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- <http://www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse>
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- <http://www.facebook.com>
- <http://www.wcsu.edu/sports>
- <http://www.wcsu.edu/newsevents/events>
- <http://www.wcsu.edu/studentcenter/studentorg>
- <http://www.wcsu.edu/newsevents>
- <http://www.wcsu.edu/cdc>
- <http://www.wcsu.edu/recreation>
- <http://www.wcsucampusdining.com>

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2010 CENSUS: Census on Campus Initiative: Find It. Fill it out. Be counted.

Welcome to college, your new home! The coming academic year will be filled with many opportunities to get involved in your new community—one of which includes being counted in the 2010 Census!

Once every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau takes a snapshot of **everyone** residing in the United States, regardless of age, race, or immigration status. People should be counted where they live and sleep most of the year, so if you live at school—on or off campus—that is where you will receive your questionnaire.

Filling out the questionnaire is more **important** than you may realize.

Census data affect and inform:

- College tuition grant and loan programs.
- Decisions about funding for critical services in your academic community, like transportation, public safety, medical care, and road repairs.
- Important research done by college faculty, students, librarians, and community leaders.
- Your voice in Congress and in the state and local community!

Being counted is **easy**. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be delivered to you at your dorm or apartment in March or April 2010. When it comes, BE COUNTED: **Find it. Fill it out. Send it back.**

Filling out the questionnaire is **safe**. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share the answers that respondents provide with anyone, including law enforcement and any other government agency or court.

We can't move forward until you send it back, so be sure that you are counted in the 2010 Census. Best of luck in the coming academic year!

Get Involved!

Get involved in the largest peacetime mobilization effort of the American public. Look for 2010 Census activities and information on your campus this fall, and learn more by contacting the Boston Regional Census Center at: **Boston.PDSP@census.gov** or by visiting **www.2010census.gov**.

Students: Did you know...?

- \$26,000 – Average amount that workers with a bachelor's degree earn *above* what workers with a high school diploma earn.
- 20.8 million – The estimated number of students enrolled in the nation's colleges

and graduate schools (2007).

- 5.6 years – Average amount of time it takes people to complete bachelor's degrees. It takes an average of 4.4 years to complete an associate's degree.
- 1 in 3 – The number of women age 25-29 who have a bachelor's

degree or higher (2007).

- More than 1 in 4 – The chance that the hot dogs and pork sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. (Hey—you never know when you might need to know this!)

Important Dates & Deadlines

February 23, 2010	40% tuition and fee refund deadline for Fulltime students who withdrawal from the university.
	Last day to submit request to Audit a Course.
March 5, 2010	INC deadline for Fall 2009 courses.
March 19, 2010	Midterm Grades Due.
March 22- 27, 2010	Spring Recess, no classes.
March 29, 2010	Second eight-week classes begin.
March 31, 2010	Undergraduate Registration begins for: Fall 2010.
April 1, 2010	Last day to withdrawal without academic penalty for Spring 2010.
April 2-3, 2010	Day of Reflection, no classes.
April 7, 2010	Graduate Registration begins for: Summer 2010.
May 5, 2010	Graduate and Non-matriculated Registration begins for: Fall 2010.
May 17-22,2010	Final Exam Week.
May 21, 2010	Graduate Commencement.
May 23, 2010	Undergraduate Commencement.
May 26, 2010	Final Grades Due.

WCSU and The Senior Gifts Committee need you!

The Senior Class Gifts Committee is looking for graduating seniors to participate in the 2010 Senior Gifts program. This Program is all about giving to support a great cause. It's a great way for graduating students to give back and make a positive impact to WCSU. Your class gift is also a meaningful way to leave your legacy, show your Colonial pride and it also

increases the value of your diploma by bringing national recognition to WCSU. Help make change with your change, \$20.10 is the maximum however all gifts will help us to achieve our goal. Our goal is to get at least 50% of the senior class involved and to reach \$ 8,000. It's not enough to just care you have to care about what's right!

Join us in making history for the class of 2010

We accept Visa, Master Card, cash, or personal checks. You can also make your gift online at: www.wcsu.edu/onlinegiving.com

Tutoring Resource Center 104

We're friendly and we're free!

- Get a tutor in any subject
- Organize a Study Group
- Learn how to be a good advisee
- Improve your academic skills
- Learn test-taking strategies
- Master note-taking techniques
- Learn how to get the most out of college
- Benefit from our scholarly workshops
- Earn extra \$\$\$ working as a tutor in your major field. (Come to the TRC for details)

New Spring 2009 Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Questions? CALL: 203-837-9245

Located in Berkshire Hall Midtown Campus

Student Lounges

- The **TV Lounge**, located on the second level, provides a place for students to relax and enjoy their favorite shows before and after classes.
- The **Commuter Lounge**, located on the second level, is a nice quiet place for students to study or just hang out and relax in between classes. Browse the latest issue of Time, Newsweek or Sports Illustrated.
- The **Shuttle Lounge**, located on the ground level, serves as the lounge where students can relax, study, or socialize while they wait for the Colonial Shuttle to take them to the Westside campus.



WHEN:
Thursdays
8:00pm



Midtown Coffeehouse

Spring 2010 Schedule

WHERE:
Alumni
Hall

The WCSU Gospel Choir "Reality" returns for a second year Feature Act Performance. Don't miss this night of inspirational, encouraging, and uplifting music.

February 18
Gospel Choir
Gospel Songs



WWW.PAPERBOYZ.TV



February 25
The Paperboyz
R&B / Hip Hop / Rap

Many compare PAPERBOYZ to the likes of musical geniuses RKELLY & JAYZ, however, PAPERBOYZ bring a refreshing new sound and chemistry to the music game!
www.myspace.com/paperboyzonline

Do you enjoy a nice cup of coffee? Do you like listening to good music? Do you like to hang out with your friends and drink coffee and listen to good music? Well, you don't have to go far to do just that! Alumni Hall is right on the Midtown Campus and there's a Coffeehouse almost every Thursday night.

March 4
PAC
TBA

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March 11
Derek Waldron
Piano / Vocals

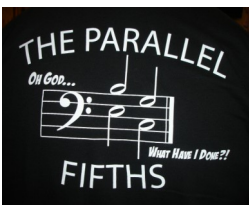
WestConn Alum Derek Waldron, returns to the coffeehouse having been one of the most popular feature acts over the first few years of the coffeehouse's existence. Derek's piano and vocal skills consistently knock the audience out of their chairs. He is an outstanding performer and also a huge crowd pleaser. www.myspace.com/

WestConn's own Improv Group made up of students from the Theater Arts Department. Come on down and check out what they have to offer.

March 18
WCSU Improv Group
Improv Theater



Spring Break —No Coffeehouse



April 1
The Parallel Fifths
A Cappella

The Parallel Fifths is an all male A Cappella group, comprised of both music and non music majors. Performing arrangements of both choral and pop-music, they will put on a show you are sure to remember.

Over the past year the Coffeehouse has become more and more popular—not only on Campus with students coming regularly to perform at open mic and listen to the truly stellar performances by our own students and the Feature Performers, but also amongst artists who call from places such as Nashville to perform right here.

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April 8
PAC
TBA





April 15
Game Night
 Various Board Games

Join us at the Coffeehouse for a night of games and quiet music. Get out of your Res Hall and meet others who enjoy an evening of table games. Bring your own or play one of the Coffeehouse board games.

Don Lowe is a singer/songwriter who explores the world around him with arcane songs that are at turns witty, profane, sad, and sometimes downright silly. Don has opened for Little Toby Walker and David Jacob-Strains, and he has been featured at the famed Town Crier in Pawling, NY in addition to a variety of other venues throughout Connecticut and New York. A former actor, he now teaches writing at WCSU and NCC.

April 22
Don Lowe
 Original Songs



Special Late Night Performance by CenterStage at 10pm



April 29
DJ Kendall of WXCI
 60's and 70's Retro

DJ Kendall, Life Member and host of WXCI's "Third Stone From the Sun," 20 year Anniversary Show, broadcasting live at the Coffeehouse. With musical guests Brianne Chasanoff and Joe Gegeny.

One of the outstanding small student jazz groups from WCSU's outstanding jazz program will give a performance of both original compositions and jazz standards.

May 6
WCSU Jazz Ensemble



May 13
PAC
 TBA

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The last Coffeehouse of the semester is again sponsored by PAC. Come down and relax! Classes are over and you need to get your mind set to study for finals. It will be a memorable evening to be sure.

Get Involved in Judicial Affairs!

By: Brian Coutu, Graduate Intern Judicial Affairs

As students venture into another semester closer to graduation, many are eager to strengthen their resumes as jobs are becoming harder to find. Luckily, Judicial Affairs can help by offering students the opportunity to serve as a Judicial Board Member or Judicial Advocate.

The Judicial Board at Western Connecticut State University has been in operation since 2007, which is composed of faculty members,

administration, and students. The office of Judicial Affairs supports the overall mission of the university community and the community outside Western Connecticut State University. The University Judicial Board provides students who are accused of violating the Student Code of Conduct (and may be facing permanent residence hall separation and/or suspension from the CSU system) with an opportunity to be heard by a

hearing body rather than just one hearing officer. On average each member would hear one to four cases a year.

The purpose of the Judicial Advocate is to be a valuable support person of an accused student. The Judicial Advocate may accompany the accused student at a University Judicial Hearing as a support person. The Advocate can also explain the outcome to the accused person if they cannot understand what the

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sanctions imply. These advocates can be influential in helping students avoid scenarios where they are in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Currently, we have 30 members serving on the Judicial Board and 10 Judicial Advocates. If you feel like this is something that you would

be interested in, please fill out the form at www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/judicialboard.asp and send it to Charles Alexander, University Judicial Officer at the Westside Campus Center room 300D.

Women! Want To Learn Basic Self Defense?



The Western Connecticut State University Police Department will host a Rape Aggression Defense - **RAD** class for the WCSU community.

The class will be held on:

Friday, February 19, 2010 from 4pm to 10pm and;
Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 10am to 6pm at the Midtown Student Center, room 202 (parking in the White Street garage).

There are 24 seats available so register early.

Please contact: Officer Maz Ongaro at 203-837-9300 or by email at ongarom@wcsu.edu to register (Give full name and contact number).

This class is for women only and is free of charge. You must complete both days for certification. **Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers-NO jewelry.**

RAD OBJECTIVE:

"To develop and enhance the options of self defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked."

