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Editor's Note

I would like to thank all the students who submitted their papers to the *Social Sciences Journal*. There were a variety of excellent papers to choose from, which made the task of selection more involved than I had imagined. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Manes. Her dedication to the students as well as WestConn has been exemplary. Her guidance has been essential in the completion of this journal. I would also like to thank my assistant editors, Jenna Sommo and Schuyler Merritt, whose assistance throughout the entire process was invaluable. I would like to thank Jane Walsh, who assisted in the layout and copyediting of the journal in order to prepare it for printing and also Christina Faye, who helped with the cover design this year. Lastly, I would like to thank the Student Government Association for providing the funds to print the journal.

The position of editor has taught me a great many lessons about the process and the intricacies involved in putting all the pieces of a journal together. I could not have had this valuable experience without the help of Dr. Manes. Thank you.

After selecting all the papers for this year's journal, I saw a theme that presented itself through those papers. That theme is reflected in the cover of the journal. The WCSU emblem signifies the ties with the local community and the flags in the background reflect the international connection that has been presented in the papers written by our colleagues.

Finally, I would like to address the content of this year's *Social Sciences Journal*. There are some papers that contain language and material that may not be suitable for all readers. My intent was not to offend any readers, however I have chosen not to censor any language or material. I hope you enjoy reading these papers as much as I have.