With the eyes of a child
You must come out and see
That your world's spinning round
And through life you will be
A small part of a hope of a love
that exists
In the eyes of a child you will see
Earth falls far away
New life awaits
Time it has no day
New life awaits
Here is your dream
And now how does it feel
No words will go with you
And now what is real?

moody blues
Civilized Man You Were Keeper To Me Now Your Animal Is Free . . . You’re free to die
You're old and your hands are grey
You're old — go home and stay
We've all heard your dirty stories
We have always loved . . .

But now we know
the reasons for loving
The reality of love . . . and the fantasy
But, you’re constitutionally unable to love or understand any son of God who says a human being is more valuable to God than any soft, helpless

Easter Chick!
You Can't Pray to a Jesus
You don't even understand
I always wanted a red balloon, it only cost a dime, but Ma said it was risky, they broke so quickly, and beside, she didn’t have time; and even if she did, she didn’t think they were worth a dime. We lived on a farm and I only went to one circus and fair, and all the balloons I ever saw were there. There were yellow ones and blue ones, but the kind I liked the best were red.
If I am going to be drowned,
If I am going to be drowned
Why, in the name of seven mad
gods who made the sea, Was I
allowed to come this far and
contemplate sand and trees . . .
Involved . . .

Not for the sake of a cause . . .
"No one will be denied a college education because of financial reasons."
Governor Meskill

"This Administration has demonstrated that it is not interested in the plight of the financially restrained student."
Jim Dyer
Trustee for the State Colleges

but for the sake of a coherent reason.
The most you can hope is to be a little less, in the end, the creature you were in the beginning, and the middle.
I see no reason thou shouldst be so superfluous to demand the time of day...
You must choose . . .

Between the things not worth mentioning . . .

and those even less so.
Cold Pastoral!

When old age shall this generation waste,
Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe
than ours, a friend to man,
to whom thou sayest

"Beauty is truth, truth is Beauty,"

---- that is all ye know on earth,

and all ye

need to know.
and what i want to know is
how do you like your blue-eyed boy
MISTER DEATH
At the first turning the second stair of the stair of the stair.

Teach us to care and not to care...
Teach us to sit still.
Have your emotions been guterized by cardboard intellectuals?

Is believing really seeing?
Have you been overexposed?

Each of you in your own way?
Have you been drowned in beer barrel doldrums . . .

in the euphoria of pot-felt blues?
Some felt warmth in scents and midnight soldiers who fought wars with handfuls of daisies. Some went home to a desk lamp and merely studied.
AND
SOME
DID
ALL!
But Were You Happy . . .

Were You Contented?
Can You Be What You Must?

Can You Do What You Must?

Can You Feel What You Must?
Some Will Find The River’s End.
Those In Mental Dungeons Never Will.
Sainthood Seems To Work For Some.
And I slept on like a bent finger
The first thing I saw was sheer air
And the locked drops rising in a dew
Limped as spirits. Many stones lay
dense and expressionless round about.
Surely some revelation is at hand . . .
Surely the second coming is at hand.
Brings us by a commodius vicus of recirculation back to . . .

This is a Flow Chart which shows you step by step what you must do to register. Read it and follow it step by step and you will have no problems.

START HERE ➔ Pick up Registration Booklet ➔ Read Booklet

Confused - feel lost? ➔ Have advisor check your program. Pick up:
1. Registration permit
2. Program approval slip
3. Course request slips

Plan: Tentative Schedule

Do you understand it? ➔ Yes ➔ See your advisor as scheduled

No ➔ Cheer up - See your advisor - say help!

Ask your advisor for help

Yes ➔ Still feel lost?

No ➔ Exchange course request slips for course cards

Pick up name and address card ➔ Go to information booth

Go to gym on appointed day and hour

Check out time: Congratulations !!! Turn in:
1. Name-address card
2. Course cards
3. Program approval slip
4. Misc. requests

Keep booklet Copy of sched., misc. notes, etc.
Fall Weekend
TUITION...

The fall and spring semesters witnessed the continuation of the fight against tuition begun in 1970. The opening of the fall semester saw the establishment of the Coalition Against Tuition (C.A.T.) with representatives from twenty five of Connecticut's public colleges and learning institutions. C.A.T., spearheaded by Jim Dyer and Ron Blanchette of Central Connecticut State College, organized two major anti-tuition protests. At Wesconn, while the S.G.A. remained out of the tuition fight, Kathie Kucia, editor of the Echo, started the local chapter of C.A.T.

On November 10th more than 2,000 students rallied at Bushnell Park, Hartford, to protest against the tuition, and on December 10th more than 1,000 students packed the Capitol building to speak out against the tuition at the Education Committee's hearing on tuition and scholarship programs.

On the heels of the Keep Tuition Down Committee's victories of last year, C.A.T. pressed hard for complete repeal of the tuition bill. Speeches, letters, petitions, bumper stickers and buttons, lobbying in Hartford, and all the other requirements of working within THE "system" took place, but to no avail. On Friday, February 11, 1972, the tuition battle ended in defeat as the Education Committee, with only half its members present, voted 11 to 10 against repeal of tuition.

The Education Committee's vote marked the end of a two-year tuition battle which saw Connecticut's youngest state college trustee, Jim Dyer, debate the Governor and the General Assembly on behalf of the students of the public college system. Although the bill to repeal tuition was killed, there were many victories. The K.T.D. Committee cut Governor Meskill's original tuition proposal by more than $30 million and delayed the imposition of tuition by almost a year. The anti-tuition lobby also succeeded in introducing many alternative ways of charging tuition and at the same time prevented the Governor from raising tuition for the new academic year while scholarship money was increased.

The defeat of the tuition repeal bill by one vote was not the defeat of the Coalition Against Tuition. It was the defeat of the State College students. As usual, apathy reigned, and students refused to actively support the lobbying efforts of the tuition committee. Because they chose to accept the tuition rather than fight it and chose not to support those who were fighting it, they now have to pay a tuition which most likely will be increased every time the State needs additional revenue. Public colleges are no longer public.
Governor Meskill

Jim Dyer, Board of Trustees
Connecticut State Colleges
Aesthetic Environment Year

Ralph Nader
Winter Weekend
Pitch-'A-Bitch

Come to hearings on the Present Registration System

Put our present form of selecting Courses on the defensive and Say Something to reduce the Lines next semester Wednesday February 2nd 4 pm Fine Arts Lounge
I forgot my beanie.
Doraine E. Clarkson

Charlotte Margo Mackay

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We, the class of 1972, dedicate our hopes, aspirations, and desires to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hansen. For their many years of service to students, faculty, administrators, and the entire college, and because of their untiring efforts on behalf of us all we dedicate the senior section of this book to the Hansens.

To us the Hansens will remain a memory of all that is good in a sometimes bad world.
Miriam Pully

Sue Marfiak

Gail and Kevin O'Sullivan

Patricia Moreland
God has set you free to gaze back at the past . . . to gaze ahead on the future.

Ronald J. Mauro
Linnea Brown

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Linda Pantaline

Veronica Berrill
Standing here before you today, I am overwhelmed by my being here representing the graduating class. At the same time, I am honored to be able to speak for the Senior class. Although I question my ability to represent each and every graduate, I do have some thoughts and reflections which I would like to share with all of you.

Certainly, all of us will remember Western Connecticut State College as it has been for four years. Nevertheless, each of us will view the events of our college careers from varied perspectives.

Four years ago we entered college as Freshmen, presumably seeking an education. In retrospect, some of us see the education offered us here inadequate and question the value of a diploma when there are relatively few jobs available for us. Then, there are a few of us who have always been indifferent towards education and will leave today with that same feeling of indifference. Finally, there are those of us who can say that learning has successfully taken place and are proud to receive a diploma from Western Connecticut State College. As one might readily see, learning and a good education is a personal task.

For many of us, college has been more than just an educational institution. We have centered much of our lives around this small college as we studied together, worked together, and have been together as friends. All of us have memories and, in different ways, all of us will miss this campus.

It may seem trite and unnecessary for me to tell you that today you are leaving and going out into the world as adults, but the phase of life you are now entering merits a great deal of attention. Today we go out to a world of love, of hatred, of peace, of war. A world of fun, a world of sorrow. A world of opportunities, a world of nothingness. We can appreciate the beauty of Spring, and look in disgust and despair at the pollution in the air.

This is the world we are now entering as we bridge the gap between our youth and adulthood. It is time for us to work constructively, in our own little ways, to improve our lives, and in turn, the world we live in.

Today, I am proud to be able to say that this graduating class has proven itself in college and now will disperse to all parts of the country and the world. There is a great deal to be done and you are the people who will have to do it.

In closing, I wish to share with you the pride I have for the college, the people I have worked with, and the graduating class.

All of what I have said has been very optimistic and in the same vein. I quote the theme of Spring Weekend, 1969 — “Today is the first day of the rest of your life.”

David Nurnberger
President, Class of 1972

May 21, 1972
Remarks at the 68th
Commencement
... if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. In proportion as he simplifies his life, the laws of the universe will appear less complex, and solitude will not be solitude, nor poverty poverty, nor weakness weakness. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.”

Henry David Thoreau
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To close out Spring Weekend WSCT-FM sponsored a "Sock Hop" featuring the sounds of the late 50's and early 60's. Wesconn students turned out in large numbers to "swing" to the classic discs of an era long gone. Greasers, bubble gum, balloons, and streamers highlighted Wesconn's return to the past.
Elections ’72

The 1972 S.G.A. elections were a departure from the usual run of the mill exercise in that Paul Carolan won the presidency on a write-in campaign. Carolan, taking 65% of the vote, won the first successful write-in campaign for the S.G.A. presidency. Apathy, of course, remained a traditional part of the elections and only eight senate seats were filled out of 28 vacancies.
Become something to yourself ... if anything
Spring Weekend
Sports
Coach: Ted Hines

Soccer
Football

Coach: Nick Cutulle
Basketball

Coach: Bill Williams
Baseball

Coach: Al Thomas
Coach: Del Kinney

Girls Badminton Team
Advisor: Georgiette Ashe

Cheerleaders
Captain: Gail O'Sullivan
On March 9th, 1972, Dr. Ruth Haas marked her 25th anniversary as president of Western Connecticut State College at a reception given in her honor by more than 400 trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and students.

When she took office as President in 1947 there were only 265 undergraduates. Today there are more than 2600 full time undergraduates. The News-Times Editorial of March 9th, 1972, summed up the 25 year presidency of Dr. Haas with one word — Growth.

“Growth not just in physical plant but in enrollment, faculty, course offerings, service to the community and the state. None of this came easily.”

Dr. Haas’ contribution to the future of thousands of young people has been great and will long be remembered by those she has served and continues to serve.
Educational Convention Association

Afro-American Club
Fairfield Dorm Association

Aquinas Club

International Relations Forum
Modern Dance

Psychology Club
Women’s Athletic Association

Connecticut Intercollegiate Student Legislature
Tuition Repeal Is Dead

Last week Governor Thomas Meskill addressed the Connecticut General Assembly to present his 1972 budget. Education, ecology, and health and welfare were the main beneficiaries of the proposed state budget.

Meskill proposed a $1.159 billion general fund budget with a $229 million capital program along with a one-half percent increase in the sales tax.

Meskill also announced that he was willing to take ten years to pay off the state debt rather than do it in one or two years as he proposed last year.

The governor also announced that the current fiscal year would end with a balanced budget. In fact, Meskill included $4 million for utilities and site development of the new nursing home. Education was the largest commitment of the budget with half a billion dollars being requested. In the field of higher education Meskill said he would increase financial assistance available to students by 21 percent to $7.7 million dollars.

Aside from an increase in the sales tax Meskill said there would be other increases in current revenue raising items, including tuition in the state colleges. Earlier in the year there had been speculation that the governor would increase tuition above current levels. Tuition was imposed for the first time in state colleges last year.

Although relatively good reactions were heard from around the state from both democrats and republicans some still opposition was voiced about the tuition increases. Locally Representative Don Esposito called Meskill's budget "cute" with regard to the increased sales tax to pay off the state debt. He also found "amazing" Meskill's priority for combating unemployment in the state while at the same time he was rolling back on state employment, thusly adding to the problem.

Jim Dyer, a member of the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State Colleges, termed the Meskill budget "a move in the right direction" with regard to higher education but chided Meskill on failure to provide enough student aid to needy students. "Although the Meskill budget provides eleven percent more in aid to education it is still below the level we were at two years ago without a state imposed tuition," Dyer said. "It is encouraging to note that money is included for the new Wescamp campus" he continued. "and I am quite sure that the governor will receive much support in this area." Dyer claimed victory for the Coalition Against Tuition in blocking any increase in current levels of tuition.

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The Spring semester saw the Echo under attack from several quarters. Plagued by a lack of staff and cooperation from the student government the Echo was also confronted with a printer who would censor the paper at his own discretion without consulting the editor. For failure to publish articles which the S.G.A. wanted published and for printing articles which the S.G.A. did not like the Echo found itself with a frozen budget and the threat of being abolished.

Friends of the Echo rallied from all around the campus and from all factions to defend the purged publication. An audit of the books was called for by the S.G.A. but an intensive investigation proved that all was in order. Publication resumed after a brief period of interruption by the S.G.A. and the Echo was “saved.”
Jewish Students Organizations

Interlingual Club

Nurses Association
Varsity Club

Litchfield Dorm Association
Psi Chi

Photo Club
Newbury Dorm

Chi Epsilon Sigma
I never thought I'd live to be a hundred
I never thought I'd get to do the things
That all those other sons do, and they do.
I never thought I'd ever have my freedom
An age ago my maker was refusing me
The pleasure of the view.

*Moody Blues*
Sixty Eighth Commencement
Wesconn is many things to many people. This yearbook is meant to reflect a year's activities at Wesconn, and to do it in such a manner as to provide a meaningful and historical record of what took place on the campus of Western Connecticut State College during the academic year of 1971-1972.

It is impossible to produce a book which will include everything and satisfy everyone. If we have provided a fairly accurate and representative sampling of what took place at Wesconn this year, then we are satisfied with our work.

In putting the publication together objectivity and people were the rules. We're quite sure that there has been occasion when we failed in the goal of objectivity, but there is hardly a publication which in some way does not reflect the sentiment of the producers. In photography we tried to capture as many individuals as possible—the people who make up Wesconn and influence it.

A yearbook is no easy task, yet it is a rewarding and fulfilling one. You, the reader, are of course the judge as to whether or not we have attained success in this publication, yet we would remind the critic, the challenger of our work, that he was always welcomed to come into the yearbook office and offer his opinions, his comments, and most of all, his work.

Many things made up Wesconn this year: AYE, tuition, Nader, the first National award for Wesconn's yearbook, a photo sale, Fall Weekend, Lighthouse, Spring Weekend, Jonathan Edwards, the demise of S.G.A., a write-in campaign, the Echo, WSCT-F.M., B.O.G., a mid-year graduation, Congressman John Monagan, a trustee graduating, Dr. Haas celebrating 25 years as President, the jocks, class elections, Senator Weicker, Meskill, Dyer, new registration procedures, Nurnberger, Bellotti, the veto of deferred tuition, new campus delays, cancellation of the French major, faculty, clubs, a sock hop, unsigned smear letters, good politics, bad politics, S.D.P., pissants, and audits. All of this and more comprise the 1971-72 Wesconn year. We sincerely hope that we were able to present some of this to you in the book for future reference, future memories, and future thoughts.

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Editorial I

S.G.A. A Good Start

S.G.A. - A GOOD START...

Last Thursday the SGA met in emergency session to begin the journey back to responsible and good government.

Wesconn's new SGA president, Paul Carolan, deserves much praise for the initial action he has taken. He came into office confronted with not only the inherent problems of assuming the role of SGA president but also by the problems left him by the previous, and disastrous, SGA administration. In the past all newly elected SGA presidents had at least two weeks to orientate themselves before taking office. This year, however, because of a change in the college calendar and also because of the failure of the previous SGA to plan properly, Paul Carolan only had two days before taking office.

He met the responsibilities thrust upon him well and he is to be commended. Because of his actions the Wesconn student body can now be assured of having an adequate SGA Budget and they can also be assured of the continuance of campus clubs and organizations.

Few realize how close the SGA actually came to complete destruction only a couple of weeks ago. Some might say "so what." We would remind these critics that without a student government absolutely no organization could exist. The SGA is the ONLY LEGAL BODY that can tax students, fund government absolutely no organization could exist. The SGA is the ONLY LEGAL BODY that can tax students, fund government absolutely no organization could exist.

In salvaging the skeleton of the SGA Paul Carolan took daring and courageous steps in constructing an emergency senate. It isn't his fault that no one cared enough to seek senate seats except for a mere handful of students. It isn't his fault that the SGA hit rock bottom. It is his responsibility to do his best to rebuild and create a viable SGA. This is what he has done. He sought the help and cooperation of the class presidents and he received it. He sought the counsel and participation of the eight senators who were elected and he received it. He has begun to receive the support of the student body at large and he deserves it.

We urge you to offer your help and cooperation to Paul and the new SGA. A lot of good things are beginning to happen and it's refreshing to know that someone with a sense of responsibility, an awareness of the student body, and an intense interest of wanting to do what's right is leading it.

Support your SGA.

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Editorial II

SDP - A Bad Start

S.D.P. - A Bad Start...

While we write of the many good things which are beginning to take shape on campus we must also write of some of the bad things. It seems as though a new organization is about to be born. A brief debut was made on Friday, April 14, when a circular was released condemning the WSCT-FM Referendum as being fraudulent and misleading. The new group, although one might wonder if their tactics are new, calls itself the SDP - Students for A Democratic Process.

The one thing they forget to tell you is that they only permit a democratic process which agrees with them. Fear, suspicion, innuendo, threats, lies, and downright distortion is the only thing which SDP stands for.

Early reports from around the campus lead us to believe that this new, AND ILLEGAL, campus organization is bent on just one thing ...DESTRUCTION. They seek to destroy everything that they do not agree with and everyone. They have refused to work within the existing channels because they realize that a responsible electorate would fail to acknowledge their presence. SDP represents a small minority bent on disruption because they can't have their own way. SDP represents an attack from the extreme right. An attack from petty minds, closed to productive thinking, thriving on jealousy and intelligence found only in a pissan.

Just as this campus is beginning to pull itself out of failure and disaster along comes a group intent on putting Wesconn down again. Along comes a group demanding their way. Where were they when work was to be done? Where were they when an election was being held? These worms only turn up when they think they can seize upon an opportunity to get their narrow way.

The information tells us that it isn't only WSCT-FM that will be coming under attack from these petty right-wingers. It seems as though every major campus organization is about to "get" it. It seems as though a new SGA is about to come in for it. It seems as though the Yearbook is going to be on the purge list. It even seems as though the Echo is up for it too.

We welcome the "secret" members of the SDP to remove their hoods and stand up and show their yellow heads. We welcome them, too, to first become a legal and recognized campus organization - of course that would involve working with some of the people they detest ... responsible student leaders.

We also welcome this neo-Nazi movement to offer what they are for instead of just what they are against! We also implore the students of Wesconn to pay little heed to what some would lead you to believe to be a "democratic" group. The SDP counterpart, SDS, produced about as much as this group will ... destruction. If it isn't the extreme left, it's the extreme right. If the SDP isn't happy here we invite them to either work through the existing structure or get the hell out.

This campus does not need a reactionary group. It does not need more division or more frustration. If students are going to remain constantly apart, fighting each other, nothing will ever be accomplished.

The Students for a Democratic Process is nothing less than a movement to con the Wesconn student, to mislead and to make him think he has been used and has had something taken from him. This isn't the case. The only ones who will use the Wesconn students are those who support the SDP. They are the ones who will take. The SDP will take, use, destroy, and ruin anything positive. Don't be a part of it.

As soon as we obtain a list of this nice group's leaders we will publish it for you. We will publish it because we have been threatened not to.
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