



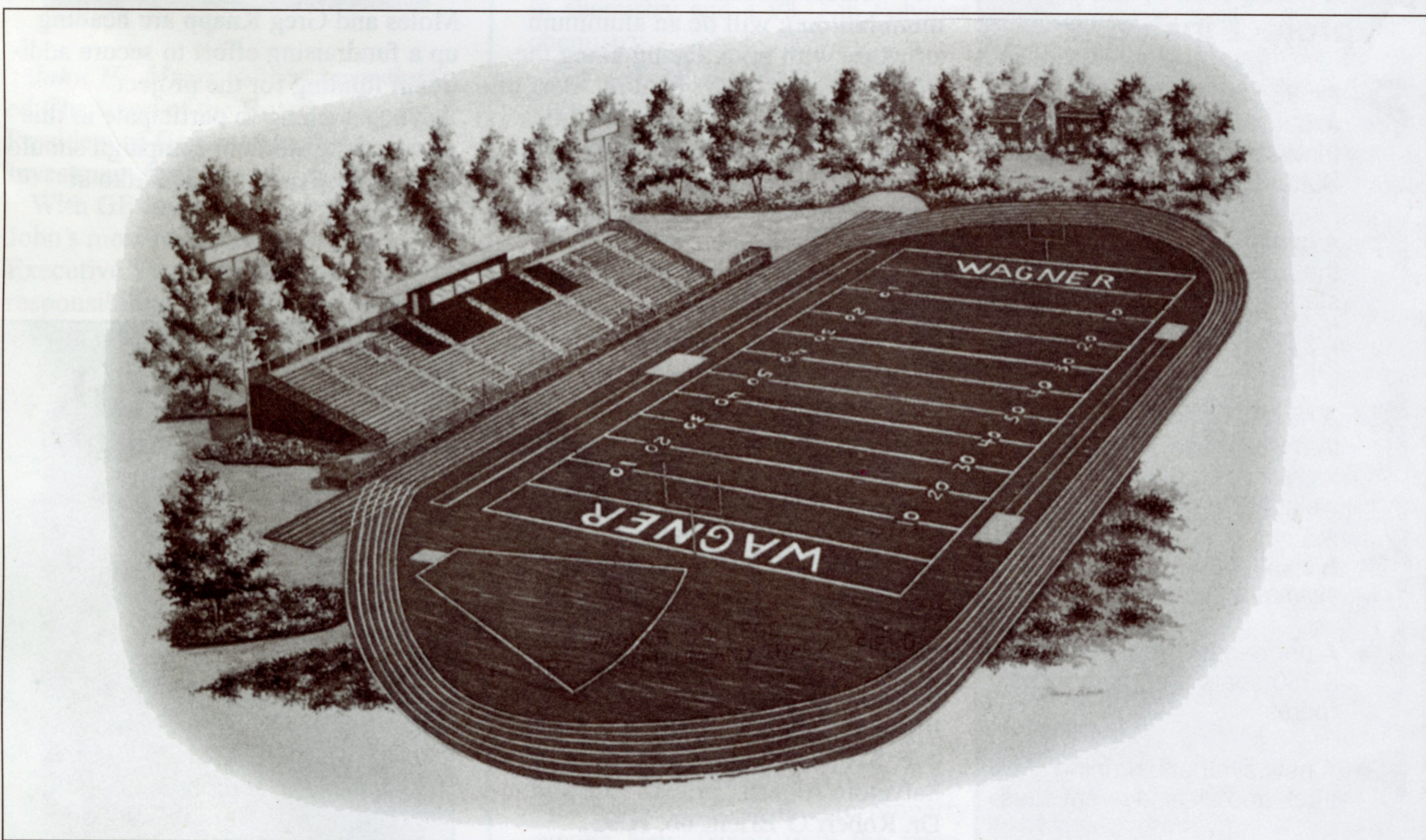
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The ceremonial ground breaking of the Spiro Sports Center will take place on June 7; construction will be completed in Fall 1998.

Construction begins for new sports facilities



The new permanent football stadium, opening in Fall 1997, will increase seating from 2,500 to 3,350.

Wagner College President Dr. Norman Smith and the Board of Trustees have announced the commencement of the first major construction project on the Grymes Hill campus in over thirty years.

"We've been waiting a long time to do this," said Dr. Smith, "but we wanted to make sure we did it right."

The project, which will cost approximately \$13 million, will include full reconstruction of the existing Sutter Gymnasium and a new football stadium, complete with locker rooms and public facilities.

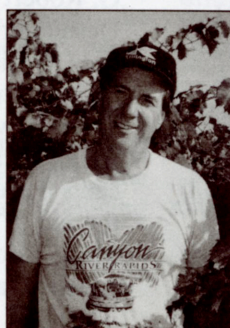
The new recreation complex on the Sutter Oval is being named in honor of Wagner Trustee Chair, Dr. Donald Spiro '49 and his wife Dr. Evelyn Lindfors Spiro '49, who have made an outstanding gift of \$5 million to the project.

Construction of the Spiro Sports

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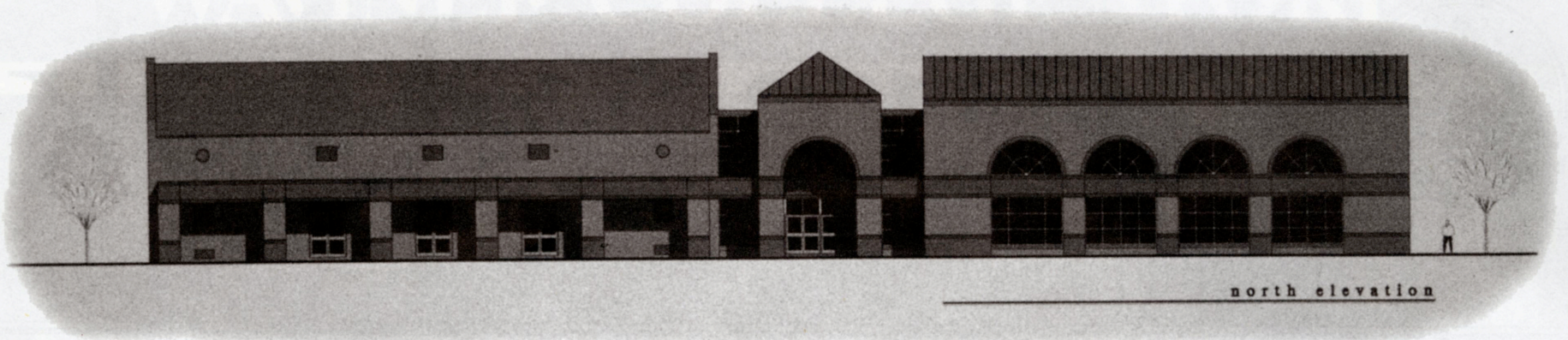
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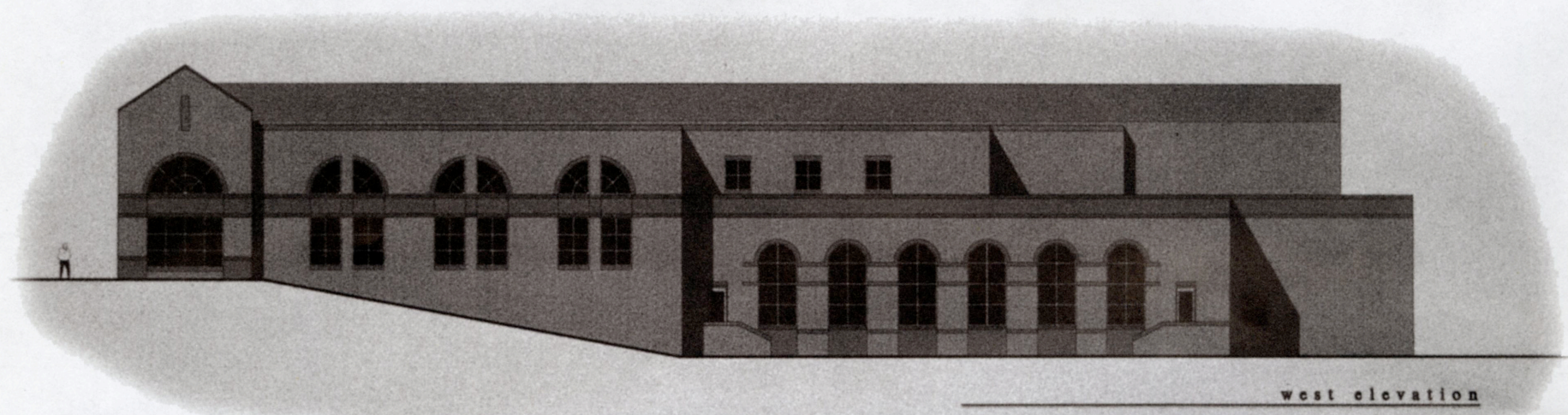
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The north elevation (above) envisions the front of the Spiro Sports Center as it will appear when standing in the center of Sutter Oval. The left side of the building is the sight of the existing Sutter Gymnasium. A new entrance is at the center and the four Palladian windows to the right are all part of the new construction.

The west elevation (below) shows the view from Howard Avenue. The three Palladian-windowed section of the building (left) represents views from the fitness center and athletic offices. The six Palladian windows to the lower right all look from the swimming pool and provide swimmers with a campus view.



Construction

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Center, an 86,800 square foot expansion, will nearly triple the size of the existing Sutter Gymnasium. The new arena is a complete renovation of the current basketball venue that will expand seating capacity from 1,100 to over 2,000. When seating is not configured for competition, the arena will enable three practice or intramural basketball courts instead of two.

A completely new wing on the west side of the existing structure will house a fitness center, an aerobics room and a free weight lifting facility. Cycles and treadmills will face windows that present a panoramic view of Sutter Oval. A full array of fitness equipment, including stair climbers, weight machines, and rowers will also be available for student use.

The crown jewel of the new Spiro complex will be a six-lane, NCAA regulation sized, competition and recreational swimming pool, Wagner's first. A wall of Palladian windows will provide swimmers with a view of the campus' lush surroundings.

Ground breaking for the project is slated to coincide with Reunion Day, Saturday, June 7th, with construction to begin later this summer. Completion of this phase of the project is expected sometime during the fall 1998 semester.

The new football stadium, to be built on the site of the existing Fischer Field, accounts for \$2.5 million of the approximate \$13 million project total. "For over thirty years," recounts Wagner Trustee, Tom Moles '65, "I've been coming to football

The \$13 million project includes:

- ▶ An 86,800 square foot expansion that will nearly triple the size of the former Sutter Gymnasium
- ▶ A complete renovation of the former basketball stadium, increasing seating from 1,100 to more than 2,000
- ▶ A new wing on the west side that will house a fitness center, aerobics room and free-weight lifting facility
- ▶ A six-lane NCAA-sized swimming pool
- ▶ A permanent stadium with 3,350 seats and team locker rooms
- ▶ A new synthetic running track and all field event sites

games and witnessing NCAA and conference championships year after year sitting on the same rented bleachers that were in use when I played. I increasingly wondered if I'd ever see the day when Wagner football had the home field our great tradition deserves."

The wait is over. Beginning with the coming fall 1997 season, Wagner football truly will have a stadium worthy of its history. The new, permanent stadium will increase seating

from 2,500 to 3,350 and feature 400 reserved seats-backed chairs. The stadium building will be an aluminum structure with brick facing along the front and sides of the facility. Best of all, team rooms and public facilities will be constructed under the stadium, finally eliminating the Howard Avenue crossing to team lockers and spectator restrooms.

The football field will also undergo improvements that most notably feature a new six-lane synthetic running track along with all field event sites, thus providing a comprehensive track and field venue. Millions of dollars raised in recent years from alumni and trustees have been earmarked for these projects. In addition to the Spiro gift, successful fundraising efforts include gifts and pledges of \$1 million or more from The Parker Trust and William and Margaret (Bambach) '40 Reynolds; \$500,000 from Dr. John Lehmann '62, H'93; over \$100,000 from the estate of Salvatore Alberti '57, MS '65, and Dr. Robert O'Brien '66, H'95; \$50,000 - \$100,000 from Greg Knapp '66, Fred Lange '53, Tom Moles '65, James Munnely '72 and John Myers '67; and \$25,000 - \$50,000 from G. Robert Evans '53, Richard Herburger '66, Carl Sutter '29, H'53, Fred Williamson '64, and in memory of John Drennan '67.

The new, yet-to-be-named football/track and field facility represents a great opportunity, in time for the fall '97 opening, for acknowledging a major donor to the project or someone a donor would want to be

honored or remembered.

Trustees and football alumni, Tom Moles and Greg Knapp are heading up a fundraising effort to secure additional funding for the project. Anyone wishing to participate in this phase of the stadium campaign should contact Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko at (718) 390-3121.

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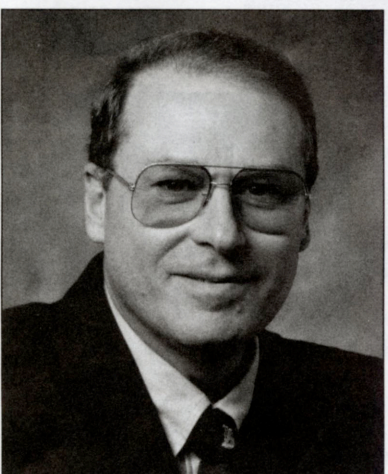
Robert C. O'Brien '66 has been named Head of Global Corporate Banking and Structured Finance at Credit Suisse First Boston.

Prior to this current position, Bob was Regional Head for North America and Head of Leveraged Lending. His move to CS First Boston came in 1994, when Bob left Chemical as a Senior Managing Director and member of the Management Committee of Banking and Corporate Finance.



John H. Myers '67 has been elected Chairman of the Board and President of General Electric Investment Corporation.

With GE Investments since 1986, John's most recent position was Executive Vice President with responsibility for the fixed income, private equity and real estate groups.



Kurt Landgraf '68 was recently elected Chief Financial Officer of I. E. DuPont DeNemours & Company, Inc. Assuming this new position on December 1, 1996, Kurt is responsible for DuPont's finance, sourcing and corporate planning organizations. With DuPont since 1980, Kurt's most recent position was as President and CEO of the DuPont-Merck Pharmaceutical Company.



The main floor of Joe Greff's winery is warm and inviting, with wood beams and trusses and lots of glass, offering a panoramic view of the vineyards.

Alumni Profile ■ Joseph Greff '66

Combining economics and microbiology to produce award-winning wines

According to a judge certified with the American Wine Society, wine-making is a combination of science and art. Joseph Greff would wholeheartedly agree.

A native Staten Islander, Joe credits his mother Helen as the driving force behind his attending college. A 1966 graduate, he chose economics as his major, but developed a strong interest in microbiology while taking summer courses. (His "interest" became a minor by the time he finished.) Joe's younger brother Richard '65 is also a Wagner grad with a bachelors degree in chemistry and a Ph.D in Polymer chemistry.

Completing his Wagner degree in three years, Joe did his duty with the military, stationed for a time in Germany. It was there, in the area of the Rhine River, that he became familiar with certain techniques of landscaping and terracing of grapevines. Those techniques and his interest in wines and wine-making became the foundation for a future hobby-turned-career.

Joe's initial career path was in the insurance business, selling property, casualty and life insurance. In 1976 he started his own insurance business, G. & R. Insurance Associates, Inc. He credits his Economics degree and his wife Vickie as instrumental in establishing his business and developing it into a success over the course of twenty years.

Firmly "rooted" in the insurance business in Fogelsville, PA, Joe and Vickie purchased a 38-acre property outside New Tripoli with the intention of planting Christmas trees.

But in 1988, having learned the rudiments of wine-making visiting wineries and doing extensive research in the field of growing grapes, the first vines of Joe's "hobby" were planted.

As his enjoyment of the hobby grew, so did his interest in producing his own wine. Hence, in 1992 Blue Mountain Vineyards began producing wine commercially.



The first vines planted, French Hybrids, were a marriage of the more hardy American grapevines like Concord with European varieties (vinifera), which produce excellent wine but cannot withstand harsh weather. The grafting of these produced vines capable of surviving the Pennsylvania winters, while yielding a high quality wine-making grape.

The Greffs have since added other, more delicate European vines, which have produced some wonderful quality wines like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The vines which produce vinifera style grapes were obtained from grafted vines in upstate New York.

While the Greffs agree these vines are harder to grow in the region, they have had some wonderful results, winning various gold medals for their Chambourcin as well as a Silver medal for their 1995 Merlot and a Bronze for their 1995 Cabernet Sauvignon at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Competition.

With 13 acres of vineyards, ten of which are producing wine, Joe has semi-retired from his insurance business.

With his knowledge of microbiology, his love of wine and Vickie's handling of the marketing end, Blue Mountain Vineyards has experienced rapid growth over the last few years. The winery, one of six in the Lehigh Valley, has gone from producing 2,500 gallons in 1993, to an astounding 6,800 gallons in 1996.

But with this growth comes necessary change. Until recently, the "win-

ery" was located in a 3-car garage attached to the house. However, in October of '95, Blue Mountain Vineyards celebrated the harvest by cutting the ribbon on a new, specially designed, 5,600 square foot winery. The basement, with 15 foot high ceilings and 14 inch thick cement walls ensuring a constant temperature year round, is the heart of the winery. It is here, in large fermentation tanks, wooden aging barrels and in the laboratory, that Joseph Greff produces his award winning vintages.

The main floor is warm and inviting, with wood beams and trusses, and lots of glass, offering a panoramic view of the vineyards. Here, visitors are treated to samplings of wines made from only the grapes grown on the property. From the way things are going, the grapes they grow at Blue Mountain Vineyards are all they need.

With his hobby now a full time career, Joe has realized a dream. Blue Mountain Vineyards has been receiving kudos from wine aficionados as well as the local media.

The success and growth of the winery have meant keeping up with marketing and technology. Not a problem. Joe and Vickie publish a newsletter which offers great tips on wines and cooking with them, while keeping their fans up to date on seminars, tastings and events (like the Pickin' Party and Grape Stomp), as well as information on newly released vintages. They even have a home page on the World Wide Web, reachable at <http://www.bmvc.com>.

The Greffs know what it takes to build and run a successful business, but they agree that keeping a personal touch has been an important part of the winery's growth.

Take for example a rose wine released last year labeled Bri's Blush. It was named for their daughter Brianne, a student at Penn State pursuing a degree in science.

At Blue Mountain Vineyards, even the family dog is in on the act. His name? What else . . . Chardonnay.

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Looking for a NEW Class Agent

Rev. Howard A. Kuhnle '29 (Philadelphia, PA) has so far contributed over 1,000 varied manuscripts to 125 religious and secular periodicals as a free-lance writer. As a correspondent or reporter for 29 years for "The Lutheran" magazine, he has had 200 manuscripts written from four places where he was pastor, plus a few on religious subjects. The first was in 1935, and the first book review in '42, both in "The Lutheran".

Rev. Dr. Walter E. Bock '38 (San Francisco, CA) has, after many faithful years as agent for the classes of 1926 - 1938, turned in his pen. While retirement hasn't really slowed him down, Reverend Bock has decided to turn the duties of agent over to another willing volunteer. The Alumni Office thanks him for all his efforts, and will be contacting others to see about filling his shoes.

Class Agent: John "Bunny" Barbes (Staten Island, NY)

Class Agent: Marjorie Rieb Seguine (Staten Island, NY)

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Looking for a NEW Class Agent

Dr. Robert O'Connor (Staten Island, NY) sends warmest wishes to the Class of '41 as he turns in his Class Agent hat. Bob has been a dedicated Class Agent, but finds travel and work are demanding too much time to be able to keep up his agenting responsibilities. The Alumni Office sends a most sincere thank you for all his hard work and dedication to his class and to Wagner. We all look forward to seeing him at events on and off campus, when his schedule permits.

Hans W. Neuber, M.D. (Tenafly, NJ) is still actively working part-time, as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in NY - teaching and doing administrative work. Married to Brigit for 47 years, they have two sons-Peter, a CPA, Gerald, a Cardiologist, and five grandchildren ages 5-15. They continue to travel extensively, and have recently returned from Prague, Switzerland & Germany.

Class Agent: Ted Gibson (Kailua, HI)

Class Agents: Erwin & Lillian (Glock) Nolte (Estero, FL)

Class Agent: Ted Gibson (Kailua, HI)

Class Agent: Bill Fuhlbruck (Orange, CT)

NEW Class Agent: Gloria (Gilmour) Lindsey (Ponte Verda Beach, FL)

Class Agent: Sam L. Johnson (Snellville, GA)
50th REUNION - Saturday, June 7, 1997

48 Class Agent: Anita Posselt Homer (Philadelphia, PA)

Charles A. Kallidin, Jr. & Edith M. Knecht Kallidin '47 (Dallas, TX) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their four children, their respective spouses and 12 grandchildren. Charles is retired from General Reinsurance Corp. Edith is a homemaker.

Anita Posselt Homer (Philadelphia, PA) has been doing some traveling and supervising renovations at her shore house.

Class Agent: Margaret Christie Nicolais (Chatham, NJ)

Trygve R. Skarsten & Ruth G. Strangland Skarsten '52N (Pickerington, OH) Trygve just retired as College President of Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle. This year he published 12 articles in the 4th Volume, Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation. Ruth retired after 15 years as a Pediatric Nurse and is enjoying her eight grandchildren.

Dr. Norman Schaefer (Chatham, NJ) was recently elected to the Wagner College National Alumni Association Board of Directors for a three year term of office.

Class Agent: Herb Hewitt (Palm City, FL)

Harold H. Carstens (Newton, NJ) was inducted into the Railroad Hall of Fame in Rosemont, Illinois.

Matt Scaffa (Staten Island, NY) was inducted into the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame during the Homecoming 1996 festivities. Matt was honored for his contributions in the sport of Football.

Class Agent: Harry Volz (Massapequa Park, NY)

Reverend James A. Harrison (Lindsborg, KS) announced his retirement as Pastor of the First Lutheran Church, in Ashville, Ohio. He and his wife Ingrid have relocated to Lindsborg, KS.

Ferdinand J. Salvatore (Staten Island, NY) and his



CLASSES OF 2015, 2016 AND 2017 ...

Meet David, Meredith and Emma, grandchildren of William J. '52 and Evelyn Pedersen Gardon '52.

wife Daisy Marie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 10, with a family weekend in Hunterdon County, NJ.

Class Agent: Lawrence Sweeney (West Caldwell, NJ)
45th REUNION - Saturday, June 7, 1997

Class Agent: Al Tosi (Saddle River, NJ)

Don Finley (Hoboken, NJ) was inducted into the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements in baseball. The ceremony took place during Homecoming '96.

Class Agent: Dr. Manfred "Dutch" Lichtmann (Williamsburg, VA)

Class Agent: Gus Merkel (New Providence, NJ)

Class Agent: Reg Kennedy (East Quogue, NY)

Doris Nagel Hahn (Riverhead, NY) retired from the Riverhead school system after 28 1/2 years as a secondary school Social Studies teacher. She is wintering in Jupiter, Florida, playing golf & tennis.

Class Agent: Ewald Forsbrey (Cape May, NJ)
40th REUNION - Saturday, June 7, 1997

Richard Eversen (St. Augustine, FL) retired as Dean of Student Affairs at Stevens Institute of Technology after 36 years.

John A. Knudson (Staten Island, NY), Athletic trainer 1957-89. Inducted into the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame in October '96.

Class Agent: H. Milton Keen (Warrenton, VA)

Phyllis Ernske Albertson (Savannah, GA) is very involved with the Children's Hospital in Savannah, and acts as a "Chair" for several groups at the Landings. She was recently blessed with triplet grandsons who were born in Savannah.

Class Agent: Diane Borst Manning (Huguenot, NY)

Class Agent: Charlotte Furman (Mendham, NJ)

Louis De Luca (Staten Island, NY) was named campaign coordinator for the '96-'97 Staten Island Children's Campaign. The campaign raises funds to aid the community's young people, and has already raised over \$20,000 toward its \$50,000 goal. Lou is also helping Wagner's Early Childhood Center with its campaign and teaching a course at Wagner.

Rosemarie Bade Lasinski & Eugene R. Lasinski '62, M'75 (Southport, NC) have retired and relocated to St. James Plantation, Southport, NC. They have built a new home near the ocean and Gene is thrilled he won't have to shovel snow anymore!

NEW Class Agent: Alma Costie Vincent (Orange, NJ)

Margareta Steingass Breden (Ellicott City, MD) was awarded the first Herbert W. & Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship for Mature Women preparing for the Ordained Ministry, by the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Margareta is a third year student at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary where she is studying for a Masters of Divinity

STILL Looking for a New Class Agent!
35th REUNION - Saturday, June 7, 1997

Beverly Hoehne Whipple (Newark, NJ) has been elected President of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors & Therapists (ASSET) in Baltimore, MD.

Class Agent: George Hartmann (Palos Verdes Estates, CA)

NEW Class Agent: Fred Williamson (Middletown, NJ)

Fred Williamson, who stepped down last year as National Alumni Association President, has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of Class Agent. The

Alumni Office sends warm thanks to **Caryle Goldsack Wolahan** who recently resigned, for her dedication to her class and as a former member of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors. We welcome Fred in his new position.

Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta, Ed.S, MS, RN, FNP, '81 (Staten Island, NY) has been elected to head of the Department of Nursing at her alma mater, Wagner College.

Russ Kimmerly (West Milton, OH) graduated from Christian Theological Seminary in May of '96, and was ordained as a minister of the United Church of Christ in October of the same year. He has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Nashville United Church of Christ, West Milton, OH.

Liz Schweickhardt Meyer (Greeley, CO) was presented with the "Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year" award at the annual convention of the Colorado Bar Association.

Class Agent: Jay Abbes (New Monmouth, NJ)

Carole Lindroos, M.A. (Boulder, CO) is a licensed professional counselor in private practice. She also serves as Co-Director of Programs at Qualife Wellness Community, a non-profit agency dedicated to enriching the lives of those challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Carole is adjunct faculty at the Naropa Institute.

Class Agent: Judy Hvidsten Krieger (Chatham, NJ)

Dr. Elizabeth Dawson Barker (Beaufort, SC) has a new assignment at the Naval Hospital in Beaufort, SC.

Maureen Ward Gallo (Lebanon, PA) was promoted to Executive Director of Alliance Health Plan.

Dr. Ronald G. Sarg (Dover, DE) is teaching oral medicine and diagnosis at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine, in Philadelphia, PA.

Class Agent: Maureen Robinson (Bernardsville, NJ)
30th REUNION - Saturday, June 7, 1997

Kathleen Coleman Robinson (West Roxbury, MA) is the proud mother of Kenneth, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tufts University last May. She is also proud to have just celebrated 25 years working in cardiology research.

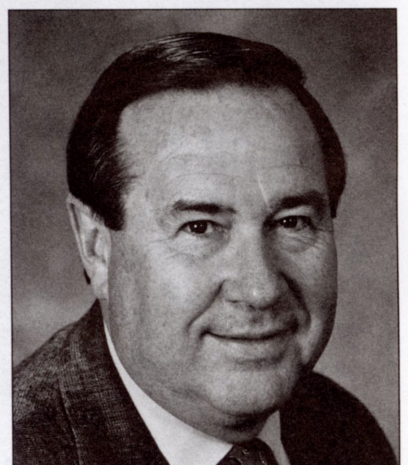
Class Agent: Richard Ball (Ridgefield, CT)

Raymond Burgos (Marlboro, NJ) was recently appointed as Consultant to the Puerto Rico Basketball Olympic Committee. He works as a real estate agent in NJ.

James F. Elliman (Powell, OH) (right) has retired as Associate Vice President for underwriting, after a 32-year career with Nationwide Insurance.

Richard A. Johnsen (Temple, PA) is presently with Silberline Mfg. Company, manufacturer of aluminum pigments, in Hometown, PA.

Ray Mount, Ph.D. (Wakefield, MA) is a Massachusetts-licensed psychologist, with a private practice in the Wakefield area since 1988. He holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Hofstra University. Eating disorders and addictions are among his special areas of interest. Ray was recently spotted by one of his classmates as a guest on the popular news magazine "60 Minutes".



Crib notes

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Twins, Alexander and Zachary join older brother Robert Gebhardt.



The Wagner Family welcomes the following members to the class of 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018:

Alexander & Zachary, twin sons of **John Gebhardt '71**, born May 3, '96, join brother Robert.

Steven Robert, second son of **Magda Castillo Bolella '75**, born on August 28, '93.

Troy James, son of **Dr. Stanley Stilwell '76** & wife Ellen, born on August 10, '96.

Lauren Alexis, daughter of **Patricia Marcigliano LaCava '80** & Joseph LaCava, born August '96.

Evan, son of **Captain Eric W. Olsen '80**, born in Germany on July 29, '96. He joins brother Garth.

Caitlin Bleakley, daughter of **Taryne Mc Nerney McCarthy '81** & husband Peter, born on August 7, '96. Caitlin joins sisters Danielle & Meaghan.

Gregory Andrew, son of **Catherine Fama Laurinavicius '81, M'86** & husband Vic, born on August 12, '96. Greg joins brother Matthew Gregory.

Shane Joseph, son of **Alyssa Iacifoli Culver '82** & Homer Culver, was born on September 30, '96.

Brian Joseph, son of **Roberta Farrell DiVuolo '85, MBA'89** & **Thomas DiVuolo '90 MBA**, born July 22, '96, joins two older brothers, Steven & Matthew.

Laurel Marie, daughter of **Denise Tuohy Perweiler '85** & husband Bill, born on August 24, '96.

Rebecca, Jamie & Courtney, triplet daughters of **Rosemarie Hertgen**

Young '88 & Dr. John Young, were born on July 15, '96, joins sister Cassidy, born in September '95.

Amy Bruno O'Connor '88 & husband Brian adopted a second child in July, '96, a baby boy, Kyle Lim. He joins sister Shayna Lee.

Carolyn Brooke Jacobson Samuels '88 & husband Dave welcomed their son Marshall Blake on February 7, 1997. Marshall joins older sister Logan.

Anthony Peter, son of **Adrienne Lombardo Graziano '90** & husband Anthony, born on August 10, '96.

Sean, son of **Karen Cooney McCandless '90** & husband Alan, born on June 13, '95.

Ethan Christopher, son of **Teresa Tyrell Cusumano '91** & husband Christopher, born on January 2, '96.

Liam Connor Patrick, son of **Bonnie Dembeck Powers '91** & husband Terry, on August 21, '96. He joins big sister Darienn Marie.

Jonathon, son of **Jennifer Baldwin Dawson '92** & husband Jerry, born on May 18, '96. He joins brother Robert.

Trevor, son of **Gregory Kovar '93** & wife Kim, born on August 27, '96.

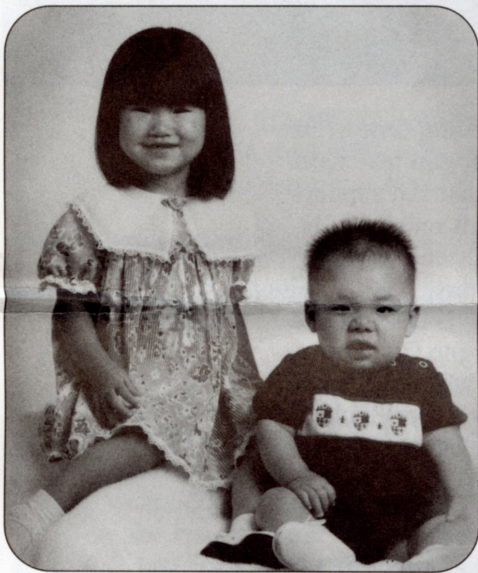
Gabriella Christina, daughter of **Amy-Beth Kryshak-Baptista '93** and Antonio Mauricio, was born on December 8, '96.

Dylan Matthew, son of **Lorraine Toto Legg '93** & husband Raymond, born on May 24, '96.

Angelina Rose, daughter of **Jackie Goldberg D'Ambrosio '94**, born on October 28, '96.



Rebecca, Jamie and Courtney have joined Cassidy Young.

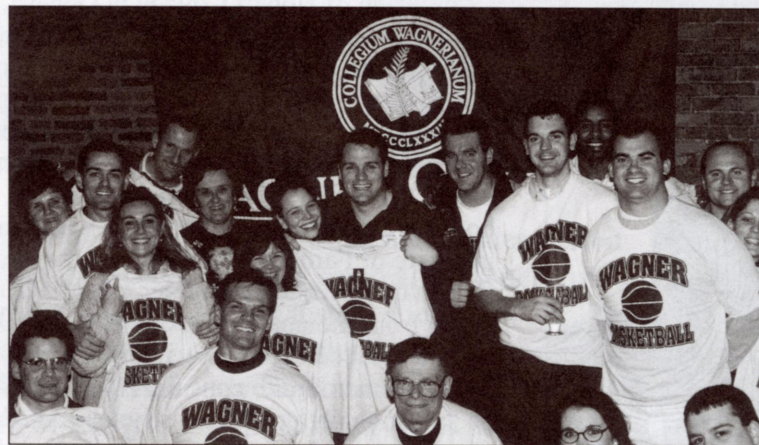


At left, Lim and Kyle O'Connor. Above, Gabriella Christina Baptista.

In memoriam

- Dr. Ralph Priddy (former professor)
- Arthur Friedel '36
- Arthur Stegemann '36X
- Mildred Heppner Hoehn '40
- Faith Holden Divis '43X
- Dr. Joseph Perosi '43
- Seymour Stambler '43
- Rev. Dr. Irving Jensen '44
- Margaret McDonald Pavlik '46
- Allyn F. Leidig '50 (former professor)
- John J. Doherty '51
- Joseph A. Lauro, Jr. '51
- Raymond J. Pickett '51
- Joseph A. Trivisono '51
- Lois Vasoll Norlander '51
- Roy F. Arnesen '52
- Edward Bucker '52
- Albert H. Frolander '52
- Richard E. Novak '53 M'55
- Dr. Ronald John Gibbons '54
- Reverend Kenneth Dorkof '54
- John D. Kearney '54
- Eugene C. Basini '55 M57
- Elois McDonald Pacifico '57
- Andrew J. Rucci '59X
- Marvin Weissglass '59
- Alvin S. Floen '60
- LT. Richard C. Hartwig '62
- William Davidson '63
- Alfred R. Passantino M'63
- Elsie H. Georg '65
- Nicholas L. Bissell, Jr. '68
- Richard J. Schaumburg '74
- Arne J. Tollefsen M'77
- Andrew D. Ssemukutu '89, M91
- Caron Sue Rose '93

Receptions bring alums together in Troy, NY and Sarasota, FL



Alumni from the Albany and Troy, NY areas met at The Troy Pub and Brewery for a pre-game reception. The Seahawks played Siena in basketball the following evening.



In Sarasota, alumni got together for a reception prior to a performance by the Wagner College Choir. Reception and concert were hailed by all.

Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko, new Vice President

In February, Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko succeeded Dr. David Long as Vice President responsible for the development and alumni relations programs. Bringing more than fifteen years of management and fund raising experience to Wagner, Dr. Pelnar-Zaiko has quickly established herself as a bright and energetic “mover” on campus.

“Yes,” says Pelnar-Zaiko with her characteristically broad smile, “my rapid, purposeful stride has raised comments before... I intend to waste no time in getting to know the Wagner family, particularly meeting as many alumni and friends of the College as I can.” Ivana, as she prefers to be called, has already met many of the alumni on the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Association Board, and participated in a get-together recently with alumni in Florida: “I am truly impressed with the caliber and the fierce loyalty of our alumni and their committed leadership. And I could not have asked for a warmer welcome!”

For the four years prior to coming to Wagner, Dr. Pelnar-Zaiko served as Director of Development at Rutgers-Newark Campus and Associate Campaign Manager at the Rutgers University Foundation. Previously, she was at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill for seven years where her positions included Director of Principal Gifts and, for a time, Director of the University’s successful \$440-plus million capital campaign. She is a national authority on major giving, an author, and frequent lecturer in her profession. “One of the great

enjoyments of becoming a ‘seasoned professional’,” comments Ivana, “is the opportunity it offers for sharing one’s knowledge with aspiring young professionals and being a mentor to less experienced colleagues. In this, Wagner is an ideal situation for me, given the talented colleagues in annual giving and alumni relations whom I have the good fortune to be joining here.”

Originally trained in music (she holds the Bachelor of Music from McGill University), Dr. Pelnar-Zaiko aspired to college teaching in musicology after receiving, magna cum laude, a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Munich. Her German is still fluent “once she gets going.” She is also fluent in Czech, having grown up in the beautiful city of Prague, and “gets along in” a smattering of other European languages acquired mainly through travel. Dr. Pelnar-Zaiko authored several books and articles on early German music before turning to development through a series of internships, including one as Fellow of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ivana and her husband, Dr. Edward J. Zaiko, reside in the historic section of Freehold, New Jersey, in a renovated craftsman colonial home circa 1900.

They share the love of outdoor activities connected with beautifying the extensive grounds—when they are not reading, heading to the City for an opera or ballet performance, or entertaining friends. Edward is a research chemist with Rhone-Poulenc, Inc., headquartered near Princeton.

“I am just delighted to come to



Wagner at such an exciting time of its history,” says Ivana. “It will take hard work and sacrificial financial support from alumni and friends on all levels to get us there, but we stand just on the threshold of greatness. I know this sounds corny, but there is tremendous potential here to make the College a gem that dazzles the region and the nation with its sparkle and brilliance.”

Hobart’s Dr. Richard Guarasci named new Wagner Provost



In early February, Wagner president, Dr. Norman Smith, announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Guarasci, current Dean of Hobart College in Geneva, NY, as the College’s new Provost. The Provost serves as the institution’s chief academic officer and is responsible for all academic programs, undergraduate life, admissions and financial aid. “Wagner is about twenty minutes from where I grew up, so in a sense it’s going home”, says the Brooklyn native who is a 1967 graduate of Fordham University in the Bronx. Dr. Guarasci received both his masters and doctorate from Indiana University in economics and political science respectively.

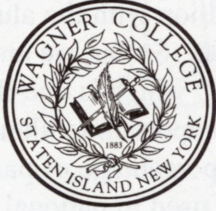
Dr. Norman Smith considers Dr. Guarasci to be “a nationally prominent scholar and educator who brings with him the wherewithal to elevate Wagner into the top-ranked private residential colleges in the east.” Dr. Guarasci’s most recent book, *Democratic Education in An Age of Difference: Redefining Citizenship in Higher Education* has recently been published by Jossey-Bass. He is currently the only non-college president to serve on the Board of Directors of the prestigious American Association of Colleges and Universities. Part of his philosophy is “building an educational model around reading, writing, and doing . . . actually having students out in the real world working with people, reading books and thinking about what they are doing and also doing social justice.” Because of Wagner’s relation-

ship to New York City, Dr. Guarasci sees great potential in this area of endeavor.

In his five-year tenure as Dean of Hobart College, Dr. Guarasci had a major impact on a number of areas, particularly in the development of service learning opportunities for students, both in the context of their academic lives and in their extracurricular experiences. More than twenty courses at Hobart & William Smith Colleges now incorporate experiential learning through community service. The annual Day of Service, established under Dr. Guarasci’s leadership, brings together more than 1,000 students and community members to create positive change in the local Geneva community. Dr. Guarasci also established the “living and learning” design for freshmen students which linked academic experiences more closely with their residence hall experiences.

Prior to arriving at Hobart, Dr. Guarasci spent twenty years at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY where he served as an instructor, tenured professor, and associate academic dean. He was also director of the university’s first year programs, designed to assist freshmen students with the academic and social challenges associated with beginning the collegiate experience.

Dr. Guarasci and his wife, Carin, are very much looking forward to returning to their “roots” in the New York metropolitan area as well as immersing themselves into the Wagner College community.



HERALDING AN
EXTRAORDINARY DECADE
AT
WAGNER COLLEGE

Recently, *The New York Times* published a feature on bond ratings with references to specific colleges. Some alumni who read the article appear to have wondered whether Wagner College was also experiencing the enrollment declines and related problems other colleges cited in the article are reportedly suffering.

We're pleased to reassert that Wagner College has, for nearly a decade, been in the midst of a truly exciting and progressive era that might well rank among the best small, private college outcomes nationally. For instance,

WAGNER COLLEGE has posted 8 consecutive years of operating budget balance, is halfway through its ninth year of balance, and has an accumulated net operating surplus.

WAGNER COLLEGE enrollment has, in just four years, grown from 1,370 "full time equivalents" to 1,815 (+32%) with a full-to-capacity enrollment of over 2,000 students.

WAGNER COLLEGE's application rate and student academic quality has increased for six consecutive years with 75% of students reporting Wagner was their first-choice among many admission offers.

WAGNER COLLEGE's operating revenues have grown over 50% since 1992, with net enrollment revenues consistently exceeding national trends.

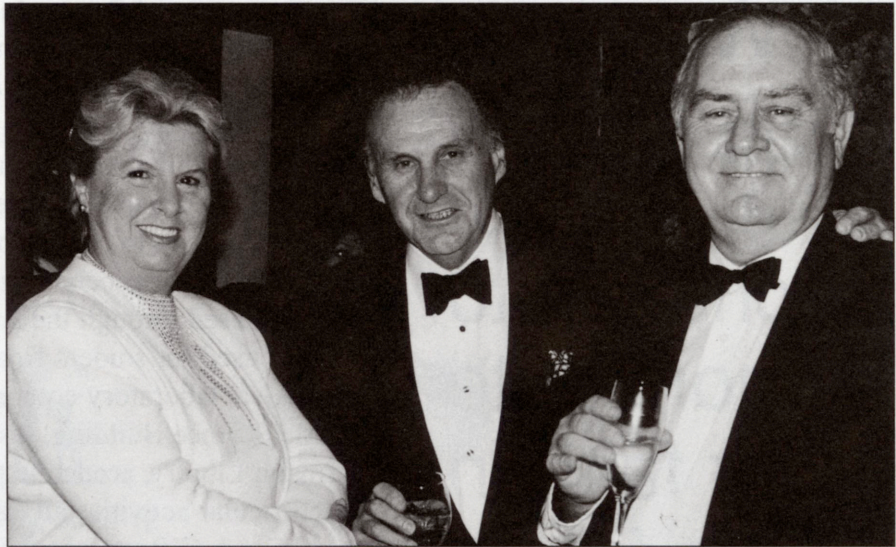
WAGNER COLLEGE's recent fundraising has included the College's first \$5 million single-source donation, a \$4 million bequest and two \$1 million single-donor gifts.

We could go on, but you see what we mean.

Wagner College is among those 90% of universities and colleges in America that are not heavily endowed. Thus, our S&P bond rating logically is not as high as those very few heavily endowed institutions typically cited as S&P's best credit exemplars. But as Standard & Poor's notes,

"A source of misunderstanding may arise from the fact that the colleges (rated by S&P) are only those which have raised capital in the public debt markets. At the same time, there are thousands of other colleges whose overall financial strength may be weaker than those rated by S&P."

We trust that most alumni and friends understood the context of *The New York Times* article. However, we thought it an opportune moment to proudly spotlight 114-year-old Wagner which is indeed among those few small private colleges posting especially gratifying progress and growth during these challenging times - thanks in large part to generous alumni and friend annual support.



Jane Russo, wife of College Counsel Tom Russo '49 (center), and Wagner Trustee Fred Lange '53, share a laugh during a holiday party at the Grymes Hill home of President Norman Smith and Dr. Susan Robinson.

Inner Circle celebrates



Debbie Hameline, wife of Athletic Director Walt Hameline, talks with Fred Williamson '64 and his wife Dee.



Elaine Sheehy, Patricia Knapp and Trustee Kevin Sheehy '67 enjoy a laugh at the party.

The Wagner College Choir entertains guests from the staircase in the President's home.



New
technology
connects
campus
to the
global
village

The summer of 1996 marked a milestone as Wagner College took a bold initiative to step wholly into the 21st century by installing state-of-the-art voice, data and video technology throughout the entire campus. Starting with new phone services, each student and employee has a personal phone number and voice mail box. Commuter students as well can obtain a free voice mail box for their use, accessible from off campus.

Internet, e-mail and other computer network services have been provided in every office and dorm room on cam-

pus. Residential students need only a nominal \$100 network card installed in their PCs. By administering the network locally on campus, the College virtually serves as its own Internet Service Provider. Data transfers throughout the campus at speeds up to 50 times those available from a home dial-up connection via modem.

Additional fiber optic cabling has been placed for future services such as teleconferencing and distance learning which experts predict to be a critical tool in higher education in the near future.

Video channels capable of

broadcasting programming from Student Activities and Media Services over the College's in-house TV network have been added to dorms and to lecture halls in the Drs. Donald and Evelyn Spiro Communications Center.

Such infrastructure investment enables Wagner to take advantage of any foreseeable technology for some time to come. "This technology base," comments Director of Campus Technology, Mark Sedutto '93, "positions the College to be competitive well into the future."

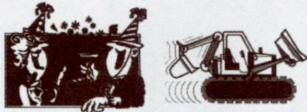
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Dates to remember

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Friday, May 16
Commencement



Saturday, June 7
Reunion Day & Sports
Center ground breaking



Thursday, June 12
Alumni Golf Outing

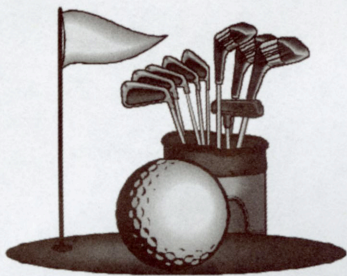


Saturday, June 14
S. I. Alumni Chapter Picnic



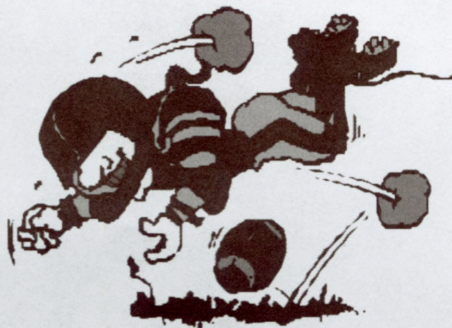
Monday, June 16
Hockey Alumni Golf Outing

SEPTEMBER



Monday, September 8
Sal Alberti Memorial
Wagner College Golf Classic

OCTOBER



Saturday, October 18
Homecoming

NOVEMBER



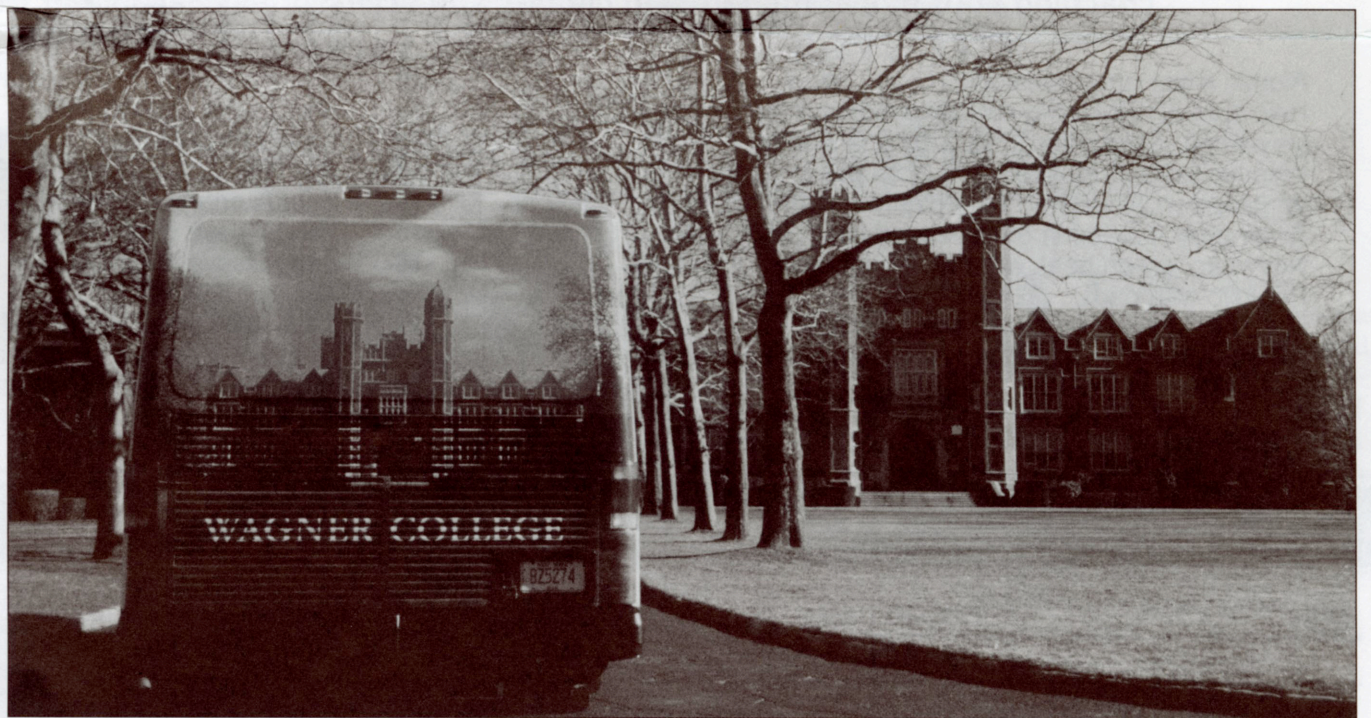
Saturday, November 15
Football at Univ. of San Diego



Men's Basketball participates in
the pre-season NIT

DOUBLE TAKE

The new Wagner bus features a picture-perfect rendering of the College's majestic Main Hall.



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