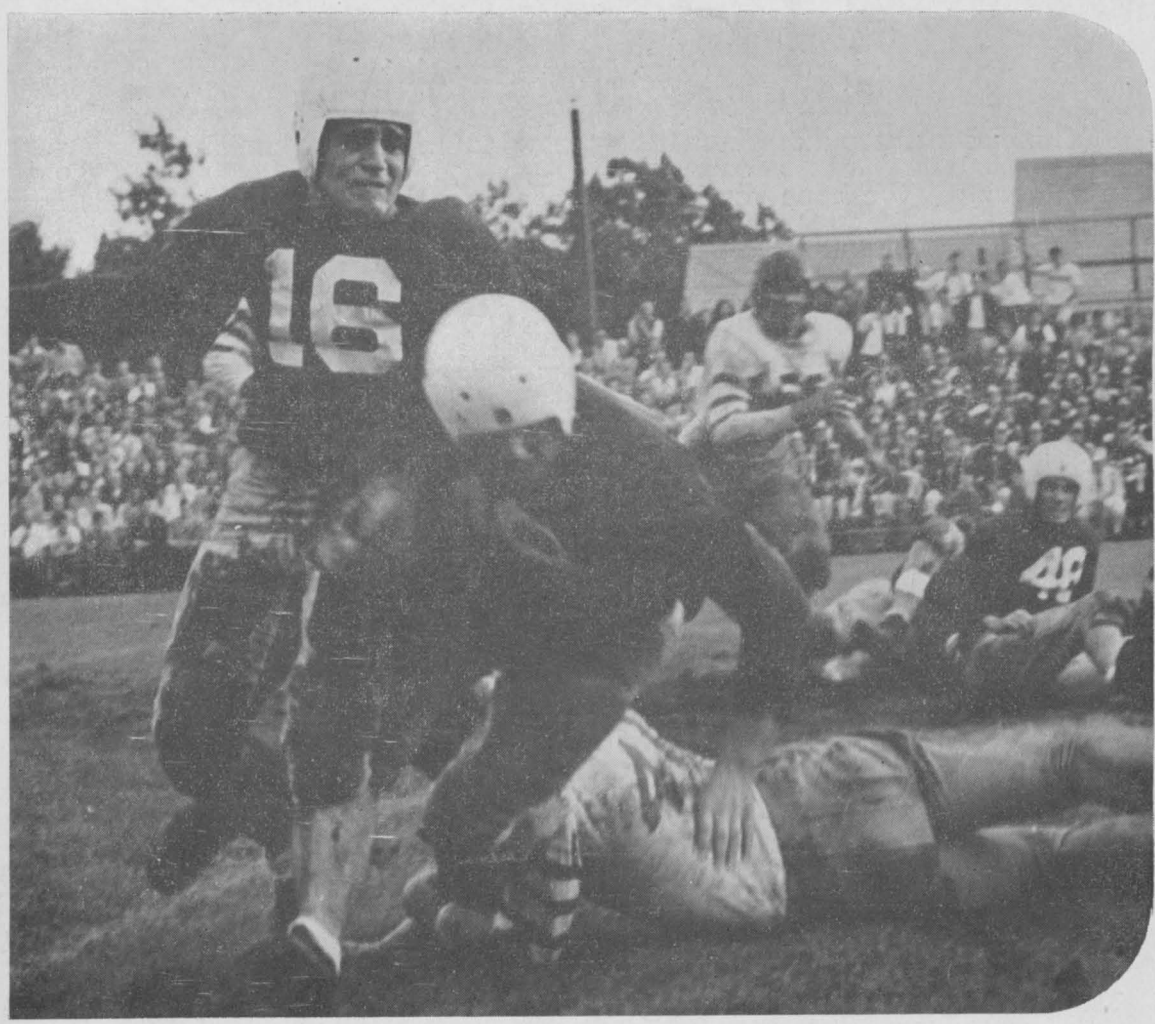


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## ***An Introduction***

This issue introduces something new to Wagner alumni, their own quarterly alumni magazine. We hope you like it. It isn't entirely as we would like it to be, but we'll keep trying to make it a magazine Wagner alumni will look forward to and read eagerly. Help us in this effort with your suggestions and criticisms. Help us, too, with news items, latest addresses, etc. The Link is intended to be what its name implies — the link between Alma Mater and her alumni.

## ***The Cover picture***

The picture on the cover was taken during the thrilling 13-13 tie with Hofstra October 2. The player with the anguished expression is Jay Quintana (16) who scored both touchdowns with runs of 44 and 29 yards and kicked the tying extra point. Carrying the ball is Chris Kartalis, quarterback. The player in the sitting position is Jim Gilmartin, pass catching end. In the background is part of the crowd of three thousand who saw the game.

## Alumni Loyalty Fund Goal Set at \$2500

Wagner alumni have undertaken to raise \$2500 in 1948-49. This goal was set by the alumni themselves at a business meeting held on the Hill, Friday, October 1. Eight hundred dollars will be used to pay for two scholarships: one thousand dollars will be given to the college endowment fund; seven hundred dollars will be used for alumni office expense, including the cost of *The Link*.

One of the scholarships provided for in this goal was voted at the annual meeting last June. It was given the name "Alumni Memorial Scholarship" at the October meeting, and was set aside as a memorial to Wagner men lost in the Second World War. This scholarship is now held by Miss Margaret Raufer of Bridgeport, Conn., an exceptional student who would not have been able to attend Wagner but for this scholarship.

The October meeting also approved a recommendation that the holder of this scholarship be permitted to keep it during her college career, provided she continues to meet the standards of the faculty committee on scholarship. Also approved was the enlargement of the alumni executive committee to include the two immediate past presidents, the alumni secretary, and the chairman of the Trustees Committee on Alumni Interests.

Honored at the meeting were past presidents of the Association—George Aus, Joe Flotten, Connie Reisch, Henry Endress, Joe Cawley, Carl Sutter, and Wesley Rogler. The first three were unable to be present, but a telegram from Reisch was read and Flotten 'phoned his regrets.

President Langsam told alumni of the latest developments on the Hill, and Alumni Secretary Krahrmer spoke of the year's plans. Next after Homecoming will be a January meeting with Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, as expected speaker.

### The New Alumni Officers

Elected president of the Alumni Association at its annual meeting last June was the Rev. Walter Bock '38. Other officers elected were Chris Holmstrup '39, vice-president; Virginia Mackoy Trautman '40, secretary; and the Rev. Herman Meyer '11, treasurer. Elected to the College Council was Joe Cawley '35, with Dr. Frederic Sutter '94 elected to the Board of Athletic Control.

Appointed by President Bock to the Board of Traditions were Bob Olwig '35 and Roy Cutter '41. Bock also augmented the Alumni Association executive committee, as voted by the October 1 meeting, by appointing Dr. Wesley Rogler '34 and the Rev. Carl Sutter '29, the two immediate past presidents, the Rev. Joseph Flotten '26, chairman of the Trustees Committee on Alumni Interests, and Al Krahrmer '27, General Alumni Secretary.

Dr. Sutter also represents the alumni on the College Council, with Dr. Charles Accettola '36, our other representative on the Board of Athletic Control.

### Alumni Meet in Philadelphia October 11

A highly successful Alumni dinner meeting was held in Philadelphia on Monday evening, October 11. One hundred and thirty-two persons were present, a number which included sixty-seven members of the Wagner choir entourage. Thanks to Gus Weber '28, arrangements had been made with the Central YMCA to take care of the dinner, which had, necessarily, to be over early to enable the choir to sing at Town Hall, Philadelphia, at 7:15.

Held in connection with the biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, the dinner meeting brought together alumni from the Philadelphia area, as well as alumni from distant parts of the country who were delegates to the convention. Alumni from Texas, Nebraska, New Jersey, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania were present, including The Rev. H. E. Wahrman '94 and Dr. George Drach '94.

Three short speeches by Dr. Langsam, Wally Bock, and Al Krahrmer and music by the choir made up the brief program. This is but the first of a series of regional alumni gatherings planned for the coming year.

### The Latch is Off!

Want to get your name in *The Link*? It's easy. Just drop in at the Alumni Office (Room 7, Administration Building) and say hello. We want alumni to get the habit of stopping in to see the Alumni Secretary.

September visitors were Joe Eisenburg '48, George Tamke '48, Frank Betancourt '41, Connie Reisch '20, Bob Olwig '35, Dr. Frederic Sutter '94, Dr. Henry Dickert '09, John Klahn '32, Lillian Intemann, RN'47, and Tex Kern '24.

## November 6 Is Homecoming

November 6 has been selected as Alumni Homecoming Day this season. The featured football game will be against Susquehanna, always a great team to watch with its Paul and Alonzo Stagg razzle-dazzle. The Wagner Seahawks are also something to see this year, all of which indicates an interesting, exciting game.

The game begins at two o'clock. The Wagner band, resplendent in beautiful new uniforms, will be on hand to provide gobs of football spirit. Between the halves we hope to introduce the members of the first Wagner football team. After the game, the annex to the Guilden will be open for alumni (you can get your supper there, too). The fraternities and sororities are planning entertainment for their alumni members; in the evening will be the annual Homecoming Dance. We are looking for a big turnout!

Staten Island alumni are being urged to invite out-of-towners to stay overnight in their homes. We're sorry we can't offer overnight accommodations on the campus this year, but there ought to be enough Staten Island alumni homes to take care of those who come.

Every alumnus ought to make a special effort to be here. The very name "Homecoming" suggests a return to a place of cherished memories and old friends. Sure, the old homestead has changed a bit since the time some of us were here, but it's still the same old Alma Mater with its "one fraternal spirit, its sweet maternal reign." Come and see for yourself, November 6.

### Alumni on the Hill

A Wagner alumni chapter could be started on the campus any day. No fewer than fourteen alumni are now working on the Hill in administrative or faculty posts. The Rev. Harold Haas '39 is lecturer in Sociology, Marguerite Hess '43 is Registrar, Director of Admissions, and Director of the Evening Session, Trygve Jensen '43 is Instructor in Chemistry, Edythe Kershaw '44, Instructor in Bacteriology. Chaplain of the college and Associate Professor of Religious Studies is Paul J. Kirsch '33. Back on the campus again is Milton H. Kleintop '23, associate professor of English.

Susette Meyer '41 is Instructor in Biology and Nursing. Ian Morrison '48 is the new Assistant to the Dean. Robert Olwig '35, night editor of the Staten Island *Advance*, is a lecturer in Journalism. The Rev. Theodore Palleske '98 is teaching German, while Herb Sutter '31 is Professor of Physical Education and Director of Athletics. Carl Sutter '29 has taken over an evening session class in Religion. Fred Willecke '40 is Assistant Professor of German, and then, of course, there are Lois Dickert '46 and Al Krahrmer '27 in the publicity and alumni offices.

### MEET THE NEW ALUMNI STAFF

It's a New Deal in the Alumni Office this fall. Fred Willecke '40 has relinquished his duties as General Alumni Secretary to do what he's been wanting to do for a long time—teach German on a full-time basis — and he now holds an assistant professorship. It took two to replace Fred. Step up and meet them!

Al Krahrmer '27 is the new Alumni Secretary. Graduated in 1927, Al came back in 1929 for his B.A. degree, got his M.A. in English literature from Columbia in 1930, and was graduated from Mt. Airy Seminary in 1933. Ordained in 1934 he served as pastor of two Long Island churches, and was president of the Long Island Conference for two years. Married in 1934 to Rosine Ludwig, he has two daughters, Judy, Wagner '57, and Carolyn, class of 1964. He is partial to the Brooklyn Dodgers and enthusiastic about his new job. He insists that in alumni work he be called "Al."

Balancing old-timer Al is Lois Dickert '46, who acts as assistant to Krahrmer in both his jobs as Director of Publicity and Alumni Secretary. Lois was Director of Publicity at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N. Y., and assistant editor of *The Lutheran*. Pleasant, capable, and enthusiastic, she is a real addition to the alumni office.

Stop in and meet them both. Room 7 of the Ad Building is the place.

### WAGNERIANS IN EUROPE

"I hope to have Al Krahrmer organize alumni chapters in those areas where there are a considerable number of Wagner alumni," says Wagner's President Walter Langsam. Taking him at his word, we are looking up Atlantic flight schedules, for there are, or have been, many Wagnerians in Europe this year.

Martin Dietrich '32 is the European representative of the U.S.A. Committee of the Lutheran World Federation with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Carl Yaeger '46 is Lutheran World Relief Commissioner with CRALOG in the British zone of Germany. John Bauchmann '23 has just sailed for Germany to act in a similar capacity in the American zone of Germany.

Dr. Frederick Reissig '17, executive secretary of the Washington (D.C.) Federation of Churches, was in Europe from January until late September as Public Relations officer of the World Council of Churches, first in Geneva, and later at its great convention in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

One of the delegates to the World Council Assembly in Amsterdam was our own "Prof" Stoughton. Prof was one of the speakers in a broadcast from Amsterdam heard in America over both NBC and ABC networks on Sunday, September 5. Touring in Europe this summer and a visitor at the Amsterdam Assembly was Joe Flotten '26. Joe had his troubles in Paris with the French taxi drivers.

Also in Europe was Gus Weber '28, director of religious studies at The Hill School, Pottstown, Pa. Gus (we just can't call him "Dr." Weber, as we should) was the leader of a group of ten boys who spent three months in Europe as part of the Experiment-in-Living program. One month the group lived in a camp at the University of Munich, working with native students in the construction of a permanent dormitory. For another month the group split up and lived with German families.

Ali Shaw '46 is at medical school in Wallasey, Cheshire, England, and just a month ago Frederick Teahan '42 sailed for Ireland to continue study for his doctorate in English literature. Teahan, who has also done graduate work at Columbia, will write a thesis on literary activities in Augustan Dublin.

Luther Kirsch '39 has just returned from Finland where he has been doing relief work for the American Friends Service Committee. Two more alumni are in Denmark—Aase Christensen '48 and Claus Fog '48, and Pastor W. Weidhaus '11 is minister of a church in Hamburg, Germany.

So if you ring the Alumni office and ask for Al Krahrmer, you may hear Lois Dickert tell you, "He's not in. He's in Europe organizing the Wagner alumni chapter there." Note to Dr. Langsam: "How about a trip to Boulder, Colorado, to organize Johnny Futch's? ajk."

### Hats Off Department

We tip our hats in gratitude to Frank Betancourt '41 and George Tamke '48 who dreamed up the appropriate name of *The Link* for this magazine and who designed its cover . . . to Gus Weber '28, who willingly accepted the tough assignment of finding an inexpensive place for the alumni to eat in Philly on October 11, and, what's more, found one . . . to the nursing chapter of the alumni and its chairman, Lillian Intemann, RN '47, for an active program and for real co-operation with the alumni office . . . to Joe Cawley '35 who is rounding up all his classmates for the Homecoming game . . . to Connie Reisch '20 for his fine telegram read at the October 1 meeting . . . to Austin Bosch '31 and Ernie Meyer '32, both of whom drove over from Long Island for the Panzer and Hofstra games . . . to Hector Quintana '40 who continues to do his best to steer prospective students to Wagner . . . to Herman Meyer '11 for doing a fine year in and year out job as alumni treasurer . . . and to Fred Willecke '40, former Alumni Secretary for giving so much time to help the new alumni office get started.

A new edition, the sixth, of Dr. Walter C. Langsam's book, *The World Since 1914*, has just been issued by the Macmillan Company. Recent book reviews from his pen have been a review of *Three Treatises* of Martin Luther in the *Lutheran Church Quarterly*, a review of *Political Handbook of the World* by Walter H. Mallory in *Political Science Quarterly*, and a review of Frederic L. Paxson's *Post-War Years. Normalcy, 1918-23* in the September issue of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political Science*.

# THE QUARTER-CENTURY

by Lois K. Dickert

He is dynamic, influential, stimulating, beloved — and unforgettable. This month marks the beginning of his twenty-fifth year of service to Wagner College, the longest period of service of any present faculty member. During that time he has made his presence felt, in class, out of it, among the faculty, as a member of the Wagner family. He is the kind of person you remember if you have been touched by the fire of his personality at all. He is Dr. Faust Charles DeWalsh.

Dr. DeWalsh came to Wagner in September of 1924. His continued service here makes him a strong link with the past, places him at a vantage point from which he can clearly view the growth and change of Wagner throughout the years. Few people can take the quarter-century look at Wagner, like turning round at the top of a mountain to watch the shadows and light, color and darkness chase one another across the plain.

He came to Wagner as professor of Greek. Then, when the retirement of Dr. George Haas left the modern language department headless, he was appointed to fill that vacated position. His qualifications were remarkably satisfactory. Born of an Irish-American father and Parisian mother, he came to this country equipped with a broad academic training from the Wettiner Gymnasium, Dresden, Germany, the University of Paris, and the University of Florence. In America he attended the University of Rochester, where he received his B.A. degree in two years. His Ph.D. thesis was published by the University of Columbia Press in 1910, the year in which he earned the degree at Columbia. Before coming to Wagner, he was on the faculty of the University of Arizona, Washington State College, and the College of the City of New York, and for six years before his arrival here, he was Linguistic Expert of the Texas Company in New York. He had not been idle in preparation.

As new head of the department of modern languages, Dr. DeWalsh taught "every conceivable modern language." Not only was he head of the department, he *was* the department. In a few years, however, he was joined by Dr. Hans Haag, who has been his close colleague for the past 15 years.

Today the faculty of the modern language department numbers seven.

Thinking back, Dr. DeWalsh vividly recalls "the old days," when there were only twenty-three college students, the high school was in North Hall, there was no Ad Building and classes were held in Cunard Hall, the present Cunard social room was used for a chapel, and so on and on. Admittedly, things have changed.

The students, who were at one time almost exclusively ministerial, have not changed as noticeably. Familiar tales such as this spring readily to the minds of any who have ever known college life. The good doctor, digging back into his memory, came up with this little anecdote.

He had driven his very first automobile to a social in Cunard Hall one evening and had parked the car just outside the building. "When it was time to go home," he related, "I helped my wife into the auto, then climbed into the driver's seat. I started the motor, the wheels spun round — but nothing happened. We didn't move an inch. So I climbed out again, did some investigating, and soon discovered that the whole auto had been jacked up. Then I realized I had an audience. I looked around. The windows of Cunard were alive with grinning faces." And his eyes twinkled with rekindled amusement.

Students are among Dr. DeWalsh's favorite people; he has always made it a special point to know them personally. "Whatever success may be mine," he said, "I can attribute to my personal relationship with my students. My time has always been placed at their disposal, unstintingly. I like to know my students outside of class, to greet them on the campus, to relax with them." In class, it is his chief desire to teach his students to think. His lectures are stimulating and thought-provoking, whatever the subject matter may concern, and his delightful, outgoing personality enlivens and enlightens them. Classes with Dr. DeWalsh remain long in the memory.

"Students are the keenest judges of teachers," he admits. "Our lives are in constant danger. We never know when they may go to the dean with



Dr. FAUST CHARLES DeWALSH

complaints about us. It's our business to keep them interested and gaining in knowledge."

Dr. DeWalsh is eager to take part in everything that goes on at school and has been pretty successful in doing so. Ever since his third year at Wagner, he has been secretary of the faculty. With each new president, he respectfully resigned and each time was re-elected. He has long held the position of marshal at commencement exercises, but the official title has only recently been bestowed. He is an honorary member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity on the hill, enjoying the close contact with students which his membership affords. Several times he has been chairman of the college council, a policy group composed of representatives of the administration, faculty, students and alumni.

His special pets, however, are the Deutscher Verein and Deutscher Kreis. No Wagner student could disassociate the name of Dr. DeWalsh from those flourishing societies. He founded the Deutscher Verein even before he entered the modern language department, the idea having germinated when a small group of three or four, including Dean-Emeritus William Ludwig and Dr. Theodore Palleske, came together to sing German songs and tell German stories. Then the group began to grow in numbers and interest. Today it is one of the most popular men's organizations on the campus.

When the girls came, they wanted to join too. So they approached Dr.

DeWalsh on the subject. His answer was brief and to the point. "Nothing doing," he told them. Then his heart softened somewhat. "But I'll tell you what: I will do. I'll help you form an organization of your own." That was the beginning of the Deutscher Kreis. Both groups have separate meetings, joining forces for such affairs as dances and the annual Weinachsfest, or German Christmas party, which holds a secure and honored place in Wagner tradition.

Dr. DeWalsh, when questioned, was at first somewhat reserved in his observations concerning the invasion of women on the Wagner campus in 1933. The half dozen or so girls who were first to come were "most conspicuous."

"A great change came over the campus," he mused. "Men used to come to class in varying stages of dress and undress, sometimes not having shaved for a week, informally dressed, wearing slippers." The change was sudden and obvious. The professor smiled and tugged at one end of his bow tie. "They paid attention," he said, clearing his throat, "to — ah — certain externalities."

Though it seemed strange at first to see girls on the Wagner campus as students, everyone eventually got used to the idea and even, most likely, began to enjoy the prospect. Dr. DeWalsh well remembers, however, a chapel address of Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, recent president, in which he warned students that the college, as a co-educational institution, was not a "matrimonial agency."

"Sometimes, though," observed the doctor, "it seemed as though it was. But that's good." According to Dr. DeWalsh's viewpoint, matches made between two people attending the same college are often very fine because of the resultant similarity in background, ideas, training, and environment.

Dr. DeWalsh's roots are firm in Wagner soil, and in 25 years he is still as hearty and forceful as ever. On his part, Dr. DeWalsh claims a deep affection for the things of Wagner. In his own words: "I hate to think of the time I would have to be elsewhere."

We do, too.

In a forthcoming issue Gunnar Knudsen '28 will offer a profile of former Dean Ludwig.

Even before the 1949 Loyalty Fund appeal has begun \$235 in cash and an additional \$115 has been received by the Alumni office. All alumni will be asked to give soon.

### Alumni Represent Wagner at Inaugurations

Wagner alumni are often called upon to represent their Alma Mater at the inaugurations of college presidents. LaMar J. Smith '47 represented Wagner at the inauguration of the president of Toledo University last May. The Rev. Harold Haas '39 represented us at Drew University on October 16; the Rev. Frederick R. Ludwig '29 at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, on October 16; the Rev. Alfred Schroeder '38 at Hobart and William Smith Colleges on October 23, and Dr. Frederick Reissig '17 was our representative at Hood College on October 21. When General Dwight Eisenhower was installed as president of Columbia University on October 12, Dean John R. Bacher was present from Wagner College, since Dr. Langsam was in Philadelphia at the time.

With the advent of an augmented publicity staff at Wagner, the list of Wagner periodicals grows. Henceforth, there will be ten issues a year of the *Wagner College Bulletin* mailed to all friends of Wagner, including her alumni. *The Link*, the new alumni magazine, will go out to alumni in the months of October, December, March, and May. A Guild news letter will be sent to members of the Wagner College Guilds five times a year. We shall avoid duplication of news matter, and are working hard to bring our mailing lists up to date.

### Here and There

Heading three of the six Conferences of the United Lutheran Synod of New York are Wagner alumni. Albert Schilke '27 is president of the New England Conference, William T. Heil '29 of the Long Island Conference, and Dr. John Strodel of the Western Conference . . . Four alumni are teaching at Public School 18, West New Brighton, S. I. They are Allan Miller '33, Fred Nellis '40, Werner Johnson '41, and Stanley Stillwell '47 . . . Responsible for all that fine coverage of Wagner football on the air and in the press is Lester Trautman '41, of the Staten Island Advance, in charge of all sports publicity . . . Two of the four officers of the Philadelphia Seminary Alumni Association are President Gustave Huf '24 and Alfred J. Kraemer '27, Secretary . . . Important members of the staff of the past summer's successful leadership school at Pinecrest Dunes, Long Island, were Walter Bock '38, Harold Haas '39, Alfred Beck '38, and Evelyn Johnson Haas '42.

### The Loyalty Fund

Other columns of *The Link* bring news of the 1948-49 Alumni Loyalty Fund, about which all alumni will soon be hearing more. Marjorie Rieb Seguine '40, was the first to contribute to the new drive when she handed an unsolicited gift to the Alumni secretary.

The 1947-48 Fund came to a close with 209 contributors giving \$1367. Contributions not previously acknowledged in the columns of the old Bulletin came from Theodore Hoffmeister '95, Henry C. Wasmund '95, Arnold F. Keller '10, William R. Meyer '10, Franz A. Posselt '11, Herbert Siegner '14, John M. Strodel '22, Frank Gollnick '30, Werner Eberbach '30, George V. Bulin '30, Thelma Biele Corey '37, Frank Tellefsen '37, Bernard Blomquist '37, Ernest P. Rittershausen '37, Clara Shake Rittershausen '38, George Mayer '38, Edward J. Jones '38, Lenore A. Bajda '39.

Also Jack Cooper '40, Arthur Hergenhan '40, Mildred Messenbrink '40, Robert Schneck '40, Ruth Gorman Schneck '40, Lester Silverman '40, Oscar Bakke '41, Herbert Gibney '41, Thomas D. Searl '41, Werner Johnson '41, Muriel Christian Johnson '42, Carol Brack Feuerfeil '42, Simone Stankovitch Smith '42, Grace Wilson Stoner '42, Waldemar Hintz '42, Doris L. Dossin '43, William J. Hammann '43, Howard A. Lenhardt '43, Julius J. Schlaer '43, Reinhold Weber '43, Lois Reisch Weber '43, Paul A. Qualben '44, Rosemary Truempy '44, Gilmour L. Wagle '44, Elsie Flor '45, John Mentha '46, Jeanette Cuthbert '46, Joseph A. Fernandes '47, Doris Larsen Mims '47, Conrad Reisch '47, Yolana R. Guttman '48, and Miss Mary Burr, Dean of the Wagner School of Nursing, '48 honorary.

### Note to ASP Men

The Staten Island Alumni Council of Alpha Sigma Phi holds a dinner meeting on the fourth Friday of each month at Karl's Old Raven Restaurant, Broadway at 29th St., New York. Dinner is at 6:30 p. m., with meeting following. The first meeting of the year was September 24. George Tamke '48, secretary of the Council, would like to hear from Alpha alumni in the metropolitan area. His address is 3511 Palisade Avenue, Union City, N. J.

# A BACKWARD GLANCE

by Al Krahmer

Wagner football began on Saturday afternoon, October 1, 1927, at Farmingdale, Long Island. We lost to New York Aggies 44-6. Wagner's only score came when Gus Kiefer '29 intercepted a pass and ran 45 yards for a touchdown. Gus goes down in history, therefore, as the man who scored Wagner's first football points.

To Carl Prater '31, now pastor of a church in Buffalo, goes the distinction of being the player who scored the touchdown that won Wagner's first football victory. Prater, who played center, recovered a blocked punt for the winning score. That was on November 5, 1927, against C.C.N.Y.

The other games that year were losses to Cooper Union 24-7 on October 15 in the first game ever played on the Wagner field, and a 6-0 loss to Brooklyn College. It was a humble beginning. There was no regular coach. Three men took turns in handling the squad—Babe Korff, a local semi-pro; Dr. Randolph Faries, English professor on the Hill; and finally, Vic Hansen of the professional Stapes. There were twenty-one men on the squad. If you came out for football, you were on the team.

One can't say too much for the courage and school spirit of those twenty-one men. One of them said to me recently, "We must have been crazy." But it took that kind of youthful adventuresome spirit to get football started at Wagner, and these men had what it takes.

We hope to have them all back for the Homecoming game on November 6. We hope to have their manager back, too. He was Harold Sticht '31, now a pastor in Brooklyn. Harold's enthusiasm and energy had much to do with getting football started on the Hill.

Members of the first football team were Bob Heydenreich '32, Les Sawyer '33, Ted Hoffmeister '30, Bill Heil '29, Elmore Hoppe '29, Tom Carey '32, Bill Voss '30, George Bulin '30, Jerry Knudsen '28, Bill Kaiser, Austin Bosch '31, Dick Kaminska '30, Carl Sutter '29, Ernie Meyer '32, Sam Anderson, Dick Kern '30, Carl Prater '31, Frank Gollnick (capt.) '30, Gus Weber '28, Herb Sutter '31, and Gus Kiefer '29.

Since that beginning, Wagner has played seventeen seasons of football. During that time we have won 35 games, lost 62, and tied 8. Brooklyn College has been played more often than any other school. This year's game with our neighbors across the Narrows will be the tenth, with Brooklyn holding a 6-3 edge. Panzer has been played nine times, with our opening day victory in 1948 being Wagner's fifth straight, giving us a 5-4 edge in that series. With Hartwick we stand 3 and 1, with one tie.

Things we remember as we glance back over the years—that 7-0 win over L.I.U. played in a dense fog, when Tommy Carey skirted end for the winning touchdown . . . the year (1932) when we were undefeated and unscored upon for the first four games. . . . Herb Sutter's 85-yard kickoff return in our first game against Susquehanna in 1930 . . . the years 1939-41 when, in three seasons, we won 13, lost 4, tied 1 . . . Skip Schipani's all around play in those winning years. . . . the block by Herb Scheinberg that enabled Bobby Power to run sixty yards in the mud against Upsala in East Orange in 1932.

Things we try to forget — some of the bad beatings we took: Massachusetts State (76-0, 1931), Union (53-0, 1929), St. Lawrence (82-0, 1936), Kings Point (60-0, 1946) . . . the years 1932-38 when we went ten games without victory, beat St. Francis 6-0 (1934) and then went seventeen more games without a win until we beat Panzer in 1938.

Names we remember—Gus Weber, Johnny Siclari, Coach Ray Kirchmyer, Phil Massa, Mike Perfect, Bill Wiley, Bob Burton, Stan Rycyk, Roy Comero, Jim LaHart, Bob White, and a host of others.

We salute all the men who have won the "W" for Wagner on the football field whether on winning teams or on some of our losers. Often it takes more spirit to keep plugging under adverse conditions (and adverse is a mild word for the conditions under which some of the boys had to play) than to play for a winner.

At any rate, we think Wagner football is on the way up. We are getting a fine schedule each year, thanks to

Athletic Director Herb Sutter. We have a fine coach in Jim Lee Howell for at least three more years. The material is better, and even though next fall the freshman rule will have to be observed, the Seahawks are definitely on the upgrade.

## Block "W" Club

Lots of things are new on the Hill, old-timer, and one of the new things is the Block "W" Club, made up of Wagner lettermen past and present. One of their projects is the publication of the programs for football and basketball this year.

The big project of the fall is a dinner on Friday evening, November 5, for all who have won the "W" in any sport, the night before the Homecoming game. Sure, we know that pitching arm isn't what it used to be, and that, with all that weight, you couldn't last five minutes on the basketball court, and that one tackle would lay you up for a month, but come on up the Hill November 5 and join your fellow "W" winners. You can tell us all about your feats of the past. We won't ask you to prove it!

Invitations with the time, place, and cost are being sent out by the Block "W" Club, but if you don't get one and should be there, call the alumni office and we'll help you out.

Dr. Lee Y. Davidheiser, Professor of Chemistry at Wagner since 1924, was married in the Parish House of Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, to Miss Dagny Anderson of Jamestown, N. Y., on Saturday, October 2. Miss Anderson is a former Wagner librarian.

Dr. Natale Colosi, professor of Bacteriology and Public Health at Wagner and a member of the Interstate Sanitation Commission, is editor of a new magazine called *Germis*. The first issue will be out soon. Its articles range from the causes of cancer to garbage dumping.

Tickets for the Homecoming Day dance November 6 are reasonably priced—only \$1.20 a couple, including the tax. Plan to be present for the game and to stay over for the dance.

## ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

- 1895—**The Rev. Dr. Henry C. Wasmund**, honorary member of the Board of Trustees and long its vice-president, celebrated fifty years in the ministry last June at special ceremonies in his church, Trinity, Middle Village, Long Island. Dr. Wasmund also announced his retirement. He has been appointed pastor emeritus and his son, Paul '23, named as his successor.
- 1927—Wagner alumni were shocked to learn of the death of **The Rev. Theodore J. Erdmann** on August 5. Erdmann was pastor of St. Johns church, Jersey City. He leaves a wife and two daughters.
- 1929—**The Rev. Norman Sutterlin** deserted the ranks of bachelorhood on April 3rd last. He married Beatrice Lyon of Brooklyn, and, with his bride, moved to Connecticut on June 1 to become pastor of St. Pauls, Torrington.
- 1931—**The Rev. Harold W. Sticht** has resigned as pastor of St. Pauls church, Brooklyn, after a ministry of fourteen years, to accept a call from Evangelical Lutheran church, Raymertown.
- The Rev. John Sjaugen** has accepted a call to St. Johns and St. Peters Lutheran church, Syracuse. Sjaugen has been doing graduate work at Drew University.
- 1933—**The Rev. Paul Arnold** has resigned as pastor of St. Pauls church, Utica, to accept a call to Epiphany Lutheran church, Brooklyn.
- 1935—**Norman Freilich**, D.D.S., was named program chairman of the Staten Island Lions Club.
- The Rev. William J. Villaume** is a proud father. Jean Elizabeth Villaume was born on July 17. Bill is head of the survey department of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.
- 1937—**Clarence W. Wasmund** has been appointed ophthalmologist at Interstate Clinic, Redwing, Minn. He completed his internship at the Long Island College Hospital last spring.
- Bruce Carney** received his M.D. degree from N.Y.U. last spring. He is interning at Bellevue Hospital, New York.
- 1932—**Harry F. Gibbs** has been elected commander of the Horace D. Washburn post, American Legion, in Corinth, N. Y. Harry is assistant manager of the Corinth Electric Light and Power Company. Active in community affairs, he is also a member of the Youth Commission and president of the Corinth Men's Fellowship.
- The Rev. Martin O. Dietrich** was awarded the S.T.M. degree by Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary on May 20. (For other news of Dietrich see Wagnerians in Europe, page 1).
- 1938—**Lee Landis** was married to Lt. Josephine Scapparrotti, a flight nurse with the Air Transport Command of the U.S.A.F., on June 5. Landis is city editor of the Staten Island Advance. His wife took specialized courses at Wagner in 1939.
- Joseph Crecca** has established a law office in the St. George Theatre building, St. George, Staten Island.
- 1939—**John F. Devlin** is president of the Staten Island Poetry Society. At a recent meeting Johnny read a poem written by himself which had won the Edwin Markham Memorial Contest award. The poem is entitled "Reunion."
- 1940—**Sidney J. Meacham** was graduated from Columbia University School of Law on June 1. He is residing in Manchester Center, Vt., where he is associated with a law firm.
- 1941—**Roy Cutter** is a recent benedict. He was married to Doris Combs, of Staten Island, on June 19.
- 1942—**Harry Horgan** is a bio-chemist with the Merck Institute of Therapeutic Research, Rahway, N. J.
- The Rev. Leonard Kleman** has been called as pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Forest Hills, L. I. He has been pastor in Altamont, N. Y. since 1945.
- Doris Norton, R.N.**, was married to William L. Stanley, Jr., on June 6. She is a former Navy nurse
- 1943—**Joseph Perosi** received his D.D.S. degree from NYU last spring.
- Trygve Jensen** was awarded the degree of M.A. in educational psychology at the University of Minnesota.
- Erma Hinman** was married to Fred H. Colvin on July 10. Her father, Dr. Willis Hinman, of the Wagner faculty, performed the ceremony.
- The Rev. William J. Hammann** was installed as pastor of St. Thomas Lutheran church, Jamaica, on September 26. The Rev. William Heil '29, president of the Long Island Conference, officiated. Hammann has been serving Holy Communion church, Utica, for the two years.
- The Rev. Emil Hein** is pastor of St. Johns Lutheran church, Ancram, N. Y.
- The Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Weber** announce the birth of a son, Mark Randall, on Sept. 23. Both parents are members of the class of '43, the mother being the former Lois Reisch. The Webers live in Indiana, Pa., where he is pastor of the Grove Chapel Parish.
- 1944—**The Rev. Theodore C. Herrmann** has returned to the Navy as a chaplain. He is stationed at the Norfolk Naval Base.
- Walter Hausheer, M.D.**, was married to Lucille Cross on June 24.
- Evelyn Ellis** was married to Kenneth Drescher this spring. Her husband is an Episcopal divinity student.
- August C. Druble** received the M.S. degree at Carnegie Tech last spring. He begins work with the Newport Industries Corp., Pensacola, Fla. this fall.
- Bradford O. Smith** was awarded a diploma in optometry by Columbia University on June 1.
- 1929—**The Rev. Carl Sutter** has been appointed chairman of the Comity committee of the Protestant Council of New York, Staten Island division.
- 1945—**Raymond W. Lawrence** was awarded the M.D. degree by New York Medical College, Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, on June 9. He will interne at the Newport (R. I.) Naval Hospital.
- William Fuhlbruck, Jr.**, having graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary, was ordained by the United Lutheran Synod of New York in June. His first charge is Good Shepherd church, Bayside West, Long Island. Mrs. Fuhlbruck is the former Elaine Hoebel.
- Walter Kortrey** is now pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, New Hyde Park, Long Island. He, too, was graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary in May.
- 1946—**Grace Moerlins** was married to **Merrill C. Horine '48** on September 24.
- Gloria Femenella** was awarded a masters degree in mathematics by Columbia University on June 1. Born to **Mr. and Mrs. William W. Halle**, a daughter, Patricia Hamilton, on May 29. Mrs. Halle is the former Ruth Hamilton.



1947—**William Hennessy, Jr.**, was married to Eileen Stafford on June 5 on Staten Island. He is employed by the American Can Co. in Brooklyn.

**Robert Schwarz** was awarded the M.A. degree in social studies by the NYU School of Education in June.

**Fred Vollweiler** and **Phyllis Sutcliffe**, both of the class of 1947, were married at Trinity church, Stapleton, June 27. They are living in Concord, S. I.

**Samuel Johnson** was married to Ruth E. Henriques in Washington, D.C. on May 29.

1948—**Elisha Darson** was appointed director of athletics at the Staten Island Day School. "Iggy" coached Wagner's jayvee basketball last season, while earning his M.A. at Columbia.

**Elias Bernstein** was cited by the U.S. Army for outstanding voluntary war service to the paraplegic patients of Halloran General Hospital. The ceremony took place at Governors Island on September 8. Bernstein is also chairman of the Staten Island War Memorial Association. A record of his voice pleading for support of this project has been heard in the S. I. ferry terminal for several weeks.

**George Tamke** has finished his work for the M.A. at Columbia Teachers College. The degree will be awarded in November.

**Yolan Guttman** has received a scholarship from the United States Public Health Service for advanced study in psychiatric nursing at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Norman Johnson** and **Alice Tregde**, N'47 were married June 12.

**Robert H. Salvesson** was married to Alice Knutsen on June 12.

**Buell Davis** was married to **Rose Fancuillo N.**

**Nieves Ribes** was married to **Robert C. Dole** on August 21.

**Adele True** was married to **Donald Stoughton** in Jersey City on September 18. Donald is the son of our former president, Prof. Stoughton.

**Laroy Dietrich** and **Elizabeth Hintermeister** were married June 12. Dietrich is now a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, while his wife has a position at Wisconsin State Hospital.

## NURSING ALUMNAE NEWS

The Nursing chapter of the Wagner Alumni Association will hold its first fall meeting in the Nursing Arts Laboratory on the Hill October 26. **Lillian Intemann '47** is president of the chapter.

**Isabelle Maiorano '48** was married on September 4 to **Dr. Juan Loreda** at Sea View chapel. Mrs. Loreda, who has been assistant night supervisor at Staten Island Hospital, will join her husband in Puerto Rico in the near future. The Loredos will make their permanent home in Mexico.

**Betty Bondeson '47** was married to **Edward Gardner** at Great Neck, L. I., on September 18. She and her husband are living in Boston where Mr. Gardner is doing graduate work at M.I.T.

Also married on September 18 was **Hope Miralles '48**. She is now Mrs. **Henry Reeves** of New York City. Other recent brides are **Dorothy Kempert '48** who married **Russell Fisher** of Jersey City; **Jean Garthside '48** who became Mrs. **James Sackel** last May. Her husband is a member of the class of 1950 at Wagner; and **Ita Grintuch '47**, who married **Max Bonfeld** on April 16, 1948 in New York City.

**Julie Hanigan '47** married **Robert E. Casey** in Yonkers, N. Y., February 7. Mrs. Casey has recently accepted a Public Health Nursing position at Rouses Point, N. Y. **Rita McGivney '47** is now Mrs. **Paul J. Kennedy**, and residing in Williamsville, New York.

**Eileen Jackman '47** married **James O'Leary** last January. Her husband, a member of the Boston police force, is a brother of **Mary O'Leary '47**.

Two engagements have been announced, that of **Agnes Thomson '47** to **John Piscopo**, and that of **Frances Michelsen '48** to **Charles Wirth** of Canandaigua, N. Y. Miss Thomson is at Marine Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. Her fiance is brother to **Rena Piscopo '47**.

Twenty-seven nursing alumnae are now studying for their bachelor's degree at Wagner this fall. **Madeline Reimers '47** is the Wagner campus nurse, assisting the Health Director, Mrs. Cogswell. **Rita Flanagan '47** (BS '48), who was campus nurse last year, is doing graduate work at Duke University.

**Claire Eilenberger '46** (B.S. '48) was recently appointed Nursing Office Assistant at Staten Island Hos-

pital. **Marie Palmier '47** has been named Assistant Head Nurse on Norton (Pediatrics) Ward, while **Ruth Tellefsen '48** has been made assistant Head Nurse on Bechtel (Women's Medical and Surgical Ward).

Other alumnae working at Staten Island Hospital are **Bertha Walbert '47**, **Gwyn Davies '48**, **Evelyn Lindfors '48**, **Lynn Caro Marks '48**, and **Dorothy Githons '48** in the operating room; **Helen Evans '48**, **Mary Bogden '48**, **Doris Rohde '48**, **Joanna Daddio '48**, **Doris Coulson '48**, **Claire Meehan '48**, **Mariana Taylor '48**, **Shirley Conopaste '48**, **Teresa Hochstrasser '48**, and **Gladys Wichmann '47** on medicine and surgery; **Dorothy Miller '47**, **Phyllis Rechel Russo '47**, **Frances Michelson '48**, **Rhoda Gonzalez Fabregas '47**, and **Lillian Intemann '47** on obstetrics; **Elsie Chancellor '47**, **Barbara Hogan '47**, and **Ruth Greenwood '47** on pediatrics. **Ivy Vurtue Lutes '47** is in the emergency room.

At Sea View Hospital are **Winifred Findisen '47**, **Rhoda Lee Davidson '47**, **Santa Paterno '47**, **Shirley Bochow '47**, and **Winifred Lannan '48**. **Claire Mintzer '47** and **Rosann Hayden** are at Bellevue Hospital as ward instructors. **Mary Cerbone '48**, **Mildred Anderson '48**, **Edith Renka '48**, **Edna Giamanco '48**, **Gina Englestein '48**, and **Theodora Hughes '46** are at Creedmoor Hospital.

**Rosalie Greene '48**, **Claire Perlstein '48**, and **Jane Aagenes** are working at Halloran Veterans Administration Hospital. **Rena Piscopo '47** has been working with the American Red Cross in North Carolina, where the infantile paralysis epidemic exists. **Helene Nickle '46** has a position in Panama. **Esther Patterson '48** will leave soon for duty at Canandaigua (N. Y.) Veterans Administration Hospital. **Ann Noran Posey '48**, now at the Kingsbridge V.A. Hospital, plans to join her husband who is studying in China.

As a final item, we have one more bride to report—**Winifred DeNyse '47** who became Mrs. **Edward Mueller** on June 26.

Alumni are invited to drop in at the College Book Store the next time they are on the Hill. Available there are Wagner pennants, statuettes, stickers, T-shirts, etc.

The alumni secretary's children are enthusiastic about the Book Store stock.

## HUDSON VALLEY ALUMNI TO MEET

Alumni of the Hudson Valley district, New York, will meet at the home of Henry Knaust, Wagner trustee, Friday evening, November 12, in Cox-sackie, N. Y.

Frank Gollnick '30 is in charge of the arrangements, and those in the area who can come should get in touch with him soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Langsam, who are motoring to Onconta for the Hartwick game, will be our guests.

Do you like the Link? Your support of the Loyalty Fund will help to make its publication possible. A little help in securing advertising for the back page will also be appreciated.

Eight Wagner alumni serve their Alma Mater as members of the Board of Trustees. They are Dr. Frederic Sutter '94, recently elected president for the thirty-first consecutive term; Dr. Henry B. Dickert '09, vice-president; The Rev. Conrad Reisch '20, secretary.

Others are The Rev. John Baumann '23, The Rev. Joseph Flotten '29, Dr. George R. Tamke '18, and our own alumni nominees, The Rev. Alfred Beck '38 and Donald Race '30.

Alumni who have been complaining that present day Wagner students lack school spirit can set their minds at rest. The class of '52, newest on the Hill, showed plenty of real spirit during Freshmen Week.

This week, held from October 18-22, featured basketball and softball contests between the classes, and culminated in the aquatic Tug-of-war and the Flag Rush on Friday afternoon. Competition in all these events was spirited and exciting, and in good order.

But the frosh showed their real spirit in unscheduled events. Wednesday night the sophomore boys had rounded up all the freshmen boys and taken

them out to serenade the girls on the campus. Thursday night the girls had planned to do the same, but when the freshmen girls showed up in the dining hall dressed up in comic costumes ready for the evening serenade, the dining room rules about proper dress were enforced and they were sent back to their dormitory rooms and made to conform with dining room rules before they were served.

Here's where the frosh showed their spirit. As a protest against the rules which forbid this painless and informal hazing, all freshmen boys appeared on the campus next morning with their shirts turned around and similar forms of informal, humorous dress. The frosh girls, meanwhile, made the beds for the upper class girls voluntarily. The class of '52, in effect, was telling the campus, "We want to be hazed."

The real drive for the 1949 Alumni Loyalty Fund doesn't begin until November 1, but we can't help telling you that contributions to the Fund have already been made by Marjorie Rieb Seguire '40, Walter Bock '38, Susette Meyer '41, Theodore E. Palleske '98, Dr. George R. Tamke '18, The Hon. Ellsworth Buck, Dr. and Mrs. Langsam, Joseph Flotten '29, Donald H. Race '30, Lester Trautman '40, Virginia Mackoy Trautman '40, Henry Endress '38, Bob Olwig '35, and Al Krahmer '27.

Pledges toward future payments are also in from Dean Mary Burr, Paul J. Kirsch '33, Herb Sutter '31, Evelyn Johnson Haas '42, Harold Haas '39, Marguerite Hess '43, Frederick H. Willecke '40, and Lois Dickert '46.

We hope soon to have regional alumni meetings in Rochester, Buffalo, and in New England. All we need is a loyal alumnus in these areas to make the arrangements—as Gus Weber did in Philadelphia, and Frank Gollnick in the Hudson Valley. Any volunteers? And are there any other districts to be heard from?

The absence of stories about the current football scores and the basketball schedule is due to the fact that all of you also receive the monthly Wagner College Bulletin, in which such items are reported. We are trying to avoid duplication in the three publications media of the college, the monthly Bulletin, the quarterly Alumni Link, and a bi-monthly Guild News-Letter.

Did you like the profile on Dr. De-Walsh? Let us hear from you with suggestions about future subjects of these articles. We hope to offer such profiles on old and new figures on the campus, but we will be guided by your wishes.

It is our hope, also, to have some item of past sports history reported in each issue. A history of basketball and a story on Wagner's famous coaches are being planned for later issues.

A movie of campus life is being prepared by the college. The action will take four students, two boys and two girls, two of them dorm students, the other two Islanders, and take them through all the normal activities of college life on the Hill.

Nicholas A. Moss, Assistant Professor of English, will be the narrator. The Rev. Paul Dieckman, Administrative Assistant, is in charge of the publication.

An apology to the alumni — your Alumni Secretary promised a special reserved section for you at the home football contests. It just hasn't been possible to keep our promise, but I know that no alumnus or alumna has been without a seat at any of the games. We hope someday to get to the point where we have to limit the sale of tickets, but up to now this has not been necessary. Come and we'll find room for you. The average crowd at the games has been between 2500 and 3000, with seats for more than 3000 available.