



## DR. ARTHUR O. DAVIDSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WAGNER

Dr. Arthur O. Davidson, vice-president of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, was today named president of Wagner College, succeeding Dr. Richard H. Heindel, effective August 1, 1961.

Dr. Davidson was unanimously elected president by the Wagner College Board of Trustees at their meeting held prior to commencement ceremonies. The announcement was made at the graduation event by George R. Tollefsen, chairman of the board.

A graduate of Luther, Dr. Davidson became vice-president in 1954 when he returned to his alma mater to head up a college planning program. His position involved faculty, administrative, and development responsibilities.

Prior to 1954 he served for six year as professor and chairman of the department of education at Dartmouth, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Wagner's president-elect received his master's degree at the University of Minnesota, 1938, and his doctor of education degree at Harvard, 1952.

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### THE COVER:

Thanks to photographer John Padula's artistry, Wagner College students Barbara Freiberg and Charles Johannen have the unique distinction of watching themselves travel along the academic road.

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## President Heindel To Leave Wagner

In a joint announcement, the trustees of Wagner College, Staten Island, and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, said that Dr. Richard H. Heindel, President of Wagner College, would leave this post about July 15 to become President of Pratt. Dr. Heindel will succeed Robert F. Oxnam who will head Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Mr. George Tollefsen, chairman of the Wagner College trustees, stated, "We shall miss the wise and friendly leadership which Dr. Heindel has given the College these past three years. We congratulate Pratt on its selection. Faculty, trustees, and students, as well as many friends in Staten Island, extend their best wishes to the Heindel family."

"A committee to select a new President expects to have an announcement by June 1," Mr. Tollefsen added.

President Heindel came to Wagner College from the University of Buffalo where he served as Vice-Chancellor. He has been associated with the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University and Drexel Institute. A student of international affairs, he has had thirteen years of government service with the Library of Congress, the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Department of State. While at the University of Buffalo, Wagner College granted Dr. Heindel an honorary degree largely for his work in the development of United States information libraries overseas.

While at Wagner, Dr. Heindel did much to improve faculty salaries and benefits. He carried forward the 20 year development plan by assuming leadership of the 75th Anniversary campaign. At present, architects have been retained to draw plans for Knobel Chapel and Science Hall. Work on the Horrman Library is nearing completion. The trustees have invited Dr. Heindel to give the main address at the dedication of the Library, September 30, 1961.



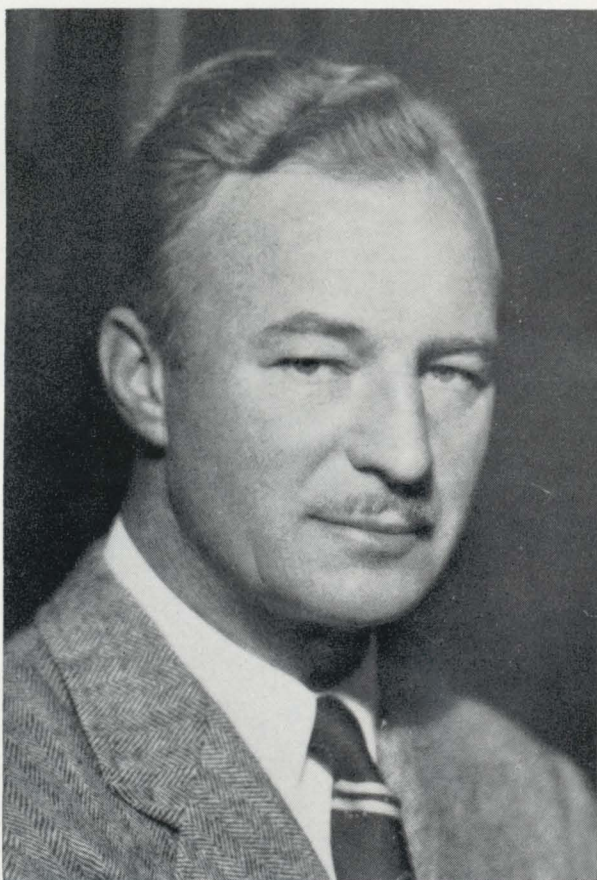
It has been very exciting and satisfying to me to have been able to share in the forward development of Wagner College. I shall retain an abiding interest in this fine College. (As an Honorary '57, I couldn't escape Braren anyway!)

The growing number of alumni who manifest enthusiasm and broad vision for their Alma Mater is entirely justified. So many elements of the College family — trustees, faculty, students, and an ever-increasing circle of friends and supporters — are working diligently with you to enrich the role and service of the College.

Your warm welcome of Mrs. Heindel and me into the "family" is a most pleasant reward.

*Richard H. Heindel*





**GEORGE TOLLEFSEN SPURS DRIVE**

# OPERATION TELEPHONE

**INITIAL GOAL MET —  
NEW CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**

Mario Esposito, Alumni Loyalty Fund National chairman, announced, at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, which was held on May 6th, that the first phase of "Operation Telephone" for the 1961 Loyalty Fund had been completed. He stated that the initial goal of \$30,000 had been reached, with pledges received from over 1,100 alumni.

"Operation Telephone" centers were set up in 31 areas in New York and New Jersey during the months of February and March, with more than 200 alumni participating as phone callers. In most cases area chairmen arranged for the callers to work together at a telephone center, usually a business firm which was owned by an alumnus, or a firm in which an alumnus had an executive position.

For example, Bergen County alumni made their calls from the A. & T. Tile Company, Little Ferry, New Jersey, where Al Tosi '53, is sales manager. In Manhattan, alumni got together at the office of Gene Chu '53, a prominent lawyer in Chinatown. Gene also arranged to have several callers stationed at an adjoining Chinese funeral parlor. Middlesex County chairman Roy

O'Brien '52, was able to set up a phone center at the L. A. Dreyfus Company, South Plainfield, New Jersey, where Frank DeAngelis '48, is the president. Union County "Operation Telephone" callers met at the Linden Airport, New Jersey, owned and managed by Robert Meyer '38.

The chairman of Wagner's Board of Trustees, Mr. George Tollefsen, donated his offices for the Brooklyn area callers, headed by Reginald Kennedy '56. Mr. Tollefsen, while watching the callers in action, became so enthused that he decided to make a pledge of \$1,000 as an additional challenge to the alumni.

You will recall that an original challenge of 3,000 was made by Mr. Joseph Weissglass, president of Weissglass-Goldseal Dairy Corp. This challenge provides \$500 for each percentage point of participation above the normal 34% level, to, and including, 40%. This means that for every new alumni contributor, Wagner will benefit by \$12.50 toward the completion of a debt free Horrmann Library.

Mr. Tollefsen's challenge pledge is designed to spur the alumni to go over the 50% participation level. Mr. Tollefsen will give \$10.00 for every con-

tribution made by an alumnus, once the 50% level has been reached. To help achieve this level of participation the Alumni Loyalty Fund Committee is planning a second round "Operation Telephone" drive in New York and New Jersey.

The committee is working diligently to organize centers in other states throughout the country. Initial reports from the Bridgeport-New Haven area, in Connecticut, where Richard Schoenlank '50 is chairman, indicate that \$920 was raised there in two nights.

Mr. Esposito and his committee are hopeful that alumni throughout the country will recognize the need to support the Horrmann Library building program. They also hope that the level of alumni participation will be great enough so that Wagner will receive recognition from the American Alumni Council, which sponsors the annual alumni fund competition.

When you are called on the telephone we hope that you will respond to the best of your ability, recognizing that your gift will help build a debt free Horrmann Library, and also help Wagner College establish a new record of alumni participation.



## MEMORY ALBUM PRESENTED TO DEAN MARY BURR



Nurses Luncheon Committee Members admire Memory Album presented to Dean Mary Burr at 15th Anniversary Reunion. Committee Members looking on are (L to R) Betty Drake, Mary Spinelli, Carlyn Ernest, Renee Varrone, Dean Burr, Sheila Holman, and Rosanne Anderson.

## 1961 - 62 ALUMNI OFFICERS



Alumni Director Howard Braren '50 (R) congratulates R. Kenneth Johansen '51, re-elected President, as (L to R) Louise Kehoe Russell '53, elected Secretary; Mario Esposito '50, re-elected Treasurer; Ernest Kiefer, Jr. '50, elected Alumni Member on Board of Trustees; and August Merkel '55, elected Vice President, look on. Missing is Leonard Spalluto '50, elected Alumni Representative to the College Council.

## Open Letter To Nurses' Alumnae

Dear Alumnae of the School of Nursing:

I wish I could see each one of you personally to say "Thank you" for the honor you gave me at your reunion luncheon on Alumni Day at Wagner. As this is not possible, the pages of the LINK offer the best way to express my gratitude to you.

It was a delightful occasion for me. I am sure the fifteenth anniversary graduates and all of the others who attended enjoyed renewing their college friendships and bringing themselves up-to-date regarding happenings at Wagner.

Thank you all for the beautiful engraved watch and the lovely flowers. My most cherished possession, however, is the gift album. It contains so many reminders of my students and the happy years I have spent with them at Wagner.

With deep and humble gratitude,

Sincerely,

Mary Burr

## PLAN AHEAD

Mark Your Calendar Now

**Homecoming Is Saturday  
October 14, 1961**

- 2 P.M. — Football  
Wagner vs. Susquehanna
- 7 P.M. — Second Annual Homecoming Dinner - Dance

**Watch For Full Program  
In September**

## YOUR WISH Can Come True

If It's In Your Will. Consult your counsel. If desired, ask for help from

**WAGNER COLLEGE  
BEQUEST COMMITTEE**



# Wagner's Placement Office

by Dr. Roswell Coles, Director of Placement

What do we do about "placement" in the Placement office?

Sit with Mrs. Corbo and me for an afternoon and join our efforts to help Wagner students along the road to "economic adulthood." You will find the experience never dull, always stimulating and often rib-tickling.

If you had been with us on the day we first put paper to typewriter for this article you would have worked with the following:

Six seniors in various stages of finding their important first fulltime jobs. Of these, three are going into teaching, three into business.

Three students seeking part time work. A scarce item this year, but there are always a few jobs open if one really wants to work.

Five students for summer work. One wants to work in Alaska. (He hears there's *big money* up there!) Two want jobs on ships to Europe and the other two just want work. We probably can't do much about Alaska and ships to Europe, (are you old enough to remember the old cattle boat routine?) but the others offer more hope.

One student to be interviewed for "unsatisfactory work habits". He lost his job and we are not too happy when a Wagner student fails to make good.

Two grads want to relocate in Florida and sought help. Another made a "social call", for old time's sake. Three professors wanted something or other and one student came in with a late pay voucher. Why? The *professor* forgot to sign it. Is there any *other* reason for a late voucher?

Three students with excuses for absence from Career Day. Guess what! One had a sick grandmother. Shades of baseball opening days! One boy really *was* sick and one was just a rugged individualist. He wasn't having *any* of it.

A telephone call for a tutor led to an interesting discovery. One of our student tutors was not known in his home. A little detective work disclosed that he doesn't like his name so he uses an alias in college. Ah, youth!

One, repeat, one employer called about a part time job. (It was taken the next morning.)

Mail included requests for job fold-



Student Chairman Allan Chapman (left), Dr. Herbert Curl Jr., '50, Research Associate in Marine Biology, (center) and Biology Department Chairman, Dr. Ralph Deal, get together for an informal Career Day discussion.

ers from three prospective employers, three letters of recommendation to go into job folders, announcement and applications for the new Peace Corps and a raft of notices about Federal Service. Outgoing mail included six completed job folders, one for an alumnus.

This afternoon seemed pretty typical of our office routine. Missing were baby sitting requests of which we usually have a good many. We had no campus representatives of business — campus recruiting is over for this year. There were no meetings to attend, although the day this article was first typed there were three: one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. It isn't usually as bad as that. Also I try to spend one day a week in the field.

This year we have nearly 200 seniors and graduates registered in our office for June, 1961 jobs. Most of these applicants are interested in teaching or business. (They represent our two largest academic departments but there

are also an appreciable number of science and other majors.) There are no statistics on part time jobs but we do know that campus work yielded to our students about \$30,000 last year, a not insignificant sum.

Right now, of course, we are concentrating on full time jobs for our June graduates. This involves helping students prepare resumes and getting letters of recommendation, preparing dossiers, arranging job contacts and stimulating the student to put his "best foot forward" in his competition for a limited number of jobs.

You may be interested in the broader aspects of career counseling. We ought to speak of three areas which are extremely important to students. As you are aware, they often are guided by somewhat vague, perhaps false, information gleaned from fellow students or "someone" they know. Too often the immediacy of day by day college experience (coffee and chemistry; loving and logic) often looms larger than



the 40 adult years to be spent in work, work, work. However the day of the "Gentleman 'C'" appears to be over and the best positions are going to the young man or woman who distinguishes himself in some area of excellence.

As an oldtimer, I am constantly amazed at current starting salaries. This year a "better grade" company is offering \$5200 for good management trainees. A nearby community is paying starting teachers \$5,000 and engineers are getting a thousand dollars or more beyond these figures.

But this \$5200 job will not go to anyone. Here is what this particular company is looking for: Good health, completed military service, willingness to travel and relocate, clean cut and well groomed appearance, alert and with a sense of humor, aggressive, self-starter, able to organize and direct own activities without close supervision, flexible, competitive, verbally persuasive and with maturity of thought and action.

Other companies stress grades, (yes, they do) rank in class, proven leadership ability, good speaking and writing and an ability to work with and in groups. How can we really convince a student that it is worthwhile to pursue "excellence" during his four undergraduate years?

Here is another area in which counseling is often needed. Perhaps you have been reading some of the reports (such as Pierson's *The Education of American Businessmen*), on how students should be best educated for business. Many argue that a broad liberal education is best. But, according to a recent College Placement Council report, the highest starting salaries go to technically trained scientists, (about \$100 a month more). This looks good to a graduate just starting out. Is liberal arts better for Joe, or Louise, or Marilyn?

A third area for counseling (and some of us regret it, I'm sure) is the growing multiplicity of good professional (not hack) jobs in Federal, State and local governments. The old notion a "Spoils System" dies slowly but the student who neglects these newer professional government opportunities may find himself at a disadvantage when he looks for a job.

The ideal career guidance program would involve proper selection of freshmen, then working closely with them during their four years of college and following up after graduation. Such a program can not be built over night. We are approaching it by freshman ori-

entation and intense senior counseling. More needs to be done with the two middle years.

We ought to add here that placement is only half of the work load of this office. The other half is taken up with counseling and aid in financial matters, including scholarships and loans. In the year 1960-61 more than 175 students received some sort of outright scholarship or other money awards amounting to over \$85,000 and another 100 were involved in loan programs, the great majority of which were, of course, National Defense Student Loans, (about \$50,000 a year). The same sort of paper work and counseling goes on with these students as with placement and it about doubles the number of students we take care of in any one day. At the present time we are concentrating on awarding scholarships to students who will enter in September.

So far little has been said about alumni. We do want to help wherever we can. You are welcome to register with us and if we know you are looking for a different job we shall do our best for you. But for Heaven's sake don't quit a job this year before you have another.

Alumni can help Wagner students in two ways. One is immediate and the other long range. First, let us know



Charles Harreus, '55, Safety Administrator for the Colgate-Palmolive Co., Jersey City, N. J., arrives at Wagner to participate in Career Day activities.

when you, the employer, have jobs available and let us do what we can to give you the best possible candidates. The other is to join actively in the "total effort" at making Wagner College an outstanding institution.

Most of all we appreciate the five \$830 and four \$100 Alumni Scholarships. These represent by far the largest single category of donated scholarships.



Mr. Jack Berglund, '35, (right) Senior Chemist in the Marketing Technical Division of ESSO, points out some interesting facts to Dr. J. Trygve Jensen, '43, (left) Chairman of The Chemistry Department, and Senior August Kempf, Student Chairman.



## A STUDENT SPEAKS

by Lucille Corrier



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It has long been an accepted fact that "apathy" is that evil which invariably becomes imbedded into the personality of the college student shortly after his integration into college life. And, until recently, Wagner was not known for being an exception to this rule. As most colleges still do today, we, too, once had our problems convincing the faculty, staff, administration, and especially our fellow students to not only take a stand on matters of importance, but also to take action. Few would dare voice an opinion for fear of insulting friends whose views might differ, for fear of treading on the toes of the upper echelon, or simply because of indifference. Perhaps this negative attitude was a left-over from our high school and prep school days when the head master was unapproachable and a clear understanding of principles and values was not as strongly stressed as it is in college.

Among contemporary students, however, there is a trend toward a more mature approach to the task of formulating values and understanding the ethics by which we strive to live: in short, there is an undercurrent of a new "awareness" which is bringing us closer, within our groups, and more important, as an integral part of society. Does this current awakening make us

so much unlike those who preceded us? Basically, no. We are enjoying the social aspects of college life as much as those who studied before us did, and we, too, will look back on our college days with vivid memories of fraternity and sorority functions, Homecoming, Junior Prom, and Song Fest. However, as time has marched on, particularly since the advent of the last decade, the pace of living has quickened and, in order to be successful, those who were competing also had to quicken their pace. As the young adults and future world policy makers, the students of today, too, must realize, and it is evident that we do, that it is necessary to work at a greater percentage of efficiency to be qualified to enter a world of competitive forces. So, as our Alumni have repented, we, too, have responded.

Greater amounts of our energies are being channeled in a constructive di-

rection. More pride is being taken in the manner in which we handle ourselves as individuals in the academic realm and as a student body in respect to self-government and improvements in our college. There is a greater sense of cooperation between the undergraduates and the Alumni as we work separately — but with a single purpose — toward the goal of completing the new library. And we are well aware of the ramifications of this goal. There is also greater appreciation for the efforts of the Alumni who have taken upon themselves the task of making possible, through financial and other means, the realization of the potential of Wagner College.

As future Alumni it is significant that we are aware of our responsibilities to ourselves and to our college. It is with this in mind that we feel confident in being able to meet those challenges that lie ahead.

## WAGNER COLLEGE CLUBS FLOURISH

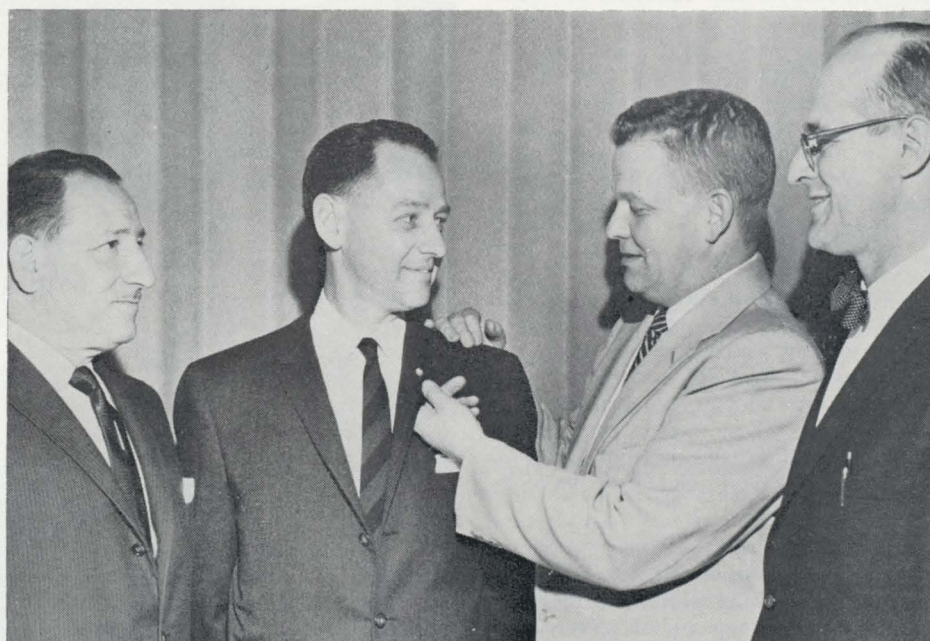
### NEW YORK

At the April 6th meeting of the Wagner College Club of New York, Dr. Lincoln Harter, Vice President of Wagner, presented a first-hand report on his visit last summer to the Iron Curtain countries and the Middle East. The talk, liberally sprinkled with anecdotes, was followed by a question and answer period on Soviet Policy in 1961.

### STATEN ISLAND

Charter night of the Wagner College Club of Staten Island was held March 14 at the Tavern on the Green in New Dorp. At that time it was decided that the club will meet the second Tuesday of each month, September through June, to promote fellowship among Staten Island alumni.

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At the first meeting of the Wagner College Club of Staten Island, Alumni President R. Kenneth Johansen, '51 admires Wagner College Button worn by Acting Chairman Roy Cutter, '41 as Dr. Michael Mazzei, '34 (left) and Dr. Conrad Schroeder, '42 look on.



# Politics and Politicians

by Thomas Russo '49



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As one observes the present day scene of political life one cannot help but come to the startling and sober conclusion that contemporary politics and politicians are at an abysmally low ebb. This stark truth is readily discernible by comparing contemporary politics with politics of the revolutionary era.

The generation of the founding fathers invented, or perfected, almost all of our major political institutions: the federal system; the constitutional convention; the written constitution; a new system that did away with the colony-mother relationship; a system of checks and balances that really checked and balanced, and, even the modern political party.

What has the 20th century invented, or perfected in the realm of politics? Virtually nothing. Will the political contributions of *our* generation to humankind endure the test of time as those of the founding fathers? The fact is that for a century and a half we have been living on the political capital piled up by the generation of

the founding fathers and have added little to it.

Why is it that a nation so great and a people so fertile in so many fields are so woefully inadequate and deficient in this field of such vast importance? The answer is not easy.

The men who won our independence and laid the foundations of the American nation were devoted patriots but they were, too, men of the world . . . they were children of enlightenment. Reason taught them that *all* men were brothers, that purely national distinctions were artificial, and that there existed a great community of art and letters and philosophy and science cutting across and transcending mere national boundaries. The Declaration of Independence, it is relevant to recall, appealed to the opinion of mankind and asserted the right of man.

The nationalism of the 18th century, then, did not rest on a narrow base but on a broad one. It was not exclusive but inclusive. It did not find nourishment in fear and suspicion, or in hatred — as so much of our current patriotism does — but in faith and confidence.

The generation of the founding fathers was extraordinarily conscious of posterity. As John Adams wrote of the signing of the Declaration: "Through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. *Posterity* will triumph in that day's transaction."

We have lost that passionate concern for the future that animated the generation of Washington and Jefferson, that sense of responsibility to our "descendants to the thousandth and thousandth generation" to which Jefferson referred so movingly in his inaugural address. We have lost not only the eighteenth century faith in progress, but Victorian optimism as well. Few of us really think the best is yet to be, the last for which the first was made. We want the best to be *now*, and we want to enjoy it ourselves.

We may believe in a future where airplanes fly twice as fast and all drudgery is eliminated by gadgets, but we do not believe in a future which will unveil comparable advances in the *moral* or *cultural* realms.

What, then, is the remedy to our ills? Our society must reflect, must

generate esteem for politics and the politician. In a society where everyone is interested in art, where artists are the object of admiration and of patronage, where the visible achievements of the artists confront one at every turn, every boy will want to wield a painter's brush or a stonecutter's chisel. In a society where to be ignorant of music is to be ignorant of life, the most natural thing is to learn to sing, to play the fiddle or a piano. A society where to sail in the service of the queen is the highest honor, where all the talk is of the new lands and new oceans, is one that almost inevitably produces Drakes and Frobishers and Raleighs.

If we ask what our young people are expected to admire and to emulate, the answer is easy enough. It is *private enterprise*. I say this in no disparaging sense. The commerce of a society has its place and importance — but not of the highest preference or priority.

The great rewards in our society go to the leaders of business, industry, and finance. It is the business men, the bankers, the corporation executives, who run their communities. They are the men who sit on the boards of the universities, the hospitals, the orchestras and the museums; they are the men who garner the richest harvest of honorary degrees from universities whose business is presumably scholarship.

They are the men presidents appoint to cabinet or ambassadorial posts, put on committees — even on committees dealing with education or with science — these are the men invited to important White House dinners. I do not contend this is improper or necessarily wrong. My simple premise is that the emphasis is misplaced. As the specialty of 18th century Virginia and Massachusetts was statesmen and politicians, our specialty is business men and technicians.

"What is honored in a country will be cultivated there," said Plato. We are reminded, too, of the proud boast of Pericles: "Our citizens attend both to public and private duties, and do not allow absorption in their own affairs to interfere with their knowledge of the city's."

Washington might have made the same boast, as could Jefferson. Can We?



## NEW ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH



Henry "Whitey" Keil

Two businessmen with a common love for football will pool their experience next season when Henry "Whitey" Keil becomes Mickey Sullivan's back-field coach at Wagner.

Keil had been a high school or college coach for 17 years until 1960 when the increasing pressures of his business forced him to resign as head coach at Susquehanna, a frequent Wagner opponent. Keil, an executive with a New Jersey heating and fuel oil concern, confined his gridiron activities to scouting for the Seahawks last fall.

Sullivan, as nearly all Wagner fans know by now, is President of the flourishing Oceanic Security Corporation, a New York City firm with more than 500 fulltime employees.

Sullivan readily credited Keil's scouting reports with much of the team's success last year. Keil, after driving to such remote locales as Clinton, N.Y., would hurry back Saturday night, compose a detailed report, and spend upwards of half his Sunday reporting to Sullivan at the latter's Staten Island home.

Later that evening, Sullivan would painstakingly sketch diagrams of opponents' plays on stencils for distribution to his players on Monday afternoon.

The combination of the corporation president who can cut his own stencils and the football-dedicated executive from New Jersey can only enhance Wagner's chances for another outstanding season in 1961.

# SPRING SPORTS

## BASEBALL

The baseball team began its season with a burst of puzzling inconsistency, first beating a team that figures to be among the very best in its league and then losing to a team that figures to be among the worst.

The Seahawks, coached for the third year by New York City Fire Lieutenant Herb White, began with a stunning 2-0 victory over St. John's in a Metropolitan Collegiate Conference game. Four days later Brooklyn College wrecked Wagner by a 19-9 score in weather better suited for outdoor hockey.

Bruce Wilson, the strong man of last year's pitching staff, turned in the opening day shutout and knocked in both runs with a double. St. John's had advanced all the way to the intercollegiate "World Series" in 1960 and has very much the same personnel this season.

The Brooklyn game saw the Seahawks, who were brilliant in the field against St. John's, make six errors. Wilson started but left early.

In between those two conference games, the Seahawks lost a 2-1 non-league game to Lehigh in which sophomore Jim Morio, a highly-touted lefty, made an impressive debut by striking out eight in six innings.

White estimated that his team would be somewhat improved over last year because of the depth that Morio would add to his pitching and because the infield seemed a shade stronger defensively.

New faces in the lineup were freshman Drew Kelly at shortstop and sophomore Frank Spero at third. Sophs Jack Smiechowski and Dick Murphy were assigned to center and right fields respectively.

Frank Melos, the high-scoring football halfback, was Wagner's first-line catcher in the early season games. Jim Powers, a senior and a conference all star, is at first base flanked by veteran Jack Harrington at second. Joe Sansone, converted from his normal catching

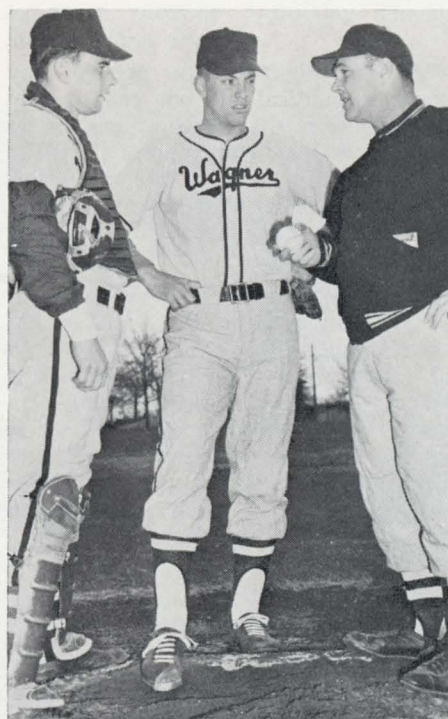
position, was the left-fielder. Sansone made the transition comfortably by throwing out a St. John's runner at the plate in his first outing.

## TRACK

Coach John Barbes, assisted by John Knudson, was looking forward to another winning year as this issue of *The Link* went to press.

Back from last year's team, by far the best in Wagner's history, were a slew of high-scoring veterans. The only important loss was Al Ferrie, a high jumper, who has forfeited his amateur status by signing a professional football contract.

Barbes was looking forward to consistent victories from distance runner John Ward, sprinter Bob Hecker, discus thrower Don Cavalli and javelin hurler Neil Johnston. All these men set new Wagner records in their specialties last year.



Coach Herb White gives starting battery of Frank Melos (left) and Bruce Wilson some last minute instructions before the season opener against St. John's.





## Alumni News Briefs

1926

*The Rev. Henry T. McKnight*, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Altamont, N. Y. for three years, has accepted a call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fayetteville, N. Y.

1936

*The Rev. Herbert G. Loddigs*, a member of the faculty of the Lutheran Bible Institute at Minneapolis, conducted a Bible Study Mission in February in Crookston, N. D.

1943

*The Rev. Howard A. Lenhardt*, supervisor of Home Missions and Urban Word Synod of New Jersey of the United Lutheran Church in America, was speaker at a Congregational Fellowship dinner in Eatontown, N. J.

1944

*The Rev. William G. Rappold*, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Penedel, Pa., for almost six years, has resigned his post there to accept the position of executive secretary and chaplain of the Lutheran Service Society of Northern Ohio.

1946

*Dino Efstation* has been appointed to membership on Local School Board 53, Staten Island, N. Y.

1948

*Norman S. Creswick*, formerly with Wallace-Tiernan, Inc., is now with the Thomas J. Lipton Research Organization. He has been assigned to protein research and its applications to Lipton products ... *Major Philip Laub* is now Deputy Director of Officer Personnel at the U.S.A.F. Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado ... *Robert H. Salvesen*, of the Products Research Division of Esso Research and Engineering Co., Linden, N. J. was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Matawan, N. J. Junior Woman's Club.

1949

*Theodore E. Arthur* has been appointed a chemist for Allied Chemical's Plastics and Coal Chemicals Division's Shadyside research laboratory ... *Thomas M. Guastavino* is a technical service engineer with Celanese Chemical Company ... *Thomas J. Lennox, Jr.* is employed as a research investigator specializing in corrosion and cathodic protection at American Smelting and Refining Co. ... The new executive secretary of the Smithtown, N.Y. YMCA *Carl Rütz*, and his wife, were honored at a tea recently sponsored by the local "Y" directors. ... *William Schorkopf*, now a TV performer, teaches reading on Tuesdays, Channel 11 ... *Donald Spiro* is Regional Sales Manager for the Dreyfus Corp, New York, N. Y.

1950

*Andrew Mancini* is a chiropractor with offices in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

1951

*Peter D'Arrigo* is teaching 5th grade at the Dutch Broadway School, Elmont, Long Island and is attending an administrative internship program at N.Y.U. ... *Harold A. Olsen*, of

New City, N. Y. is a supervisor in the General Accounting Dept., Data Systems Division, I.B.M. Corp. ... *Addison R. Trismen* has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a partner in the accounting firm of Henry F. Malarkey & Co., Manhattan and Staten Island ... *Pastor David L. Vogel* has received a call from St. John's Evan. Lutheran Church, Ancram, N. Y. ... *Charles W. Sokolowsky* has been appointed Associate Professor of Education at the State University, College of Education, Potsdam, N. Y. He teaches courses in Elementary Curriculum and Psychology.

1952

*George Dorry* is now general manager for Kieran Fuel Corp., Staten Island, N. Y. ... *Salvatore Eretto, Jr.* is now a junior chemist for Onyx Chemical Corp., Jersey City, N. J. ... *George Kassatly* is a technical representative for Boeing Aircraft Co. in Bangor, Me. ... *Harry L. Kummer* is coach of football and weight lifting at Fairhaven High School in New Bedford, Mass. ... *Robert J. Schinkel* is working in the personnel department of Remington Rand in New York City ... *The Rev. Ernest A. Spangler* has assumed the pastorate of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rochester, N. Y.

1953

*The Rev. Lloyd A. Berg*, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Lutheran Peace Fellowship ... *Edmund M. Diaz* recently joined the Duke Power Company in Charlotte, N. C. as supervisor of training ... *Fred Geils* was the leading salesman in 1960 for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was responsible for adding well over a

million dollars of life insurance security to the estates of his clients ... *The Rev. Gerald Gundersen* left recently for his first assignment as a chaplain with the Army. He will be stationed at Fort Devon, Mass. ... *William O. Harden* is now sales accounting manager of the Visking Company Division of Union Carbide Corp. in Chicago, Ill. ... *Edward A. McFarland* is teaching at Coco Solo Elementary school in Panama Canal Zone.

1954

*Dr. Ronald J. Gibbons*, a research associate at the Forsyth Dental Clinic of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, read a report recently before a meeting of the International Association for Dental Research. The report was on preliminary tests which indicate that tooth decay may be communicable. ... *Fred Lehmann* has been appointed assistant secretary in the personal credit department of the Peoples Trust Company of Bergen County, N. J. ... *Cal Morrell* is a commercial supervisor for the New York Telephone Co., and is studying at the N.Y.U. Graduate School of Business for a Ph.D.

1955

*John A. Russo* is now a history teacher at McKee High School on Staten Island, N. Y. ... *Paul H. Stevens* (Amityville, L. I.) received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Bern, Switzerland. He recently returned to the States ... *The Rev. P. Terry Valentiner*, recently moved from California to accept the position as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Elmont, N. J.

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## New Wagner Director of Admissions



**Barney Jensen '50** has been appointed Director of Admissions at Wagner College to replace Fred Holmes '55 who has taken the position of Director of Admissions for the School of Engineering at New York University. Mr. Holmes had served as Assistant Director and Director of Admissions at Wagner since 1957. Mr. Jensen was employed as the supervisor of training for the Shipbuilding Division of the Bethlehem Steel Company, Staten Island and Hoboken, since 1953. After graduating from Wagner he attended Columbia University where he received his M.A. degree in 1951.



1956

*Catherine Gallagher Canfield* is a teacher at P.S. 40 on Staten Island ... *Miss Carol Lauterbach* is a histologist for Hoffman-La-Roche, Nutley, N. J. ... *Lou Romolo* is teaching Mathematics and German in Pemberton, N. J. ... *George ("Dutch") Schulz* is now working as a chemist for the Dixie Cup Co., in Easton, Pa. ... *Paul Mangoldt* has been promoted to Assistant Secretary of the Federation Bank and Trust Co., Columbus Circle, N. Y. C.

1957

*James V. Canfield* is teaching Social Studies at McKee High School on Staten Island ... *Jayne Birchall* is attending N.Y.U. full time for her Masters in Nursing-supervision and administration ... *Lois Edwards* has finished the requirements for an M.A. degree in Medical-Surgical Nursing with a minor in Administration and Supervision ... *George E. Lewis* is working for Texaco in the Salesman Training Program ... *Lon Rankin* is a 6th grade teacher at the New Market School, Piscataway Township, N. J. ... *Richard E. Eversen* has been appointed assistant to the Dean of Men and director of residence halls at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.

1958

*Herbert Benn* is studying Political Science at the University of Munich, Germany ... *William M. Kutny* has been promoted from the Corporate Trust Dept. to the Securities Dept. at Grace National Bank of New York ... *Ira Pisetznier* is in his 3rd year at the NYU School of Dentistry ... *Al Wagner* is now Studio Supervisor with WQED-TV, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1959

*William C. Jensen* is now a sales representative for Parke, Davis & Co. and has started Graduate studies in Economics ... *Bruno L'Insalata* is an engineer in the defense project division of Western Electric ... *Miss*

## Executive Director Of Greer School

**Ian A. Morrison '48**, who served as Dean of Men at Wagner College from 1949 to 1956, has been appointed executive director of the Greer School. Executive secretary of the school since 1957, Mr. Morrison has been in charge of the New York office. The school, founded in 1906 as a home and school for boys and girls from broken homes, is near Millbrook, N. Y. Aside from being an alumnus of Wagner College, Mr. Morrison also has degrees from Columbia University and Teachers College.



*Virginia E. Lipinsky* received her Master of Arts Degree at the Univ. of Arkansas ... *Kenneth Snyder* is teaching elementary art in Chatham Township, N. J. ... *Michael Walker* is now working in the Electronic Data Processing Division of the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., in N.Y.C. ... *Carl A. Westerdahl, Jr.* is the new assistant to the director of admissions of Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

1960

*Helen Lee Jay Aroh* is currently employed by the Covenant of the Sacred Heart, Noroton-on-the-Sound, Conn., as a school nurse. For the summer months she will be working part time on Pediatrics in Norwalk

Hospital, Conn. ... *John Barbagelata* received a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Wagner College ... *Edith Barkemeyer* is an IBM programmer for Crom and Foster, New York, N. Y. ... *June Daly* is teaching in the Stony Point-Haverstraw Central School District ... *Anthony D'Auria* has been promoted to Chief Technician and Bacteriologist at St. Peter's General Hospital, New Brunswick, N. J. ... *Frank J. Knight, Jr.* is an investigator with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in New York City ... *Robert McDermott* is an accountant with Western Union in New York City ... *Lucy Parsons* is a parish worker at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Levittown, N. Y. ... *Cynthia Potts* is a research technician in the Institute of Allergies at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City ... *Robert W. Smith* has assumed the duties of assistant director of public information at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. ... *Mary Ellen Snyder* is studying for her Master's degree at the Univ. of Connecticut. She is also teaching assistant in Bacteriology there.

## Rockefeller Appointee



**Joseph F. Abissi '49**, has been named by Governor Nelson Rockefeller to a 7 year term on the Board of Visitors of the Rome State School. His appointment was recently confirmed by the State Senate of New York. Mr. Abissi has been extremely active in civic affairs. He is currently President of the Broome County Chapter Association for the Help of Retarded Children; a member of the E-V-E Chamber of Commerce; co-chairman of the West Union Republican finance committee and past co-ordinator of the Republican Committee Campaign. He is also President of Endicott Agency Inc.

## FORMERS

*Victor A. Cranston* has been appointed Manager of Personnel for the Security Nat'l. Bank of Long Island ... *Major Michael G. Kobasky* has been awarded a B.A. Degree in History by Florida State U., at Tallahassee under the Air Force Educational Program. Operation Bootstrap. He is currently stationed at Charleston A. F. Base, S. C. ... *Dr. Robert E. Mulholland*, is director of anaesthesia at St. Clare's Hospital, Denville, N. J. ... *William P. Salt* is now in the Cake Mix Dept. of Proctor & Gamble on Staten Island.

## OBITUARIES

*The Rev. Henry C. Erbes*, '03, died on Feb. 1, after a month's illness. He was 87. Dr. Erbes was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester, N. Y. for 58 years before his retirement in 1956. Pastor Erbes was awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree by Hartwick College in 1953. Both Hartwick and Wagner received bequests from his estate.





A son, Donn Shabbetai, to Mr. & Mrs. *Reuben E. Gross* '55, September 10.

A son, Eugene Elzer Jr., to Mr. & Mrs. *Eugene E. Scala* '49 M'57, September 15.

A daughter, Maria Joan, to *Robert J. F & Joan Sutter* '59 *Scialla*, September 15.

A son, Michael Henry to Mr. & Mrs. *Henry Langworthy* '58, September 18.

A son, Mark Adrian, to Dr. & Mrs. *Adrian L. Edwards* '56, September 19.

A daughter, Linda Suzanne, to Mr. & Mrs. *Thomas F. Fawcett* 'F, September 20.

A son, Richard Craig, to Mr. & Mrs. *Richard A. Knott (Lucille Kalpakjian)* '57, September 20.

A son, Gary Blake, to Mr. & Mrs. *Alfred Haggerty* '56, September 20.

A daughter, Ruth Lynn, to Mr. & Mrs. *Fredrick W. Heimrick* '50, September 22.

A son, Mark Peters, to Mr. & Mrs. *Richard O'Brien (Mary Peters)* '54N, September 27.

A daughter, Sharon Ruth, to Mr. & Mrs. *Ted Muelleres (Eleanor Carey)* '59, September 27.

A son, Gerard James III, to Mr. & Mrs. *Gerard J. Cicero II*, '50, September 28.

A daughter, Dee, to Mr. & Mrs. *Edward R. Felesky (Marilyn Romanelli)* '48, October 4.

A son, Scott Christopher, to *Albert* '56 & *Maryann Steeneck* '57 *Schroeder*, October 4.

A son, Frank Louis, to Mr. & Mrs. *Louis P. DeSario* '52, October 4.

A daughter, Anne Mary, to Mr. & Mrs. *John Geroski (Abby Fischer)* '51, October 4.

A daughter, Sheri Diane, to Mr. & Mrs. *George E. Kling (Lucille Wesoloski)* '55, October 6.

A daughter, Jennifer Claire, to Mr. & Mrs. *Kaare Allan Johnson* '52, October 11.

A daughter, Johanna Agnes, to Rev. & Mrs. *Henry L. Reinewald* '51, October 11.

A daughter, Cecelia Susan, to Mr. & Mrs. *Daniel Meyerson (Jonne LeMieus)* '60, October 17.

A son, Vincent Jay, to Mr. & Mrs. *Vincent G. Baiera* '55, M'57, October 18.

A son, Steven Rodger, to Dr. & Mrs. *Patrick M. Gowney (Dorothy Inglis)* '57N, October 20.

A daughter, Karon Elizabeth, to Mr. & Mrs. *Harry L. Hall* '60, October 23.

A son, Jeffrey Albert, to Mr. & Mrs. *John H. Cunningham Jr. (Irene Luwers)* '57, October 29.

A daughter, Renata Marie, to Mr. & Mrs. *Edward A. McFarland* '53, October 27, 1959.

A daughter, Sheila Lynn, to Dr. & Mrs. *Hans Hagel (Beth Groves)* '57, October 19, 1959.

A daughter, Deborah Ellen, to *John H. M.* '51 & *Elfriede Paul* '51 *Bohlken*, Feb. 9, 1960.

A daughter, Nancy Louise, to Mr. & Mrs. *James E. Randall (Dorothy Rausch)* '54, May 8, 1960.

A daughter, Susan Virginia, to Mr. & Mrs. *William H. Steinkamp (Patricia Perry)* '57, May 12, 1960.

A son, Paul Kevin, to Rev. & Mrs. *Paul F. Garrity* '56, July 30, 1960.

A son, Michael James, to *Michael* '58 & *Barbara Littlejohn N'58 Delpercio*, August 18, 1960.

A son, Timothy Carl, to Mr. & Mrs. *Harry A. Schildt* '54, September 1, 1960.

A son, Timothy David, to Mr. & Mrs. *Robert W. Grant* '59, September 4, 1960.

A daughter, Lisa Carole, to *William* '56 & *Lois Darnell* '57 *Weizmiller*, October 4, 1960.

A son, Eric Richard, to *Richard* '60 & *Carol Hieronymus* '54 *Nelson*, October 13, 1960.

A son, Eric Jay, to Mr. & Mrs. *Herbert L. Frankenberg* '49, October 24, 1960.

A daughter, Darlene, to Mr. & Mrs. *Anthony D'Auria* '60, October 27, 1960.

A daughter, Sheryl Lynn, to *Walter* '58 & *Barbara Brown* '56 *Schoen*, October 30, 1960.

A son, Eric Anthony, to Dr. & Mrs. *Austin S. Litvak* '54, November 2, 1960.

A daughter, Barbara Elizabeth, to Mr. & Mrs. *John J. Scott* '56, November 3, 1960.

A daughter, Janine Venita, to *George* '56 & *Mary Fazakerley* '56 *Schulz*, Nov. 3, 1960.

A son, Craig Edward, to Mr. & Mrs. *John E. DeJong (Lois Everts)* '52, November 4, 1960.

A daughter, Michele Elizabeth, to Rev. & Mrs. *P. Terry Valentiner* 'F, November 10, 1960.

A son, Vernon Gregg, to Mr. & Mrs. *Gene Chu* '53, November 11, 1960.

A son, Gregory Jonathan, to Mr. & Mrs. *George E. Pfeiffer* '50 M'50, Nov. 19, 1960.

A son, Louis, Jr., to Mr. & Mrs. *Louis DeLuca* '60, November 24, 1960.

A son, George Frederick, to Rev. & Mrs. *A. George Guba* '52, December 5, 1960.

A daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Dr. *Adolph* '53, & *Wilma Forster* '53, *Szepanski*, Dec. 6, 1960.

A son, Edmund M. IV, to Mr. & Mrs. *Edmund M. Diaz* '53, December 6, 1960.

A daughter, Lesley Elizabeth, to Mr. & Mrs. *Philip Wall (Joan Sweeney)* '52, Dec. 9, 1960.

A son, Kenneth Scott, to *Herbert* '51, & *Dorothy Willock* '52 *Nolte*, Dec. 16, 1960.

A son, William Andrew, to Mr. & Mrs. *William G. Leacock (Marie Schmid)* M'56, December 18, 1960.

A daughter, Bridget Ann, to Mr. & Mrs. *Edward D. Pfeiffer (Anne Beley)* '53, December 28, 1960.

A daughter, Sarah Rosemarie, to *Salvatore* '56 & *Germaine Brennan A'56 Vindigni*, December 29, 1960.

A son, Michael Charles, to Dr. & Mrs. *Herbert Curl, Jr.* '50, January 8, 1961 (Adopted January 12, 1961).

A son, Richard Karl, to Mr. & Mrs. *Edward Thumann (Ruth Von Rusten)* '59, January 21, 1961.

A daughter, Julia Anne, to Mr. & Mrs. *James Hutchison* '49, January 21, 1961.

A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Mr. & Mrs. *Kenneth Vonder Heiden* '57, January 31, 1961.

A son, Mark Anthony, to Mr. & Mrs. *Anthony Buono (Madeline Ignozza)* '60, Feb. 1, 1961.

A son, Christopher Carl, to *Robert* '58 & *Ursula Moss* 'F *Morhard*, February 3, 1961.

A son, Steven William, to Mr. & Mrs. *Frank Cangemi (Jane Welter)* '55, Feb. 4, 1961.

A son, Gary, to Dr. & Mrs. *Lawrence Mansfield* '48, February 6, 1961.

A son, Steven Todd, to Rev. *John* '50 & *Barbara Rumpf* '50 *Fehring*, Feb. 9, 1961.

A daughter, Deborah Ann, to Mr. & Mrs. *Harry J. Sheetz (Luann Steinhauer)* '57, February 12, 1961.

A son, David Andrew, to Mr. & Mrs. *Richard K. Brown, (Joan F. Potts)* '57, March 5, 1961.

A daughter, Katherine, to Mr. & Mrs. *Harold G. Matthus* '50, March 12, 1961.

A son, Eric David, to *George* '58 & *Elaine Kaufman* 'F, *Hiby*, March 14, 1961.

A daughter, Katherine Louise, to *James* 'F & *Adelaide Hunsdorfer* '54 *Drubel*, March 17, 1961.

A son, Kenneth Ernest, to *Ernest* '56 & *Doris Riker* N'56 *Tovo*, March 21, 1961.

A daughter, Kristen Marie, to *William* '56 & *Mavis Freudenberg* '55 *Nellis*, March 22, 1961.

A son, Eugene Vincent, to Mr. & Mrs. *Edward M. Bonventre*, 'F, February 24, 1961.

A daughter, Kathryn Ann, to Mr. & Mrs. *Kenneth A. Kruser* '59, July 27, 1960.

A daughter, Janet Lynn, to Mr. & Mrs. *William G. Kravel* '49, December 25, 1960.

A daughter, Ruth Christine, to Lt. & Mrs. *Robert P. Olson* '53, January 17, 1961.

## Assistant Vice President

**Burgis Coates '51** has been appointed Assistant Vice President of the J. Henry Schroeder Banking Corporation's Far Eastern Division. He recently returned from a two month business tour that took him to Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Hawaii. Mr. Coates was active in the formation of the Wagner College Club of New York and is now the vice chairman in charge of membership for the organization. He is a past president of Delta Nu Alumni.







**Just tamed**

Hans Wittenbrock & Sister Mabel Walther '53,  
June 11, 1960.  
Jerome J. Nedelka '59 & Ruth A. Falbee,  
October 9, 1960.  
John H. Blume & Rosemarie K. Schmidt '59N,  
November 11, 1960  
Robert O'Donnell '57 & Graycie M. Eisen-  
hauer, November 12, 1960.  
John Knudson 'F & Viola G. Merlino M'59,  
November 20, 1960.  
Donald H. Garretson M'57 & Joan B. Vaeth,  
November 26, 1960.  
William C. Jensen '59 & Nancy J. Hammel,  
November 26, 1960.  
Henry P. Hansen, Jr. & Maureen K. Gormley  
'F, December 10, 1960.  
J. Temple Black & Carol A. Strom A'57,  
December 17, 1960.  
Richard E. Eversen '57 & Heike Kircheis,  
December 17, 1960.  
Allan H. Haack & Edith Courtney Feller '58,  
December 17, 1960.  
Herbert Jaffe '61 & Madalon Jacoves, Decem-  
ber 18, 1960.  
David P. Welker '60 & Judith Warr '61,  
December 28, 1960.  
Samuel L. Jackson & Janet Norma McGown  
'F, January 1, 1961.  
Richard F. O'Connor, Jr. '59 & Mary D.  
Smith, January 14, 1961.  
Robert G. Harter & Nancy Lou Bechtel '55,  
January 28, 1961.  
George Leonard Wright & Sallie E. Arthur '54,  
January 28, 1961.  
Michael Walker '59 & Lilly Ann Lundstrom  
'58, February 18, 1961.

## Alumnus Helps Install Soup Kitchen

Through the efforts of Dick Schoenlank '50, a soup kitchen was installed in the Hawks Nest. Dick is now a member of Campbell Soup's Institutional Sales force.

He is active in Alumni affairs, serving on the Alumni council. Dick is the Bridgeport and New Haven Operation Telephone chairman.

He resides in Hamden, Conn. with his wife, the former Helen McNally '53 and three boys.

Admiring the new Soup Kitchen are (left to right) Col. Elmer G. Brown, Wagner College Business Manager; Charles Fletcher, Hawks Nest employee; Richard H. Schoenlank '50; Lawrence Jeffers, Supervisor of the A. L. Mathias Co.

## WAGNER COLLEGE CLUBS FLOURISH



At the April 6th meeting of The Wagner College Club of New York, Dr. D. Lincoln Harter, Vice President of Wagner, (left) presents his coveted award "The Harter Garter", to Chairman Fred Geils, '53; Assisting is Lindsay Andrews, '51, Membership Chairman.





# WAGNER NEWS

Dr. Sigvart J. Steen, chairman of the Wagner College music department, has been on leave of absence to conduct a series of clinics for pastors, music directors, organists and choir members of churches in the New York-New England and New Jersey Synods. The program was conceived by Dr. Richard H. Heindel who terms the clinics "a pioneering year-long experiment. Wagner is always considering ways to show its appreciation for the support it receives from the Lutheran churches."

Wagner College invited the 20 choir clinics that participated in Dr. Steen's year-long Clinic Program to join in a Grand Choral Festival on Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., in the Frederic Sutter Gymnasium on the Wagner campus. An 87 piece orchestra was also invited to participate.

The festival marked the first appearance of the Wagner College Alumni Choir, under the direction of Dr. Steen.

## Choral Festival At Wagner

## Wagner To Award Two Honorary Degrees

Two honorary degrees, one to the President of Susquehanna University, Dr. Gustave W. Weber, and the other to University of Buffalo Professor of Linguistics, Dr. Henry Lee Smith Jr., were awarded by Wagner College at its commencement exercises on June 5th. Dr. Weber received the degree of Doctor of Divinity and Dr. Smith, Doctor of Letters.

Both men played important roles in the graduation ceremonies. Dr. Smith delivered the commencement address on June 5th and Dr. Weber, the baccalaureate sermon on June 4th.

Dr. Weber is a Wagner College graduate, having received his B. A. degree in 1928. He went on to earn the B. D. and S. T. M. degrees from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and the Th. D. from Episcopal Divinity School, also in Philadelphia. Dr. Weber assumed the Presidency of Susquehanna University in 1959.

Dr. Smith received his B. A. degree in 1935, his M. A. in 1937 and his Ph. D. in 1938, all from Princeton University. Between 1947 and 1956 he served with the Foreign Service Institute of the State Department, becoming Dean of the School of Languages for FSI in 1955. He joined the faculty of the University of Buffalo in 1956.

The 1961 Wagner College summer session, offering both day and evening courses, will be held from June 12 through August 4. Two four-week, one three-week, and one five-week session will be held for both undergraduate and graduate work.

You can now deduct, on your income tax return, the cost of courses you voluntarily take to maintain and improve your business and professional skills. Though teachers are the largest group benefiting from the change, everyone who takes courses to keep abreast in his business and profession can benefit.

## Summer School

## Writers Conference On Campus

Wagner College will once again host the annual New York City Writers Conference. Mr. Rust Hills, Fiction Editor of Esquire magazine, director of the Writers Conference, announced that the dates of this year's session are July 11-21.

Edward Albee will be the instructor for the drama section, Robert Lowell will conduct the poetry courses and Saul Bellow will head the fiction writing seminars.



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**COMING COLLEGE EVENTS**

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**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

- 11-17 Pastors Institute Under  
Auspices of ULCA Board  
of Higher Education
- 20-21 Southeastern N. Y. House  
Party — N.Y. State Council  
of American Baptist Women
- 25-30 Walther League  
Training Session

**JULY**

- 9-14 Walther League  
Training Session

**JULY**

- 16-21 Walther League  
Training Session
- 11-21 New York City  
Writers Conference

**AUGUST**

- 1-3 1961 Convention United  
Lutheran Church Men

**OCTOBER**

- 14 Homecoming