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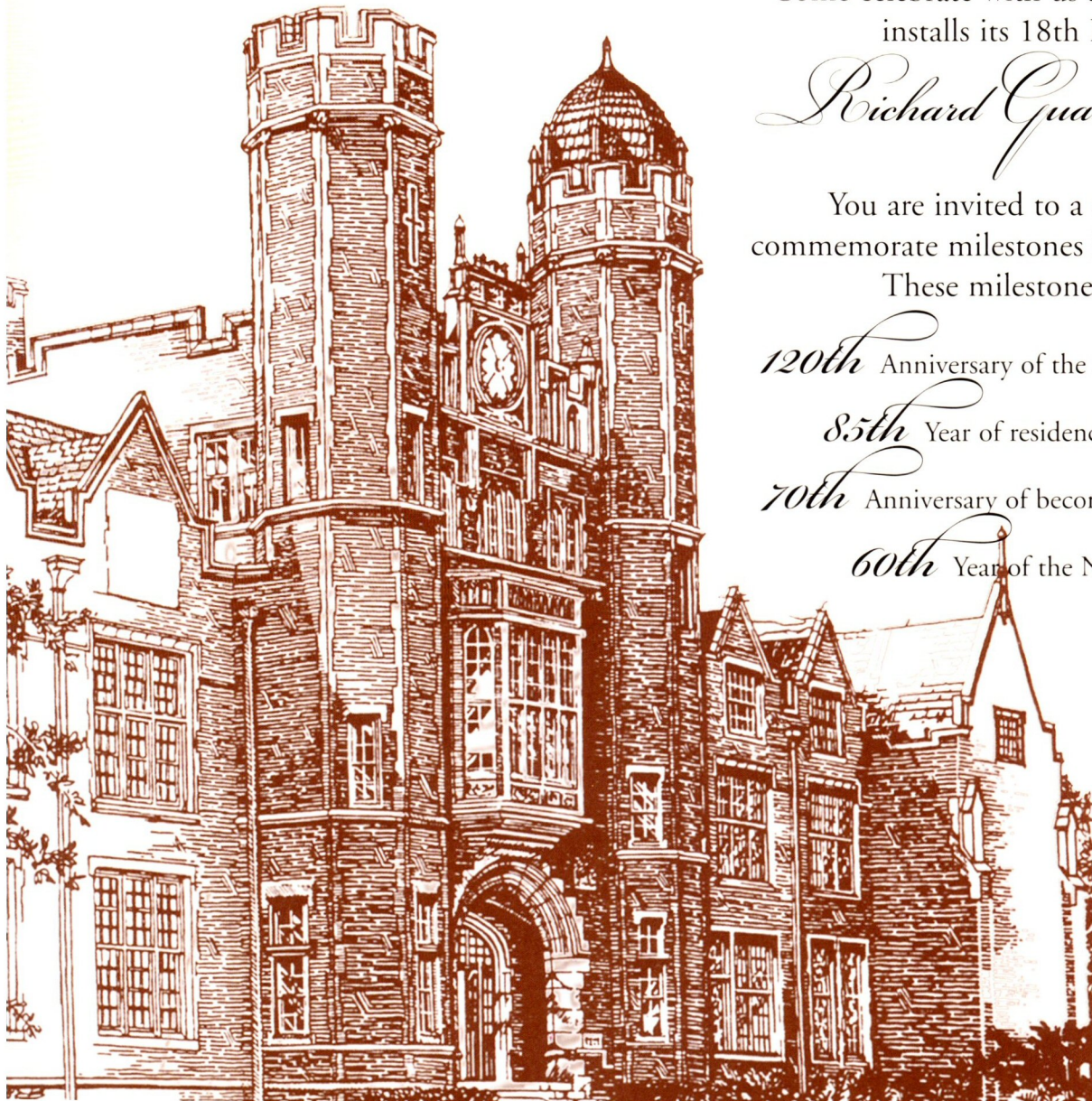
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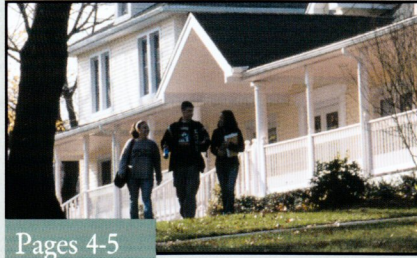
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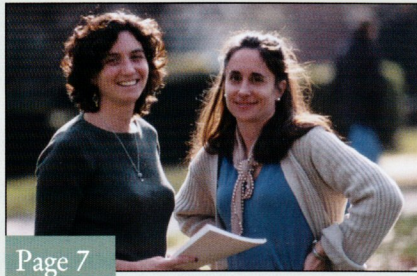
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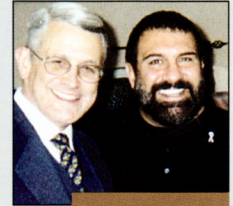
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# On the cover

One hundred twenty years ago — on October 15, 1883 — Wagner College was born under an apple tree in Rochester, N.Y. There has indeed been change during those decades — for the College, for Staten Island, for New York City, for the world. But a commitment to excellence has remained constant. In this anniversary year, we take a look at the history of the College, with an eye on its present and future.

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## THE VALUE OF A WELL-TURNED QUESTION

# A conversation with Dr. Miles Groth



Dr. Miles Groth is the author of numerous papers and articles on psychology. He has also authored several books, including, "Translating Heidegger" (New York: Humanity Books, 2001); "Preparatory Thinking in Heidegger's Teaching" (New York: Philosophical Library, 1987; rev. ed. 1993, New York: Nino Press); and "The Voice That Thinks: Heidegger Studies" (Greensburg: Eadmer Press, 1997).

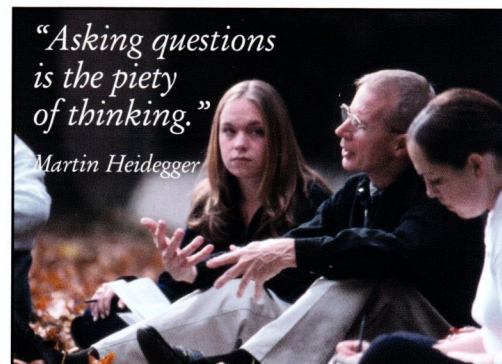
**F**or the past nine years, Miles Groth has been teaching students not how to answer questions, but how to ask them.

A professor of psychology at Wagner, Dr. Groth teaches the human experience. And it is this idea of always asking and questioning that drives him to want to teach. Why teach? "Because I like to provoke people to think about things they haven't thought about. Teaching is not about providing answers, but teaching people to ask the right questions," says Dr. Groth. "I want them to turn standard ways of thinking upside down."

"Teaching undergraduate education is rejuvenating. In some senses, I've never grown up!" This passion for learning and questioning began for Dr. Groth as an undergraduate at Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania. His fundamental belief in the power of a liberal arts education stems from his own positive experiences. This is what he seeks for his students – an opening up of the possibilities of the world around them and of their own potential.

Dr. Groth arrived at Wagner in 1994 at a critical moment for both the College's psychology department and for his own career. The College was in the process of separating the education and psychology departments into two distinct entities in recognition of the individual value of each. Dr. Groth became the fourth member of this new autonomous psychology department, and helped build the program into what it is today, the second largest major on campus. An avid fan and resident of New York City in 1994, Dr. Groth made the decision to move from private practice to teaching. And so, he arrived at Wagner. Still a fan of New York, he now encourages his students to immerse themselves in experiences in the City.

Dr. Groth sees his own experiences, his own instinct to question returning in students at Wagner today. For the program in which he teaches, The Wagner Plan, encourages the same type of probing and questioning. "The generation of students," he says, "is becoming more socially aware, much like that generation of



people who are now teaching them."

As you speak with this soft-spoken man, you easily see the passion he has for his subject and for his teaching. Dr. Groth serves as Director of the Honors Program at Wagner, a position that brings him into contact with students in all disciplines.

He is clearly and justifiably proud of his involvement with the program. Under his stewardship, the Honors Program has added a capstone trip to Europe, funded by generous friends and alumni, for the top ten honors students in the program. During the ten-day trip — past sites have included Venice and Rome — students look at the city they are visiting as a text. The program feeds directly into The Wagner Plan — "learning by doing."

Fittingly, Dr. Groth's latest research interest derives from his students' questions. Prompted by students' interest, he now teaches a course on psychology of men and is publishing his next book, focusing on how we as a society socialize boys into becoming men.

Perhaps it was inevitable that Miles Groth become a psychologist — a self-confessed "sort of radical," Dr. Groth has been posing questions for quite a few years. "Appearances can be deceiving," says Dr. Groth as he relaxes in his office in a navy blue sweater and khaki pants, surrounded by mahogany office furniture. Appearances can be deceiving. What Dr. Groth asks of his students is that they think in different ways — not to look to him for answers, but to look around themselves. And perhaps this way of thinking is not so radical after all. ❖

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik

## MEET TONI SUSI, ENGLISH MAJOR

# Her future falls into place

*Toni Susi, a 21-year-old senior from Cold Spring, N.Y., has spent four years at Wagner College carving out a future for herself. She shares some experiences that have prepared her for the future.*

**LINK: OK, so why don't you start by telling us what you did today.**

TS: You want the average Thursday?

**LINK: Exactly.**

TS: I have my internship on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I usually get up around 6. I meet a couple of friends at the [Wagner] Union and head into the city. We have a little Wagner commuting group — coffee on the ferry — that kind of thing. We split up at the subway and I head to Chelsea where I intern for Henry Holt Publishing. Mondays and Wednesdays, I'm booked with classes straight through the day.

**LINK: Tell us about the internship.**

TS: I work in the publicity department. I have a lot of interesting responsibilities, like galley and review follow-ups.

**LINK: Galley and review follow-ups?**

TS: Right. That's when we send out unedited proofs and follow-up with the edited edition. Afterward we call up dif-

ferent media — TV, magazines, radio — and we try to sell the book and have them review it.

**LINK: Are you actually trying to get people to buy the book?**

TS: No, just to review the book. When I say, "sell" I mean get them interested. A more appropriate term, I "pitch" the idea.

**LINK: Got it. How about some highlights of the job.**

TS: Well, meeting Al and Tipper Gore was pretty cool. Al Gore walked into the office one day and I got to work with him for a couple of hours.

**LINK: Has Wagner been fundamental in getting you to this point?**

TS: Definitely. The English Department, especially. Dr (Peter) Sharpe and others, have spent some time establishing relationships with many of the major publishing houses, and have built a tradition of having Wagner students intern. I know that I have access to all of my professors on a one-on-one level. I know that I can go to them for help, advice, whatever. They're sincerely interested in what I want and how to get there.

**LINK: How about some more background. What did you hope to accom-**

**plish when you came to Wagner?**

TS: I originally came to Wagner as a Theatre major. Some people may think that's not very practical, but my parents supported me in that and anything else I wanted to pursue.

**LINK: You've since changed your major from Theatre to English. Why?**

TS: Dr. (Anne) Hurley. After just one class — it was British Lit — I knew what I wanted to do. You could say that was one of my most memorable moments at Wagner. She opened up a whole new option.

**LINK: It sounds as though your professors have left quite an impression on you.**

TS: They've really helped me expand the way I look at things. ♦

— Koryn Kennedy '01



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Freshman orientation?

Wagner students today would be startled to discover elephants enjoying a lunch break on Sutter Oval. But back in the 1970s and early 1980s, it was a common sight and an annual tradition.

The elephants were performers in the Hanneford Circus, which commandeered the Sutter Gymnasium and surrounding areas each spring for several weeks of performances.

If this photo brings back memories, share them with The Link. We'll send a gift from the Wagner Bookstore to the 10 best responses. E-mail [thelink@wagner.edu](mailto:thelink@wagner.edu). Or write to The Link, Wagner College, One Campus Road, Staten Island N.Y. 10301.

A LASTING TRIBUTE TO ONE ALUM'S WIFE — THE LATE ANNE COLLIGAN PAPE

# WELCOME TO PAPE



Every angle of Pape House has been elegantly designed. Inset: Anne Colligan Pape, for whom the house is named.

The year was 1936. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was starting his second term after a landslide victory. “Mutiny on the Bounty” was playing in movie houses. And the cost of a first-class stamp was three cents.

Henry Pape set out into the world after finishing his degree at Wagner College. Nicknamed “Red” by classmates for his wavy locks of hair, Pape had spent eight years on the Grymes Hill campus, attending a private school for boys once housed in

Cunard Hall before continuing on for his bachelor's.

A strapping young man at 6 feet 3, Pape was destined for success. Articulate and tenacious, he had no problem landing his first job, even in a sluggish economy, with the Personal Finance Company of New York. Soon after, he moved on to the National City Bank as a fraud investigator and later to the South Shore Bank as a loan officer.

Through the myriad personal and professional successes that would follow, Pape's connection to Wagner would remain strong

# PE HOUSE

and culminate with a \$1 million donation that would become a lasting tribute to his wife, Anne Colligan Pape.

## **NATIVE STATEN ISLANDER**

Henry Pape was born on April 15, 1915 in Staten Island Hospital. He was the only child of Margaret and Henry H. Pape who made their home on Oxford Place, in the Silver Lake area of Staten Island.

Young Henry started driving at an early age, learning to steer his father's Packard while sitting on his lap. Together they would meander through Staten Island's South Shore neighborhoods.

"It was no big deal," Pape muses today with his characteristically dry sense of humor. "My father knew all the cops."

Pape enjoyed his childhood on Staten Island, then New York City's most bucolic and sparsely populated borough.

As a teen, he was an usher at the St. George Theater on Hyatt Street, working hard for 83 cents a night.

It was then that he first met Anne Colligan, whose family lived miles away from the Papes on the southern end of Staten Island in Pleasant Plains. Anne was a cashier at the Liberty Theater on Beach Street. The couple wouldn't start dating until several years later.

"She was my exact opposite," Pape recalls. At 5 feet 2 and weighing just about 115 pounds, Anne Colligan was soft-spoken and conservative.

Henry, on the other hand, had been dubbed "Wagner's red-headed playboy" in the 1936 Kallista yearbook.

War would delay the young couple's marriage. Pape joined the Army in 1943, serving in the European Theater of Operations with the criminal investigation division. He earned three Bronze Stars before his discharge in 1945.

Anne corresponded faithfully while "Red" was abroad, sending him a letter every day.

They were married on April 3, 1946, and enjoyed a six-week honeymoon, traveling as far as Iowa, New Orleans and Miami in their 1941 Buick convertible.

Never one to turn down a new opportunity, Pape took a position with the Thoroughbred Racing Association after his Army years. As an investigator, he uncovered illegal activity that included stimulation of horses and other improprieties by undesirables that frequented the race tracks.

Several years later he switched gears again when he joined the Metropolitan Brewers' Institute, the Brewers Board of Trade and the New York State Brewers Association. His job consisted mainly of policing the brewing industry in the metropolitan New York and New Jersey areas and promoting the best interests of the brewing industry.

There would be one more job change before retirement. In 1977, Pape accepted a position as investigator in the enforcement section of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety.

## **LASTING TRIBUTE**

Anne and Henry Pape enjoyed a long and successful marriage.

"We did everything together," he says. They lived much of their 46 married years in a comfortable ranch house in Whippany, N.J., tastefully decorated with Ethan Allen furnishings, and they later bought a condo in Bradenton, Florida.

After a long battle with cancer and emphysema, which included 17 hospitalizations in Florida alone, Anne Colligan Pape died on Jan. 18, 1992. Her husband, who had cared for her throughout her illnesses, was by her side in death as he had been during their lives together.

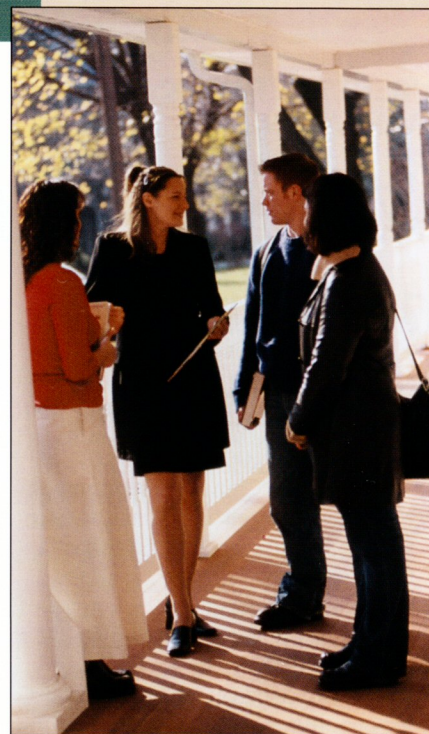
Pape misses her every day.

"Now that I can afford to go anywhere anytime, I don't have her with me," he says sadly.

Pape keeps himself busy in an effort to fill the void. Now a full-time Floridian, he regularly eats out with a circle of friends, driving to restaurants and friends' houses in his white Cadillac.

When dining in, "I do business with Mr. Stouffer," he quips.

He doesn't travel as frequently, and was fitted with a pacemaker in October. His last



Top: Students speak with Admissions counselor Angie Bombardier '02 on the front porch of Pape House.

Bottom: Henry Pape '36, center, joins Trustee Polly Peck Moles '68 and Patricia Knapp, wife of Trustee Gregory Knapp '66 H '00.

visit to Wagner was in 1996 to celebrate his 60th reunion.

Last year Pape decided to make a donation to Wagner in his wife's memory. His gift of \$1 million has made possible a much needed expansion of the Admissions Office.

Two cottages at the center of the campus have been joined by an elegant reception area where prospective students and their parents begin their campus visit. When dedicated during Reunion Weekend this June, the new structure will be called, appropriately, Pape House, in honor of Anne Colligan Pape.

"I want to memorialize my wife whom I still love greatly," Pape says, adding that she was an extraordinary woman who deserves an extraordinary public tribute. ❖

— Claire Regan '80

STUDENTS NETWORK  
AT ANNUAL DINNERNo better  
mentor than  
an alum

**W**agner's Career Development Office hosted its annual Mentorship Dinner on Sept. 30 in the faculty dining room.

Eleven alumni representing a variety of industries returned to campus to offer their expertise and guidance.

The event provided students with the networking opportunities to help jump-start the career-search process.

Microbiology, marketing, accounting, entertainment and the non-profit sector were represented.

The following alumni were present: Tonya Addy '96, talent coordinator at "Late Night with Conan O'Brien;" Douglas Arrigo '97, vice president for proprietary trading business, JPMorganChase; Michael Calandra '99, senior accountant with Ernst & Young; Jeanine Carlucci '99, human resources, global business management, at JPMorganChase; Anthony D'Agostino '99, senior accountant at PriceWaterhouse Coopers; Deana Herrera Walker '99, diabetes outreach manager at Staten Island University Hospital.

Also attending were Laura Howard '92, microbiologist for the FDA; Jack Irving '69, former executive media director at Saatchi & Saatchi and a member of the Wagner College Board of Trustees; Ernie Jackson '87, director of communications at National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors

Also, Nicholas Lorenzo '98, securities trader at Prudential Securities; Elizabeth Shannon '75, production supervisor for McGraw-Hill.

Freshman Kat Pungdumri said her mentor "brought a lot of advice and the real deal about her occupation and college to the table."

Mentors encouraged the students they met to stay in touch. The Career Development Office is planning next year's mentorship dinner. If you can assist Career Development in its endeavor to bring quality career programming to students, call (718) 420-4016, or e-mail [vcrispo@wagner.edu](mailto:vcrispo@wagner.edu). ♦

— Victoria Crispo '00

## ALUMNAE WORKING IN ADMISSIONS



*"Who better to represent  
Wagner than a recent graduate?  
It's a perfect fit."*

— LEIGH-ANN DEPASCALE '96

Angie Bombardier '02, Leigh-Ann DePascale '96 and Dana Rinschler '02.

## Coming full circle

There are some familiar faces joining the Office of Admissions this year. Leigh-Ann DePascale, Class of 1996, and Dana Rinschler and Angie Bombardier, both Class of 2002, are now helping to find future Wagner students and alumni through their posts in admissions.

Leigh-Ann DePascale joins the office this year as Director of Admissions, coming from her position as Director of Admissions at Staten Island Academy; but, she is no stranger to admissions at Wagner. After graduation, she began her career in higher education as an assistant director of admissions at Wagner.

After four memorable years as a student at Wagner, she discovered her career through advice from another alumna of the College, Maria Giura, who at the time was serving as Director of Career Placement.

"It was a great opportunity. Wagner was my home for four years and I wanted to continue to be involved in the College. Who better to represent Wagner than a recent graduate? It's a perfect fit," Leigh-Ann says.

It is the sense of community that exists at Wagner that brought Leigh-Ann here as a prospective student, and continues to attract her to the College now.

Of course, talking to prospective students comes naturally to alumnae.

Dana Rinschler and Angie Bombardier can both attest to that. Having both recently joined the office, they discovered a somewhat easier transition to their professional roles because of their experiences at the College.

Originally from Westfield, MA, Angie can relate to prospective students' attraction to New York City; this was one of the reasons she chose Wagner herself.

"I loved my four years at Wagner so much — I enjoy the opportunity to share my experiences with prospective students."

Dana finds herself talking to students about her own experiences and feels this gives her a unique approach to her job.

"I have an interesting perspective. As a student, I experienced *The Wagner Plan* first-hand; it is easy for me to share my own Wagner experiences with students. Because I am an alumna, I think students feel more comfortable asking about my own experience. And, if this helps them come to a decision about Wagner, then I've done my job."

"There is so much energy on campus. I felt it as a student, and now I am integrally involved in helping others discover the excitement of Wagner College," says Leigh-Ann.

"I look forward every day to helping build the future of the College." ♦

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik



# Their mission: Shaping minds

**O**n a Monday morning near the end of the fall semester, 16 freshmen are watching a film clip from “60 Minutes.”

Narrated by correspondent Morley Safer, the piece takes a critical look at modern art with examples ranging from three basketballs in a fish tank by Jeff Koons to a triptych of sculpted urinals by Robert Gobar.

“Is this art, or are the people who buy this stuff victims of a trashy hoax?” Dr. Laura Morowitz challenges her students at the film’s conclusion, awakening their interest.

A few tentative hands go up.

“Some stuff is out of control,” declares Ryan Kent. “Who would pay money for that?”

“If the artist says it’s a work of art, is it?” Courtney Frost rhetorically asks her classmates.

“And who is to judge whether something *is* art?” adds Jason Klosowicz.

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Dr. Morowitz, an art historian and assistant professor in art, is skilled at guiding such a weighty discussion among 18-year-olds just getting their feet wet in college.

She and Dr. Lori Weintrob, associate professor of history, team-teach a “Learning Community,” part of the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts introduced five years ago by Dr. Richard Guarasci, then Provost of the College.

Their Learning Community combines a history course — Western Civilization in Modern Times — with an art course — 19th and 20th Century Art — and a reflective seminar. Students meet three times a day, three days a week, to create conversations that link the two courses.

The Learning Community extends beyond the classroom. Students spend three hours a week at field sites which have included the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Historic Richmond Town and the Museum Of African Art. These field trips form the basis for a video or Powerpoint group presentation at the end of the semester.

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“Are the politics of an artist important?” Dr. Morowitz asks in their next class. “Degas was a vicious anti-Semite, for example. Should we care? Should that matter?”

Hands shoot up. Opinions are mixed.



Dr. Lori Weintrob, left, and Dr. Laura Morowitz.

Dr. Weintrob moves the discussion along to another level. “Should the artist have a social responsibility? And what about the social responsibility of the consumer?” she poses.

The two professors are now team-teaching their first-year students, leading a lively discussion that combines their two disciplines.

Their energy and passion is palpable. They move around the classroom in tandem, posing questions to the class, to each other, to the class again.

Their approach is a successful blend of academics and contemporary awareness. Not too far removed in age from the students they are teaching, they are just as comfortable discussing Henrik Ibsen, Sigmund Freud and the French Revolution with their students as they are comparing Bruce Springsteen to Billie Holiday.

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Laura Morowitz, who lives in Verona, N.J., and is the mother of two young children, holds a bachelor’s degree from Brooklyn

College and advanced degrees from New York University. Lori Weintrob, who lives in Brooklyn and is the mother of a 22-month-old, earned an undergraduate degree at Princeton and advanced degrees at UCLA.

They met at Wagner in 1995, and have been collaborating ever since.

“We’re good friends,” Dr. Morowitz explains after class. “We hit it off on a personal and intellectual level.” They have different styles in the classroom, which proves to be an asset rather than an impediment.

“We interrupt each other a lot,” says Dr. Morowitz. She’s more direct. I tend to circumvent.”

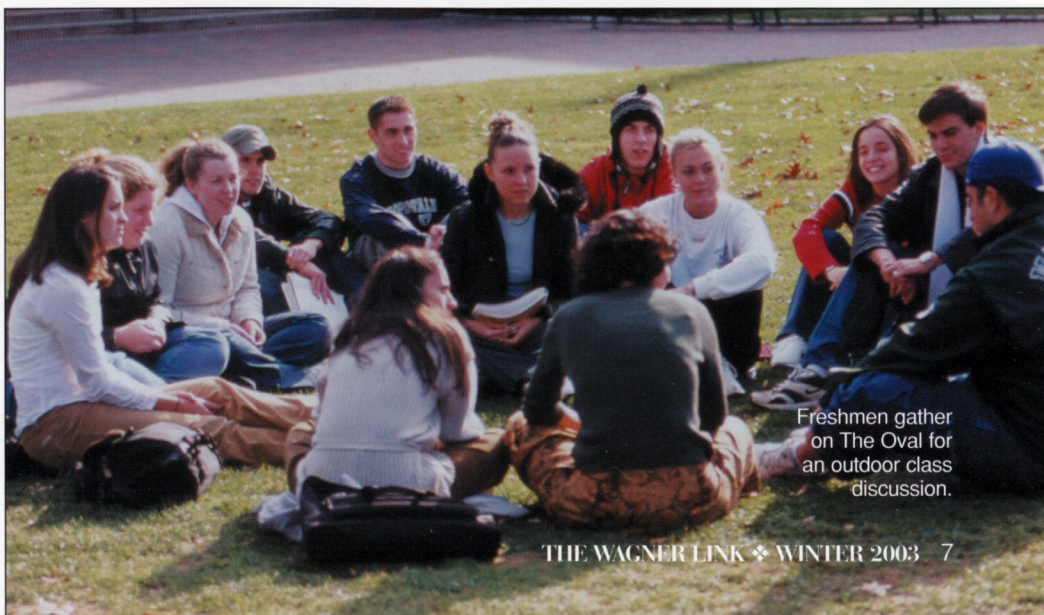
“But we’re both committed feminists — and we both like the dessert table” in the faculty dining room, she adds with a smile.

Their missions in the classroom are clear. “Our aim is to get freshmen to reflect on the role of art in their own lives and throughout European history,” Dr. Morowitz says.

“We use New York City as a resource,” says Dr. Weintrob. “Eighty percent of our students have never been to a museum. After this Learning Community, they will have visited five. Our curriculum helps them become better New Yorkers and better Americans.

“The first-year program promotes creativity and connectedness, critical thinking and community involvement,” she continues. “It gives us a chance to work with students in enormous depth. You really get to know them because you see them in so many contexts, and the relationships last well beyond four years.” ♦

— Claire Regan '80



Freshmen gather on The Oval for an outdoor class discussion.



## A MESSAGE FROM WALT HAMELINE, WAGNER'S DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

It is a great pleasure to bring you news of Wagner Athletics through the pages of our new magazine, *The Link*.

We want to keep you updated about athletic events and competitions in your area and welcome your participation and support. I look forward to telling you about our successes and the continued success of our Seahawk alumni.

The Seahawk family is proud of its rich tradition of extraordinary academic and athletic standards. The Wagner student-athlete population has jumped to an amazing 400 with the inclusion of 22 varsity sports, including women's water polo, which competed for the first time in spring 2002.

It is with a sense of pride that I, along with the rest of the Wagner community, celebrate their accomplishments in the classroom and on the field.

The Wagner College Athletic

Program pursues a philosophy that intercollegiate athletics is an important part of a well-rounded and broad-based undergraduate college education and is thereby dedicated to the service of a broad range of student, faculty and public interests. So many of our alumni know how meaningful their experiences as student athletes have been.

Please come out and support our student athletes. We look forward to seeing you around the country and on campus! ❖

# Family ties

## LACROSSE BONDS TWO SISTERS

This year, my sister Pam completes her final year at Wagner College. Although she will continue on for her master's in health administration, she will no longer participate as a member of the Wagner Lacrosse Team.

Together, Pam and I make a unique team. It is unusual to have two sisters attend the same college, play the same sport, serve as captains, be named MVPs and even share the same number. But the similarities stop there. Our experiences at Wagner have been quite different.

I decided to attend Wagner because it was an ideal location. It offered me a chance to be away on my own but still be close to home. I wanted to attend a small college which had the majors I wanted (history and education) but I also wanted the opportunity to play lacrosse at the Division I collegiate level. Wagner offered me the opportunity to be a part of the team while

not impeding on my college career.

Pam was a little more apprehensive about going to college. She also wanted a smaller school which provided a sense of community. And Pam was looking to play lacrosse at the collegiate level.

The learning communities academic program offered her the chance to be exposed to different fields in New York City. As a liberal arts college, Wagner provided a sampling of many different courses, and Pam decided to major in sociology.

As a teacher and a coach I am often asked why I played a sport on the college level. To me the most important part of athletics I have taken away as an alumna was not so much the wins or losses. I remember my teammates; something I took for granted while I was there. I was privileged to be a part of such a wonderful team with amazing and unique people.

I am grateful that Pam has had a similar experience in her four years on the lacrosse team. Like me, she is indebted to the former Women's Lacrosse coach, Heather Dent. Coach Dent inspired the entire team with determination, discipline and desire.

You never know how you will feel watching your old teammates play as you sit in the stands, but for me it has been a wonderful experience. I love to watch my sister play now that I am an alumna. To know that the girl who chose my old number is my little sister is the biggest compli-



ment I could receive. I am truly amazed at her abilities on and off the field. She has the spirit, dedication and determination to be one of the best in lacrosse but it is her sense of camaraderie, compassion and genuine affection for her teammates that I admire most.

People often tease me about Pam coming in to break the records I hold at Wagner for lacrosse. To be honest, I wouldn't want it any other way.

In January, Pam graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in the arts. She has excelled on the lacrosse field and academically. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and received the C. Wright Mills Award for student excellence in sociology.

She has earned second team all-conference awards for her excellence in lacrosse from the NEC and has been placed on the academic honor roll. She was honored as captain of the team for the past two years and was the team's MVP last year.

Pam will continue at Wagner in pursuit of a master's degree in health administration, and hopes to stay involved with the lacrosse team. ❖



Janet Sobieski graduated cum laude in 2000 with a double major in history and secondary education. She teaches history in the Livingston (N.J.) School District where she coaches the varsity lacrosse program. She is pursuing a master's in education at the College of St. Elizabeth.

# 'Joe Jilts': 1921-2003

## HE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY WAGNER ATHLETES

*Excerpted from the Staten Island Advance.*

The titles were hardly the makings of a legend: Athletic equipment manager and gas station owner. Yet the man who held them is remembered dearly by generations of Staten Islanders.

He transcended the ordinary jobs with his sense of caring, which left an imprint on the hearts of those who knew him. In death, he leaves a legacy of kindness in the thousands of lives he touched.

Virgil ("Joe Jilts") Speroni, 82, of Dongan Hills, the retired Wagner College athletic equipment manager and a former gas station owner, died on Jan. 15 in Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

Born in Manhattan, he was brought to Dongan Hills as a child.

Mr. Speroni operated a gas station at the intersection of Richmond Road and Targee Street in Concord from 1946 to 1954 and another at the intersection of Richmond and Old Town roads, Dongan Hills, from 1954 to 1969.

The friends he made during this time, like others he would meet later, stayed close to him for the rest of his life.

One of them was baseball great Bobby Thomson, who hit the famed "Shot Heard 'Round the World" in 1951, the home run giving the New York Giants the victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League playoffs.

Mr. Speroni took the job as athletic equipment manager for Wagner College after his wife, the former Gloria Toscani, died of cancer in 1969.

Mr. Speroni was unofficially a surrogate father to the players and coaches. He had homecooked meals and an open ear for the student athletes and coaches who were struggling with everything from being sidelined to girl friend problems.

For the teams, he was the experienced worker who did all the little jobs no one else had time for or wanted to do.



"He was just a father to so many former student-athletes and coaches," said Walt Hameline, Wagner's athletic director. "I guess I could use the word legend ... Joe Jilts is a legend."

Mr. Speroni retired from Wagner in 1993. A graduate of McKee High School, he was a member of the Staten Island Baseball Oldtimers and was inducted into Wagner's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

On the field, he was famous for wearing coaching shorts even in below-freezing temperatures. One of the most cherished incidents of him wearing shorts came in 1978, when he walked into a formal West Point dining room wearing a jacket, tie and shorts. He caused quite a stir, but was allowed in after a review by the Officer of the Day.

One of his favorite moments took place in 1993, when he fulfilled his fantasy of running across the football field with the Penn State football team in front of 80,000 screaming fans. It was a favor from Bob Hicks, the former Wagner football coach.

"He was just a very special person," said his son, Gene Speroni. "I think he touched more people's lives than even he realized." ❖

*The Wagner College Alumni Football Golf Outing will now be named the Joe Jilts Football Alumni Outing. It will be held on June 12 at Latourette Golf Course. Shot-gun at 1 p.m. To make a reservation, e-mail Walt Hameline, Athletics Director, at whamelin@wagner.edu. Donations in memory of Joe Jilts can be made through the Seahawk Club or by calling the Office of Development at (718) 390-3218.*

## Seahawk action coast-to-coast

### BASEBALL

- ❖ Feb. 21-23 at Winthrop University, South Carolina
- ❖ March 8-10 at Virginia Commonwealth University
- ❖ March 13-15 at University of Arizona

### SOFTBALL

- ❖ Feb. 22 vs. Georgia State and Marshall
- ❖ Feb. 23 vs. Iowa
- All games at Georgia State, Atlanta.

- ❖ March 11 vs. Temple and South Florida
- ❖ March 12 vs. Ball State and Canisius
- ❖ March 13 vs. South Florida
- All games at the University of South Florida, Tampa

### Plantation City Tournament

- ❖ March 14 vs. Canisius and Penn State
- ❖ March 15 vs. Bethune-Cookman and Temple
- ❖ March 16 vs. St. Francis

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

- ❖ March 10 vs. Bucknell at University of Denver
- ❖ March 12 vs. University of Denver

### MEN'S LACROSSE

- ❖ March 8 vs. St Joseph's, Philadelphia
- ❖ March 12 vs. Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md.

### WATER POLO

- ❖ March 13 vs. California State Northridge
- ❖ March 14 vs Arizona State University and California Baptist, both at California Baptist
- ❖ March 15 vs. Whittier, Macalester and Occidental College, all at Occidental

### GOLF

- ❖ March 7-15 at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

### TRACK AND FIELD

- ❖ March 14 vs. University of North Carolina at Wilmington

## NEC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

is coming to Wagner's Spiro Sports Center

### QUARTERFINALS

Saturday, March 8

Session No. 1 Noon and 2 p.m.

Session No. 2 5:30 and 8 p.m.

### SEMIFINALS

Sunday, March 9 at 1:30 and 4 p.m.

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

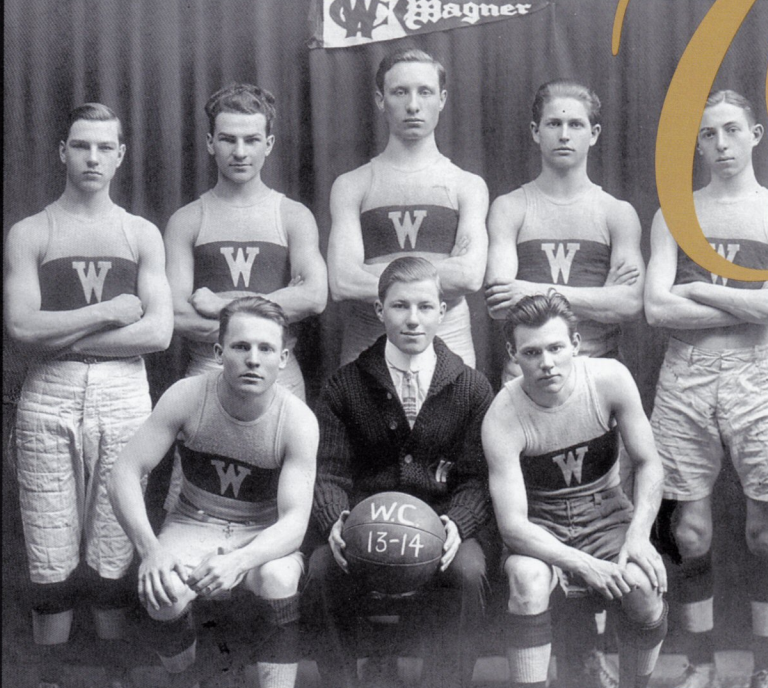
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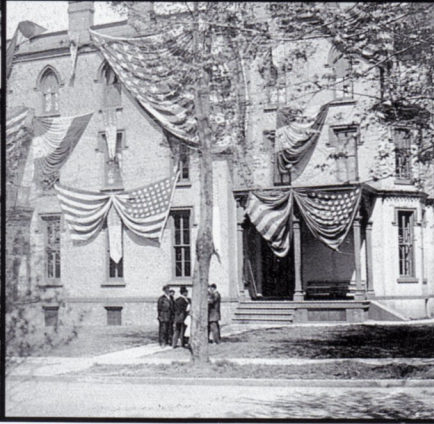
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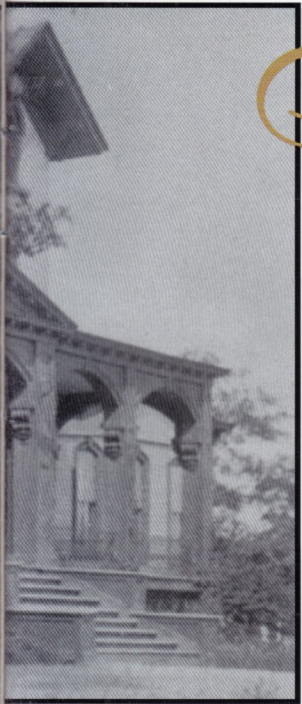
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*The first edition of The Wagnerian in 1918 muses: "Paradoxical as it may seem, the 'New Wagner' is in the city and not in the city. It is within the geographical limits of the city of New York, but no one could guess it, for it is far from the congestion, the din and roar of the city proper."*





**T**o say that the world has changed since Wagner's founding in 1883 would understate what is perhaps most salient about the past 120 years of Wagner's existence. Change.

Wagner was founded in the same year as the Brooklyn Bridge opened. The College existed before New York City consolidated and became the five-borough conglomeration it is today. Before the Chrysler and Empire State Buildings soared into the New York City sky and before the arrival of the automobile. Before all of these things, came an idea of a College – Wagner College. The world has experienced tremendous change since 1883. For Wagner, as they say, the one constant has indeed been change.

It was October 15, 1883 that Wagner College began. The idea of the Lutheran Proseminary of Rochester, as Wagner was called then, was “born” under an apple tree. And it came into existence as a result of a group of men, primary among them Alexander Richter and George Gomph, who were determined to meet the

old estate, only recently abandoned by its illustrious owner, Sir Edward Cunard. Yet these young men had many of the same thoughts about this campus as we do today.

It was a graduate of Wagner who provided the impetus for the College's greatest change in 1918 when a new home for the growing institution was needed. Frederic Sutter, trained at Wagner and a pastor on Staten Island at Trinity Lutheran Church, found the new home for the College. He also found a greater vision for the College.

Above all else, Reverend Sutter was devoted to the idea that Wagner as an educational institution should be invested in the community. The entire community. This commitment ultimately led to the enrollment of women in 1933.

In 1935, President Clarence Stoughton put into words in his inaugural address the reaffirmation of the founding principles of Wagner.

“But while we do not need more universities, we do need more small liberal arts colleges, where personality is sacred, where the student is always an individual, where his personality is developed and emphasized ... I would have Wagner men and women aware to that need for such leadership, I would have them prepared to meet it, I would have them strong-hearted captains in the never-ending fight for freedom, for nobility, for honor, for truth.”

President Stoughton's vision still applies for Wagner today.

From an enrollment of 16 students in 1918, the Wagner population grew steadily; 120 years later, over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate student populate the campus community.

And the College grew in physical size as well. The Cunard estate of 38 acres with its 1852 mansion and outbuildings, the Bellevue Hotel (now Reynolds House) was added to in 1922 with the purchase of the Jacob Vanderbilt property and again in 1949 with the purchase of Oneonta, the 1865 estate of William Green Ward. In the early 1990s, Wagner added the Augustinian property – 20 acres across Campus Road.

This year in which Wagner celebrates its 120th anniversary, we also celebrate several milestones that have helped form the College. This is the 70th anniversary of co-education at Wagner; the 60th anniversary of the nursing program, begun during World War II as the Nursing Cadet Corps. It is the 85th anniversary of our move to Staten Island, a move that created the College's enduring bond with New York City.

It is also the 5th year anniversary of the beginning of The Wagner Plan, the curriculum which formalized our relationship with New York City as an integral part of our curriculum.

There has indeed been change over the past 120 years, for this institution and for the world. But there has always been a constant – Wagner's and our community's quest for excellence in all that we do. That commitment has not wavered. It is indeed appropriate that Wagner is constantly changing, growing in vision. And it is that very commitment to change that ultimately creates our connections with our past and propels us towards our future. ❖

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik

# hundred twenty rs ago, Wagner College was born



needs of their German immigrant community. These needs included German-speaking ministers.

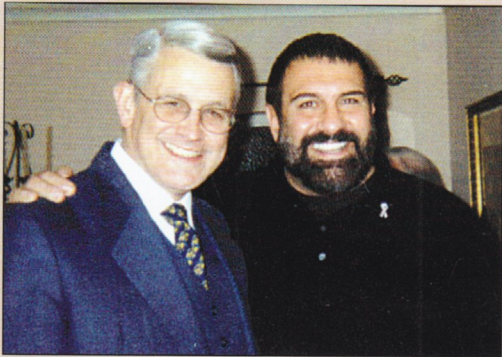
During the early years, Wagner experienced hardships. An annual budget of \$100 in 1883 was not really adequate, and the College survived on the generosity of patrons.

In 1886, John G. Wagner, donated what was, at the time, an enormous sum — \$12,000 — to get the fledgling institution on its feet. In memory of his son, George Wagner, we became Wagner Memorial Lutheran College.

Members of the community formed the Wagner College Guild in 1908 and contributed immeasurable aid in helping the College and its students flourish.

This is where we began. Thirty-five years after our founding, Wagner, with its 16 students, one professor and 2,000 books, arrived on Staten Island, under the guidance of Reverend Frederic Sutter and Dean William Ludwig.

For the students of Wagner, the change was momentous. Consider 16 students moving with their College hundreds of miles to an island – Staten Island – in the middle of New York Harbor. They were to move to an



Trustee Dr. Warren Procci '68 greets Billy Tyler '80 at Dr. Procci's home in Pasadena, California.



Betsy (Ebers) Press '58 and Walter Baumhoff '59 enjoy a cocktail at his home in Palm Springs, California.

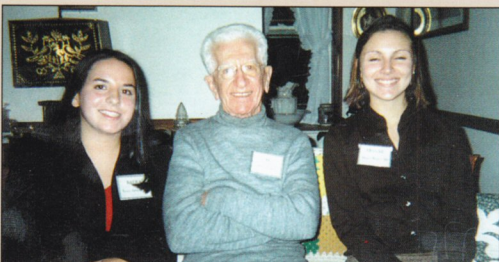
## A CHANCE TO CONNECT

The Wagner College bond lasts a lifetime. Alumni are hosting events all around the country to connect with Wagner from afar.

From a "Meet-the-New-President," Dr. Richard Guarasci, in Palm Springs, Calif., to a reception during the International Art and Antiques Fair at the Javits Center in Manhattan, alumni and friends of the College are sharing memories of Wagner's past and looking toward its future.

There are so many ways to connect with Wagner. We invite you to join in. Come celebrate with us. Check the Web site for alumni events in your area, [www.wagner.edu](http://www.wagner.edu).

We look forward to connecting with you!



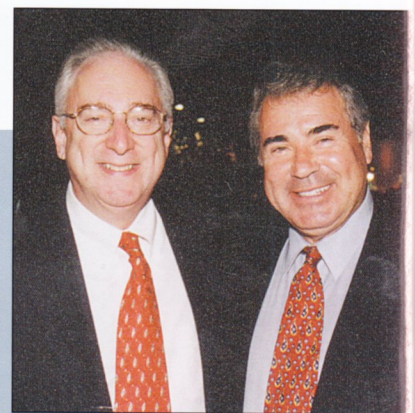
Trustee Emeritus Dr. Al Accettola '41 is joined in his Flemington, N.J., home by Laura Ambrogio '03, left, and Abigail Baldwin '04, right, recipients of the Accettola scholarship. Dr. Accettola hosted a reception for Wagner's new president, Dr. Richard Guarasci.



Robert '49 and Mary Hoffmann meet Chien Liu, assistant professor of sociology, at a party in Princeton hosted by Trustees Tom Moles '65 and Polly Peck Moles '68.



Paul and Don Cavalli '62 with Bunny Barbes '39.



President Guarasci and Wally Pagan '61 at the Javits Center.



Janet (Junge) Merkel '57 and her daughter admire an antique table.



Lou DeLuca '59 and Cynthia de Heymann Spry '62.

## INTERNATIONAL ART AND ANTIQUES FAIR AT THE JAVITS CENTER

Gail Kelley '97, Jeanette Castaldo '95, Nancy (Erkman) Loddigs '65, Trustee Polly Peck Moles '68, Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 and Lynne Smith Danesh.





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Derish Wolff, John Ross, Trustee Maureen Robinson '67 and Carl Hausheer, '54.



### ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR IN MARTHA'S VINEYARD

TOP: Dr. Lee Anna Mielzarek and Dr. Rolf Mielzarek '54.



CENTER: Wayne Gafford and Donna Mollica New '68.

BOTTOM: From left, Captain Allan Brier '55, Jane (Tilson) Brier '57, Bob Press, Betsy (Ebers) Press '58 and Dr. Rolf Mielzarek '54.



Wanda (Schweizer) Praisner '54, Marge (Snyder) Hausheer '52 and Gail Kelley '97.

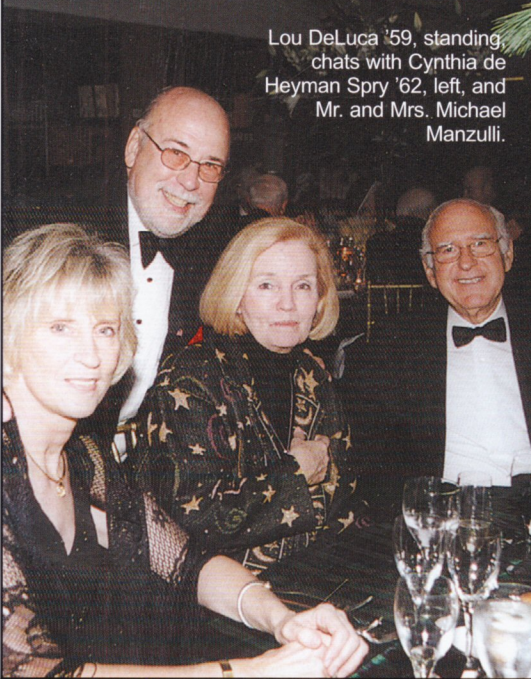
President Guarasci greets Trustee Dr. Eva H'97 and Judy Megerle.

# BLACK TIE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

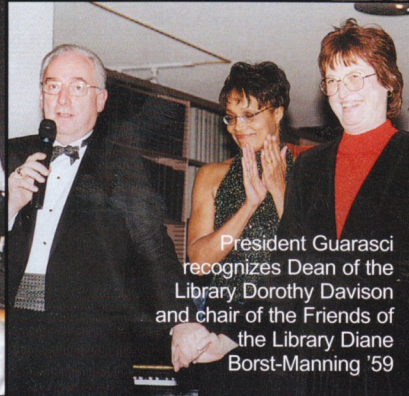


The Wagner College Choir performs for guests at the annual black tie celebration in the Horrmann Library.

Lou DeLuca '59, standing, chats with Cynthia de Heyman Spry '62, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Manzulli.



President Guarasci recognizes Dean of the Library Dorothy Davison and chair of the Friends of the Library Diane Borst-Manning '59



Miss Staten Island Sarah Madej '04, Jake Brown, Miss New Jersey Alicia Luciani '04, Gerard Mangieri and Morgan McLean '04 join President and Carin Guarasci



Dr. Hal McCulloch, Provost, and wife, Louise, with Carin Guarasci, Michael Nicolais '49 and wife, Margaret Nicolais '49, and President Guarasci.



Trustee Dr. George Megerle H'94 and wife Judy Megerle.



The Horrmann Library was transformed into an elegant ballroom as Wagner welcomed friends and supporters to campus in recognition of their commitment to the College. President Richard and Carin Guarasci hosted this annual event of celebration, joined by members of the Wagner community. Together they acknowledged and lauded the accomplishments of the College and the extended Wagner community.



# Class notes

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### 1950

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**Charles R. Chamberlain** (Bethlehem, NH) retired as a school teacher in Rockland County, NY, several years ago. He is teaching American comedy at the Center for Lifelong Learning at Dartmouth University. He would love to hear from other alumni living nearby (to either Bethlehem or Lebanon).

**James Gilmartin** (Staten Island) and **Christine Thing Gilmartin '51** (Staten Island) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a mass of thanksgiving in Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church, followed by a party in the Pavillion on the Terrace (Staten Island).

### 1952

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**Wanda Schweizer Praisner M '57** (Bedminster, NJ) is presently a teaching artist in the New Jersey Writers Project (Poetry), sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey.

### 1958

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**Dorothy M. Chanin** (Kings Park) retired from Suffolk County Community College.

### 1961

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**Brian P. O'Connor M '74** (Jackson, NJ) has retired after 33 years at IBM Corporation. He spends 6 months in Naples, FL, and 6 months in Jackson, NJ, with frequent visits to children and grandchildren in Ohio and NJ.

### 1962

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**Beverly Hoehne Whipple PhD, RN, FAAN** (Medford, NJ) was elected vice president of the World Association for Sexology in June 2001, with a term through 2005. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual

Health (2002-2004) and was installed as president of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality on Nov. 9, 2002. She worked with World Health Organization in Geneva in January 2002 on the new definitions of sexual health. She has spoken in over 70 countries about women's health and sexual health. Her latest publication is titled, "Smart Women, Strong Bones."

### 1963

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**Russell C. Gromest** (Hamilton Square, NJ) celebrated the 36th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Richard Madonia** (Flushing, NY) retired in '97 from the Huntington Public Schools where he served as chair of the Social Studies Department. He is teaching global studies in a private school in Manhattan. He recently completed a log cabin in Lansville, WV, and has begun a second country home in the Berkshires. He plans to finally retire in 2004, spending his time between WV and MA.

### 1964

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**Virginia Hamilton Massey** (Raleigh, NC) was promoted to associate professor at Barton College in Wilson, NC, where she has been teaching psychiatric nursing, human sexuality and substance abuse for the past 18 years.

**Stephanie J Rogers** (East Islip, LI) a cranial and polarity therapist with practices in Fire Island, NY, and Aspen, CO. She teaches yoga on the beach in warm months and in Crystal River Yoga Center in the cold months. She is developing and teaching a Women's Wellness/Breast Health Workshop based on prevention.

### 1966

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**Louis Anarumo** (Staten Island), Staten Island's longest-serving public school principal, is retiring. For the past 15 years he has been the principal of PS 53 in Bay Terrace (Staten Island). He will spend more time with his family.

### 1967

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**Peg Nuspliger** (Lyons Falls) has retired after 32 years of teaching music. She is still directing the Adirondack Community Chorus — after 26 years.

### 1972

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**THEY'RE 100 PERCENT WAGNER COLLEGE!**  
The Guariglias, from the left, Dana '06, Joyce Cini Guariglia '75 and Dr. James Guariglia '74, join John Ross, Director of Alumni Relations, during the first annual Parents Weekend 2002.

**Brian Laline** (Staten Island), editor of the Staten Island Advance, was the keynote speaker at the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Initiation and Luncheon on Nov. 2, 2002. Brian was also inducted into the society.

### 1973

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**John Lydersen** (Staten Island) married Elaine Flood in November 2002. He is a commodity manager/owner of F&L Futures, Inc., Manhattan.

**Scott Mills** (West Hartford, CT) is presently working as a substitute teacher for the NYC Board of Education, and hopes to do some traveling this year.

### 1976

**John M. Zawisny**  
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718-447-4290

**Dr. Stanley Stilwell** (Staten Island) was honored by the Alzheimer's Foundation at its 21st annual Forget-Me-Not Gala in November 2002, where he received the Dr. Henry Wisniewski Memorial Award. He is a member of the foundation's advisory board. Dr. Stilwell also serves on the board of directors of the American Red Cross, Mid-Island Rotary and the YMCA.

### 1977

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**Ken Hahn** (Central Valley) has won his 5th Emmy Award for "outstanding sound mixing" for the program "9/11," which aired on CBS.

**Capt. Edward J. Kane** (Oak Hill, VA) has been promoted to the rank of Captain, United States Navy. Capt. Kane is assigned to the Pentagon liaison office for the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command.

1980

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**Karen Plaza Lewis** (Cape Coral, FL) was nominated and won the title Nurse Exemplar 2002 for clinical excellence. The award was presented by the Florida Nurses Association, District 7 which includes 3 Florida counties. The focus was on how, through clinical experience, you made a difference in someone's life.

1981

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Reverend William E. Bogholtz (Staten Island) was elected Dean of the Staten Island Conference of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Alyson Bruu (Sandown, NH) continues to grow her small advertising and marketing agency in Sandown, NH, and would love to hear from anyone from her "Wagner Life." Please e-mail her at alyson@decembermarketing.com

1982

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**John A. Schmidt** (Far Hills, NJ) is vice president of sales for eProcatas.

1986

**Class Agent: Wade C. Appleman**  
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**Matt Lenz** (New York) is serving as assistant director of

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the smash Broadway musical "Hairspray."

1988

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**Diane Hubertz** (Jupiter, FL) has received her masters of science degree in nursing at Florida Atlantic University in December 2001. She is a board-certified family nurse practitioner and is currently employed as the Director of Nursing at Jupiter Kidney Center, Jupiter, FL.

**Richard Negrin** (Philadelphia, PA) an associate with Morgan Lewis law firm and a 1984 graduate of Edison High School in NJ, was nominated to the "Eagle Hall of Honor." He was selected based on his exceptional success, his contribution to the welfare of others, and the recognition of his individual outstanding accomplishments.

1989

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**Maria Giura** (Staten Island) Wagner's former director of career placement, is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at SUNY Binghamton on full scholarship. She has also had poetry published in "Voices in Americana" and "The Paterson Literary Review" which was chosen by the "Library Journal" as one of the top ten literary magazines in the country.

1990

**Looking for Class Agent**

**Arlene Garcia** (Staten Island) is engaged to Anthony Cucuzza. He proposed to her in front of an audience in

Walt Disney World on the set of "Beauty and the Beast." They plan to be married this winter.

1994

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**Dawn Savage Fiore** (New York) received an advanced certificate in administration and supervision from Hunter College in May. She is a magnet resource specialist for communication arts and technology at PS 164 (Brooklyn).

1995

**Stacey L. Cannon**  
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**Steven De Crescenzo** (Superior, CO) married Pietrina Cona in September. Prior to his marriage, he was a special assistant to Staten Island Borough President James P. Molinaro and a legislative writer to former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. He is owner and president of Food Services International based in Superior.

**Neil Westgate** (Staten Island) and **Debra Kessler** (Staten Island) were married in October. He is a supervisor with First Investors Life Insurance Co. in Manhattan. She earned a master of social work degree from New York University and is a social worker at Bayley Seton Hospital (Staten Island).

**Lydia Zeniou Loschiavo** (Staten Island) married Gregory in July 2002. She is an administrative assistant at Lehman Brothers, Manhattan.

**Gregory Rocco** (Staten Island) married Linda Leone in July. He is a project manager and assistant vice president for Citigroup Customer Care Center in Weehawken, NJ. He is a varsity football coach at Monsignor Farrell High School (Staten Island).

1996

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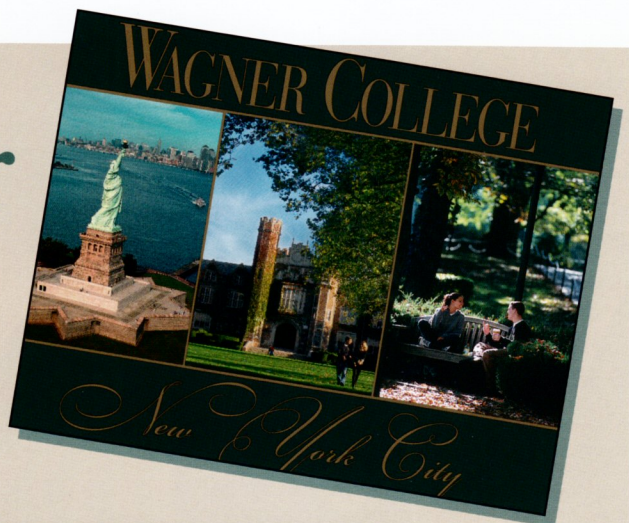
**Dr. Michael Mistretta** (Staten Island) married Jennifer Anderson in October. He is a resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He expects to be awarded a doctor of medicine degree from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine next year.

1997

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**Heather Goldman Degenstein M'99** (Staten Island) married Joshua in August 2002. She is a first-grade teacher at PS 14, Stapleton (Staten Island).

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When you send us your Class Notes news, please send us a recent photo to accompany the announcement.

**Gina Blanco Gandolini** (Pine Bush) married Tom in July. They honeymooned in Alaska and now reside in newly built Log Cabin. She is a kindergarten teacher at Vails Gate Hi Tech Elementary in New Windsor, NY.

**Samantha Hill** (Brooklyn) earned a master's degree in English education from Brooklyn College. She is a high school English teacher for the NYC Board of Education.

**William E. Kennedy** (Staten Island) married Jodi Ann DeAlbero in July. He is an analyst with Furman Selz, Manhattan.

**Glenn MacNeil** (Plymouth Meeting, PA) married Bridid Keough in November 2002.

## 1998

**Tara L. Yeo**  
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**Karen Flagello Matishek** (Staten Island) married Vincent in November. She is a registered nurse in the cardiopulmonary critical care unit of Staten Island University Hospital North (Staten Island).

**Tara Yeo** (Indianapolis, ID) received a master of arts degree in arts administration from Boston University. She is engaged to Brandon. The wedding date is set for Nov. 1, 2003.

## 1999

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**Sarah Osgood Mawhinney** (Chesapeake, VA) married Michael in November 2001. She earned her master's degree in special education with a reading specialist endorsement from Regent University in May 2001. She is a third-grade teacher in Chesapeake, VA.

**Jo Ann Esposito Panzella** (Staten Island) married Danial in July 2002. She is the business office administrator at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Manhattan.

**Angela Barci Wonica** (Staten Island) married Scott in July 2002. She is a kindergarten teacher at PS 21 in Elm Park (Staten Island).

## 2000

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**Wendy Roth Camputaro** (Staten Island) married Daniel in October. She is an inventory management specialist with the U.S. Army at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

**Nicole Westwood Robinette** (Everett, PA), a mental and behavioral specialist, is teaching and counseling emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children.

**Frank Sinatra** (New York) and **Erica Schultz Sinatra**

(Franklin Lakes, NJ) were married in October. He is a corporate bond trader with Spear Leeds and Kellogg, Jersey City, NJ. She is a client advocate with Safe Horizon, Stapleton (Staten Island).

## 2001

**Class Agent: Simone Mc Bride**  
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**Craig Chille** (Staten Island) became a NYC firefighter in October 2001. He attended Alumni Day in June 2001 and received a Service to the Community Award. He is engaged to marry Jaclyn Luca in June 2004.

**Jeni Thompson** (Saunderstown, RI) is a soccer coach at Narragansett (RI) High School.

## 2002

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**Amy Greenberg Krebs** (Staten Island) married Jeffrey in August.

## What's new with you?

Use this form to bring your fellow alumni/ae up-to-date with recent developments including new jobs, promotions, addresses, weddings and children. Mail to Wagner College Alumni Office, One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301 ♦ Fax (718) 390-3217 ♦ E-mail alumni@wagner.edu

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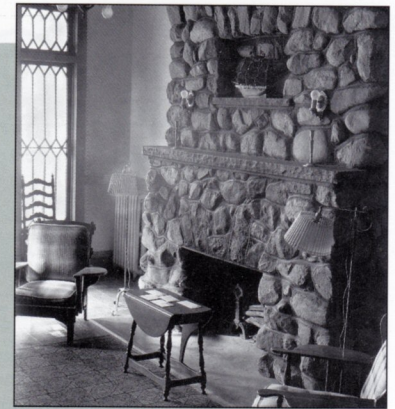
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# Reynolds House



Originally the Bellevue Hotel when acquired by Wagner, Reynolds House has served many purposes, and even survived a fire in 1942. The elegant building has been used as a preparatory school, a women's residence hall, offices and classrooms for the Music Department, and today houses the alumni and development offices.

## In memoriam

### ALUMNI

Rev. Albert Stauderman '31 H'52  
 Albert A. Carmichel '37  
 Dr. Albert K. Schoenbucher '38  
 Marion Jensen Tonnessen '39  
 Carroll W. Dawson '40  
 Louis C. Suessmann '41  
 George A. Breidenbach '50  
 William W. Thompson '50  
 Douglas G. Lawrence '52  
 Robert T. Maleeny '52  
 Martin J. Gillen, Jr. '55  
 Horace R. Whitney '55  
 Elaine Di Pasca Boies '57  
 Rev. Richard A. Hogarth '58  
 Frederick C. Page, Jr. '58  
 Enio A. Olivier '59  
 Doris Sorensen Broughton '60  
 Joseph P. Stapleton '61  
 Roy R. Barchitta '64  
 Marian Eichelberger Trasborg '64  
 Paul Bensen '65  
 John L. Halloran '65  
 Robert H. Hoehne '65  
 Dennis McCarthy '66  
 Nick Giordano '68  
 Christopher Schreiber '71  
 Donald R. Birstler '75  
 Jesse A. DiClemente '77  
 Harold A. Primeau '80  
 James C. Hammond '87

### FRIENDS AND STAFF

Vito Meola, Maintenance supervisor  
 Helen Pugliese, retired telephone operator  
 Astrid Wilson, Heritage Society  
 Virgil Speroni ("Joe Jilts"), Athletics

## Crib notes

The Wagner Family welcomes the following members to the Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024:

Sydney Eleanor, daughter of **Robert N. Billings '69** and wife Ann, born May 16, 2002. She joins brothers, Trent and Elliott.

Ryan Joseph, son of **Katherine Damp Blunden '82** and husband Joseph, born July 23, 2002

Zayn, son of **Catherine J. Schiano '82** and husband Alaa Zaher, born April 13, 2002. He joins sister, Amina.

Michael Scott, son of **Lori Mayercik Burrows '85** and husband John, born May 28, 2002. He joins sister, Grace.

Thomas Joseph and Emelene Grace, son and daughter of **Emelene Bennett-Burek '87** and husband Kevin, born September 25, 2002.

Joseph Michael, son of **Dan Ferretti '87 M'92** and **Linda Larsen Ferretti '88 M'92** born September 4, 2002. He joins brother, Nicholas.

Ryleigh Marie, daughter of **Rich 'Beaver' Santoriello '87** and wife Paula, born September 15, 2002. She joins sister, Cierra Marie.

James Edward III, son of **Susan Brown-Tonrey '88** and husband James, born on December 3, 2001.

Louis Anthony, son of **Stasia Sacco Gennaro '91** and husband Anthony, born January 26, 2002.

Samantha Felice, daughter of **Regina Lichaa Solina '91** and husband Paul, born November 26, 2001.

Alexander Robert, son of **Pamela Muirhead Rutledge '92** and husband Jason, born October 24, 2002.

Anthony William, son of **Vita Quartara Squillacioti '92** and husband Lewis, born March 2, 2002.

Jacob Maxwell, son of **Nicole Sunshine Venable '92** and husband Mark, born March 12, 2002.

William Christopher, son of **Kristen Przelomski Haussman '92** and **Chris Haussman '93** born June 27, 2002.

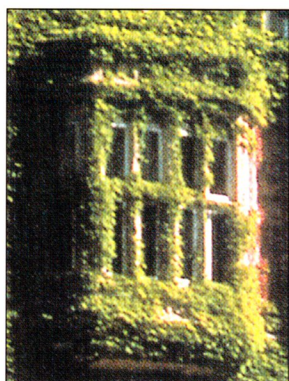
Lila Simone, daughter of **Jessica Schwartz Bruschi '94** and husband Louis, born July 1, 2002. She joins sisters, Hannah and Isabel.

Caitlyn Josephine, daughter of **Ann Marie Fulco Kuhn '95** and husband Brian, born January 23, 2002.

Ryan Paul, son of **Donna Catanzaro Dorsey '97** and husband William, born December 6, 2001. He joins brother, James William.

Ashley Marie, daughter of **Rachel Cantor Granquist '97** and husband John, born August 12, 2002.

Ian Thomas, son of **Christine Marrone Massaro '97** and husband Michael, born August 14, 2002.



# HONOR ROLL

Welcome to a New Year at Wagner!  
In this, our 120th year, Wagner has a great deal to celebrate!

2001-2002

As co-chairs for the Development Committee, we extend a special "thank you" to our fellow alums, parents and friends who generously remembered the College this year. Your support enables Wagner to continue providing new generations of students with access to the best.

We have scattered throughout this Honor Roll some highlights to keep you abreast of our successes. We hope they will bring you as much pride in Wagner as they do to us.

As you will see, our list of accolades goes on and on, but rather than recite it here, we encourage you to come back—and see for yourself.

You are a part of Wagner's proud past and we want you to be a part of our ambitious future.

We encourage you to once again participate in the Annual Fund at the level which is most comfortable for you. Since we are not great wordsmiths, we will use Winston Churchill's. **We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we give.**

Thank you for your continued support for Wagner College.

*Thomas Ailes '65*  
*Maureen Robinson '67*

# THE VISION

## FOR WAGNER COLLEGE

In preparation for our April 12 celebration of the 120th anniversary, I have taken to the archives to uncover some of Wagner's rich history. It has proven to be a very special journey from our origins in Rochester in 1883 to our arrival in New York City in 1918 and onto our remarkable story in this last century. Wagner College has steadfastly remained true to our mission, our vision.

From our genesis as a result of soulful dialogue underneath an apple tree in Rochester, up to our present commitment to The Wagner Plan, our focus always has been on transformative education so that students can take their place in the world and provide leadership and excellence for the common good.

At the outset, two highly civic minded pastors, Reverend Alexander Richter and Reverend George H. Gomph believed that founding a school dedicated to the highest levels of learning and moral education would help to address the significant urban needs confronting their upstate New York community. The vision began with these two men.

Other leaders furthered the vision of Wagner College — perhaps most importantly, Frederic Sutter. His vision for the College was always clear — to provide a powerful education to enable our graduates to serve the greater good of the community.

Wagner's move to New York City, fostered by Reverend Sutter, was more than a desire for institutional growth. It was a purposeful step to better realize our civic and moral mission — leadership and achievement for the common good.

In 1935, our first lay President, Clarence C. Stoughton, reaffirmed our vision. In his inaugural address, he boldly declared, "while we do not need more universities, we do need more liberal arts colleges ... I would have Wagner men and women aware of that need for leadership ... in the never-ending fight for freedom, nobility and truth."

Through the 85 years since Wagner moved to Staten Island, the College grew. As always, legendary professors like Charles Kramer and Dean Stern challenged students to achieve the highest standards. I have heard from many alums who have quoted Professor Kramer to me: "It's a dog-eat-dog world out there."



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts.

In the 1960's, President Davidson embarked on an ambitious building program. Enrollment expanded quite significantly. The College envisioned itself becoming a highly selective, fully residential, liberal arts college, taking its place among the nation's best.

With the continued leadership of Dr. Norman Smith and the guidance of Donald and Evelyn Spiro through the 1990's, Wagner surged forward. In 1997 we embarked on a powerful educational mode, now richly celebrated in Time Magazine, U.S.News and by the Association of American Colleges and Universities as a national example — The

Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts. For the first time in our history, we achieved the Sutter, Stoughton, Davidson and Smith vision.

The history of our College has always been tied to our nation's and New York City's history. When we were founded in 1883, we were flush in the midst of a huge immigration movement to the United States and the Brooklyn Bridge opened in New York City. When Main Hall was built, the Empire State Building was underway. When the nation was challenged by forces of racism and anti-Semitism, our College opened its doors to coeducation as it embraced members of all religions to realize their own faith. When the Verrazano Bridge opened, we expanded our campus as we opened our bridge to the Nation's children to enroll at Wagner. When our city and nation were attacked by terrorists and the Twin Towers fell, we stood — and stand — tall — against all those who would steal our freedom and rob us of our humanity.

We have never wavered from our mission, our vision — nor will we ever. We are "Beautiful Upon the Hill." Overlooking the New York harbor and the City's skyline. Pledged to honor our students and our alumni by teaching them about the joy of learning and the preciousness of life. From a single vision begun under an apple tree in 1883, Wagner College is now a model for all liberal arts colleges to admire. ❖

President Richard Guarasci, Ph.D.



# Calendar of *Events*

## Spring 2003

### February 26-March 8

Wagner College Theatre presents-*Romeo & Juliet* (Stage One)

### March 3, 4:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: A Feminist Ethical Perspective on Weapons of Mass Destruction-Dr. Carol Cohn: Dept. of Political Science, Gender, Security & Human Rights, (Wellesley College)-Spiro Hall 2

### March 4, 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Blues for Fat Tuesday Featuring Lawrence Talbot and the Wolf Pack-Coffeeshouse

### March 5, 6:00 p.m.

A.C.E. event: The Body Electric With performance by Pilobolus Too Co-sponsored by Honors Program, Athletics, Dance Program-Main Stage

### March 19, 4:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Care and the Extension of Marketing Dr. Virginia Held, City University of New York, Author: *Feminist Morality: Transforming Culture, Society and Politics*-Spiro Hall 4

### March 20, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Carmelita Tropicana: The Body as Time Machine Performance Art by Cuban-American artist Alina Troyano-Spiro Hall 2

### March 23, 3:00 p.m.

Wagner College Choir-Home Concert Trinity Lutheran Church

### March 26, 4:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: How Do We Improve Our Nature? Dr. Sudha Mitra: Senior Scientist Merck and Postdoctoral Fellow M.I.T. Columbia University-Spiro Hall 2

A.C.E. event: Roundtable Dinner with the New York Women's Foundation Faculty Dining Room, 6:00 p.m.

### March 27, 6:00 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Investing in Yourself Frank Le Pore & Claudia Fox: Radio Hosts, Executive business trainers, journalists-Faculty Dining Room

### March 31, 4:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Women in Chemistry: From Alchemy to the Nobel Prize Dr. Cassandra Eagle, Assoc. Professor, Chemistry, Appalachian State University Place: TBA

### April 2, TBA

A.C.E. event: Computational Challenges in Society Today Clifford Smyth, Ph.D., Rutgers

A.C.E. event: Interfaith Poetics: Reflections by Philosophers of Muslim, Jewish and Catholic Faiths-Faculty Dining Room, 7:30 p.m.

### April 3, 4:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Recognizing Cats & Cars: Language Impairments in Alzheimer's Disease Dr. L. Gonnerman: Neuropsychologist, Lehigh University-Spiro Hall 4

### April 2-12

Wagner College Theatre presents-*Chalk Caucasian Circle* (Stage One)

### April 8, 6:30 p.m.

A.C.E. event: Executive Connections Dr. Robert O'Brien '66: Managing Director, Credit Swiss First Boston; Chairman, Wagner Board of Trustees-Spiro Hall 2

### April 9, 12:30 p.m.

HPSE Lunch Series: Economics of the Environment Union 201

Staten Island University Hospital in conjunction with the graduate program in Advanced PA studies-C.M.E. conference: Bioterrorism Awareness: From Early Recognition to Treatment RSVP by April 2, 2003: (718) 390-4615 or E-mail: lmorris@siuh.edu Fee: \$15 - Dinner will be provided Faculty Dining Room, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### April 9-12 & 23-27

Wagner College Theatre presents-*The Wiz*

### April 11-13

## Inauguration of the 18th President & 120th Anniversary Celebration

### April 13, 3:00 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble-Spring Concert Wagner College Main Hall Auditorium

### April 27, 3:00 p.m.

Chamber Choir, Treble Choir-Spring Choral Concert-Location: TBA

### May 4, 3:00 p.m.

Concert Band-Spring Concert Wagner College Main Hall Auditorium

### May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Guitar & Lute Ensemble-Spring Concert Campus Hall Music Performance Center

### June 6-8

## Reunion Weekend

All alumni, especially those with class years ending in 3 or 8 mark your calendars. Special recognition of the 50th anniversary class, 1953, and the 25th anniversary class, 1978, and much more!

### June 12, 1:00 p.m.

Alumni Football Golf Outing La Tourette on Staten Island

### July 14

Delta Nu Alumni Golf Outing Glenwood Country Club in Old Bridge, NJ

\*Theatre Box Office: (718) 390-3259

\*Call the Office of Alumni Relations for contact information at 718-390-3224 on any of the Alumni events listed here.

\*Note: A.C.E. refers to Academic and Cultural Enrichment. For a full listing of these events, please check [www.wagner.edu](http://www.wagner.edu) or call (718) 390-3219.

## Choir Tour Spring 2003

### March 6, 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Exton, PA

### March 7

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Hampton, VA

### March 8

Epiphany Lutheran Church-Winston-Salem, NC

### March 9

Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church-Brevard, NC

### March 10

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Durham, NC

### March 11

Resurrection Lutheran Church-Arlington, VA

### March 12

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Lakewood, NJ

### March 23, 3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church-Staten Island, NY

Please contact the Music Department at (718) 390-3313 for more information.

June 6-8, 2003

*Come Celebrate!*

# REUNION

Look for the Reunion Weekend brochure in your mailbox soon for more details!

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