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# COMMUTER STUDENT E-NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME COMMUTER STUDENTS FALL 2010!

### CSO President—Ana Bortolletto

This semester marks the second semester that the Commuter Student Organization has been active on campus. The Commuter Student Organization is concerned with the concerns of commuter students and with what they want to see happen on campus. We strive to make campus more attuned to the concerns of commuters. Many commuter students do not feel part of the WCSU community, our goal is to more fully incorporate commuters into campus life. Our goal is to connect commuter students to campus activities and events, as well as to host our own events catering to commuters.

As you begin a new year at WCSU, whether this is your first semester or you are a returning student, we encourage you to get involved in campus clubs and take part in campus activities. Being actively involved on campus is key to getting the most out of your college experience.

The Commuter Student Organization is busy organizing events for this semester. **September 15<sup>th</sup>** is **Commuter Student Appreciation Day** and the **first meeting** of CSO. We will be discussing event ideas for this semester. Come if you have any suggestions, concerns, or just want to see what our club is all about!



### SGA President—Andrew R. Wetmore

Welcome Commuter Students! As the President of the Student Body for WCSU I would like to extend my best wishes for your successes this year. Once again we have all come together to become part of the West Conn Family. As a Commuter Student myself, I would like to encourage all of you to not only attend your classes on campus, but to become active in our campus life. Each student, commuter or residence, young or older, has the same access to all of the programs provided here at WCSU, so take advantage of them! While it is difficult to balance all of the rigorous scheduling, course work, and the daily grind of driving to school each day, take the time to do something fun for yourself and to become part of something great.



Whatever your ambitions may be, I assure you that the WCSU community can provide you with avenues to expand your mind and ability to help accomplish anything. While you may be living on your own, or still living at 'home', WCSU is your home no matter which way you slice it. Again best of luck this year and if there is anything I can do to assist you in your endeavors, come see me.

For more information on the Commuter Student Organization contact:

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# Featured Office of the Month:

## Hancock Student Leadership Program (HSLP): Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

We are pleased to request nominations for the 2010-11 **Hancock Student Leadership Program (HSLP)**. The first two years of the program have been very successful, with 41 student leaders selected from many disciplines across our campus. We are looking forward to welcoming our third cohort, as we continue to fine-tune and improve the program.

This initiative is designed to be experiential, and to help a diverse range of student leaders to learn how to inspire, motivate and influence others on campus. It will enhance their basic understandings of ethics, civility, communication, and compassion; team and community building; and creative problem solving and conflict management. The HSLP will also enhance student leaders' financial management skills, and other competencies associated with outstanding leadership.

Students in the program will receive small scholarships, a certificate of achievement/completion, and other benefits. Also, every student will complete a portfolio showcasing their accomplishments. Students will have the opportunity to

work closely with a mentor to develop a support network, thereby increasing their effectiveness as a student leader.

Undergraduates with 30 credits or graduate students with 6 credits are eligible to apply. **Seniors are not eligible for the program. No prior leadership experience is required.** Please apply, or encourage others to apply online, or forward the names and contact information of the students that you would like to



For more information on the Hancock Student Leadership Program, please visit our website at [www.wcsu.edu/hslp](http://www.wcsu.edu/hslp)



nominate to either Dr. Walter Bernstein or Dr. Averell Manes, via email or campus mail, and we will alert them to your nomination. **The application deadline for Hancock Student**

**Leadership Program is midnight, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

Your support and participation is essential to the success of the program.

Again, to self-nominate for the program, please visit our website and apply online. To nominate someone else, encourage them to apply online or send us their name(s) and contact information, and we will alert them to your nomination.

If you have any questions or comments about the program, please contact us. We welcome your input and involvement. Thank you.

**Walter Bernstein, Vice President of Student Affairs, (203) 837-8606**

**Averell Manes, Professor of Political Science, (203) 837-8452**

# ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

## BOOK TALK

### Book Discussions

**Sunday, Oct. 3**

Danbury Library, 2 p.m.  
Vietnamese appetizers will be served.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**

WCSU Haas Library, noon

**Tuesday, Oct. 12**

WCSU Haas Library, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**

Danbury High School Library, 2 p.m.  
for Danbury High School students & staff only

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**

Barnes & Noble, 7 p.m.  
15 Backus Avenue, Danbury

**Thursday, Oct. 21**

Borders Books & Music, 6:30 p.m.  
110 Federal Road, Brookfield

### Meet the Author Tim O'Brien

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.  
Ives Concert Hall, White Hall WCSU Midtown campus 181 White St., Danbury, CT.

*The Things They Carried*, winner of France's Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, is an unparalleled Vietnam testament, a classic work of American literature and a profound study of men at war that illuminates the capacity, and the limits, of the human heart and soul. This event is free and open to the public.

## MOVIES

### Film Screenings & Discussions

These films were selected based on their themes associated with the experience of soldiers in modern warfare, some of the same themes examined in *The Things They Carried*. Film screenings will be followed by a discussion with film buff Mark Hasskarl, Danbury Library Director.



Thursday, Oct. 7:  
WCSU, Midtown campus  
Student Center Theater, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14:  
Danbury Public Library  
Farioly Program Room, 7 p.m.



Saturday, Oct. 23:  
Bethel Cinema  
Greenwood Ave., Bethel, 10 a.m.



## ESSAY CONTEST

### Essay Contest

It's no stretch to say that each of us engages in numerous and diverse conflicts throughout our lives. Write an essay in which you discuss your greatest life challenge or conflict and the literal and spiritual "things" you "carry" to remind you of, and help you cope with, that challenge. How does Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* help you put your own challenge or conflict into perspective?

#### Instructions:

- One essay per person
- No more than 1,500 words
- All entries must be submitted online
- Essay must be received by Oct. 4, 2010

Winners will join Tim O'Brien for dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 26. In addition, a \$200 cash prize will be awarded to the winner in each of the three essay submission categories:

- High school student
- WCSU student
- Community (age 18 and over and not a high school or WCSU student)

For entry forms and essay guidelines, please visit [onebookdanbury.org](http://onebookdanbury.org).

The One Book, One Community program encourages the Danbury and Western Connecticut State University communities to read the same book during the summer and fall of 2010, then come together to discuss the text in venues throughout the city and university.

Please visit our website at [onebookdanbury.org](http://onebookdanbury.org).



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## Letter to the Veterans of WCSU

On behalf of Western Connecticut State University, I would like to proudly welcome our student veterans to campus for the start of the academic school year.

A number of our student veterans have asked for information about contacts in key offices on campus. Please note on the back panel of a brochure you should have already received, you will find a phone number (203) 837-8587, as well as an e-mail address([vetinfo@wcsu.edu](mailto:vetinfo@wcsu.edu)), dedicated specifically to student veterans, which can also be used to gain general information about campus resources and services. Also in support of other student veterans, the Student Veterans Organization became a recognized club and continues to recruit members and the student veterans now have their own lounge and study area. This space is located on the midtown campus in the Student Center Room 208. Additional details can also be found in this brochure or by contacting my office.

At this time, I cordially invite you to attend the WCSU Student Veterans Meet & Greet that will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at the midtown campus Student Center, Room 202, from noon – 2:00 p.m. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet and get to know university staff and Danbury area community representatives who work directly with, and in support of, YOU - our student veterans.

Please RSVP to [baileyd@wcsu.edu](mailto:baileyd@wcsu.edu) and do not hesitate to stop by if you require any assistance during this or any semester.

Sincerely yours,



Walter B. Bernstein, Ed.D  
Vice President for Student Affairs

## Textbook Assistance to Veterans

The Woman's Club of Danbury/New Fairfield would like to thank our service men and women currently attending Western Connecticut State University by providing three \$50 Barnes & Noble gift certificates to supplement the cost of textbooks and supplies at the WCSU Bookstore.

For those who qualify, please bring proof to Dawn A. Bailey at the Office of Student Affairs, Old Main, Room 308.

# The SPOTS for Commuters

## PAC Movie Night

Student Center Theater  
On select Fridays at 8 p.m.

## Midtown Coffeehouse

Alumni Hall  
Thursdays at 8 p.m.  
Open Mic  
Featured Performers  
Free Food and Coffee



## Warner Hall Coffee Kiosk

First Floor, Warner Hall  
Mo - Th 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Midtown Food Court

Lower Level, Student Center  
Mo - Th 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Game Room

Second Floor, Student Center  
Mo - Th 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fridays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Commuter Lounge

Second Floor, Student Center  
Normal Building Hours

## The Daily Grind

Westside Campus Center  
Sunday 6 - 11p.m.  
Mo - Th 3 - 11 p.m.  
Closed Fridays and Saturdays



All times are subject to change.