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## THE COVER:



A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP at Wagner is found in the careers of these men who gathered in Mastick Lounge of the Men's Dormitory on Jan. 25 before the Convocation banquet. Left to right are: Dr. David M. Delo, president, 1952-58; The Rev. Dr. Frederick Sutter, president of the Board of Trustees since 1918; Dr. Walter C. Langsam, president, 1945-52; and Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, president, 1935-45.

## A MESSAGE FROM

THE WHITE HOUSE, DEC. 23

*... I have learned of the 75th Anniversary Convocation of Wagner College, and it is a pleasure to send greetings to all assembled on this occasion.*

*The theme of your observance, "Christian Leadership through Christian Education" expresses a prime mission of your college — through training of future citizens.*

*To meet the challenges of tomorrow, leaders must be fully prepared in body, mind, and spirit.*

*Congratulations and best wishes,*

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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# Alumni Shoot For \$65,000

Corbin to head alumni drive for Library and Chapel

Staten Island campaign scheduled for April



Reginald Kennedy (left) hands over stock certificate valued at \$1,000 to Al Corbin, Chairman of alumni drive.

**C**OUNT-DOWN FOR the 75th Anniversary Fund Campaign, the first stage in Wagner College's ten-year development program, is now nearing zero time.

Alumni, who have always been in the forefront to help the College meet its critical needs, will play a major role in this effort. By action of the Alumni Executive Committee, the Association has set a goal of \$65,000. This sum will be allocated as follows:

(1) \$58,270 to underwrite the cost of the main reading room of the new library;

(2) \$6,730 as a working budget for 1958, providing nine scholarships and alumni office expenses.

National chairman for the alumni effort is Albert C. Corbin '35, secretary of the Wagner College Board of Directors and former president of the Alumni Association. The general campaign is headed by the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Flotten '26, H'53, vice-president of the Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Dr. Paul T. Warfield H'54, will serve as chairman for New Jersey. The Rev. Dr. Frederic Sutter '94, H'28, president of the Board of Trustees, is honorary chairman of the over-all campaign. President David M. Delo represents the college administration, and Dean Adolph J. Stern represents the faculty.

Twenty other alumni will serve on the 39-member Campaign Committee. Included are Werner Johnson '41, president of the Alumni Association, and Harold Matthius, Jr., '50, who was Loyalty Fund Chairman in 1956.

The 75th Anniversary Fund will underwrite the erection of a library building (\$700,000) and a chapel (\$250,000). Any additional sums realized will be used for furnishing and remodeling projects.

To Reginald J. Kennedy 56, goes the thanks of the College for the first major alumni contribution. His generous gift of \$1,000 (*see photo*) in stock gives the alumni effort a running start.

## Challenge To Alumni

Pointing out that alumni have never failed to help the College when called upon in the past, Chairman Corbin has issued this statement:

"Today's challenge to Wagner alumni is truly unique in the history of the College.

## NO LOYALTY FUND IN '58

PLEASE NOTE that the 75th Anniversary Fund will combine with the Alumni Loyalty Fund Drive in 1958. Read this story for more details.

"The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has criticized the present Wagner Library in no uncertain terms. Conditions *must be improved* if the College is to maintain its standing. The present library is 40% adequate at its best — and only 20% adequate in stack area, 25% adequate in seating area.

"A new building is the only answer — a building which will relieve critical shortages in classroom and office space as well as provide library facilities for present use and future expansion.

"Such a building has been planned, and part of the funds are already available. I'm confident our alumni will do their part to help provide the full amount needed to make this building a reality."

## Pledges Are The Answer

In an effort of this magnitude, Chairman Corbin pointed out, success depends on the willingness of alumni to make substantial pledges for payment over a period of time. With the help of the Fund Committee, a 30-month plan has been worked out on the basis of *Shares* at \$150 each.

A share may be paid at \$15 per quarter for ten quarters or \$50 a year for three years. The names of all

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JUDGE BAKER



DR. FLOTTEN

Shareholders will be carried on plaques for the Alumni Reading Room unless the donor designates other specific facilities.

### No Loyalty Fund This Year

Because of the need for support from every possible source, the Alumni Loyalty Fund has been combined with the Anniversary Fund during 1958. This means that:

(1) No separate mailings will be sent for the Loyalty Fund;

(2) All alumni gifts received during the year will be credited toward the alumni goal of \$65,000;

(3) Alumni whose gifts entitle them to become members of the Quarter-Century, Half-Century, or Century Club will be so listed in the annual report issue of *The Link*;

(4) Alumni who make payments over a period of time beyond 1958 will not be solicited for the Loyalty Fund during that period.

The Anniversary Fund Campaign will start on Staten Island, with the kick-off date tentatively set for April

10. Solicitation of alumni outside of Staten Island will come later. Churches of the two supporting Synods will be approached during the fall months.

Chairman for the general Staten Island drive is the Hon. Edward G. Baker. Formerly President of the Borough of Richmond, Judge Baker is now a justice of the State Supreme Court, Second Judicial District. He has served as campaign chairman for the Red Cross and the Community Chest. Widely respected for his many community services, he received the Wagner College Distinguished Citizenship Award in 1954.

Alumni will play key roles in the Staten Island effort as divisional leaders and group leaders. More than 500 workers will be needed to approach the 3,000 alumni and friends of the College in the area. Mr. Corbin will head the alumni effort as one of three divisional chairmen.

### Alumni On The Committee

The following alumni are serving on the Fund Campaign Committee in addition to those already named:

John H. Berglund '35, president of the Association of Families; Andrew G. Clauson, Jr., H'50, and Joseph P. Monge'34, for the Trustees; William H. Stackel H'48, co-chairman for sponsors.

For the Trustees and the Church: The Rev. Dr. John F. Bauchmann '23, H'54; The Rev. Dr. Alfred L. Beck '38, H'56; Henry Endress '38, H'54; the Rev. Norman E. Sutterlin '29; the Rev. Dr. George R. F. Tamke '18, H'50; Col. H. Torrey Walker H'49.

For the Church: The Rev. Dr. Ernest C. French '31, H'55; the Rev. Dr. Russell S. Gaenzle H'58; the Rev.

Herbert N. Gibney '41; the Rev. Arnold F. Keller '10; the Rev. Dr. George T. Miller H'58; William R. Stover H'53; the Rev. Dr. Paul C. White H'46; the Rev. Melvin E. Yearke '43.

### A Statement by

Judge Edward G. Baker

*Wagner College is celebrating its 75th year as it enters the most challenging decade of its history. The value of our church-related colleges to American society is better appreciated today than at any other time in our century. I believe that the time is opportune to mobilize the forces of all who believe in our kind of college.*

### A Statement by

The Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Flotten

*I have accepted the Chairmanship of the Wagner College Campaign for our Synod, because I am so deeply committed to the purpose and the cause of Wagner as a church-related College. My conscience is somewhat troubled that many things in my own parish and family will have to be neglected for this period. Nevertheless, the needs of this campaign are so pressing that I felt I must do all in my power to make these dreams of a finer Wagner come through.*

## ASSOCIATION AMENDS CONSTITUTION; VOTES FULL SCHOLARSHIP IN 1958

Three important proposals were approved at the special meeting of the Alumni Association on Homecoming Day, October 26.

The Association Constitution was amended so that now all members are entitled to vote, instead of only contributing members to the Loyalty Fund as was the case. Tied in with this was an amendment to change the quorum from 6% of the contributing membership to 2% of the entire membership of the Association.

Another Constitution change is the insertion of a provision for the mailing of proposed amendments along

with ballots to all alumni one month before the date of the meeting when amendments are to be presented. This will of course enable alumni to vote on future amendments by mail.

The Association voted to increase the amount of Alumni Scholarships from \$400 to 730 (full tuition) beginning with the freshmen class of 1958. This change will raise the amount of scholarships gradually over the next four years. The Executive Committee recommended this step to keep pace with both the rising costs of college education and the scholarship programs of many other colleges.

The Association now provides four scholarships at \$400 for full-time day students. Four evening school scholarships of \$100 are also awarded.

The special meeting also approved a motion to integrate the 1958 Loyalty Fund with the 75th Anniversary Year Campaign so that the Fund will not lose its identity. The entire campaign report is told in the story above. Finally, a minimum budget of \$6,730 for the Association was approved for 1958. Office expenses account for \$4,000 with the remainder going towards the scholarships provided through the Loyalty Fund.

# TWO ALUMNI LOOK AT THEIR COLLEGE

EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESSES DELIVERED BY ALBERT CORBIN AND  
THE REV. DR. HAROLD HAAS AT THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONVOCATION

*Albert Corbin '35, is comptroller of Todd-Atlantic Shipyards Corp. He is also secretary of the College's Board of Directors.*

... it was only human, that in the years to follow graduation I should compare in my mind the education that Wagner gave me to one that I might have had if I had attended the university of my original choice. Would I have absorbed more learning from classes where the number of students would have been double or triple those at Wagner? Would I have had the same opportunity to know my Professors and benefit from their personal leadership and guidance? Would I have

known classmates with whom I could have enjoyed better fellowship, or for whom I could have had greater respect, and where the test of time has shown that that respect was not in vain? To these and many other questions of comparison I must answer "No!"

Assembled here today, we cannot help but feel pride swell within us, surrounded as we are by this beautiful campus within sight of the crossroads of the world. A campus which becomes more beautiful with each passing year.

We see the many new facilities which have come into existence since



Albert Corbin '35

World War II. The West Campus, Guild Hall, this modern gymnasium, and only last Fall the magnificent new men's dormitory . . .

With each passing year, Wagner graduates are reaching new plateaus in the church and in the fields of education, medicine, law, science, and business and industry. And with their rise to prominence, so has their Alma Mater grown in influence. Where

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*The Rev. Dr. Harold Haas '39, is executive secretary of the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.*

I believe that Wagner is admirably equipped to give to students the growth in wisdom and knowledge that is so



Rev. Dr. Harold Haas '39

greatly needed in contemporary society. It is, of course, imperative that the work within the classroom be of the highest order possible. But more than this is necessary.

To accomplish what most of us want our college to be, the entire institution must become a depository of learning. The excitement of the quest for knowledge must be exhibited in each member of the Faculty and administration, in the availability and use of books, in the general atmosphere of the entire college. It needs to be supported . . .

I am not minimizing one bit the role of many other things in giving the life of a college interest and glamor. None of them, however, can ever be substituted for the growth in wisdom and knowledge that this alumnus would like to see as one of the primary emphases of his college . . .

As I take a searching look at my college, wanting the best possible for it in its present and future life, the second thing I would desire is that Wagner be the kind of institution in which students can learn to establish good relationships . . .

One of the reasons I am particularly grateful to Wagner is because this col-

lege helped me with the meaning of these human relationships. As it happens for many, the culmination of my own struggle for personal identity was during my years on this campus.

I wrestled more profoundly with questions about myself during this period than at any other time in my life. I often wonder what it would have meant in my life to have had to face this kind of struggle in a different kind of atmosphere . . .

What a laboratory of learning Wagner was with reference to relationships to other people. I don't want the passing of the years to make me sentimental about this. There were people on the campus whom I disliked with an intense fervor. Wagner taught me to live with this.

There were others whom I learned to love deeply so that in both marriage and friendship they formed a permanent part of my life. I was thrust into the midst of a whole variety of people: different personalities, races, classes, etc.

All of this is a vital part of the learning process. The important thing to me was that this could be accomplished, at a crucial period in my life,

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twenty-five years ago Wagner was almost unknown to a majority in this area, today it has become a familiar word . . .

With the College's rise in importance have come many problems. Her facilities are extended almost to the breaking point to give her students an education in which quality has not been sacrificed. Future buildings: a library, a chapel, a science building, two additional dormitories, a recitation building and a student union building; all will be made possible if adequate funds can be raised.

Speaking for myself, and, I hope, for all of you present here today, I pledge my efforts to see that these plans are carried out so that we may have facilities that will compare favorably with those of any other small college in the Nation.

I am not competent to establish the point beyond which a college ceases to be considered small, but I earnestly believe that Wagner's greatest future lies in being small and intimate, and I would plead that we do not plan expansion beyond the point where Wagner can no longer be considered in the category of a small college. There is a "No Man's Land" of colleges between the big university with its large staff of educators and its many facilities to provide specialized training in all fields, and the fine small college with a limited student body, where a

sound personalized education can be dispensed.

The colleges who find themselves in the "in between area" can neither provide the individualized instruction of the small college, neither do they have the facilities or the staff to compete with the larger.

In my opinion the greatest benefit one can derive from a college education is the development of his ability to think; clearly, objectively, concisely and logically. One does not learn this from textbooks or from lectures. he learns it from example; from close observation of the thought processes of others. The development of the "Art of Thinking" can be one of the greatest advantages that a small college has to offer.

I therefore suggest that we look forward to a goal that will classify Wagner as the finest of this Country's small colleges, the best of the small institutions of learning.

Finally, as I have humbly given thanks to those who have made our Alma Mater possible, I would call on each of you Alumni here today, and on you parents of students who are now attending Wagner, to remember that if we support the Wagner of today in her efforts to improve her facilities, we may well be the ones whom some Wagner student of the future will remember as the unknown benefactors who have made a college education a reality for him.



**Just tamed**

KURT OTTWAY, JR. '56 and Meta D. Eylmann, May 25.

ROBERT W. CHAMBERLIN '57 and Seiko Shimizu, June 1.

JOHN A. SUCCO '55 and VARIAN LIN HARRIS '57, June 23.

KENNETH O. HANSEN '52 and Babette L. Cummings, August 3.

Richard Knott and LUCILLE KALPAKJIAN '57, August 10.

HERBERT O. JACOBSEN '52 and Beatrice Hafner, August 24.

Donald A. Lawson, Jr. and CAROLYN CORDES '57, August 24.

GORDON H. HEGGLAND and Barbara Aldridge, August 24.

ROBERT GOETZ '55 and ARLENE DRAYTON '56, August 25.

George Jensen and ELSE STEFFENSEN '56, August 25.

MALVIN H. TJORNHOM '54 and Barbara Hagen, August 31.

AUSTIN S. LITVAK '54 and Ann Urquhart, September 6.

THOMAS MILLETT '56 and Margaret Evans, September 7.

EDMUND DIAZ '53 and Constance Hoover, September 7.

ERNEST F. HOLST '55 and Barbara Ann Christman, September 7.

David Serena and GEORGENE PALMER '57, September 7.

Marvin B. Samuels and ARLENE CANTOR '52, September 14.

Robert Feeney and ROSEMARY DELL'EDERA '57N, September 14.

John C. Whittles and GERTRUDE B. MATHIS '45, September 21.

Lt. WILLIAM F. WEISZMILLER '56 and LOIS ANNE DARNELL '57, September 29.

Rev. KENNETH DORKOF '54 and Doris Bengston, October 12.

August F. Merkel and JANET JUNGE '57N, October 19.

JAY M. VITULLI '56 and Marie Brainard, October 26.

Frank M. Cangemi and S. JANE WELTER '55, October 26.

ROLF W. GUTHEY '51 and Ruth M. Jensen, November 2.

R. Richard Folk and DIANA M. STROH (F), November 9.

JOHN C. SCHAEDEL '55 and Shirley A. Davis, November 23.

DONALD R. PAULL '56 and PATRICIA L. JONES '57, December 21.

JEFFREY J. SAFFORD '56 and June I. Billings, December 22.

PAUL CHARM '57 and Phyllis Rosenblatt, December 25.

**DR. HAROLD HAAS** *continued*

in an atmosphere and under a direct teaching that enhanced the dignity of every single human being . . .

The subject assigned to me bids me look at my college as a church college, and, of course, I have been doing that even though I have not used the terms of the specific religious discipline discipline. The very least of the meaning of being a church college pertains to having some courses in religion and chapel services. Even more important, is the impact of the total witness the college makes on its students, its constituency, and on the general public.

Thus, the final point I should like to make as I look at my college as a church college is this: that Wagner might be a focal point for church and community of deep Christian commitment and true Christian education . . .

I desire Wagner to be, leaving no question in anyone's mind about it, a fully-committed Christian college.

There is a great temptation for a small college to try to be too much, the end result of which is that it ends up being nothing. I remind you that the old motto of the college, "This One Thing I Do," has reference to this whole matter of Christian commitment.

I expect my college to know why it is in existence. Let Wagner choose its purposes with the greatest of care and devote its resources to their accomplishment, resisting the intrusion of extraneous things.

An alumnus looks at his college — a church college! This is the way Wagner, past, present and future, looks to at least one alumnus. This alumnus has had the privilege of talking about it. But it will take more than talking to translate our convictions into a greater reality.

As alumni, parents and friends, let us work toward assisting Wagner to remain what it is and to become what it ought to be.

# 1957 LOYALTY FUND GOES OVER THE TOP

Sparked by the efforts of its Century Club members, the 1957 Loyalty Fund ended with a record high of \$12,095.50 on its books.

The figure topped 1956's previous high of \$9,164 by an impressive \$2,931.50. The number of contributors to the Fund was 1,224, up 112 over last year. The average donation jumped from \$7.73 to \$9.88.

The Century Club, a 1957 inno-

vation, went over with a bang. The Club awarded membership in three categories — Full (\$100 plus), Half (\$50-\$99), and Quarter (\$25-\$49).

The 148 alumni who joined the Clubs contributed \$5,000, roughly 40% of the Fund total. Jim Hutchinson '49, served as chairman of the Century Clubs. John Gross '35, was chairman of the entire Fund, and

Harold Matthius '51, was vice-chairman.

The complete story of the 1958 drive and how its funds will be used is carried on pages 3 and 4 of this issue.

The fall Link carried the names of all contributors prior to its publication. Alumni who have contributed since are listed below.

## Additional Contributors to the 1957 Fund

**1920**  
\*Rev. Dr. Conrad R. Reisch

**1929**  
William J. Intemann

**1931**  
Rev. William J. Haegert  
Rev. William Kaercher  
\*Herbert Sutter  
Louis H. Tomforde

**1932**  
\*Rev. E. A. Meyer

**1935**  
Joseph F. Cawley  
Dr. Norman Freilich

**1937**  
Rev. Godfrey Alberti  
Dr. Walton G. Kibat  
Dr. Abraham Kobren

**1938**  
Franklin J. Dean

**1939**  
Dr. Paul L. Carney

**1940**  
Ruth Gorman Schneck  
Rev. Robert J. Schneck

**1941**  
\*Oscar Bakke  
Francis P. Baldwin

Dorothy Behrens Carney  
Ruth Forster Rogler  
\*Dr. Einar Henriksen  
Kenneth W. Rogler

**1942**  
Jasen Horn  
Fern Ross Kibat

**1943**  
Merton E. Kleintop

**1944**  
\*Rev. Gordon E. Hohl

**1947**  
\*Phyllis Sutcliffe Vollweiler  
\*Fred Vollweiler

**1948**  
Gloria Heinzman Olsen  
Coline Innes O'Donnell  
Norman P. Johnson

**1949**  
Dirk Kolff Breyman  
\*Evelyn Lindfors Spiro  
\*Donald Spiro  
Frederick F. Witte

**1950**  
Dr. Thomas J. Bellezza  
Everett W. Hanson  
Bernice Kiefer Hanson  
Charles O'Donnell  
Donald Tomsuden

**1951**  
Henry R. Anderson  
Dr. Sylvia Fuertes  
Carl Martens  
\*Harold Matthius  
Harold A. Olsen, Jr.  
George Ostroff  
Walter C. Schoenfeld  
\*James J. Smith  
Artemis D. Vardakis  
Rev. David Vogel  
Rev. Theodore W. Warren

**1952**  
George W. Barbes  
Louis P. DeSario  
John M. Durkee  
Anthony R. Galdi  
Charles H. Hubner  
Walter A. Kehoe, Jr.  
Margaret Raufer Vogel  
Aris Schwartz Saul  
\*Kenneth L. Swanson

**1953**  
William Boacamer, Jr.  
William O. Harden  
Joan Harrison Olsen  
\*Robert C. Kellner  
\*Albert Tosi

**1954**  
Jean Anderson Matula  
Herbert Hensel  
Carl H. Sciortino, Jr.  
Marie Sinibaldi Muller

**1955**  
Edward J. Salmon  
Nunzio Sisto  
Elike B. Takyi  
Arnold Thomas

**1956**  
Nancy Bumball Sahan  
Anne-Mae Lorenz Visoky  
Edward F. Moran

**1957**  
Ann Bassett Schwartz  
Robert H. Bowe  
Frank A. Lehmann  
Mary Mazzola  
Alex Mitchell  
John S. Myhre, Jr.  
Paul A. Thormann  
Jane M. Tilson  
Dorothea Volz  
Frederick Wedemeyer  
Grethe Pontoppidan

### FORMER STUDENTS

Donald Campbell  
Phyllis Peterson Kleintop  
Charles W. Kosbab  
Vera Peters Pandelaky

### HONORARIES

\*Dr. James K. Friedrich



Governor George M. Leader of Pennsylvania (right) was host to the Wagner Choir at his office in Harrisburg during the Choir's annual winter tour. Under the direction of Dr.

Sigvart J. Steen (center) the group sang to 16,000 people on its 24-day trip and drew rave reviews in all cities. Choir members are in the background.

## Nominations Deadline Set For March 15

March 15 is the deadline for 1958 nominations for Alumni Service Awards. Nominations should be addressed to Howard Braren, Director of Alumni Relations, Wagner College.

As announced last year, two awards to alumni will be made annually. They will be either Achievement Awards to recognize outstanding accomplishment in any field of endeavor, or Service Awards to recognize outstanding service to the College and/or the Alumni Association.

Both awards in 1957 were made in the Service category. Recipients were Rev. Dr. Frederic Sutter '94, and Dr. Charles Accettola '41. The 1958 awards will be made on May 31.

# WHO EVER HEARD OF W

... just about everyone, including the President of the United States, according to the greetings received by the College at its 75th Anniversary Convocation from January 24-26

**A**T ONE DARK MOMENT in the life of every alumnus, that teasing challenge, "Who ever heard of Wagner," has sneered from the lips of a soon-to-be-made enemy.

You don't hear that challenge often these days. However, for the benefit of those alumni living in outposts of civilization where campus news is rare, let it be noted that Dwight David Eisenhower has heard of Wagner College (see pg. 2).

For that matter, so has John Foster Dulles. Indeed, so have Averill Hariman and Robert F. Wagner.

Messages of congratulations from the above gentlemen were received by the College at its 75th Anniversary Convocation during the weekend of January 24-26. New York City's Mayor Wagner proclaimed the week of Jan. 20-26 as Wagner College 75th Anniversary Week throughout the city. A similar proclamation was issued on Staten Island by Borough President Albert Maniscalco. The imperious New York Times sent a reporter to the campus to have a firsthand report of the proceedings, and the New York Herald Tribune ran a by-lined story after it ended.

## College Honors Many

The recognition and the ensuing publicity were gratefully received on Grymes Hill. The Convocation's real purpose however, was to take a good look at the Anniversary Year theme, "Christian Leadership through Christian Education," and at the same time, to honor many whose lives have enriched the College, the community and the Lutheran Church.

Those primary missions were accomplished at six separate sessions, each aimed at the interests of specific groups. More than 2,400 attended or participated in the ceremonies despite bad weather throughout the

weekend. From an alumni viewpoint, the Convocation's high-spot was probably the Saturday afternoon program for alumni and parents of students.

John H. Berglund '35, president of the Wagner College Association of Families, newly-formed parents' group, presided at this program where the two main speakers were alumni Al Corbin and Dr. Harold Haas (see pg. 5). Alumni Association President Werner Johnson '41, conveyed his greetings. Special achievement citations went to 12 graduates nominated by fellow alumni and to Mabel Spitzer Sharon '35. Mrs. Sharon was honored as the first woman graduate as the College simultaneously celebrates its 25th year as a coeducational school.

Citation recipients were:

**THE LATE REV. J. CHRISTIAN KHRAMER '93**, who served Wagner at Rochester and Staten Island for 14 years, and who did outstanding scholarly work in discovering and translating sources of historical data for the New York and New England Synod.

**THE REV. THEODORE S. PALLESKE '98**, assistant professor emeritus, who is still a vital campus figure. He is now working on a chronology of the Rochester period of Wagner's history.

**THE REV. ROBERT A. HYDEN-REICH '32**, was presented as "an outstanding alumnus serving in the Lutheran ministry." Under his pastorate, First Lutheran Church, Middletown, Conn., recently constructed a new church building at a cost of \$350,000.

**THE REV. ERNEST A. MEYER '32**, who has "ever been a loyal supporter of Wagner College, giving of his time, influence, and financial means for the betterment of the College."

**MICHAEL S. RAPP, M. D. '34**, was cited "as a physician whose life and work exemplify a deep dedication to the high ideals of his profession of service."

**EDWIN H. SMITH '34**, controller of Charles Pfizer & Co., was honored as a "successful corporation executive who typifies those qualities of integrity and hard work which have made our nation great."

**GWYNNE B. SWARTZ '39**, "belongs to that formerly-forgotten group of men and women about whom we hear so much these days: the research scientists." He is a physicist on the Senior Staff of the Applied Physics Laboratory at John Hopkins University.

**DONALD M. BORTH '40**, has been praised by the people of Warrensburg, N. Y., as "one of the most popular and actively civic-minded men of the community. Mr. Borth is a practicing attorney."

**LESTER TRAUTMANN '40**, a past Alumni Association president, was cited for his accomplishments in journalism, for the expert assistance he has given the College with publications, and for his loyal service to the Alumni Association.

**CLAIRE MINTZER FAGIN '48**, was termed "Wagner's outstanding graduate in the field of Nursing Education." She is now an instructor at the New York University School of Education, Division of Nursing Education.

**WILSON R. GEARHART '49**, one of the youngest school principals in the Metropolitan area, was cited "in recognition of his professional promise and his loyal alumni service." He is principal of the Smith Street School, Uniondale, New York.

# WAGNER?



**DR. CLARENCE STOUGHTON** delivers address "The College and the Community" at the Sunday session. Others on platform are

Rev. Henry Cornish '43. (left), President David M. Delo, and Abe Stark (right) president of New York City Council.

**ERNEST C. KIEFER, JR. '50**, "for the past 8 years has been an outstanding leader in the Alumni Association." He was honored for his outstanding ability in business management and for his unfailing willingness to help Wagner College move ever forward.

Alumni also played a prominent role at the Convocation's closing session of January 26. Lee Landes '52, managing editor of the *Staten Island Advance*, presided over the program which included testimonies by five graduates.

The testimonies were delivered by: Dr. Paul Qualben '44, Director of the Mental Health Clinic at the Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Michael Rapp who had been honored the day before; Lester Trautman, who likewise had been cited; Chemist Ernest Rittershausen '37; and by Dr. Augusta Strongman Alba '44.



**REV. DR. GUSTAVE WEBER '28**, was the main speaker at the Convocation program on Friday evening, January 25. His address was titled: "Crisis: The Church College and Modern Society."



**MARGARET APPEL '52N** (left) presents citation to Mrs. Stanley Zackman, asst. administrator in charge of nursing service at S. I. Hospital. Mrs. Zackman was made an honorary alumna of the nursing chapter.

## Six Degrees Conferred

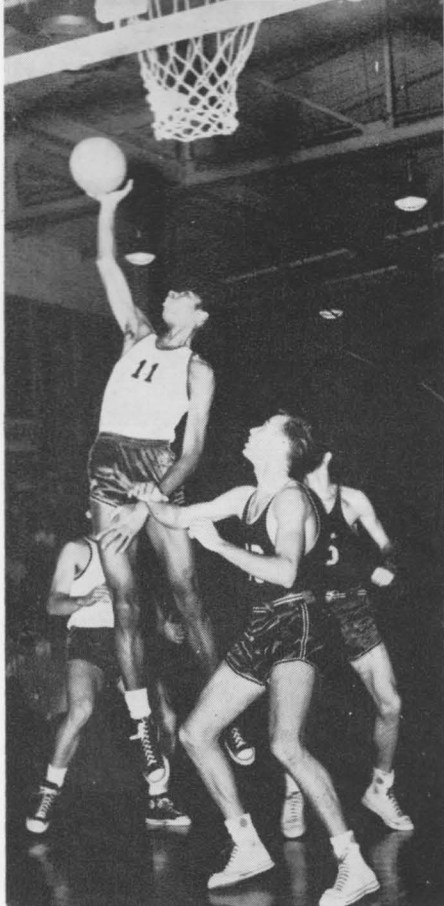
Six honorary degrees were conferred at three of the programs. Recipients were: Dr. Kenneth H. Eckhart, a Buffalo, N. Y. surgeon (doctor of science); The Rev. George T. Miller of Palmyra, N. J. (doctor of divinity); The Rev. Dr. Russell S. Gaenzle (doctor of humane letters); Mrs. Franklin Clark Fry, a prominent Lutheran laywoman whose husband is president of the United Lutheran Church in America (doctor of humane letters); Richard C. Patterson, Jr., New York City's Commissioner of Commerce and Public Events (doctor of law); Ernest T. Gilliard, an ornithologist with the American Museum of Natural History (doctor of science); and Dr. Miller A. F. Ritchie, president of Hartwick College (doctor of letters).

Henry Endress '38, an Alumni Association representative on the Board of Trustees, was general chairman of the Convocation.

**ALUMNI CITATION RECIPIENTS** were: (bottom row, l. to r.) Rev. Alfred J. Krahmer who accepted posthumous award for his father, the late Rev. J. Christian Krahmer; Mabel Spitzer Sharon; Rev. Theodore Palleske; Rev. Robert Heydenreich; Claire Mintzer

Fagin; and Donald Borth. (Top row): Lester Trautmann; Arthur Smith '41, who accepted for his brother Edwin H. Smith; Wilson Gearhart; Dr. Michael Rapp; Ernest Kiefer; and Gwyn Swartz. Missing from photo is Rev. Ernest Meyer.





Lonny West goes up

East is east but at Wagner . . .

## WEST IS LONNY

An old-time Hollywood script-writer seeking to dramatize the Wagner basketball season might well whip up something titled *The Perils of Herb Sutter*.

With 3 weeks and 8 games remaining on the schedule the Seahawks were engaged in a genuine cliff-hanger. Will Wagner win the Middle Atlantic Conference? Will the Seahawks be invited to a post-season tournament? Will Lonny West break Bob Bosley's ('54) all-time scoring record of 1,534 points? The answers to these and other puzzlers were anxiously awaited as this issue of *The Link* went to press.

The Seahawks, blessed with height

and shooting ability, have reversed last year's sub-par mark of 10 wins and 16 losses. After a so-so start while losing 3 out of 8, the team rallied to win 7 in a row before running afoul of St. Peter's College on February 15.

The visiting Peacocks, one of the strongest teams in the East, racked up a 91-64 win over Wagner before 2,000 hardy fans who braved the year's worst storm to scramble up Howard Avenue to the gym. The loss left Wagner with a 12-4 record.

Charles "Lonny" West has been the difference. Two years back when Wagner won 20 and lost 3, it was his great rebounding and scoring (24 pts.

## Hank Majeski Named Baseball Coach

Henry "Hank" Majeski, one of Staten Island's all-time baseball greats, has been named head baseball coach of Wagner College. The appointment was announced in December.

Majeski spent 14 seasons as an infielder on the rosters of major league teams, including 3 years in the Coast Guard during World War II when he was on the New York Yankees' service list.

His career covered service with the Boston Bees, Philadelphia Athletics, Yankees, Chicago White Sox and Baltimore Orioles before his retirement after the 1955 season.

Majeski's lifetime batting average was a solid .282, and his fielding percentage of .989 in 1947 with the Athletics still stands as a record for major league third basemen. He made only 5 errors in 458 chances during that season.

Since retiring as an active player, Majeski has managed teams in the Cleveland farm system. He was at the helm of Daytona Beach in 1956 and Cocoa in 1957. Both teams were in the Florida State League.

Majeski joined the Prudential In-

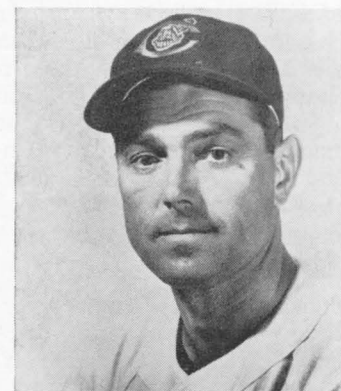
surance Company's Staten Island staff after the 1957 season as a special agent. He will continue to hold that position as a full-time job.

A native Staten Islander, Majeski attended Curtis High School before entering professional baseball in 1935 with Eau Claire in the Northern League. Before moving up to the National League in 1939, he also played with Moline in the Three Eye League and Birmingham in the Southern Association.

### Record In 1948

His top major league season was 1948 with the Athletics of Connie Mack. Majeski batted .311 and set another major league record when he gathered 6 doubles in a doubleheader on August 27.

He replaces Jeff Safford '56, now in the Army. The Seahawks, members of the Metropolitan Collegiate Baseball Conference, won 7 and lost 13 last year. Majeski reports to Wagner on March 3. He is the fourth Staten Islander hired during the year (see story on next page) to coach at Wagner.



Hank Majeski

### Baseball Schedule:

*April 1	N.Y.U. — Home
April 3	Pratt — Away
April 5	Lehigh — Home
*April 8	St. John's — Away
April 11	Seton Hall — Home
*April 12	Brooklyn — Away
*April 15	C.C.N.Y. — Home
April 16	Stevens — Home
April 18	King's Pt. — Away
*April 19	Manhattan — Home
*April 23	Hofstra — Away
*April 26	N.Y.U. — Away
April 28	Fordham — Home
*May 3	St. John's — Home
May 5	Upsala — Away
*May 7	Brooklyn — Home
*May 10	C.C.N.Y. — Away
*May 13	Manhattan — Away
*May 17	Hofstra — Home

\*Met. Conference Game

per game) that sparked the team. Last year he suffered a broken leg and sat out the entire season.

West has returned with his full repertoire of shots and graceful leaping under the boards to again lead the team in scoring and rebounding. With 8 games to go, West needed to average 31 to pass Bosley's record.

Second to West in scoring was Harry Orlando, the flashy backcourt sophomore from Union City, N.J. Orlando was the hero of one of Wagner's most memorable victories on Feb. 5 when the Seahawks upset Niagara at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Orlando provided the winning margin with a jump shot that swished through the nets as the final buzzer sounded. His 18 points led both clubs and drew raves from upstate newspapermen. One Niagara Falls paper picked Niagara to win by 28 points.

Meanwhile, Wagner was engaged in a race for the lead in the Northern Division of the newly-formed Middle Atlantic Conference. Should the Seahawks win remaining league games

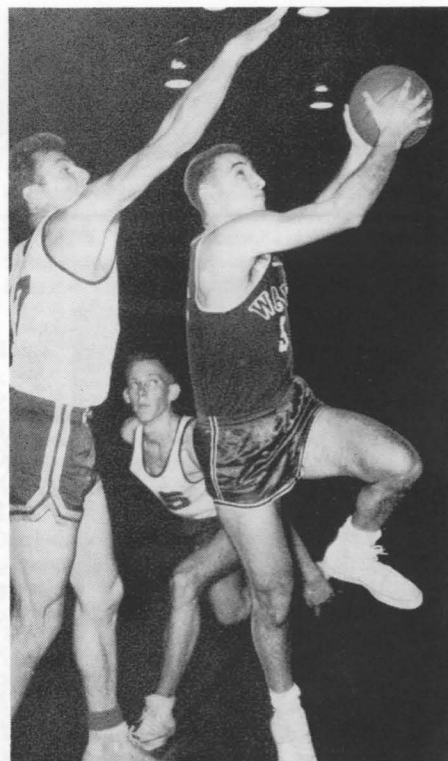
against Moravian (Feb. 18), Juniata (Feb. 28), and Hofstra (Mar. 4), they could do no worse than tie for the division championship. The overall Conference winner receives an automatic bid to the NCAA's small-college tournament which starts March 7.

Starting with West and Orlando during the winning streak for Wagner were Milfred Fierce, 5'10", Harold Junta, 6'6", and Fred Blackwell, 6'4". Blackwell and Junta are sophomores while Fierce and reserve forward Paul Bailey are juniors.

West is a senior as are front-line reserves Bruce Witzel and Dick Simler. Co-Captain Tom Drake, a senior, has been plagued by a recurrent leg injury which kept him out of uniform for most of the year.

#### Bulletin

*The Middle Atlantic Conference selection committee, faced with the possibility of a 4-way tie in the league's northern division, ordered an extraordinary playoff for the title. The playoff was to start Feb. 27. Involved were Wagner, Scranton, Wilkes and Hofstra.*



Harry Orlando drives in

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISCOVERS WAGNER

*The story below is reprinted with the permission of The Associated Press. Written by AP staffer Hugh Fullerton, Jr., it was distributed to the AP's 1,771 newspaper subscribers in late January.*

Only two college football teams still exist in New York City, where big time football flourished and then flopped.

The big school, Columbia, carries on with Ivy League traditions and dwindling crowds. Wagner, the little one over on Staten Island, is doing all right in football and supports eight other intercollegiate sports on a budget that wouldn't pay the head coach's salary at many institutions. How?

Herb Sutter, an energetic little man who runs the show, explains it this way:

First, the Wagner College administration regards sports as a part of total education and provides good facilities and some financial support. Second, Sutter manages to get better coaching than he can afford from men who do it on a part-time basis, more as a hobby than for cash returns.

Wagner, a school with about 1,000 enrollment — half male — has a

first rate gymnasium, running track and playing fields. Some of the City's major colleges don't have these.

"And we couldn't possibly get such high quality coaching if we had to employ coaches on a full-time basis," Sutter explained. "We'd have to do like some other small colleges — hire a man as coach in one sport, then tell him 'You'll also coach these other sports, whether or not you know anything about them.'"

"We're fortunate in having such good men available right on Staten Island. Some other schools couldn't operate the way we do, but I think a good many could find the men to do it."

Wagner's football coach is J. Walter Sullivan, a former North Carolina State player and High School coach, who heads a Manhattan firm which provides security guards for city piers. His assistant is Frank Goodell, a podiatrist who played fullback for Jock Sutherland at Pitt.

Sullivan takes his vacation in September for pre-season practice and during the season leaves his office at noon to make the daily workouts on Staten Island. Only a president could get away with it.

A few years ago, Jim Lee Howell, now coach of the pro football Giants, coached the Wagner team while he still was an active Giant player and later end coach.

Former major leaguer Hank Majeski has been appointed Wagner baseball coach. He's a special agent for a big insurance company. The soccer team is coached by Jackie Hynes, a City fireman who is rated as one of America's top players.

#### Cost Is Low

The total cost in salaries for the part-time coaches is about \$5,500, and Sutter couldn't pay that much if he had to depend on football gate receipts.

Sutter coaches basketball, besides acting as athletic director and heading the physical education department. Another full-time coach is John Barbes, who works on track, squash and physical education.

Jay Quintana, a former Wagner star in basketball and football, assists in both these sports. He also teaches in the school's mathematics department.

"The coaching salaries come out of the instructional budget because we consider this a part of education," Sutter explained.



## Alumni News Briefs



**DR. J. TRYGVE JENSEN '43**, has been appointed Director of the Wagner College Session. During the regular school year he will continue as a Professor in the College's chemistry department. A member of the Wagner faculty since 1947, Dr. Jensen belongs to both the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is on the Board of Directors of the Society's Staten Island sub-section, and serves on the Board of Education of Lutheran Brethren Schools, Fergus Falls, Minn. Dr. Jensen received his doctorate from Columbia University's Teachers College in 1953. During World War II

he was a group leader and research chemist on the atomic bomb project, "Manhattan," at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He and his wife, Marie, reside in Westleigh, Staten Island with their children, James, 7, and Linda, 5. Wagner's 9-week Summer Session was attended by 595 students in 1957.

### 1902

**REV. WALTER C. G. VEIT** has retired as the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Easton, Pa.

### 1910

**REV. WILLIAM R. MEYER** has retired as the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Jersey City, N. J.

### 1915

**REV. CLARENCE L. BRAUN** has transferred from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Silver Creek, N. Y., to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### 1926

**REV. DR. JOSEPH B. FLOTTEN** has been re-elected to his seventh term as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of Wagner College . . . **REV. HENRY MCKNIGHT** has been called to the pastorate of St. John's Lutheran Church, Altamont, N. Y. He has served at Concordia Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y. since 1951.

### 1927

**REV. ALFRED J. KRAHMER** has been appointed chairman of the Public Relations committee of the Jersey City, N. J. Kiwanis Club for 1958 . . . **REV. ALBERT SCHILKE**, formerly pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Norwalk, Conn., is now a Field Missionary for the New York-New England Synod.

### 1929

**REV. FREDERICK R. LUDWIG**, pastor of Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., has been re-elected Secretary of the Board of American Missions of the U.L.C.A.

### 1934

**REV. RUDOLF F. LUDWIG** is at present the pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Conn. . . . **DR. MICHAEL R. MAZZEI**, Staten Island, has been appointed to fellowship in the International College of Surgeons.

### 1935

**ALBERT CORBIN** has been elected Secretary of the Wagner College Board of Directors . . . **LLOYD R. HUNSDORFER** has been appointed chairman of Staten Island's current YMCA expense campaign.

### 1937

**DR. ABRAHAM KOBREN** is now teaching in the Pedodontic Dept. of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery at Columbia U.

### 1938

**REV. DR. WALTER E. BOCK**, a past president of the Wagner College Alumni Association, received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y. An honorary degree recipient of Wagner in 1957, Dr. Bock is currently Regional Director of the Lutheran Evangelical Mission of the U.L.C.A. . . **HENRY ENDRESS**, Staten Island, served as Chairman of the Wagner 75th Anniversary Convocation . . . **REV. RALPH TELLESEN** is now pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Crookston, Minn.

### 1939

**CATHERINE NEWTON McDERMOTT** is now teaching 8th grade mathematics in Junior High School, Bayshore, N. Y.

### 1940

**NOEL L. DAHLANDER, JR.** is now Vice-President and Production Manager of Great Bend Mfg. Corp., Pa. Besides being a Major in the Air Force Reserves, he is past president of local Rotary Club, is on Cub Scout and Boy Scout committees, is Senior Warden of his church vestry, and is organizer of local Ground Observer Corps.

### 1941

**DR. FRANCIS P. BALDWIN**, Rahway, N. J., has been appointed a section head in the chemicals research division of the Esso Research and Engineering Co. . . . **DR. RAYMOND BROWN** is a visiting scientist in Caracas, Venezuela, for a year. In September 1958 he will be in charge of a research lab and will teach at the U. of Pennsylvania. . . . **ROY CUTTER** has been elected president of the Brotherhood of Trinity Lutheran Church, S. I. . . . **ALFRED V. DANIELSON** has been appointed personnel manager of the 195 Broadway Corp. which owns and operates American Telephone and Telegraph Co. real estate in N. Y. . . . **DR. ROBERT J. O'CONNOR** is completing studies in obstetrics and gynecology at Women's Hospital, N.Y.C., and will reopen his office in the Medical Arts Building, St. George, S. I. in April.

### 1942

**HAROLD E. HAMMOND** has been named chairman of the public relations committee of the Rockland (N. Y.) County Democratic party . . . **REV. LEONARD KLEMANN** presided at a ground-breaking ceremony at his church, Grace Lutheran in Forest Hills, N. Y., on September 15, 1957 . . . **MAJOR MARTIN SCHROEDER** has been named Commanding Officer, Signal Corps Meteorological Team, Yuma Test Station, Yuma, Arizona.

### 1944

**GRACE PARKER DAHLANDER**, who is organist and choir director of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of New Milford, Pa., is also the church's recording treasurer and president of the Women's Auxiliary. Diocesan Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Diocesan Representative to the Synod in Washington, D. C. . . . **REV. GORDON E. HOHL** has accepted the call to become pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Pittsfield, Mass.; he was pastor of First Lutheran Church, Rockville, Conn. . . . **DR. EBYTHE M. KERSHAW**, asst. professor of bacteriology at Wagner, has been elected a fellow of the American Public Health Association . . . **J. MICHAEL MOORE**, professor of German and French at San Diego Junior College and Vocational School took a group of 20 students on a two-month European tour.

### 1945

**MISS LOUISE CHRISIANSEN**, orthopedic supervisor of the S. I. Visiting Nurse Association, was honored by the organization's Board of Directors at a reception and tea. . . . **REV. BERNARDINO L. DELL'Osso** accepted a call from the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Bklyn.

## 1946

DINO EFSTATION formed a law partnership with Thomas J. Russo '49 . . . ELIZABETH WHITNEY M.T. (A.S.C.P.) is president of Richmond County Society of Medical Technologists; editor of the Journal of Empire State Association of Medical Technologists; and is on the editorial staff of the American Journal of Medical Technology. She is a past Secretary of the Wagner Alumni Association; past president of the Empire State Association of Medical Technologists, and is chief medical technologist at Dr. Fedde's laboratory in Medical Arts Building, S. I.

## 1947

ARTHUR KRIDA, JR. is Chairman of the English Dept., Storm King School, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

## 1948

ELISHA DARSON is now coach of the varsity basketball team, Bay Shore High School, N. Y. . . . FRANK T. DEANGELIS is vice-president of the L. A. Dreyfus Co., Oak Tree, N. J. . . . REV. E. DONALD HOOD, formerly Canon of Grace Cathedral parish in Topeka Kansas, is now with the Topeka State Hospital as assistant-supervisor in the chaplain's training program there.

## 1949

MICHAEL CHIAPERINO has been elected president of Delta Nu alumni chapter . . . B. LAWRENCE DAVIS, JR., M.T. (A.S.C.P.) is now chief medical technologist in Richmond Memorial Hospital. He is president of the Metropolitan N. Y. Society of Medical Technologists . . . RICHARD FORSTER was named Advertising and Promotion Manager of June Dairies, Jersey City, N. J. . . . ALEXANDER F. PATTERSON is now social investigator for the N. Y. C. Welfare Dept. . . . THOMAS J. RUSSO has been elected Chairman of the Board of the new YMCA on Staten Island. Tom is teaching an early morning course in business law at Wagner . . . THOMAS SCARAMUZZA now teaches 7th grade in Parkside Junior High School, Massapequa, L. I. . . . DR. NORMAN SCHAEFER received his M.D. in June 1957, from Cornell U., and is now interning at Lenox Hospital, N. Y. . . . REV. TRYGVE R. SKARSTEN was elected to a three year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Welfare Association of N. J. . . . DONALD W. SPIRO was installed as Lodge Master of Richmond Lodge of Masons.

## 1950

NICHOLAS T. BALDASSANO is secretary of the S. I. Sub-section of the American Chemical Society . . . Biochemist HERBERT FRANKENBERG is doing research work at UCLA . . . ALEXANDER GRAVES, JR., ex-president of the Young Republican Club of Richmond County, has been elected member-at-large . . . KENNETH OETJEN, a Sales Manager for Lederle Laboratories, has been transferred to Minneapolis, where he will be attached to the Mayo Clinic . . . REV. HENRY W. REENSTJERNA is organizing a new Lutheran con-

gregation in Woodland Hills, California; for 3 years he has been pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, North Highlands, Calif. . . . REV. ROBERT E. REISCH succeeds Rev. Henry Meyer as pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Port Jervis, N. Y. . . . MATTHEW SCAFFA is now a teacher at P.S. 46, S. I. . . . DONALD SMOOT is a sales representative for Stauffer Chemical Co., N.Y.C., and is attending the New School for Social Research . . . LEONARD SPALLUTO is the President of C. Spalluto & Son Inc., general contractors, S. I.

## 1951

REV. FRANK A. BAUMAN leaves Bethany Lutheran Church, North Bergen, N. J. to assume pastoral duties at Faith Lutheran Church, Lavalette, N. J. . . . BURGIS COATES was promoted to assistant treasurer of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., N. Y. . . . REV. BERNARD F. ENGELHARDT accepted a call to Grace Lutheran Church, Berwick, Pa. He leaves St. James Lutheran Church, Ashland, Pa. . . . DR. EUGENE B. HERMAN passed the examination given by the State Board of Medical Examiners in Hartford, Conn. He is now licensed to practice medicine in Conn. . . . DONALD E. LACEY is a special student at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He is a lab technician at St. Francis Hospital and an aide at the Institute of Living, Hartford, Conn. . . . SABIN MANCINI returned to S. I. from Hollywood, Calif. . . . DR. HERBERT W. NOLTE transferred from Manhattan VA Hospital to Canandaigua VA Hospital, where he is chief of the Counseling Psychology Service . . . LT. EDWIN A. RUDINGER, who is on active duty with the U. S. N. in Spain, is the first Navy doctor assigned shore duty in Spain . . . DR. EDGAR FELDMAN STILLWELL received his doctorate in zoology from Duke U. in June 1957; while there he was a graduate assistant and did research under a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission. He is now assistant professor of Physiology and biology.

## 1952

ANDRE BEAUMONT is now teaching 5th grade at Plainview, L. I. . . . JOHN DE NICOLA is now associated with the Anthony J. Del Tufo Agency Inc., Lyndhurst, N. J. in the real estate and insurance business. John is also the fiscal officer for the Lyndhurst Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol . . . REV. NORMAN S. DINKEL was installed as pastor of Grace and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Manhattan. REV. RICHARD PANKOW '54, preached the sermon . . . DR. MORTON L. KURLAND has been assigned by the U. S. Public Health Service to the psychiatric staff at the U.S.P.H. Hospital in Lexington, Ky. . . . REV. HERBERT L. MESSNER is now Chaplain of the VA Hospital, East Orange, N. J. . . . REV. HOWARD NORRIS has been elected president of the Lutheran Pastors' Association of Hudson County, N. J. . . . FREDERICK NORTON is the assistant treasurer of the Young Republican Club of Richmond County.

## 1953

EDWARD G. ALBERT has a research Fellowship at the N.Y.U. Graduate School of Engineering where he is studying for a

master's degree in meteorology . . . REV. WILLIAM GEORGE BODAMER, JR. was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry, Christ Church, N.Y.C. . . . EDMUND A. BOSCH, JR. is a sales representative of the American Map Co., N.Y.C. . . . JOHN CAMPAGNINO is now teaching junior high school in Baldwin, L. I. . . . LIONEL MARKS has been elected secretary of the Committee on Criminal Law of the Federal Bar Association of N. Y., N. J., and Conn. . . . NICHOLAS SANTORO is teaching at P.S. 22, S. I., and is taking graduate work at Wagner.

## 1954

REV. GOTTFRED C. JACOBSEN, who received his B.D. from Gettysburg Seminary, June 1957, has been assigned as minister of Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, N. J. . . . ANNE MARCUSSEN is a nurse in the ambulance service at Jersey City Medical Center . . . REV. ROLF MIELZAREK is the new secretary of the Lutheran Pastors Association of Hudson County, N. J. . . . CARL H. NUERMBERGER, JR. is now a physical chemist with the U. S. Army . . . REV. ROBERT OBERKEHR, ordained into the Lutheran ministry this past summer, is now a member of the Indiana Synod serving parishes in Deer Creek and Logansport, Ind. MRS. OBERKEHR is the former LOIS SUNDT, 1953 Homecoming Queen . . . JOHN F. PEARCE is a management engineer, U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C. . . . HERBERT P. PIEHLER has joined the staff of the Lutheran Welfare Association of New Jersey as a social case worker in Camden. He is now a second-year student at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

## 1955

DOUGLAS E. BUTLER is an office manager for Aeroil Prod., N. J. . . . CATHERINE DUMBRA CAMPAGNINO serves as a laboratory research assistant at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, N. Y. . . . LOIS ERDMANN has been appointed to the faculty of the Niagara U. College of Nursing . . . WILLIAM F. MAY, who was discharged from the U. S. Navy in August 1957, is now with the Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, N. J. . . . AUGUST MERKEL, who was editor of the Lindenhurst Publishing Co., L. I., is now with the New York Times . . . NICHOLAS RIGOPOULUS is a research technician for Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. . . . REV. RICHARD SIEMANN, who graduated last spring from Mt. Airy Seminary, was installed as assistant pastor of St. David's Lutheran Church, Massapequa Park, L. I. . . . JOHN SUCCO is in the Food Research Division of Procter and Gamble Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was awarded a masters degree from N. C. State in biochemistry in June 1957 . . . FREDERICK E. WILLIAMSON is a 7th grade teacher in the Ossining Public School System, Ossining, N. Y.

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1956

RICK COLGAN is in the Purchasing Dept. of National Lead Corp., N.Y.C. . . . ARNOLD D. CORTAZZO has been appointed executive director for the S. I. Aid for Retarded Children. He is now studying in Teacher's College, Columbia U. . . . PETER J. DE MARZIO is employed as a chemist by Colgate-Palmolive Co., Jersey City, N.J. . . . NANCY WAGNER DOLMANISTH is a nurse in a Fort Smith, Ark. clinic . . . CAROL FEINMAN is teaching at Willowbrook State School, S. I. She is treasurer of her class in Brooklyn Law School, where she is attending evening sessions . . . FRANCES FORTINASH is a nurse in the Vanderbilt Clinic of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, N.Y.C. . . . VINCENT L. GIACINTO, who is Business Manager, Technical Area, Merck & Co., Inc., Chemical Division, in Rahway, N. J., has a teaching post in the evening session of Union Junior College, Cranford, N. J. . . . WILLIAM LAING is an instructor in psychology and a guidance counsellor at Mitchell College, New London, Conn. . . . RONALD C. LARDER, who received a master of arts degree from Syracuse U., is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Cowell in Long Beach, Calif. . . . THOMAS MILLET is now working as a sales representative for Allied Chemical and Dye Corp., Albany . . . PVT. ROBERT E. PIELA is a member of the Army headquarters detachment at Fort Richardson, Alaska . . . AUDREY RATHJN is a staff nurse at the VA Hospital, West Haven, Conn. . . . AARON L. SCHLISSEL is employed as medical service representative of Pitman-Moore Pharmaceuticals Co. . . . MARIE M. SCHMID is teaching in Lakeside School, Merrick, L. I. . . . HELENE SMITH, formerly an art teacher in the N.Y.C. public school system, is now an artist in the Advertising Promotion Dept. of Life Magazine . . . KARL F. STROBEL, recently discharged from the U.S. Army, is now employed by Bendix Aviation Corp., Teeterboro, N. J. . . . MARY TAYLOR is now employed in the Purchasing Dept. of I.B.M., Westchester, N. Y. . . . GUNNAR R. TORNOE, has just been promoted to the rank of specialist third class in the U.S. Army . . . SALVATORE A. VINDIGNI was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps . . . SISTER ERNESTINE WRBA is now working as Parish Deaconess at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa.

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URSULA AREND is teaching in the North Bellmore, L. I. School System . . . OLIVIA BREWER, Fulbright Scholarship winner, is in Rome, Italy, studying music . . . ROBERT W. CHAMBERLIN teaches mathematics in science in Port Richmond High School, S. I. . . . JIM COSTIE is now serving in the Army at Fort Detrick, Frederickburg, Md., as an assistant bacteriologist in the Bacteriological Warfare Laboratory . . . ANDREW D. EXARCHOS is in the Accounting Dept. of Bendix Aviation Corp., Teeterboro, N. J. He had served with the U. S. Army's 4th Division as Finance Officer . . . EWALD S. FORSBREY now works with the Royal Metal Co., N.Y. He is studying for a master's degree in business administration and advertising at City College . . . FOIKERS FREIMANIS is in Mt. Airy Seminary . . . HENRY GERDES is project co-ordinator for

Westinghouse International, N.Y.C. . . . As a student deaconess, SISTER EDNA M. HUGHES is serving her year of field work as a caseworker at Desterlin Home for Children in Springfield, Ohio . . . ANNEMARIE JENSEN is a 4th grade teacher in Cranford, N. J. . . . ROBERT KLUMPP is in the personnel dept. of the Niagara-Mohawk Power Corp., Buffalo, N. Y. . . . HERBERT MARX and his wife PAULINE PAPE MARX both work at the Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn; he is a bacteriologist, and she is a medical technician . . . CHRISTIAN MCCARTHY is a sales representative for Gulf Oil Corp. . . . JANET JUNGE MERKEL is a nurse in the operating room at Jamaica, L. I. Hospital . . . DOROTHY MURRAY is teaching at Curtis High School . . . NICHOLAS NAVARINO is working in the Personnel Division at Fort Monmouth, N. J. . . . JUDITH ANN RICE is employed by Crane & Co., Mass. . . . BERNARD ROPER and MILDRED FLOCKE ROPER are both teaching in the Dumont, N. J. elementary schools . . . GEORGENE PALMER SERENA is a nurse on the staff of S. I. Hospital . . . ELLEN SPALDING is an employee of Mutual Life Insurance Co., and a student at N.Y.U. Her twin sister, EMMA SPALDING, is a social case worker . . . ANTHONY SUCCO is working as a bookkeeper in the Wagner Business Office while taking his master's degree in marketing . . . ARNOLD THOMPSON is studying government politics at the U. of Md. . . . KATHERINE ANN TRACY is a fashion copywriter in advertising at Macy's, N. Y. . . . SALVATORE R. TUZZO is teaching at P.S. 611, St. Elizabeth's School for Girls . . . EDWARD WEINHEIMER is a management trainee with the Western Union Corp., N.Y.C. . . . VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ YOUNG is teaching at Washington School, Nixon, N. J. . . . WILLIAM ZAO is a trainee with his former employer, Lienchen Ltd., Taipei, Formosa, at its N.Y. office. He expects to attend U.S.C. next year.

## FORMER

P. PATRICK BIFULCO is practicing law on S. I.; he is with the firm of Russo & Efstation . . . HERBERT J. FLAMM is president of the S. I. Lions Club . . . JOHN HAHER is flying for American Airlines as a First Officer . . . ROGER MOORE is a first year student at McHarry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. . . . H. DANIEL STILLWELL is a Graduate Assistant, Dept. of Geography, Michigan State University, where he is taking his work for a Ph.D. in natural resources.

## HONORARY

DR. JOSEPH SITTLER, JR. is now Professor of theology of the Federated Theological Faculty, U. of Chicago. He received an honorary doctorate at Wagner in 1948 . . . REV. DR. PAUL A. KIRSCH, who received an honorary doctor of divinity at Wagner in 1939, has been named president of the United Lutheran Synod of N.Y. and N.E., succeeding the Late Rev. Dr. Frederick R. Knubel. Dr. Kirsch is the father of Rev. Paul J. Kirsch, Wagner's Chaplain.

## DEATHS

REV. WERNER EBERBACH '30, who was pastor of Christus Lutheran Church, Camden, N. J., passed away November 2, 1957. He is survived by a wife, Anna, a son, ENS. EDUARD '56, and three other children.

REV. JOHN CHRISTIAN KRAHMER '93, died in a Rochester, N. Y. nursing home on December 3, 1957. His age was 87. Born in Eisenbuehl, Germany, Rev. Krahmer was ordained a Lutheran minister in 1896. Besides serving at many parishes, Rev. Krahmer taught Latin and German at Wagner College, from 1897—1901, and also served as a faculty member of Wagner High School, S. I. from 1923—33. He was principal when he left to return to parish ministry in 1933. He is survived by a brother, Martin, in Germany, a son, Rev. Alfred J. Krahmer '27, and two grandchildren.

REV. CHARLES S. SCHMIDLING '47, former Chaplain of Wagner College, died December 27, 1957, at his home in Oldwick, N. J. His age was 61. Rev. Schmidling was pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, River Edge, N. J., in 1944, when he left to serve as a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. On his return to civilian life, Rev. Schmidling became Chaplain at Wagner, and pastor of St. Paul's Church, Long Valley, N. J., more than six years ago. He is survived by a son, ERIC '49.

REV. DR. GEORGE DRACH '92, the oldest graduate of Wagner, died last October 2, 1957 at his home in Trappe, Pa., following a brief illness. He was secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the U.L.C.A. from 1905—43. Rev. Drach had been in retirement since 1943. He held pastorates in Philadelphia and Reading, Pa. early in his career. An editor of the magazine, "Foreign Missionary" for 35 years, Rev. Drach was the author of eight books. He leaves a widow, Marie, two sons, two daughters, and a brother. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

FRANK V. VARRONE '49, died December 29, 1957, in Staten Island Hospital, following a lengthy illness. Born in Brooklyn 39 years ago, Mr. Varrone was a music major at Wagner. A teacher of saxophone, clarinet, flute, oboe and piano, he played with many S. I. orchestras. Mr. Varrone had been employed in a Manhattan branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank as an IBM operator for five years. A wife, Renee, and two sons survive.

REV. DR. FREDERICK R. KNUBEL, president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, died in New Rochelle, N. Y., on October 22. He had served on the Wagner College Board of Trustees for 12 years. Wagner conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon him in 1945. Dr. Knubel had been president of the Synod since 1944, having been elected three times to five-year terms, a unique record in Lutheran annals. Dr. Knubel received an honorary degree from Wagner in 1945.



Luther Hall is no more! The building, a World War II Army structure, served as a men's dormitory at Wagner for 11 years. It was razed this fall after the new dorm was completed. The man who supervised

the job was Len Spalluto '50 (left), who is pictured in the ruins with Howard Braren '50, Director of Alumni Relations. Spalluto is a partner in the firm of C. Spalluto & Son, demolition contractors.



A son, Stewart Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrison (CONSTANCE DAVERSA '53), August 28, 1956.

A son, Steven Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT G. HOFFMANN '49, October 19, 1956.

A son, Marc Kelly, to Mr. and Mrs. EDMUND A. BOSCH, JR., November 21, 1956.

A daughter, Natasha, to Rev. and Mrs. William Belury (ANN STRICKLAND '53), May 12.

A daughter, Jacqueline Ann, to PHILIP F. '50 and ALICE EVANS '50 SCHICK, June 20.

A daughter, Gale Robin, to Mr. and Mrs. John Mills (VIRGINIA HUBBEL '45), June 26.

A daughter, Leslie June, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schwartz (ANN BASSETT '57), June 29.

A daughter, Gabrielle Ruth, to Dr. and Mrs. MORTON L. KURLAND '52, July 8.

A son, Douglas Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. EMIL S. POLK (F), July 10.

A daughter, Susan Carol, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shumack (CAROL BRADLEY '51), August 15.

A son, Kevin William, to Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE W. WARD '51, M'57, August 19.

A son, Michael Robert, to MICHAEL '49 and MARGARET CHRISTEE '49 NICOLAIS, August 22.

A son, Jody Lawrence, to Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN L. SERRA '56, September 1.

A daughter, Anne Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES R. CHAMBERLAIN '50, September 10.

A daughter, Donna Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. DAVID J. RYFFEL '52, September 10.

A son, Jeffrey, to FRED '54 and DOROTHY HARRIS '55N LAPNOW, September 17.

A son, Stanley Norbert Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Stahler (ANITA RUSSO N'46), September 17.

A son, Eric William, to Mr. and Mrs. Georg Olsen (Mildred Neumann '50), September 21.

A daughter, Denise Lynne, to Capt. and Mrs. WILLIAM H. HARVEY '52, September 30.

A daughter, Cynthia Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED W. HEIDLER, JR. (F), September 30.

A son, Geoffrey Burgis, to Mr. and Mrs. BURGIS COATES '51, October 3.

A daughter, Laurel Lhys, to RICHARD '50 and DORIS HEEPE '51 DOREMUS, October 6.

A daughter, Linda, to Mr. and Mrs. HENRY L. ROLLE '50, October 10.

A daughter, Laura Jane, to WILLIAM '52 and EVELYN PEDERSEN '52 GORDON, October 21.

A daughter, Viola Wanzer, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Maxfield, Jr. (VIOLA WANZER [F]), October 27.

A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. PETER STEINMETZ '56, October 28.

A daughter, Ivy Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lutes (IVY VURTURE N'48), November 1.

A son, Frank Mario Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK M. SPINELLI (F), November 2.

A son, Wayne Todd, to Mr. and Mrs. EGON WENDEL '49, November 9.

A daughter, Susan Beth, to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES H. HUTCHISON '49, November 12.

A son, Douglas William, to Mr. and Mrs. John Monroe (EILEEN PORTER '54N), November 15.

A daughter, Kim Lori, to Mr. and Mrs. WALTER KEHOE, JR. '52, November 20.

A daughter, Wendy Lee, to WILLIAM '52 and DORIS CHRISTA '55 AHRENS, November 24.

A son, Mark Steven, to Mr. and Mrs. AARON L. SCHLISSEL '56, November 24.

A daughter, Mary Catherine, to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH G. STREBLE '45, November 25.

A son, Todd Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD NORLANDER '51, December 12.

A daughter, Christine Elsa, to Dr. and Mrs. Frieder A. Oschmann (ELENOR HARSCH '50), December 19.

**Save  
This  
Date**

**MAY 31  
Alumni Day  
1958**

1. Awarding of alumni service and achievement awards
2. Installation of Association officers
3. Seminars conducted by Wagner departmental chairmen
4. Choir reunion
5. Golf tournament
6. Reunions of all five-year classes (1953, 1948, 1943, etc.)

Full details will be forwarded shortly in a mailing to all alumni\*

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**EVENTS**

**March**

- 2-6 Faith and Life Week
- 6 Basketball: Manhattan vs. Wagner in Madison Square Garden
- 20-22 Varsity Players: "Joan of Lorraine"
- 24-28 Campus Community Chest Solicitation

**April**

- 3 Easter Vacation Begins
- 8 Classes Resume
- 13 "Mark Twain Tonight" — reading by Hal Holbrook
- 13-18 Annual Art Club Show
- 16 "The Conquest Of Nearby Space" — a talk by Willie Ley
- 20 Edwin Markham Day Program
- 26 Annual Air Pollution Symposium

**May**

- 8-10 Varsity Players Production
- 10 Parents' Day
- Spring Song Festival
- 12-14 Summer Session Registration
- 17 College Day (pre-freshmen)
- 31 Alumni Day
- Choir Concert

**June**

- 1 Commencement

**October**

- 18 Homecoming