the large attendance at all events.
And they told us that Alice had a good time in Wonderland.
Come with us upon our common journey — and discover what you've always known — four years of searching for light when it was always behind us — Come with us while we reflect upon our crystal wind. Come in search of the seed.
A seed, you know, starts out by building layers of itself to make the complex from the simple . . .
A seed of thought,

a seed of love,

a seed of meaning.
WE are the seeds of time
there used to be a revolution . . .

Where did it go?
DORMITORY LIVING

1973 and 1974 will go down in Western Connecticut State College history as the period when the Victorian Age departed the hallowed and sacred buildings known as the dormitories. Wesconn, with only women's residences, finally caught up to the world around it and sanctioned parietal hours on every day of the week. This action, coupled with the legalization of alcohol on campus, served to finally bring the living standards up to those found at most campuses throughout the nation. The energy crisis may have served to chill the rooms but the legalization of alcohol and the increased parietal hours served to warm the heart.
HALLOWEEN '73

Halloween eve at Wesconn found Dracula and several Grocho Marxs stalking the halls. A costume dance was held in the Union and well over 400 of the college's future teachers, lawyers, nurses, musicians, and other professionals cast away their routine appearances, to briefly experience what it would be like to be a goblin, a cat, a ghost, a rabbit, or even a witch. Spirits ran high as midnight approached and as the moon passed over the campus all the spooks disappeared until next year.

The dance was sponsored by the Board of Governors and Class of 1976.
Our boat sails a stormy sea...
battling tear filled oceans.
Band Competition '73 came very close to non-existence. A long-time tradition and part of Fall Weekend, Band Competition nearly became the victim of schedule changes and people shortage. Fall Weekend had been scheduled earlier this year and not enough time existed from the beginning of the semester to Fall Weekend for rehearsals. Ed Kelly and Rich Nigro undertook the salvation of the annual event and on Friday, November 16, Ives Concert Hall was filled as the Class of '75 swept to victory.
Now we must determine where the storm has taken us ...
What direction do we take to find the land?
SWING YOUR PARTNER
AND HELP SOMEONE TOO

Each year Soccer Coach Ted Hines organizes a square
dance at the college to raise money for a worthy cause. This
year the Danbury Chapter of the Connecticut Kidney Fund
was the recipient of Coach Hine's and Wesconn students
efforts when a check for $800 was presented to pay for a
new dialysis machine for Danbury Hospital.
“Let the Good Times Roll” was the theme of Winter Week ‘74 and roll they did. The Board of Governors sponsored a diverse range of activities that managed to attract one of the largest attendances in some time. A rare book and print sale opened up Winter Week along with the election of a Winter Princess. The comedy act of Edmonds and Curley filled Ives Hall as well as the hearts of Wesconn as these two gentlemen literally left the campus rolling in the aisles.

Later in the week the BOG sponsored a Coffee House and an all night party featuring a dance marathon. An unexpected addition to the all night party was Wesconn’s first streak. At 2:15 a.m., on the morning of February 23rd, two furry gentlemen mounted the stairs to the second floor and made a bouncing and hurried dash down the hall.

Rounding out the successful week was a B.Y.O.B. Sock Hop at the Elk’s Hall. The Malte Shoppe Gang provided the 50’s and 60’s sounds as Wesconn students greased up, dug out their penny loafers, and twisted, rocked, rolled, and even mooned the night away.

Much praise goes to Winter Week organizers Linda Sullivan and Kevin Kelly for providing a really good time.
Have you searched with a guide for so long that now you can't make it on your own?
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Dr. Ruth Haas

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Gilbert Teal
It's sometimes that I wonder why
I ever took this voyage
It's so easy just to take things
as they are.
I've had my taste of solitude
but that's not why I left.
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You And I Just Cannot Fail.
Elections '74

BOSKELLO BY A SWEEP!

The 1974 Student Government elections saw a three way race for the presidency while hardly any other office was opposed. Dennis Boskello, past SGA Assistant Treasurer, SGA Treasurer, and SGA Vice President, easily swept to victory over his two opponents. Boskello ran a low-key campaign based on issues and on election day stumped the campus hard for votes.

The so-called "jock vote" proved itself totally impotent as it failed to adequately support the athletic department's candidate, Kevin Burke. Burke's campaign was notable for its total lack of experience and issues. The only statement made by Burke during the election campaign was that he wanted to do "some Spring cleaning" on the second floor of the Student Union.

The second floor of the Union represents the center of campus activity, housing the BOG, the SGA, the Radio Station, the Echo, the Yearbook, the Afro-American Society, all class offices, and just about any other key campus group.

Burke's campaign pitted "jock" against the second floor "clique." Caught in the middle of it all was Steve Brooks. Brooks ran an issue oriented campaign that was virtually ignored by the campus as the "second floor gang" battled the "jocks."

When the votes were in Boskello and the "second floor" had piled up one of the most decisive victories in SGA election history, crushing both Burke and Brooks by more than a 4 to 1 victory in one of the campus' best election turnouts in recent time.

Boskello, a moderate, reflected well the mood of the campus in the Spring of 1974, as student interest began to turn inward and away from the great social problems of the late 60's and early 70's.
Not everything important happens in the classroom.

Decide for Steve Brooks
SGA President
Seeking funds

Dr. Ruth Haas, president of Western Connecticut State College, testifies before the legislature's Finance Committee in support of bond authorization for construction at the Wesconn campus in Danbury.
could start building this summer with bonding

Dr. Haas said the core facility would provide space for 1,700 students. Full development of the entire 240 acres would accommodate 10,000 students. The core would include no duplication of facilities already adequately housed at the existing campus such as music and physical education.

"One simple rule applies — the more delay the more it costs," said Joseph Taylor, Chamber of Commerce president, charged the state had "promised much, but delivered too little." He said adequate college facilities were needed because businesses planning to locate in the area as interested in higher education opportunities as elementary and high school education facilities.

Danbury has changed from a one-industry hatting town with the addition of 150 new and "more sophisticated" industries, said Richard Meyers, publisher of The News-Times. He said the Danbury area is expected to have the greatest potential for labor market growth in the state between 1970 and 1980 and said the demand for new employees will require higher skill and educational levels.

Mrs. Bernice Niejadlik, president of the state college board of trustees, called for "rapid development" of the new Wesccon campus by restoring the $40 million in bonding requested by the trustees which was reduced to $8 million by Gov. Meskill in his proposed budget.

Mrs. Niejadlik pointed out the trustees had held back on all other capital requests since 1965 to assure full funding for Wesccon. She said the college could live up to its full potential only through development of the new campus.

Rep. William Ratchford. D-109th Dist., pointed out that of the $21 million already authorized, only about $3 million had been allocated by the bond commission. It is not enough for bonds to be authorized, he said. The administration must move forward with construction by allocating the authorized funding.

Ratchford said Wesccon was the only four-year college in the fastest growing area of the state and contributed to the social, cultural and economic well-being of the Danbury area. "As private college expenses continue to rise, Wesccon and other state colleges offer college education to students in lower- and middle-income groups who otherwise would not be able to attend college," he added.

Rep. Clarice Osiecki, R-108th Dist., said she was looking for a complete commitment from the legislature and the bond commission so the new campus can be "completed in a reasonable amount of time at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers."

Other legislators speaking on behalf of the request were Reps. Herbert Camp. R-11th Dist. and finance committee chairman: Sarah Curtis, R-106th Dist.; Walter Conn, R-67th Dist.; and Eloise Green, R-69th Dist.
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MUSICAL COMEDY
Student Government Lives!

The 1973-74 Student Government year was a refreshing change from some previous administrations. Under the presidency of Bruce Theriot, the Student Government Association displayed to the campus that, in fact, student government was not dead at Wesconn. Theriot initiated a system of legislative procedure that brought credibility to the student governing process at the campus and the SGA remained firmly opposed to attempts by the Student Affairs Office to take over some student funded events without informing the students that they were doing so.

The SGA turned over all social activities to the Board of Governors and established itself as a government. Theriot brought to the SGA presidency a firm approach to student affairs management and, at the same time, managed to do what few SGA Executive members have done — stay close to the campus and its population. Bruce was hardly ever in the SGA office not because he wasn’t doing his job, but because he was out around the campus finding out what the majority of the campus wanted. Overall, the 1973-74 SGA was a stunning success.
THE JAZZ ENSEMBLE
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KAPPA DELTA PI

The Wesconn Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, Epsilon Xi, has a membership of approximately 125 members. Kappa Delta Pi requires a 3.0 grade average, or above, for four semesters. Kappa Delta Pi promotes achievement in the area of education and exceptional personal attitudes. The Wesconn induction ceremony has become a well attended and distinctive event. This year more than 90 Wesconn students were inducted at ceremonies that witnessed a pledge to excellence in educational instruction.
SPEECH AND THEATRE

Tennessee Williams' "The Rose Tattoo"
OCT. 19-20, 26-27, 1971
WXCI-FM completed its first year as an educational broadcast facility in February amidst much praise and support from the campus community. Wesconn's radio station continues to provide a wide range of programming that appeals to the broadest listening audience in the area. WXCI, surpassing the area's two commercial stations in popularity, as well as in quality, remains one of the most successful student organizations in the history of the college.
Aquinas Club
The Wesconn Board of Governors came alive this year and provided the campus with a series of weekends, dances, movies, excursions, and coffee houses that attracted some of the largest turnouts in the college's history.

The BOG found itself in charge of all the previously student government association weekend functions. The SGA had voted to run a government and not a social organization.

BOG did an outstanding job in its first year of responsibility for Fall Weekend, Winter Weekend, and Spring Weekend. The year saw packed "All Night" parties and dances. BOG, working with the classes, displayed well that they not only have the ability, but the desire as well, to fulfill their social responsibilities to the college.
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W.A.A.
The 1973-74 Wesconn Year was one that will go down in history as the time when women began to exert their influence and potential. The area of sports was no exception. While women excelled in many of the year's sporting events, the highlight of the year was the tennis dual between male chauvinist, Jim Northrop, and feminist, Maureen Oberhammer. An outgrowth of the Riggs-King male vs. female contest the Wesconn event brought the female liberation effort closer to home. Northrop gallantly carried the male standard into battle during the late fall of 1973 but proved no match for the fast moving Oberhammer as she literally played circles around him.

The match, of course, proved little with regard to the female liberation issues, but it did add some color, as well as humor, to the Wesconn Sports season.
Spring Week '74 was an assortment of activities that was designed to let the campus have “A Good Feelin to Know,” and as the week moved along the campus community experienced many good feelings.

Nostalgia, beer parties, Sing, Skit, Float, King and Queen, Tower of Power, old movies, a clam bake, and a lot of people all added up to a highly successful week of “Good Feelin.”

Spring Week Chairpeople John Nascimento, Kathy Bartkowski, and Russ Starr, labored many hours to provide the campus with one of the finest Spring events in the college's history. Barring the lack of cooperation from some of the classes John, Kathy, and Russ succeeded in achieving their goal.

All proceeds from Spring Week were donated to the United Way, again showing that while Wesconn students indulged in fun they could help someone at the same time.
Dear Diary,

May 26, 1974

It was a beautiful day. The speeches were short and the commencement exercises moved quickly. Everyone seemed so going to miss the people and all the good times we had - like the time we put together Senior Sing! Some of us may never learn different goals and paths to follow in life. I hope I get a teaching job!

Finally, I'll be out on my own. I hope life is good to everyone and that each of us meets with success in whatever we do.
HEY for the younger days . . .

When the Circus Came to Town . . .
You Spent Your Afternoons Fascinated by the Clown

YOUR CIRCUS DAYS ARE GONE!
You Should Have Known It When You Traded Your Youth At a Bargain for Your Innocence.
High On a Hillside
We Laughed And Talked of Things to Come
Commencement

The Seventy-Second

Bachelor of Science Nursing
I could stay here for as long as I am alive.

Time is something of the past.

I have no reason to believe that I am ever going to leave.

It's so easy just to stay.
Dr. Ruth Haas, president of Western Connecticut State College, chats with Dan Lufkin of Newtown, former commissioner of environmental protection in Connecticut. He delivered commencement address.

Lufkin urges Wesconn grads work to make better world

By Alan Heavens
News-Times staff

DANBURY — Except for the ever-present threat of a shower, the 72nd commencement at Western Connecticut State College could be best described as uneventful.

Rain fell twice during the exercises, although Dr. Ruth Haas, the college's president, said she had been told the day would be sunny.

At the very moment she said "sunny," the wind began to blow and, as she put it, "the heavens opened up."

But the rain, which fell briefly, did not deter Dan W. Lufkin of Newtown, former commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), from starting his commencement address Sunday.

As he started to speak, Lufkin noticed several people were leaving because of the rain.

"I've had people leave during one of my speeches and after one of my speeches, but this is the first time they've left before one of my speeches," Lufkin quipped.

Taking as his theme the first line of Charles Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities," "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," Lufkin said Dickens' observation about the French Revolution can readily be applied to our own era.

"We do not have to look very far to discover the worst about our world," he said. "Mindless violence, the slaughter of children, the fall of once great leaders, shabby values and shabbier rhetoric. Yes, like those days of the guillotine and The Terror, it is the worst of times."

But Lufkin said there are signs of hope "in these tortured days." "We see the flickering beginnings of coexistence of ancient enemies, a heightened concern for human feelings and human rights, the beginnings of true equality among the races, new concern for the environment, the refusal of once exploited nations and groups to remain on their knees."

Lufkin said that somehow men have been encouraged to accept a definition of history as a progression from barbarism to civilization. Each era "should be an improvement over the one before until, at some moment in the future, we break through the clouds of ignorance and fear to an eternally bright and golden age."

He called that idea "nonsense." Lufkin said each period of history is a time of both violence and hope, birth and death, ignorance and wisdom.

Matthew Arnold spoke of the end of the 19th Century as "... wandering between two worlds, one dead, the other struggling to be born." Lufkin said each year of our lives "we are challenged to be midwives to that world struggling to be born."

"We hope it will be a better world," he said. "But we know that it will still be an imperfect world. And it is up to us to make it as just and humane as we can."

He said there is no sense to view with despair "our poor attempts to create a just society. We can wallow in the Watergates of self-pity until we become incapable of action."

He said men should be suspicious of any political or social dream which promises all the answers.

"The world was simply not intended to become a paradise," he said. "The trouble with those who would sell us a vision of perfection is that little bit of violence they offer as its price."

Lufkin said it is essential to be an idealist. He said men die for an ideal, but kill for an ideology.

"And the world is tired of murder in the name of humanity; violence in the name of peace and terror in the name of justice," Lufkin declared.

He said no single theory can explain the mystery of human existence and no simple doctrine can be applied to the complexities of human affairs.

"This absence of final solutions should not depress you but make you even more determined to contribute to the best and alleviate the worst," he said.

"This is a goal within our grasp," he said. "An ideal we can achieve. Just make things better than we found them. That is challenge enough for human minds and hearts."
I've had dreams enough for one
And I've got love enough for three
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Yearbooks always seem to have a “sameness” about them. At Wesconn we have continually worked to do better each year — to learn from the previous year’s mistakes and to actually try to include a representative sampling of the entire campus.

1973-74 was a busy period at Wesconn. It was a period that witnessed attempts by some administrators to take over those duties and responsibilities that should always remain the students’. It was a time when we saw streakers run over paths that just four years ago were occupied with the anti-war devotion of students.

This was a time for “mind games”, a time when those events that provided escapism from actual events were the most popular. “Beer blasts”, “sock-hops”, and “panty raids” reasserted their prominence on the campus as students ran from the realities of Watergate, shortages, recession, and unemployment.

In just four years the class of 1974 saw the mood of the campus reverse itself completely. They entered this college under the shadow of protest, scarred from the Kennedy and King assassinations. They leave this college intent on finding jobs.

Yearbook ‘74 is intended to reflect the mood of this period in our history. It is meant to tell the reader, and show the reader, what we were like.

Future historians may view this work with mixed feelings, and we hope that they do, for it is mixed feelings, it is the differences between us, that makes our society what it is.

The staff of the 1974 Yearbook and I hope that we have displayed well what this transitional institution looks like and thinks like in 1974, and we hope, too, that the reader relates and finds meaning in our presentation, sees the way we were, and notes any contributions that we may have made.

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