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RESOLUTION

concerning

GIFT TO WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

from

PERKIN-ELMER CORP.

September 4, 1981

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James A. Frost

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Executive Director

The News-Times

Danbury, Conn. 06810, Friday, August 21, 1981

Perkin-Elmer gives WestConn computer system

By Cathy Shufro
News-Times staff

DANBURY — Western Connecticut State College has received its third major private gift: a \$319,000 computer system donated by Perkin-Elmer Corp.

Gov. William A. O'Neill accepted the gift on behalf of the college yesterday afternoon, calling the donation "a perfect example of business and the public sector working together." About 150 businessmen, college officials and politicians attended the presentation at Perkin-Elmer's Wooster Heights Optical Technology plant, the largest of the firm's 17 locations in Danbury, Ridgfield, Wilton and Norwalk.

Perkin-Elmer President Horace G. McDonell Jr. spoke of his company's "deep roots" in Connecticut as the region's largest industrial employer. Headquartered in Norwalk since 1950, the firm employs 5,300 people in western Connecticut and 15,500 worldwide.

McDonell called the donation of the company-made computer system "a gesture of gratitude and an investment in our future." He said the gift would benefit his company when Perkin-Elmer needs new employees with the computer skills WestConn will now be able to teach, and when present employees need further education or a place to send their children to college.

McDonell said the Danbury area can avoid evolving into a cluster of "bedroom communities" if industry provides jobs for young people who grow up here. He said the community should foster "modern" industry in the region and support WestConn so it can train young people in the skills that industry will need.

Yesterday's donation added momentum to the campaign begun by former college President Robert M. Bersi to strengthen WestConn by seeking the support of private corporations in Fairfield County. Stemming from a request by Bersi and former business school dean Stephen Feldman, the gift pushed the value of private gifts to the college to \$1.4 million in less than two years. According to Feldman, now WestConn president, that is the largest private endowment for any public college or university in New England.

The first major gift was \$500,000 donated in January 1980 by Nathan S. Ansell, chairman of the Danbury-based Ethan Allen furniture company, along with a \$100,000 donation from the company itself. Another large gift of an undisclosed amount came last spring from the estate of the late Danbury businessman Robert S. Young.

The Perkin-Elmer gift is the first not earmarked for the college's business school. When the "Perkin-Elmer Computer Center" is ready early in 1982, it will be a resource for students and faculty members studying a wide range of disciplines, according to Feldman.

Feldman said Perkin-Elmer has made a "tremendous contribution," allowing WestConn to provide a better education to its 5,600 full- and part-time students without spending taxpayers' money.

Perkin-Elmer is a multinational corporation that produces high technology products, including computers, instruments for chemical analysis and for flight navigation, flame sprayers that apply heated metal coatings to protect machine parts, and, in Danbury, electro-optical equipment such as laser warning systems for national defense, remote sensors for space exploration, and the huge NASA space telescope now being built here and scheduled to go into space in 1985.

According to WestConn Professor John H. Rimmier, the central data processor, 18 user terminals, page printers, and computer programs donated by the company comprise a "state-of-the-art" system. The Perkin-Elmer Model 3230 32-bit mini-computer could be used by students studying business, mathematics and sciences, English, sociology and other subjects, according to Rimmier. He heads the business school's one-year-old concentration in management information systems, a major teaching the business uses for data processing.

Rimmier said the system will be central to the studies of the 500 students studying management information systems and its more technical counterpart, computer science.

"I think it's going to allow us to develop one of the finest management information systems and computer science programs that any institution in the country can offer," said Rimmier.

Rimmier said the system will improve teaching if instructors use computer programs in their lesson plans. By turning over some of the teaching to the computer, the instructors will free time to be spent with students, he said.

He said business students will be able to try the "data-based" style of management that relies on large amounts of computerized information; mathematics students can use computers to work on formulas; and English students can edit texts on the cathode ray tube terminals.

"It makes the student much more attractive to industry when they go out to get a job," said Rimmier. "That's the essence of the program, to turn out students who are as knowledgeable as possible in the use of computers."

The computer can be programmed with five languages: Cobol, Fortran, Basic, RPG II, and Pascal. WestConn's present computers are only programmable in three of those languages.

Rimmier said the new system will ease overcrowding at terminals for the two smaller computers already owned by WestConn. Those two will be used mostly by the administration once the Perkin-Elmer system is on line.

The user terminals donated by Perkin-Elmer will be placed on both side campuses. The central processor will be housed on the westside campus, in the nearly complete new classroom building which is slated as the home of the college's Ancell School of Business beginning next January.

Perkin-Elmer spokesman Charles Dayton said his company and others will be looking for employees schooled in the use of computers. "When you think about it, computers are really pervasive," he said. "A background in computers is going to be absolutely necessary for many people who go into the job market in the coming years."

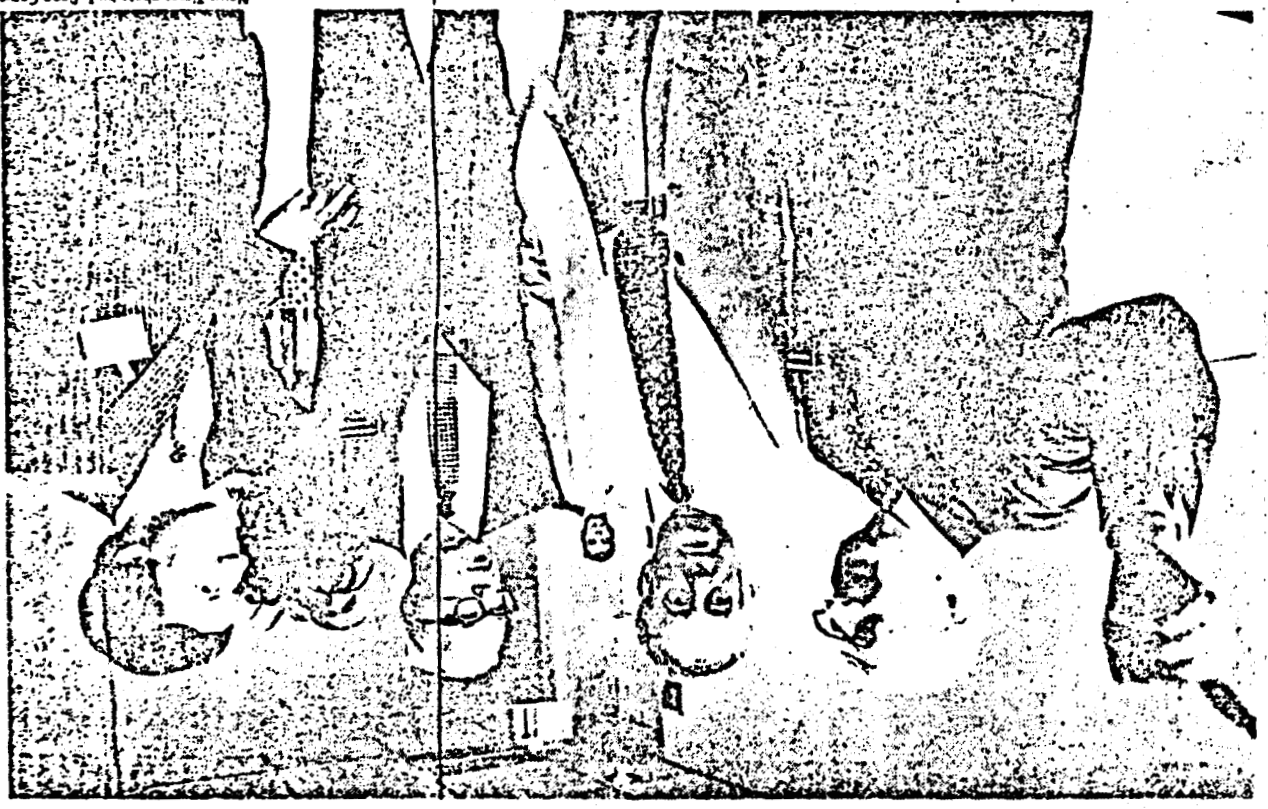
Data processing brings in a little more than 20 percent of Perkin-Elmer's \$1.1 billion in annual sales, according to Dayton. The company pioneered commercial production of 32-bit minicomputers in the mid-1970's. Until then, the smaller computers were "16-bit"; only the million-dollar "mainframe" computers were 32-bit. The relatively new and less expensive 32-bit minicomputers can store more data in a single operation and can call up or process more data with a single command than 16-bit minicomputers.

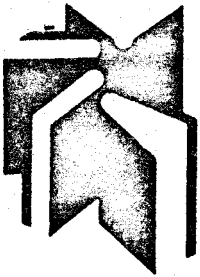
Perkin-Elmer was named one of the nation's five best-managed companies last December by Duns's Review, a financial journal.

Celebrating gift

Celebrating Perkin-Elmer's gift of a computer to Western Connecticut State College yesterday, Perkin-Elmer President Horace G. McDonnell Jr. points out the window at Perkin-Elmer's Woolter Heights plant toward the new WestConn campus on the hillside. McDonnell is accompanied, from left, by Gov. William A. O'Neill, Perkin-Elmer Chairman Robert H. Sorensen and WestConn President Stephen Feldman.

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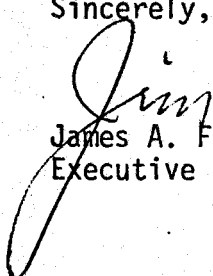
Mr. Robert H. Sorensen
Chairman of the Board
Mr. Horace G. McDonell, Jr.
President
Perkin-Elmer Corp.
Main Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06856

Dear Mr. Sorensen and Mr. McDonell:

The enclosed Resolution accomplishes the legal acceptance of the Perkin-Elmer Computer for use by Western Connecticut State College. At a later date the Board will pass a Resolution naming the Computer Center. My thought is that a copy of this second Resolution would be given to Perkin-Elmer and another would be posted at the Computer Center. These copies would be on parchment.

When you and Steve Feldman arrive at the name you wish for the Center, Steve will inform me and I will take care of the details. Again, I thank you and your colleagues at Perkin-Elmer for the gift.

Sincerely,


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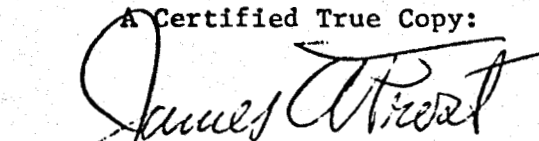
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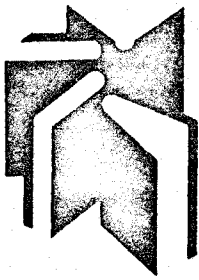
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Mr. Robert H. Sorensen
Chairman of the Board
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Dear Mr. Sorensen:

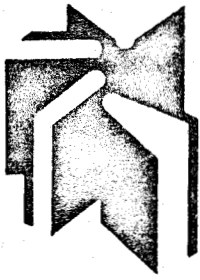
August 20 is a day I shall long remember. The computer system will greatly enhance the programs of instruction and research at Western Connecticut State College. My colleagues and I are very grateful. Of equal importance is your support of the College which is evidenced by the Perkin-Elmer gift. If Western is to serve the citizens of Western Connecticut adequately, it must cooperate with and have the support of the business community. August 20 demonstrated that such cooperation and support is in place.

It was a gala occasion. The Governor's presence added to the importance of the day. The remarks made by you and Mr. McDonell were in keeping with the event and very encouraging to all who represent the College. I am very grateful for the opportunity you gave me to add my own remarks.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. McDonell:

The gift of a computer to Western Connecticut State College by Perkin-Elmer is an event which I will long remember. The donation reflects the confidence you and your colleagues have in Steve Feldman and Western. Your remarks and those of Mr. Sorensen indicated the expectation of continued cooperative efforts by Perkin-Elmer and the College. I am convinced that only close cooperation between the College and the business community will enable Western to serve the growing needs of Fairfield County and the surrounding area.

It was an exciting day. The presence of the Governor and many corporate executives added to its importance. I am grateful to have had a small part in the proceedings.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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