

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 1992

- I. ROLL CALL: Laura MacWhinnie and Heidi Galvin were absent. Richard Duquette was excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 1992: The Minutes were accepted.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *DAN SZENDA*
 - A. Dan recognized Greg Kanevski, Student Security Supervisor, to discuss the shuttle van route change. The shuttle will run from South Lot to Lammers Road; behind Lammers and Courtney; through the Commuter Lot onto Western Avenue and then will follow the old route through campus. The whole route will take about fifteen minutes. The shuttle will now be allowed to pick up passengers other than at the designated spots.
 - B. Dan recognized George Sicaras, the new Executive Director of Public Safety, who introduced himself to Senate and explained what Public safety will be working towards during the beginning of the new semester. Campus security vehicles will be painted (similar to cruisers) to enhance visibility. Public Safety will be issuing temporary warning violations on illegally parked cars. Tow Zone signs have been posted to ensure proper parking procedures in areas around campus. Director Sicaras is looking forward to his association with the students at WSC and plans on being accessible for their needs at the Office of Public Safety.
 - C. Dan recognized Todd Foreman, WSC staffperson for MASSPIRG, who explained programs and projects which MASSPIRG will be working towards during the 1992-1993 academic year. MASSPIRG currently has chapters at 27 universities. They are involved with the Green Ballot Campaign to encourage students to register to vote, educate them on the issues, and get them to the polls. MASSPIRG will be continuing with it's efforts for the Hunger and Homeless Campaign as well as continue efforts to educate school children and the community with it's Environmental Education project with an emphasis on recycling. Internships and career opportunities are available through MASSPIRG. Please call our office at WSC if you have any questions or are interested in knowing more about MASSPIRG.
 - D. Dan Szenda moved that Senate accept the resignation of Melissa Ziemer from her position as an All College Representative. The Motion was accepted.
 - E. Dan Szenda moved that Senate table the election of the Senate Parliamentarian until September 29 when there will be a full Legislature. The Motion was accepted.
 - F. Dan Szenda moved that Senate accept Amy Jo Conary as a Representative from the Class of 1993. The Motion was accepted.
 - G. Dan informed Senate that during the year his plans are to make students more aware of the Student Government Association and what SGA can offer as services and programs. SGA will be working to recruit and retain a diverse and organized group who are willing to work for a stronger social and academic community. The Executive Council has worked to put together an SGA informational pamphlet. Chris Skiffington and Dan will be

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distributing these pamphlets at residence halls to increase visibility and to show that we are concerned with the needs of the student body. This year we are in a situation that will allow us to develop a strong sense on community and with your help, we can achieve this.

- H. Upon the recommendation from Dr. Mazza, which was sent to the Trustees and then approved by President Applbaum, the Public Safety Commission was established and Mr. George Sicaras was hired as the temporary Acting Executive Director of Public Safety. The Public Safety Commission will be addressing issues such as staffing, scheduling and personality dynamics. Among the members of the commission are Dr. Mazza, Dr. Lopes (or designee from Academic Affairs), Mr. Paul Mei (or designee from Administration and Finance) and Dan Szenda as a representative from the Student Body. Mr. Sicaras will be reporting to this Commission.

The President's Report was accepted.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: TOM BRADY

- A. I would like to welcome everyone back. The Student Life Committee has many goals and ideas for the new year. Our main goal will be to pursue the ATM on campus. Although unsuccessful last year, I plan on working with Paul Mei, Treasurer and Budget Director, to come up with strategies to convince different banks of the potential use of the machine.
- B. The following students will be chairing the Committees which come under the jurisdiction of the Student Life position:
- Student Life Committee - Tom Brady
 - Parking Control Board - Will Gray
 - Neighborhood Association Committee - Michelle Murray
 - Health Committee - Johanna MacAllister
 - Food Services - Amy Jo Conary
 - Alcohol Review Board - Sarah Seabourne
- I am still looking for a student interested in being the chair of the Substance Abuse Awareness Committee. If anyone is interested in this, please see me. If anyone is interested in being on one of the Student Life Committees, please see the respective committee chairs.
- C. If anyone has suggestions for the Student Life Committee now or throughout the year, please don't hesitate to see me or any member on SLC.

The Vice President's Report-Student Life was accepted.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: MIKE DiBLASI

- A. This Week:
September 11 - Fun Flicks 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Ely Lounge
FREE!!!

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- September 12 - T.G.I.F. with Cliff Meyers
Barbecue with D.J. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
"Open to All" FREE!!!
- B. Upcoming:
September 26 - Jam Session with PHYSICAL GRAFFITI!!!
Ely Green starting at 1:00 p.m.
- C. Tom Stewart has an Apple I Scan that is great for publicity!!! Please use it to publicize upcoming meetings or events.
- D. The first Campus Activities Board Meeting (CAB) is to be announced but in future reports I will have all the news and information available for you.

The Vice President's Report-Programming was accepted.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: CARRIE KAMPF/TRACY RICKER

- A. I have put a basic breakdown of the budget in your mailboxes to refresh your memories. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or Tracy about any aspect of the budget.
- B. Tracy and I are working on a number of projects for the Treasury Office this year. Among them are a Handbook for office procedures, comparisons of last year's spending to this year's budget and a more specific way to define the line items. We will also be working with Andy Johnson, Assistant Director of the Campus Center, to organize a workshop for SGA Clubs to better familiarize them with procedures necessary to secure Club Account monies.
- C. We are in need of representatives for the Finance Committee. One representative from each class as well as eight other Senators will make up this Committee. A specific meeting schedule has not been determined as of yet. The Finance Committee does meet on a weekly basis.
- D. M.T.G. has contacted me regarding an allocation to cover the cost of their scripts for the fall production, "Scrooge - The Stingiest Man In Town." Due to excessive bookings in Dever during the fall semester, their rehearsal schedule has been spread out and must begin soon. Because the Finance Committee has not convened for the semester, the Executive Council has voted to recommend to Senate that an allocation to cover the amount of the scripts be given to M.T.G. Carrie Kampf moved that Senate allocate \$1,150.00 to M.T.G. for scripts. The Motion was accepted.
- E. Student Government will be purchasing a new copier for our purposes.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

VII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: STEPHANIE DUBOWIK/KATHY LEVINS

- A. Welcome back! Seating is temporary until we have a full Senate.

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- B. Attendance: Each Senator will be allowed four (4) absences as well as three (3) alternates. Missed office half hours and Committee Meetings will result in a half absence.
- C. Office Half Hours: Barbara Hand is in the SGA Office from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. We need Senators to sign up for their office half hours from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. We are requesting that no more than two (2) Senators sign up for each time slot available. If you don't sign up for a half hour by October 6, one will be assigned to you.
- D. We need ten Senators to help with the Freshman Elections. If anyone is interested, please see us after Senate. Signature Papers for Freshman Elections will be available on September 11 and are due back in the SGA Office by September 16 at 5:00 p.m. Freshman Elections will be held on September 23 and 24.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT: CHRIS SKIFFINGTON

- A. All College Committee: No Report
- B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report
- C. Student Affairs Committee: No Report
- D. Curriculum Committee: No Report
- E. Long Range Planning Committee: No Report
- F. Welcome Back and best of luck during the year! The completion date for the Astroturf has been slated for October 15, 1992 pending good weather conditions. Due to mitigating events which materialized as the project progressed, the completion date was pushed back until October 15. An AdHoc Committee is being formed in order to see that everything is being done to meet this completion date. I will keep you posted with respect to the Committee and it's findings.
- G. Other capital projects completed over the summer include: painting and floor work to academic buildings and major renovation projects in Lammers and the Apartments. The Ely Roof repairs should be completed by early December.
- H. The Board of Trustees will meet on September 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the Scanlon Living Room. Action items on the agenda are from the Finance Committee (Fiscal Year 1993 Special Purpose Trust Fund Budget), Development Committee (appointment of two Trustees to the WSC Foundation Board), and from the Personnel Committee. The following personnel are being considered for reappointment:

ATHLETIC COACHES

- Doug Allen - Beach Coach/Women's Track and Cross Country
- Ray Arra - Assistant Coach/Men's Basketball
- Richard Berger - Head Coach/Women's Basketball
- Bob Cacacelli - Assistant Coach/Baseball
- Jim Cunha - Assistant Coach/Baseball

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Lisa Guerrin - Assistant Coach/Women's Basketball
Rich Jewell - Assistant Coach/Football
John Jones - Head Coach/Baseball
David Kinne - Assistant Coach/Basketball
David Laing - Head Coach/Swimming
Robert Lawless - Head Coach/Men's Basketball
Tim Marini - Assistant Coach/Football
Steve Morino - Head Coach/Football
Al Pogarian - Assistant Coach/Basketball
Wayne Venette - Assistant Coach/Basketball

The following individuals are being considered for an appointment:

Ronald Blauvelt - Assistant Coach/Football
Thomas Brassil - Assistant Coach/Football
Kirsten Kelso - Assistant Coach/Field Hockey

The Trustees are being asked to accept the resignation of Paul Ominsky as the Director of Public Safety and the reappointment of Elizabeth Preston as an Assistant Professor in the Mass Communications Department.

- I. Efforts are being made in conjunction with the Westfield City Clerk's Office to initiate a voter registration drive before the Presidential Election. I will have more details on this effort next week and will let you know how you can help with this very critical project.
- J. Please be aware of the necessity of consistent student representation on the College Governance Committees.
- K. This year we will be making efforts at improving social responsibility across all sectors of the campus.

The Board of Trustee's Report was accepted.

IX. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: DAVE FARNELL

- A. Dave Farnell moved to accept Dave Farnell, Jen Dennis and Kevin O'Brien as representatives to Senate from the Board of Governors. Chris Skiffington restated the motion to accept Dave Farnell, Jen Dennis and Kevin O'Brien as representatives to Senate from the Board of Governors with the understanding that the Board of Governor's will submit an amendment to the Rules and Regulations Committee to make the Board of Governors and Student Government Constitutions compatible. The motion was accepted with one abstention.
- B. At the last BOG Meeting on May 4, the following members were recognized as members for the 1992-1993 academic year:
 - Laura MacWhinnie - Member at large
 - Scott Ryan - Member at large
 - Rich Duquette - Member at large
 - Jen Dennis - Commuter
 - Dave Farnell - Class of 1994

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Kevin O'Brien - Class of 1993

- C. Picnic/Patio Tables for the front of the Campus Center should be arriving soon.
- D. The Movie Theatre Screen is in and a schedule will be posted.
- E. The Owl's Nest has had many renovations. It has been expanded by 600 feet and the seating capacity is now at 275. The air ventilation system is working better than ever and provides more natural lighting.
- F. The Board of Governors will meet on Monday, September 14.

The Board of Governor's Report was accepted.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL, THIRD WORLD AND CLASSES:

A. Commuter Council: JOHN MORAN

- 1. Anyone interested in joining Commuter Council, please see me after Senate.

B. Third World: No Report

C. Sophomore Class: LEAH ORSINI

- 1. There was a Meeting with Vice President Garvey on May 11. Vice President Garvey is looking for alternate ways to fundraise beside soliciting the parents. I have asked other schools how they do their fundraising and most schools do just as we do. If anyone has any other ideas, please let any class officer know.
- 2. The Class of 1995 will be selling raffle tickets for a \$250.00 gift certificate to the bookstore. They are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Please see me after Senate if you would like to buy one.

D. Junior Class: JOHANNA MacALLISTER

- 1. The Class of 1994 made \$300.00 at our "Move-in" Fundraiser. About 20 students helped out and we covered every hall except for Davis.
- 2. Key chains are still on sale for \$1.50.
- 3. Calendars will be on on September 9.

E. Senior Class: MICHELLE MURRAY

- 1. Convocation is on September 10 at 4:00 p.m. in Dever Auditorium. Convocation is a formal beginning to the Senior's last academic year.
- 2. The Class of 1993 is selling boxer shorts. One for \$6.00 and two for \$10.00. Please see a Class Officer if you are interested.
- 3. There will be a Senior Daze on September 10 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Owl's Nest!!! You will need a validated I.D. and tickets are \$1.00. Come and celebrate being a senior and being 21!

The Commuter Council and Class Reports were accepted.

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XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Chris Skiffington moved to open New Business. The Motion was accepted.
- B. Chris Skiffington asked that anyone interested in working on the Clinton/Gore campaign should see him after Senate. This effort is part of the "College Democrats."
- C. Sarah Seabourne moved to close New Business. The Motion was accepted.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. **ANDY JOHNSON**: I need eight volunteers to participate in a Speed Writing Course which is being paid for by the Campus Center. Carrie Kampf, Tracy Ricker, Karen McManus, Michelle Murray, Stephanie Dubowik, Kathy Levins and Ted Christ volunteered for this course.
- B. **KEVIN BARNARD**: The first issue of The Owl will be out on September 9. It is a four page informational paper. The next edition will be out on September 21 and the deadline for submissions is September 15.
- C. **KATHY LEVINS**: We need ten students for the Elections Committee.
- D. **DAN SZENDA**: We are looking for new Advisors. A memo will be sent to all Faculty, Staff and Administration.

XV. ROLL CALL: Laura MacWhinnie and Heidi Galvin each received half an absence.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie A. Dubowik

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Secretary

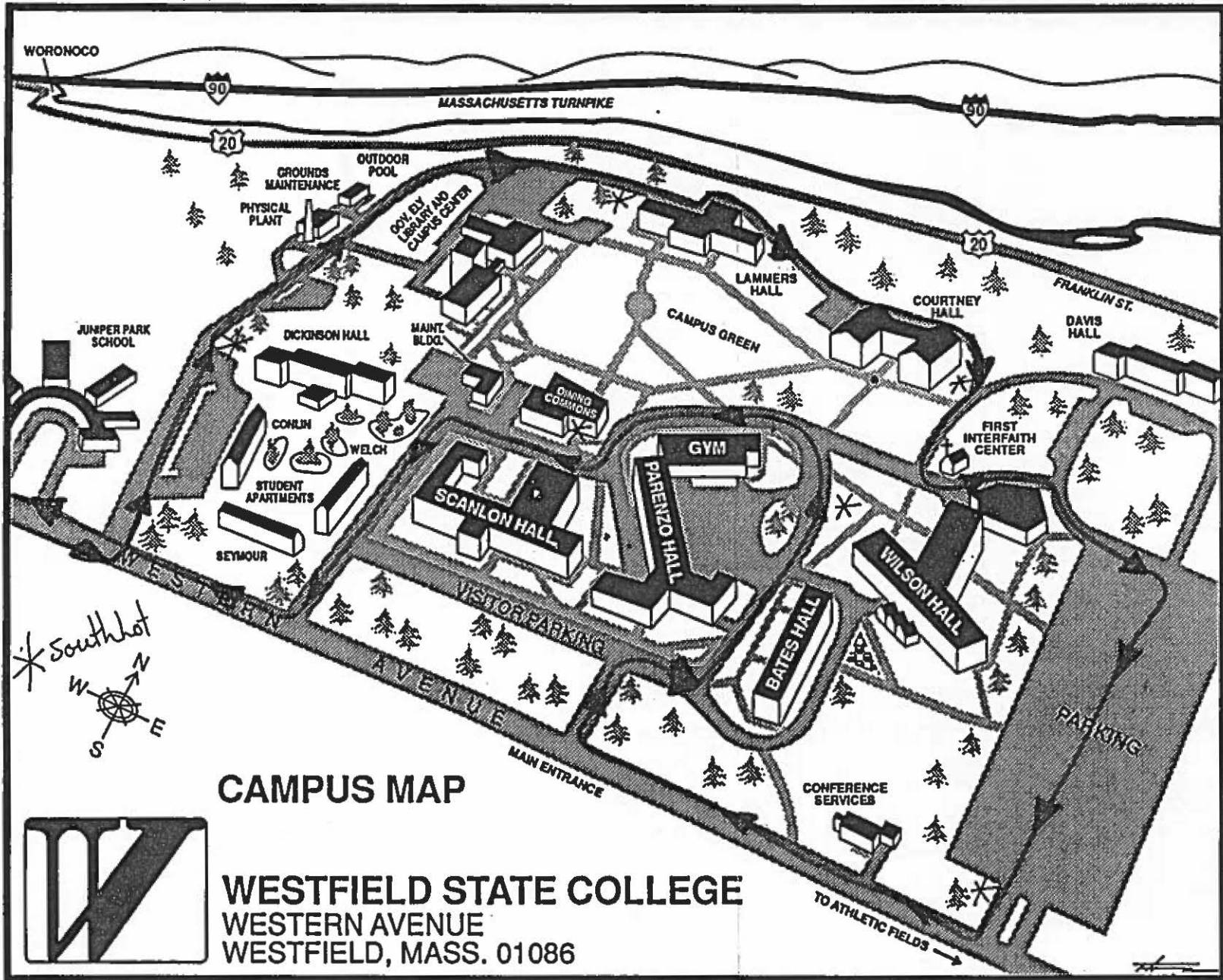
Kathleen A. Levins

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Assistant Secretary

SAD/KAL/bh

cc: Dr. Mazza Tom Stewart
Peg Civello Dorothy Phelps
Daryl Hendery Edna Wilander
Adrene Adams Kelly Rose
Andy Johnsson Michelle St. Jacques

Shuttle



Key to Abbreviations of Classroom Listings

- P - Parenzo Hall (First building on campus from main entrance)*
- B - Bates Hall (Two story older building near Commuter Parking Lot)
- W - Wilson Hall (Four story modern building near Commuter Parking Lot)*
- E - Ely (Student Union Building, drive through entrance near Juniper Park School)**
- SUT - Student Union Theatre (Located in Ely)
- FSC - Framingham State College
- FPA - Framingham Police Academy
- J. PARK - Juniper Park School (Elementary School past main campus)

*Handicap accessible
 **Location of Library and Bookstore

Shuttle Route
 15 min @

* Shuttle Stop

Starts 7AM
 Monday to Friday
 10AM

Saturday & Sunday

Ends 2AM
 Nixly except
 Thursday 3AM

Dept of Public Safety



TO: ~~Student Leaders~~
FROM: Thomas E. Stewart, Student Activities Coordinator
DATE: September 1992

Welcome back to Westfield. I hope your summer was fun and prosperous. On behalf of the student activities office, we would like to offer student leaders/groups assistance in the area of student activity programming.

Many changes have occurred in the student activities office. The first is the location. We have moved into Ely 131 and will be sharing that office with Andy Johnson, who will be assisting us in student activity programming.

Secondly, we have purchased some new equipment that will enhance our publicity capabilities. We now have an apple I scanner which allows us to scan photographs into the computer, which in turn will produce high quality looking flyers, posters, and other documents. Student leaders/groups can request flyers to be produced through this scanner. We expect many student leaders/groups to take advantage of this opportunity and we will do our best to fulfill everyone's need. The scanner is not the only publicity tool that is available to student leaders/groups. To gain the most out of our office we suggest that you set up an appointment with our secretary Dorothy Phelps at ext. 648 and we will gladly give you a tour.

Thirdly, if any student leader/group needs assistance in events management - from planning to implementation to evaluation we would be happy to assist you. We will cover items such as budgeting, brainstorming, contracts, room reservation forms, etc. Each Tuesday between 4pm - 5pm our office is open to help leaders/groups with the specific needs. So make it a point to stop by. Also, please see the attached list of student development workshops. These workshops were created in response to the student leadership meeting, which was held in May to select topics of interest for students.

Also, we have some funding available to student leaders/groups. Just drop by the programming office and pick up a co-sponsor form. Fill the form out and return to the office. We will try to honor everyone's request.

Finally, please pass on this information to anyone you think would benefit. I know your Vice-President for Student Programming Mike Diblasi is very excited about the school year. Any questions please call us at ext. 449. Thank you and I wish you luck in your programming endeavors.

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Westfield, Massachusetts 01086
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9/21/92	Public Higher Education "How Does It Work"	Maureen Fitzgerald Tim Murphy
10/5/92	Interpersonal Skills	Bob Saisi
10/19/92	Ethics - "Moral Duty & Obligation	Gerald Tetrault
10/29/92	History of Westfield State College	Robert Brown
11/2/92	Accepting & Celebrating Human Differences	Kathi Bradford Joan Fuller
11/16/92	Building Teamwork	Robert Culkeen Don Humason
11/23/92	How To Lead - "Leadership In The 90's"	William Lopes
11/30/92	Following Through With Leadership Responsibility After You Have The Position	Susan Basque
12/7/92	How To Participate In A Meeting (Conducting vs. Attending)	Robert Martin

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TO: STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
FROM: TREASURY OFFICE
DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
RE: BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993

OPERATIONS ACCOUNT #1

Supplies	1,000.00
Office Equipment (copier)	3,000.00
Copier Maintenance	1,000.00
NAC	500.00
Scholarships	2,000.00
Secretarial	9,147.60
Legal Services	3,000.00
Awards Night	3,320.00
Memberships & Subscriptions	1,000.00
Conferences	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>4,900.00</u>
TOTAL	33,867.60

PROGRAMMING ACCOUNT #2

General Programming	40,250.00
Leadership/Ropes Course	2,000.00
NACA Conference	2,000.00
Banquet	6,580.00
Senior Subsidy	5,000.00
Spring Weekend	<u>21,000.00</u>
TOTAL	76,830.00

CLUB ACCOUNT #3

Commuter Council	200.00
National Student Exchange	5,000.00
NACDA Insurance	2,500.00
Owl	13,500.00
Tekoa	15,500.00
WSKB	3,500.00
All other clubs	<u>25,250.00</u>
TOTAL	65,450.00

PVTA 22,800.00

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS 198,947.60

All totals are minus 2% collectable and based on 2850 students

JOIN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS SGA?

The Student Government Association is the longest standing open forum on campus. SGA consists of the Senate and the Executive Council.

The Senate is made up of 75 seats which are filled by representatives from each Class, Residence Hall and Commuters, as well as the Campus Center Board of Governors, The Third World Organization and "All College Representatives."

The Executive Council consists of eight members who are elected through a campus-wide election. The President, Vice-President of Student Life, Vice-President of Programming, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Student Member of the Board of Trustees make up this Council.

WHAT DOES SGA DO?

The function of the Student Government Association is to represent student interests in all social and academic aspects of the college community. SGA's main function is to allocate and oversee the Student Activity Trust Fund.

Some academic responsibilities of SGA include:

- Representation on College Governance Issues
- Proposing and Voting on Campus Policies
- Assistance in Curriculum Development

Some social responsibilities of SGA include:

- Sponsoring Campus Events and Activities
- Coordination of Student Life
- Oversight of SGA Clubs and Organizations

WHY DID THEY JOIN?

Michael DiBlasi
Class Of 1993
Business Major

"I joined SGA because I wanted to plan events for my class as an officer. I enjoyed Senate so much that I ran for V.P. Programming and now I plan events for the whole campus. Come join us and make a difference!"

Carrie Kampf
SGA Treasurer
Political Science Major

"I joined SGA because I feel there is no better way to improve campus life than to work with committed fellow students who really care about issues. The professional experience you gain is invaluable and I have had an exciting three years which I would not trade for anything."

Ted Christ
Class of 1995
Education Major

"I got involved with Student Government because I felt it was the best way for me to voice my opinions. SGA allows me the opportunity to work with other students and administrators in the running of the college. Don't sit by and watch things happen - get involved."

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

SGA's Purpose is so diversified that there is something in it for everyone. No matter what your major is or what your interests are, SGA is right for you! SGA provides an excellent opportunity to have your voice and opinions heard by the faculty and administration. Your participation in SGA will help you learn valuable skills in leadership and team work. SGA is also a great way to meet new people. Join SGA - you will gain professional experience and make a difference while building lifelong relationships.

HOW DO YOU JOIN SGA?

If you are interested in becoming involved with SGA, curious about what seats are available, or just have a question or concern, stop by the Senate Room located in the lower level of the Ely Campus Center or call Extension 429.

SGA meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Senate Room. Meetings are open and all are encouraged to attend.



TO: Student Organizations Officers and Advisors
FROM: Andrew Johnson // Assistant Director-Campus Center
SUBJ: Club Fair
DATE: August 26, 1992

The Campus Center will be hosting the second annual Club Fair on Wednesday, September 16, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The Club Fair is an opportunity for students associated with a particular group or club to acquaint other students with their organization and programs. It is a chance to recruit new members, advertise upcoming events, and strut your stuff in front of the entire College community. Last fall, over 25 student organizations participated in this event and with your help I know we can top that this year. Below is a list of the 52 WSC clubs and organizations invited to attend.

If your group would like to take part in this program and you want us to reserve a booth for you, please contact me at ext. 442, or come by my office in the Campus Center, room E-131. In case of rain, the Club Fair will be held in Main Lounge of the Campus Center. The Campus Activities Board will supply refreshments free-of-charge.

Recognized WSC Student Organizations:

Accounting Club
Alpha Club
Art Club
Biology Club
Boxing Club
Business Club
Campus Activities Board
Campus Center Board of Governors
Cheerleading Club
Circle-K
Class of 1993
Class of 1994
Class of 1995
Class of 1996
Commuter Council

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Homecoming 1992 - Festival Sales

Homecoming 1992 will take place the weekend of October 16, 17, and 18, 1992. The Festival will be held at the Turf the afternoon of Saturday, October 17, 1992. The Festival is an annual event in which clubs and organizations earn money by sponsoring food vendors; or by the direct sale of Seiler-provided food or beverages; or through the sale of non-food items and services.

The attached Festival Sales Intention Response Form is designed to permit groups to choose the same fund-raiser item that they chose last year, if possible, or to select something new, if desirable. The Festival Sales Intention Response Form eliminates the duplication of sales items. Tickets for items will be sold in increments of \$.50 and \$1.00; please plan your prices accordingly. Reminder: All Food from Seiler's Food Service must be ordered well in advance of the sale day. Vendor information is available in the Office of Conference Services, Extension 432. Our working together for a successful Festival is in all our best interests. Thank you for your participation and your commitment to the individual organization you represent.

Please return the attached Festival Sales Intention Response Form ~~to the Office of Conference Services~~ to: THE OFFICE OF CONFERENCE SERVICES.

ASAP

1992 FESTIVAL SALES INTENTION RESPONSE FORM

ORGANIZATION/CLUB: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

SALE ITEM:

1. We wish to sell the same item we sold last year, which was:

2. We wish to sell:

3. We wish to sponsor an outside vendor:

NEEDS: Table(s):# _____ Chair(s): # _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED _____

MASSPIRG

MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

September 8, 1992

Dear Student Leader,

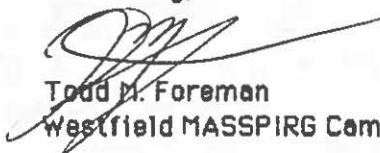
Welcome back. As the semester begins, I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce you to MASSPIRG, give you a brief overview of our accomplishments last semester, and let you know about our plans for this fall. As you probably know, MASSPIRG (Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group) is a statewide, student directed, environmental and consumer group with 27 student chapters and 120,000 citizen members. By voting to pool their resources through a \$5 per semester, per student, waivable, fee, students are able to hire a staff of professional lobbyists and campus staff to help coordinate their efforts on these public interest issues.

Last year was a very busy and successful one for the MASSPIRG chapter here at Westfield. Westfield students aided in gathering the over 120,000 signatures collected statewide by students to put two initiatives on the ballot this November. We also held a voter registration drive for students here at Westfield, and participated in a nationwide Hunger Clean-up to raise money for the hungry and homeless.

This semester our focus will be on the Green Ballot campaign. This is a project in which we will be registering students to vote, educating them on the issues, and getting them to the polls. We will also continue our work on the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign, and will be working to educate local schoolchildren and the community in our Environmental Education project.

As a student leader, you have taken it upon yourself to lead the way on these issues in order to have better projects on campus, and to further student involvement in the community here at Westfield. Several ways to do that are listed below. If you are interested in working with MASSPIRG, please clip off the slip below and return it to our mailbox. I look forward to meeting you and working with you this semester. This will be a fun and exciting term here at Westfield.

Sincerely,



Todd M. Foreman
Westfield MASSPIRG Campus Staffperson

YES, I would like to support MASSPIRG by:

- Allowing a MASSPIRG rep. to give a 5 min. presentation at the first mtg. of yr.
- Entering a coalition on a MASSPIRG project(s)

- Green Ballot Enviro. Ed. Hunger & Homelessness
- Helping to run an event on campus
- Volunteering

Name _____ Room# _____ Phone _____