Visionary, A pioneer. Thought provoking, the guru of the information age. A techno-prophet, the father of computer-aided systems engineering. These are just some of the ways best-selling author James Martin has been described.

Martin will share his technologically inspired and insightful look into our future as the Western Connecticut State University President’s Lecture Series speaker at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24, in Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the Midtown campus. The lecture will be free and the public is invited.

“The century ahead presents humankind with unprecedented challenges,” said WestConn President James W. Schmotter. “The combination of technological advances, population growth and increasing economic disparity between nations and regions threaten not only cultural and military conflict, but also the continuing degradation of our planet’s fragile environment. We will need to look at the future of our world in different ways, and I can’t think of a better speaker to stimulate such contemplation than James Martin.”


“Whatever else education achieves, it must equip young people to take responsibility for our future — and to find adventure and joy in being global citizens in a time of historic transition,” Martin writes in “The Meaning of the 21st Century: A Vital Blueprint for Ensuring Our Future.”

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Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt will deliver the keynote address at a conference for student and community writers from across Connecticut on Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, on the WestConn Midtown campus.

Graduate and undergraduate creative writing students from the four Connecticut State University (CSU) campuses, along with outstanding student writers from the state's high schools, will participate in the annual conference on Saturday, May 6, with a second day devoted to writing seminars for the public.

The schedule on Saturday will include small group workshops for registered attendees that will focus on student work in fiction, poetry, nonfiction, screenwriting and journalism. There also will be panel discussions, readings and a book fair, and these events will be free and open to the public. The panels and readings will be from 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. A complete schedule will be online at the official conference Web site, http://www.acadaff/cwc.nsf.

McCourt's keynote address will be at 4 p.m. in Ivory Concert Hall in White Hall on the Midtown campus. McCourt won the Pulitzer Prize in 1997 for “Angela's Ashes,” a gritty portrayal of his upbringing in Limerick, Ireland. His latest book is "Teacher Man," about his 30 years of teaching in the New York City schools. The talk will be free and the public is invited. A book signing will follow.

The conference will continue with more public events on Sunday, May 7. Well-known writers, including Connecticut poet laureate Marilyn Nelson and Connecticut State University (CSU) academic dean and professor of psychology, Dr. Linda Rinker, will be guest speakers.

The conference will also feature a 3 p.m. panel discussion about "Insights for Marketing Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry and Screenplays," as readings and book signings by the renowned writer take place.

The Sunday events will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis for a $20 fee. There will be space for 10 public registrants in each of the seminars conducted by the well-known writers. Once these workshops are filled, attendees will be placed into small, facilitated peer workshops by writing genre. Each of these peer groups will be moderated by a writer from WestConn’s M.F.A. in Professional Writing program who will consider the work submitted by each participant.

A regional book fair with displays from local book, magazine and newsletter publishers also will take place during the conference. Books by faculty members and other poets and writers will be sold at the event.

The deadline to register for student and public participants has been extended to Wednesday, April 5. Sign-up forms are posted at the official conference Web site and at www.connecticutreview.com under "Creative Connections.

The conference is co-sponsored by the WestConn M.F.A. in Professional Writing program, the Connecticut Review and the IMPAC grant.

For more information, contact WestConn Professor of English Dr. Jim Briggs at (203) 837-9443 or briggsj@wcsu.edu.

WestConn to host statewide writing conference

by Sheri Hill

WestConn President James W. Schmotter announced the appointment of a new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Linda Rinker will join the university July 1 from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, where she held the same titles since 1996.

"Dr. Rinker brings an outstanding reputation for her academic and public service, as well as an impressive list of administrative and leadership experiences," said Schmotter. "Her appointment is yet another important step in the journey to fulfill our potential." Kutztown University has 9,957 students and 4,641 students, 223 full-time faculty and 388 part-time.

During Rinker’s tenure, which included the job of interim president in the spring 2000 semester, an estimated $137 million worth of capital projects have been built at Kutztown University, including a new science building completed in 2003.

The school’s student retention rate reached 78 percent as Rinker worked with administrators to focus on high-risk students and create an advising center managed by faculty.

Rinker earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology/education from West Chester State College, her master’s in counseling psychology from Kutztown University, a master of science in nursing, specializing in nursing administration, from West Chester University, and her Ed.D. in administration/education from Teachers’ College at Columbia University.

She also is working toward her MBA at Kutztown.

While WestConn searched for a permanent replacement, Dr. Ray Stewart Jr. has been interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs since July.

Eisenmann earns broadcasting certification

by Paul Steinmetz

Eisenmann is now the only full-time faculty member at a college or university in the country to be a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist.

The AMS grants the CBM designation to broadcast meteorologists who meet established criteria for scientific competence and effective communication skills in their weather presentations.

"The society’s Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation clearly recognizes that the holders have the educational background and have been tested in their knowledge and communication of those sciences needed to be an effective broadcast meteorologist," said AMS Executive Director Keith Seitter. "The general public can have added confidence in the quality and reliability of weather presentations made by broadcast meteorologists approved by the society. Eisenmann has a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Science from Cornell University and a Master of Science in Meteorology from the University of Utah. He has been with WestConn since 1999 and at News 12 since 1995.

To earn the CBM, broadcasters must hold a degree in meteorology or equivalent from an accredited college or university, pass a rigorous written examination, and have three years of work reviewed to assess technical competence, informational value, explanatory value, and communication skills.

The AMS is the nation’s largest professional organization of those in atmospheric and related sciences. The society, founded in 1919, has more than 11,000 members around the world.

For more information, call Eisenmann at (203) 837-4898.
Funding eases Roots & Shoots growing pains

By Paul Steinenetz

Dr. Rick Asselta doesn’t take Roots & Shoots for granted.

The campus environmental program founded by Jane Goodall is a well-known and long-standing part of WestConn life. But with Asselta, the administrator of the worldwide University Roots & Shoots branch retiring this year, and with a continual turnover of student leaders, the program’s success is not guaranteed.

A series of three summits was designed to answer the question of what the future might bring.

The first summit was held at the Cleapool Education Center in Carmel, N.Y., on Feb. 10-12, the weekend of the two-foot snowstorm. The main topic was how to encourage and develop “green” campuses, but a general theme of all three summits will be how to attract school administrators and faculty into the organization at campuses around the country, as well as how to generate continuing student interest from year to year.

Luckily, the snow stayed away long enough so that all of the participants representing 22 colleges and universities could arrive. And the storm actually helped in one instance:

“They held the snowmow Plowing until the end, when there was snow,” Asselta said.

Asselta said the practical point of the summit was to disperse ideas.

“The Roots & Shoots program is contingent on people knowing you can have an impact now,” Asselta said. “It’s not in the future. When it was almost over, I said, What are you bringing back? Each college said, There are two or three things that we wanted to do but didn’t know where to start. Now we do.”

About 60 colleges and universities participate in Roots & Shoots. By the end of the year, Asselta said, he hopes the number will be more than 100.

The Jane Goodall Institute

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Rethinking energy use is the main goal for WestConn.

Midtown, Westside campuses going ‘green’

By Paul Steinenetz

Luisi Marcone shut down WestConn on July 27.

He didn’t get in trouble, either, because everyone had agreed beforehand that if a call for help came from the consortium that runs the New England energy grid, Marcone would flip the switch to cut off power to 13 WestConn buildings.

The demand for energy on July 27 was a record because of the heat. Under a contract with a private company that acts as a power clearinghouse, WestConn agreed to cut its electricity usage by 2.2 megawatts in an emergency, enough to power roughly 2,000 homes. In return, the school receives regular payments.

“We get paid every month just for being on call,” said Marcone, the director of Environmental and Facilities Services.

That is only one way the university is going “green.”

The New Science Building was the first government building in Connecticut to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification.

During design and construction, the university followed a set of criteria to provide for energy efficiencies after the building was occupied, and even mandated recycling of construction debris while it was being built.

Marcone said LEED certification is expensive but “in the long-term it’s going to save money.”

WestConn is about to earn LEED certification for Centennial Hall, the newest residence hall on the Westside campus.

Marcone said the university will construct future buildings to the specifications of the LEED process, but to save money will not apply for the certification.

Marcone is also part of a committee to encourage daily energy savings with the help of the campus community.

“We’re trying to put together a set of mechanisms to make sure people are not just more energy-conscious but more energy-efficient,” he said.

It’s not just a feel-good gesture.

WestConn’s spending on electricity will be approximately $2.4 million by the end of the fiscal year. That’s compared with $1.55 million the year before.

You can plan for rising energy costs but the increase this year was nothing we could forecast,” Marcone said. Some money can be saved in the long run by replacing old equipment and always buying energy-efficient appliances. But the Energy Council, which Marcone cochairs with Dr. Linda Valois-Guidi, the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, also reminds students, faculty and staff there are other ways to reduce power consumption.

“We send out reminders before every break to turn off computers and monitors every time you’re out of the office for more than a day,” Marcone said. “There are substantial energy savings. And it doesn’t hurt the computers. We’re trying to remind people tactfully without being overbearing.”

Top: Centennial Hall on the Westside campus
Bottom: The Science Building on the Midtown campus
Both facilities were built to attain LEED certification as “green” buildings.
Grant program creates science excitement in Danbury schools

By Paul Steinmetz

A great teacher in high school inspired Dr. Theodora Pinou, assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences, to become a scientist. Now Pinou has helped create a project to ensure that more students will have the same opportunity.

Pinou, with a $105,000 grant from the Connecticut Department of Education, has founded the WestConn Institute of Science Teacher Research (WISTR), which will bring 20 public school educators and five WestConn students into the labs of university science professors to learn field research firsthand.

Pinou hopes the teachers she works with will bring new enthusiasm and knowledge to their students.

"Let's face it," Pinou said. "We aren't going to excite the students unless we excite the conduit — the teachers.

"I am sick and tired — and I'm not alone — of hearing people say, 'If you're not going to be a doctor or go to graduate school, you can be a teacher.' You're not inspiring to science teachers, and certainly not to students who want to dedicate themselves to teaching science.

"Students who receive the institute's scholarship to students who want to graduate school, you can be a teacher. Teachers need to inspire students to work in middle and high schools. And the teachers will learn what it is like to do real science."

Participants will earn credits toward a master's degree, and learning assessment is being supported in the education faculty from the School of Professional Studies. Assistant Professor of Professor of Educational Dr. Marta Delcourt and her associates will assess the project to see how well teachers are learning.

When the project is done, the participants will have covered 14 of the 24 science content standards the state requires to be taught in middle and high school. And the teachers will leave "with new experiments, new analytical techniques, new skills and equipment," Pinou said.

"They can speak from experience instead of just reading about it," Pinou said. "Reading allows you to form an opinion. Experiencing it is collecting data, it's living it."

Which is just what a great science teacher needs to inspire students.

Scholar to deliver first Macricostas series talk (cont'd.)

Minor and the Process of Islamization from the 11th through the 15th Century" is a seminal work in the field. Indeed, Vryonis turned the focus of his scholarly research recently to a more contemporary subject, a historical analysis of the 11th through the 15th Century's weaving into the European fabric. In 2005 he published "The Mechanics of Catastrophe: The Turkish Pogrom of September 6-7, 1955, and the Destruction of the Greek Community of Istanbul," acclaimed by critics as the most extensive study to date on the events before, during and immediately after the science kit in her classroom and assisting other elementary school teachers.

During a class in March, Lalvay's class of 21 fourth-graders at Pembroke Elementary School built flashlights.

As the children worked in groups of two to build flashlights with parts provided from the kit, Lalvay explained the value of the project.

"Schools have to concentrate so much on literacy and numeracy" that it is difficult to concentrate on other large subjects. But starting in 2007, questions about science will be included on the Connecticut Mastery Tests given to all fourth-, sixth- and eighth-graders.

"We want to get the kids into an inquiry strategy," Jensen-Ruopp said. "Hopefully they're doing some higher-order thinking and learning that science is fun."

Lalvay acknowledged that before she was trained on how to use the science kit, she taught similar lessons out of a textbook.

"This year, they will think about what they did, do some reading about what they did, incorporate it into their thinking and writing," Jensen-Ruopp said. "It's almost like an engineering pathway because you're showing them things that can work and they feel comfortable with them."

"Danbury probably now has a headstart over other districts because of that," said Dr. Lynne Clark, dean of the School of Professional Studies. "If we don't excite kids in science at the elementary level, if there is no solid foundation by the time they get to the end of fifth grade, they have progressively lower
“Our involvement with WestConn began with the establishment of the Robert S. Young library at the Ancell School of Business, to honor the memory of my brother Bob,” Roy Young said. “Our continued support was inspired by the energy, enthusiasm and excellence of the students and dedicated faculty, particularly those in the theatre arts department. We look forward to WestConn’s continued growth and succeeding generations.”

The public is invited to the black-tie event, which will begin at 7 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Dinner and dancing will be at 8 p.m. Individual tickets at $200 are available. Corporate tables can be purchased for $4,000. For those who are unable to attend but still want to support the university, a gift can be made directly to the WCSU Foundation.

For more information about the University Ball, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (203) 837-8298. To learn more about making a gift to the university, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (203) 837-8298.
Forum looks at ‘Brave New World’

A diverse audience came together to attend a Martin Luther King Jr. tribute in January.

On a cool January morning, the WestConn community came together to share thoughts of remembrance and appreciation.

“My dream was not only made possible, but virtually assured by the actions and reactions to Dr. Martin Luther King’s movement,” said Principal Edward Rubbs of Broadview Middle School in Danbury.

For the second year in a row, WestConn hosted a celebration of King’s life. Despite the intersession break, Warner Hall was crowded with faculty and staff, university and high school students.

Director of Diversity Programs Daryl Dennis introduced the theme of the event. “We have a dream,” Dennis said.

“The preservation and pursuit of the dream was Dr. King’s legacy to us.”

Martin Luther King Jr. remembered at campus event

Barbarn Barnwell, executive assistant to the president and director of Disability Services and Multi-Cultural Affairs, offered the welcoming address. “It is really important to take this time of reflection to think about King, who lived and died for equality,” she said.

President James W. Schmotter called the celebration for the life of a life that was driven by the ideas of “love for your neighbor, peace over war, and principles over politics.”

A panel discussion followed, moderated by Ancell School of Business Dean Dr. Allen Morton. He gave an assignment to the audience, asking members to read three of King’s best-known speeches: “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” “I Have a Dream” and “I Have Been to the Mountaintop.”

Panelists included Network Specialist Ehab Rollins, Enrollment Management Officer Bill Hawkins, University Police Chief Neil McLaughlin, and Robbs.

The son of a Pullman porter, McLaughlin recalled his childhood shame and embarrassment about his father’s job. His father believed he needed “to take care of the family, and then continue the struggle for freedom and dignity.” McLaughlin repeated the desire to provide for and nurture the future generation. “I believe we have made it better, but we still need the dream,” he said.

WCU police sergeant returns from yearlong Army Reserve deployment in Kuwait

Patricia Hawkins was born and raised in Jamaica, she moved to America in 1962, and has lived in Danbury ever since. Serving her country and community comes naturally to her. She has been working at the WCU police department for 13 years and was promoted to sergeant in 2003.

A master sergeant in the Army Reserve, Hawkins has been serving her country for the past 17 years. She was deployed to Kuwait for a year — November 2004 to November 2005. Her office is at the battalion level, she helped with running missions in Kuwait and was responsible for assisting the units in Iraq with anything they needed.

“I have a very ‘reservist’ way of thinking,” Hawkins said. “I have no feelings for the war. If someone of power says I have to do something, I support it.”

“I saw a lot in Kuwait that I wasn’t expecting,” Hawkins added. “In comparison to Iraq, Kuwait is a very wealthy country.”

A 1998 graduate of the University of Connecticut, Hawkins received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She currently is finishing an internship with WestConn’s Community Counseling Program. Upon completion, she’ll have a Master of Science in Co-Teacher Education. “I really enjoy WestConn because it’s a small community,” Hawkins said. “We have such a nice campus. It’s the place for me.”

Logan’s dance troupe performs with Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra at music director’s debut

Logan’s performance came on the opening night for the philharmonic’s new music director.

“He seems to be an artist who loves to push the envelope and create outside of the box,” Logan said. “I just remember thinking to myself backstage about how wonderful it was to hear all of these beautiful sounds and to actually become the music on stage. It was magical. I’ve had a rough year and at times I thought I would not be able to ever walk up a flight of stairs, let alone dance. But now I think dance is partially what is saving me. When I dance I don’t think about being tired, or being in pain, or even how long I have on earth. As a matter of fact I don’t think at all, I just do. I dance. I connect with my dance family that I love. I share my happiness with the audience and feel the power streaming back to us on stage. I feel something similar when I’m in a class teaching my students.”

Logan said coming to WestConn to teach her classes, work with student groups and interact with “my wonderful and supportive colleagues” is playing a big role in her recovery. She also recently got married and said her husband Mike is “absolutely amazing and has the same outlook as me.”

Since her diagnosis, Logan has spent a lot of time engaged in research to learn more about her illness, and from that comes clarity and strength to fight. “I think I’m doing great and the concert with the philharmonic was just another reminder for me about how great I’m doing,” she said.

Schmotter shares thoughts at Henderson tribute

In February, Assistant Professor of Communication Khalda Logan returned to the stage of the Haas Library, where she danced solo as a member of the Brooklyn Philharmonic. Logan was part of a Brooklyn Philharmonic performance that was dedicated to the late conductor Skitch Henderson.

Logan’s performance was part of a celebration of Henderson’s life and legacy. The event, which took place in the Haas Library, featured a panel discussion followed by a performance by the Brooklyn Philharmonic. Logan, who had been a member of the Brooklyn Philharmonic for several years, was one of the performers at the event.

During her performance, Logan shared her thoughts about Henderson’s life and legacy. She spoke about her experiences working with Henderson and his influence on her career as a dancer. Logan also talked about her own battle with cancer and her determination to continue dancing.

Logan’s performance was a moving and inspiring tribute to Henderson and a reminder of the power of music to bring people together. The event was well attended and received positive reviews from attendees.

Ohles’ work as Web editor yields 2006 Thomson Scientific/ Frank Chadway Rogers Information Advancement Award

In addition to her duties as associate director of library services at the Haas Library, Janet Ohles has been a New York Online Access to Health (NOAH) editor for more than six years. The NOAH Web site recently received the 2006 Thomson Scientific/Frank Chadway Rogers Information Advancement Award from the Medical Library Association.

The award will be presented to the editors at the national conference in May. In addition to editing two health topics on this Web site, Ohles also has made other contributions, including reorganizing health topics and reviewing prospective editor’s pages for acceptance.

If you have an announcement about a recent acceptance to a board, an award or other professional accomplishment you’d like to share in this section, please e-mail the information to pr@wcsu.edu.
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business correspondence on a typewriter. Most Americans had never seen a personal computer, much less a laptop. Meanwhile, James Martin looked into the future and saw the Internet, as well as computers in everyone's pockets. In his book "The Wired World," he proclaimed that by the year 2000, computers and other devices linked by fiber optics, telephone lines and radio waves would allow millions of people to exchange electronic mail, shop for merchandise online, work at home, take classes, pay taxes, plan vacations, and entertain themselves. He added that entrepreneurs who jumped in early would reap vast fortunes.

Martin has a master's degree in physics from Oxford University and has numerous honorary doctorates. In 2002, Computerworld ranked him the fourth most influential person in the computer industry. Martin has been a member of the software Scientific Advisory Board of the U.S. Department of Defense, has advised the British government about telecommunications, and has provided consulting services to Fidelity, IBM, Honeywell, Texas Instruments and Xerox.

He is chairman of WatchIT.com, an Internet-based education company, founder and chairman emeritus of Headstrong, a worldwide consulting group; founder and chairman of World Education Corps, Volunteers for the 21st Century; and founder of the multidisciplinary 21st Century School at Oxford University, whose mission is to "support research on the ideas, methods, policies and practices that address some of the world's most pressing problems over this century, including some that we can only just see beginning to exist."

The 21st Century School, launched at Oxford in 2002, has received a remarkable grant from Martin, encompasses 10 research institutes: The James Martin Institute, The Science and Civilization, the Institute for the Future of the Mind, the Oxford Institute of Ageing, the e- Horizons Institute, the Institute for Environmental Protection of Humans, the International Migration Institute, the Environmental Change Institute, the Oxford Institute for Science, the Programme on Ethics of the New Biosciences and the World Education Institute.

In March 2006, Martin received the Sheldon Medal at Oxford in recognition of his lifetime achievement and to mark the creation of the 21st Century School. It was one of the largest gifts ever received by the university.

For more information, call the Office of University Relations at (203) 837-8774.
APR. 2 NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT GATHERING: The WCSU Nontraditional Student Organization, Older Wisers Learners, will host a "Lunch & Learn" event at 1 p.m. on the Fifth Floor of the Haas Library on the Midtown campus. Dr. Katrina Smith, an assistant counselor at the WCSU Counseling Center, will discuss stress management. The event will be free and open to the public. For more information, call Professor of Communication Dr. Kathy Wits at (203) 837-8626.

APR. 3 – 7 FILM IN VIDEO FESTIVAL: The Second Annual WCSU Film & Video Festival, sponsored by the communication department and the Media Production Society, will feature screenings, workshops and talks by directors about independent filmmaking. Festival events will be at 7 and 8 p.m. in Warner Hall and the Student Center Theater on the Midtown campus. The event features two free films and 10 workshops. For more information, visit www.wcsu.edu/com or call Assistant Professor of Communication Dr. Speros Vryonis at (203) 837-9350.

APR. 3 PERCUSSION CONCERT: The WCSU Percussion Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. inies Concert Hall in White Hall on the Midtown campus. The performance is sponsored by the Office of Student Life. Donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call (203) 837-8350.

APR. 3 – 7 POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURE: Attorney Paul Edelberg will discuss China's economy from 5:01 to 6:25 p.m. during a political science class in Room 209 of White Hall on the Midtown campus. The discussion will be free and open to the public. For more information, call Professor of Psychology Dr. Shane Murphy at (203) 837-9368.

APR. 7 JAZZ CONCERT: The WCSU Jazz Combos will perform at 8 p.m. inies Concert Hall in White Hall on the Midtown campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Professor of Music Dr. David Dvorak at (203) 837-8486.

APR. 8 SCHOTTISH TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION: MacTalla Hor will perform Scottish and Celtic music and dance to celebrate Scottish Tartan Day at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Theater on the Midtown campus. The event is part of the World Music, Dance and Culture series. For more information, call (203) 837-9700. Admission will be free. Donations to the music department will be accepted.

APR. 8 TELESCOPE VIEWING: WestConn will host a telescope viewing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Westside Observatory and Planetarium on the Westside campus. The event will be free and open to the public. For more information, call (203) 837-8672.

APR. 8 ART SLIDE LECTURE: Painter Jim Peters will discuss his work at 11 a.m. in Room 1 of White Hall on the Midtown campus. The event will be free and open to the public, and it will be presented as part of the Master of Fine Arts slide lecture series. For more information, call (203) 837-8888.

APR. 8 MUSIC PERFORMANCE: WestConn faculty members David Machell, Howard Revis and Harold Schramm, with guest artists from The Hurdy-Gurdy Band, will present a program of medieval music at 8 p.m. inies Concert Hall on the Midtown campus. The concert will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call Machell at (203) 837-8696.

APR. 8 CHOR CONCERT: The WCSU Concert Choir and the WCSU Chamber Singers will perform at 8 p.m. inies Concert Hall in White Hall on the Midtown campus. The selection process is progressing. Much is involved. The choir will be conducted by Mary A. Tschida, and spring. The choir will also celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth with a performance of his Requiem Mass. Admission will be free. Donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call (203) 837-8350.

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