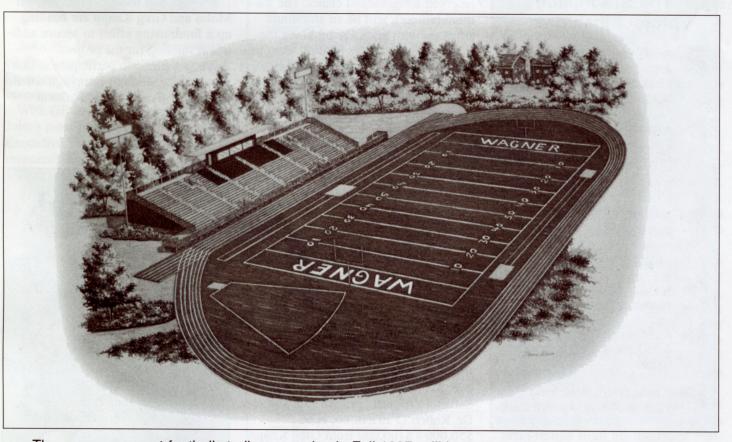




The ceremonial ground breaking of the Spiro Sports Center will take place on June 7; construction will be completed in Fall 1998.

Construction begins for new sports facilities



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

agner 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

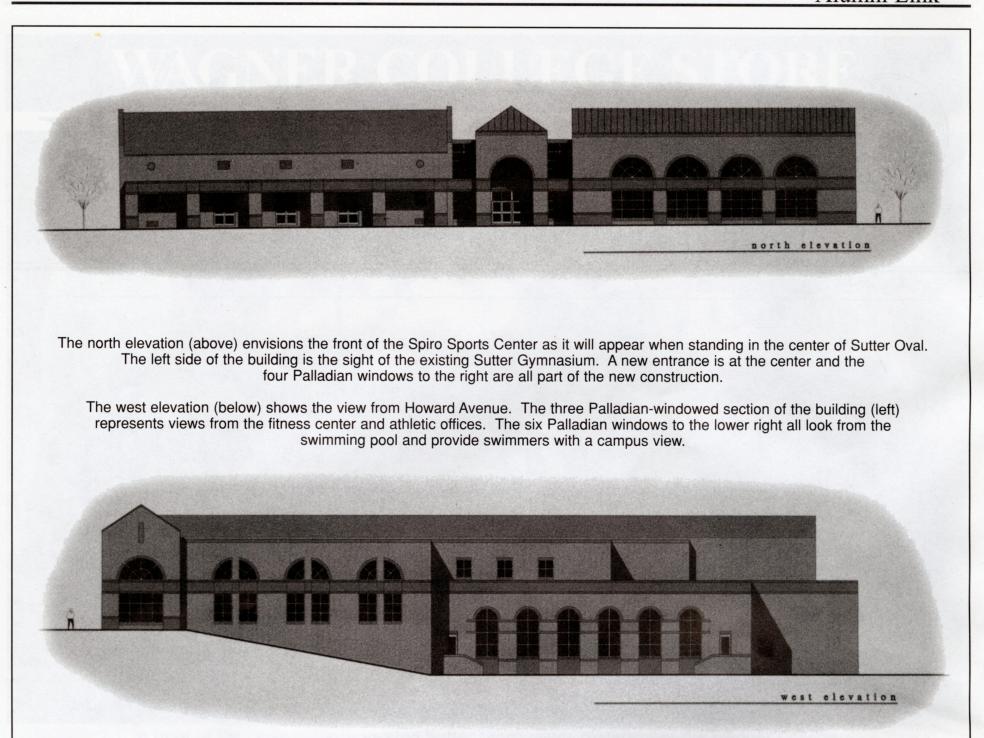
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Construction

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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 freeweight 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 Munnelly '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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Trustee updates



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

ccording 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.

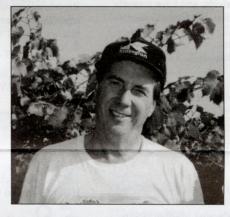
Completing his Wagner degree in three years, Joe did his duty with the military, stationed for a time in Germany. It was there, in the area of the Rhine River, that he became familiar with certain techniques of landscaping and terracing of grapevines. Those techniques and his interest in wines and wine-making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

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)

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. Kalldin, Jr. & Edith M. Knecht Kalldin '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, NI.

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 Quoque, 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 (ASSECT) 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 lifethreatening 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)

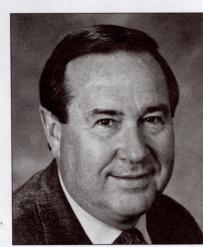
Raymond Burgos (Marlboro, NJ) was recently appointed as Consultant to the Puerto Rico Basketball Olympic Committee. He works as a real estate agent in NJ.

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".



Dr. Warren R. Procci (Passadena, CA) was elected Councilor-at-Large for the American Psychoanalytic Association. He continues as Dean of the Training School at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute.

Russell H. Selger (Levittown, PA), a former Wagner Basketball star, was inducted into the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony held during the Homecoming '96 festivities. Russell is a Guidance Counselor and teacher at Hopewell Valley Regional School in Pennington, NJ.

Class Agent: Philip Straniere (Staten Island, NY)

Lynda Benedetto (Aliso Viejo, CA) made another upward turn in her career. She is now working as an associate for Steven Myers & Associates, Inc., Newport Beach, CA.

Dr. Eugene Mosiello (Staten Island, NY) was reappointed Vice President of the 1996-97 Staten Island Children's Campaign, which raises funds to aid the Staten Island community's young people. The campaign has already raised \$20,000 toward it's \$50,000 goal.

Dr. Nicholas Rossos (Bordentown, NJ) was elected President of the Mercer County Medical Society. He recorded a CD entitled Listen to My Music, a collection of relaxation music for his patients. Members of his class and others were treated to selections from the CD during a "Cluster Reunion" at Homecoming '96.

Honorable Philip Straniere (Staten Island, NY) was elected Staten Island Civil Court Judge in November '96, and was sworn in at a ceremony in January '97.

Agent: Dr. Sal Gagliano (Passaic, NJ)

Nancy Langman Dorwart (Sudbury, MA) is Vice President for CAREGROUP in Boston.

Reverend Louis E. Drew (Plainstow, NH) has moved to New Hampshire where he is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Plainstow, NH. Lou is interested in starting a Southern NH - Northern MA Alumni Chapter. Contact Lou or the Alumni Office if interested.

Judith Hall Laughlin (Newtown Square, PA) received her MBA in Corporate Finance from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, Executive MBA program. She is currently business administrator for Pediatric Associates of the Main Line Ltd., Wynnwood, PA.

Tom "Big Red" Moore (Dayton, OH) was honored for his contribution to the sport of football as a new inductee to the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming '96.

Dr. Mark Nemiroff (Yardley, PA) is Vice President of the Mercer Bucks Jewish Federation. He is a practicing anesthesiologist and recently completed a publication on Acupuncture and Pain Management.

Class Agent: Pam Broderick (Manchester, CT)

Kudos to Pam Broderick and others from '69, '70 & '71 who helped make the Homecoming "Cluster Reunion" a great day. Even with torrential downpours, all had a won-

Carol Blankenhorn, (Staten Island, NY) and her husband Charles Phillips adopted their first child, 21 months old Charles Valentin Phillips (right) in Eastern Europe, in December 1995. They are currently awaiting final approval on the adoption of a second child, also from Moldova.

Nancy D. Hupprich Francis (Port Jefferson, NY) was named in the 1996 edition of "Who's

Who Among America's Teachers."

Anthony A. LaBella Jr. (Brooklyn, NY) was appointed by New York Governor George Pataki as a member of the State Real Estate Board.

Linda Montani (Beverly Hills, CA) is a motion picture Assistant Director for various employers. Linda has two movies being released in '97: Turbulence from Rysher/MGM came out in January, and "L.A. Confidential", from Regency/Warner Bros is eagerly anticipated.

STILL Looking for a New Agent! 25th REUNION - Saturday, June 7, 1997

Nancy Herrmann Fraser (Orange Park, FL) received a Post Masters Certificate as an OB- GYN Nurse Practitioner from Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Nancy is in private practice in Orange Park, FL.

Toni Ann Fiore Grimley (Warwick, RI) has participated in the American Federation of Teachers' Education Research and Dissemination Program; a union-sponsored, research-based professional development program developed through collaboration between practitioners and



Following an impromptu Theatre reunion, Cheryl Carr Gucwa '81, Tony Ricotta '81, Carol Vasquez '81, Annette Auger '80 and Carol Tamborra Maragni '81 (left to right) got together for a surprise baby shower for Carol Vasquez.

researchers, to encourage educators to improve their practice and student achievement by becoming users of research. Toni Ann's area of training has been in parentfamily involvement, and she is currently employed as a Library Media Specialist with the Warwick Rhode Island School District.

Class Agent: Henry Gemino (Manhasset, NY)

Iris Levine Accettola M'83 (Staten Island, NY) became certified in Oncology Nursing in May 1996. Iris is a Radiation Oncology Nurse at Staten Island University Hospital where she has worked for the last 30 years.

Betsy Sheil Dubovsky (Staten Island, NY) has become Director of Management Services of the American Red Cross of Greater New York.

Class Agent: Nick Phillip (Syracuse, NY)

Reverend M. Henry Pawluck (Manchester, NH) received a Master of Sacred Theology degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, while continuing to serve Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Class Agent: Richard De Paul (Bridgewater, NJ)

Brother Robert Gabriel, O.S.F. (South Huntington, NY) was recently appointed Assistant Principal and Dean of Faculty and Students at Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington, NY.

Elizabeth Corkum Kotite (Staten Island, NY) has served as Events Coordinator for the March of Dimes, West Brighton for the last two years. Liz was responsible for the September '96 celebrity-studded gourmet gala, which was chaired by NBC Sports Broadcaster Greg Gumbel. The event helped raise money for the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies.

Elizabeth J. Strange (New Rochelle, NY) received her MA in Liberal Studies from Fordham University, May

Class Agent: John Zawisny (Staten Island, NY)

Patrick Del Zoppo (Staten Island, NY) was appointed an Assistant Director of the archdiocese's Family Life/Respect Office. Patrick has worked with the Family Life Office since 1983.

Class Agent: Maarten van Hengel (North Tarrytown, NY) 20th REUNION - June 7, 1997

Kenneth Hahn (Central Valley, NY) has won his 4th Emmy for his work on the TV show "Hollywood Sound". Ken owns and operates Sync Sound in NYC.

Barbara Rogers McNeilly (Buena Park, CA) received a Masters in Education and her California Clear Credential in May 1996. She is currently teaching 1st grade at Crescent Avenue Christian School in Buena Park, CA.

Class Agent: Maria Lind Jenkins (Brooklyn, NY)

Marilyn Hansen Morard (Parker, CO) married Donald Morard of St. Louis, MO.

Lorraine Bianco (North Cape May, NJ) served as a Medical Volunteer for the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA. She was also Athletic Trainer at the Men's & Women's Field Hockey Venue from July 6 - August 3,

Steven Walker (Long Island City, NY) recently had his oil paintings exhibited at Gallery North.

Class Agent: Harold Theurer (Brooklyn, NY)

Terry Grant, DMD (Freeport, NY) has been elected to the National Alumni Association Board of Directors. He will serve a three-year term. Terry was also honored by Wagner students during Black History month as the recipient of the Alfred Curtis Award for community leasdership and professional excellence.

Class Agents: Billy Tyler (Los Angles, CA) & Ed "Grandpa" Garlock (Bedford, PA)

Patrick L. Giallombardo (Clifton Park, NY) has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Real Estate, at Key Bank in Albany, NY.

Captain Eric W. Olsen (Germany) is a Chaplain serving with the United States Army in Germany. His mom, Mildred Neuman Olsen '50, recently paid a visit for the christening of her newest grandson Evan, born in July '96.

Class Agent: Mary Gormley (Staten Island, NY)

Sharon Stakofsky-Davis (Virginia Beach, VA) was named Enrichment Director of Bellamy Manor Preschools, Virginia Beach, VA.

Class Agent: John Spadaro (Staten Island, NY) 15th REUNION - June 7, 1997

E.J. Carroll (New York, NY) completed a workshop of Stephen Schwartz's "Children of Eden" as well as voice talent on Dreamworks-SKG animated feature "Prince of Egypt." He is currently working on the movie version of "Into the Woods" and has national commercials running for Wendy's and Pringles Potato Chips.

Alyssa Iaciofoli Culver (Englishtown, NJ) married Homer Culver in November of '95.

Michael Osgood (Staten Island, NY) was promoted to Lieutenant, NYC Police Department. He is currently the project director of a business process re-engineering project of the NYPD evidence system. The project involves the engineering of one of the largest software systems in

John A. Schmidt (Basking Ridge, NJ) was promoted to Region Sales Director of Eisai Incorporated.

Class Agent: Scott Fink (Clearwater, FL)

Paulette A. Coy Knox M'85 (Brooklyn, NY) was recently married, and is employed as a Reading Consultant at PS 222 in Brooklyn.

Class Agent: Christian Miller (New York, NY)

Stephen S. Slocum (Willards, MD) was promoted to Vice President of Marketing & Sales for Ronald H. Gore Inc.

Karen Jerlin Wiltshire, RN (Lewes, DE) is a Surgical Intensive Care - Recovery Room RN. Married for 11 years to Dr. Robert Wiltshire of Staten Island, she and the family recently moved to Delaware.

Class Agent: Andy Williams (Pittsburgh, PA)

Toni Abbruzze (Pompton Plains, NJ) is a flight attendant for Continental Airlines. She married Gary Mathew in September of '95 and has two beautiful stepdaughters, Shannon, 10 and Nicole, 7.

Lori Mayercik Burrows (Jackson, NJ) married John Burrows in April '96.

Rich Curtin (Phoenix, AZ) is a private detective. He is currently on a long-term sub-assignment, teaching third grade in the Phoenix Public School system. Rich will be going for his certification this summer.

Dr. Marc Sclafani (Staten Island, NY) married Emma Fann in November '96. He earned a doctor of dental surgery degree and certificate in temporomandibular disorder, both from Georgetown University, Washington, DC, and a degree in prosthodontics from NYU, where he is a clinical professor in the College of Dentistry. He has his own dentistry practice in Manhattan specializing in

Russell C. Tafuri, Navy Petty Officer, 3rd Class, (Staten Island, NY) was promoted to his current rank while serving at Air Naval Station Whiting Field, Milton, FL. Russell's promotion was based on superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He has been in the Navy since August 1993.

Class Agent: Wade Appelman, (Chelmsford, MA)

Barbara Weir, (Staten Island, NY) received her MS in Education (Reading Specialization) from St. John's University. She is a 9th grade Language Arts teacher at I.S. 142 in Brooklyn, NY, and a part-time aerobics instructor at the Y.M.C.A.

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Tammy Grande Masseria (Staten Island, NY) married Bryan Masseria in September '96. She earned her MA in liberal studies from New York University.

Roseann Nankervis Nahmod (Manalapan, NJ) is a Nursing Clinical Instructor at her alma mater, Wagner College.

Karen Kalriess (Staten Island, NY) left for Japan on March 26th where she will teach English as a second language.

Class Agent: Ken Nilsen (Hoboken, NJ)

Dr. Enrico Caprioni & Gina Setteducato '93 (Brooklyn, NY) were married in October'96. Enrico earned a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, Manhattan. He is a Podiatrist with New York Methodist Hospital. Gina is an RN at New York Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn.

Jeanine D'Apolito Caracappa (Port Jefferson, NY) married John Caracappa in September '96. She is an accountant with the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Manhattan.

Class Agent: Maria Giura (Staten Island, NY)

Elizabeth Derochea (Staten Island, NY) is an Editorial Assistant at Carol Publishing Group, Secaucus, NJ.

Rosemarie Giordano Kiecka (Monroe Township, NJ) recently moved to Monroe, NJ, and is now teaching Science & Biology at Wagner High School, Staten Island.

Class Agent: Alexandra Duggan (Staten Island, NY)

Elena Anarumo (Staten Island, NY) was promoted to Relationship Manager-Global Securities Services at Chase Manhattan Bank, Manhattan.

Mary F. Boltz (Hamburg, NY) earned her MA in Teaching English as a Second Language from St. Michaels College in Colchester, Vermont. She plans to teach English in Bogota, Columbia, for the Spring semester.

Gina Paradiso Casella (Staten Island, NY) married Ralph Casella in November '96. She is a Senior Financial Analyst with the Wampole Division of Carter-Wallace, Cranbury, NJ.

Michael Ferrelli (Avon, NJ) recently married Joan Bosze of Carteret, NJ. He is an auditor at Summit Bank in Cranford, NJ.

Kathleen Carlsen Gaffney (Staten Island, NY) married Timothy Gaffney in September '96. She is regional trainer at the Revco Drug Store in New Dorp and substitute teacher for the NYC Board of Education.

Kassie Eichen Hornbuckle (Catonsville, MD) recently won the "Miss Maryland Heavyweight 1996" title and followed that win with the Eastern Regional Body Rock Classic '96 overall title. She is already planning her strategy for further competitions.

Class Agent: Jennifer Norton (Brick, NJ)

Amy Bender (Staten Island, NY) performed at The Supper Club, Manhattan, in November '96.

Chris Dell'Armo (NewYork, NY) played the character of Terry in the Off Broadway Production of "The Crumple Zone", a new play written by Wagner graduate Buddy Thomas.

Chris Landy (Brooklyn, NY) earned his M.F.A. from New York University. He designed the lighting for two Off Broadway Productions, "Tommy" and "The Crumple Zone."

Montaque (Buddy) Thomas (Long Island City, NY) has yet another hit on his hands. He has authored a new play, entitled "The Crumple Zone", which was recently produced Off Broadway at the Krane Theatre.

Michael Trifaro (Staten Island, NY) has been named Manager of Doctors' Hospital's Department of Physical Therapy. He is a partner in the firm of Haggerty & Trifaro Physical Therapy, Concord.

Class Agent: Natalie Migliaro (Clark, NJ) 5th REUNION - June 7, 1997

OOPS...Correction from the Fall '96 Link...
Tonimarie Tanski Simone (Brick, NJ) married Jim
Simone in February 1994. Her first daughter Kyra
Elizabeth was born January 22, 1995. On December 11,
1995, Jim and Tonimarie were blessed with the arrival of
their second daughter Kayla Elyse. Mom has her hands
full!

Cindy Bakewicz (Staten Island, NY) is currently attending Ultrasound Diagnostic School in Manhattan. She recently had an anecdote published in the "New

York Stories" column of The Daily News.

Jennifer Baldwin Dawson (Scotch Plains, NY) has been hired as an administrative assistant for the Northeast Conference office, Woodbridge, NJ.

Jennifer Economou Barreto (Staten Island, NY) married Amaury Barreto in August '96. She is a Bilingual School Psychologist with the New York City Board of Education.

Tracy Sheedy Guglielmo (Staten Island, NY) married Frank Guglielmo in August '96. She is an administrative assistant for Second District Dental Society, Brooklyn, NY.

Kristen Przelomski, RN & Chris Haussman '94, (New Jersey) were married in May '96.

Sean Kelleher (Staten Island, NY) married Wendy Tee in November '96. He is Vice President for Trading at Wall Street Access.

Christa Rice Lavin (Staten Island, NY) married Frederick Lavin in November '96. She is a Special Education Teacher of the Community Resources for The Developmentally Disabled at the Joan P. Hodum Early Learning Center, Great Kills.

Chris Matthew (Papish) (New York, NY) appeared as Matt in Buddy Thomas' new play, "The Crumple Zone".

Paul Pecorino (New York, NY), partner in the production company of Duke-Czarina Productions, mounted "The Crumple Zone", a new play written by Buddy Thomas.

Pamela Muirhead Rutledge (Staten Island, NY) married Jason Rutledge in November '96. She is a treasury analyst for the Everest Re-insurance Co., Newark, NJ.

Class Agent: Stuart Plotkin (Staten Island, NY)

Jennifer LaFata Hughes (Staten Island, NY) right, married James Hughes in November '96. She is a senior benefit administrator for Smith Barney, Manhattan.

Lorraine Toto Legg (Haines Falls, NY) is employed as Quality Control Analyst at Stiefel Research Laboratories, Oak Hill, NY.



Heidi Haspel Londis (Staten Island, NY) married George Londis in August '96. She is a kindergarten teacher at St. Christopher's School, Grant City.

David Mills (New York, NY) was the costume designer for two Off Broadway Productions, "Calamity Jane" and "The Crumple Zone".

Julie Ann Lombardi & Gary White (Staten Island, NY) were married in August '96. She is an environmental claims analyst for Zurich American Specialties, Manhattan.

Class Agent: James Hickey (Staten Island, NY)

Kristin Barnett (New York, NY) was the Production Stage Manager for the Off Broadway Production, "The Crumple Zone."

Mark Cajigao (Stanhope, NJ) appeared at Carnegie Hall as a choral singer with P.D.Q. Bach during the Christmas season.

Robert Comerford (Staten Island, NY) is an accountant with JP Morgan, Manhattan. He is currently working on his MBA at New York University.

Ronald D. Cusmano, USN (Staten Island, NY) recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Veronica Schron Di Meglio (Brooklyn, NY) married Louis Di Meglio on November 11, 1996. She is assistant director of scheduling for the City Comptroller Office, Manhattan.

Kimberly Ann Kovach Nugent (Bayonne, NJ) married John Nugent in September '96. She is working as an administrative assistant for ALLTEL Information Services at the Provident Savings Bank, Jersey City, NJ.

Jennifer Olsen & Steven LaPera '95 (Staten Island, NY) married in September '96. Jennifer is currently employed at Bankers Trust. Steven was recently elected to the Wagner College National Alumni Association Board of Directors and is employed with J.P. Morgan.

Marta Santiago, RN (Coram, NY) was recently engaged to Richard Tores; she is working at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

lass Agent: Stacey Cannon (Seymour, CT)

Kerri-Ann Buthorn Albanese (Staten Island, NY) married Michael Albanese in September '96. She received a Physician Assistant certificate from Bayley Seton Hospital. Kerri-Ann is a Physician Assistant in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Staten Island University Hospital.

Stephanie Battista, RN (Smithtown, NY) is currently working at Long Island Eye Surgery Center, Brentwood, NJ.

Tara Bradley (Staten Island, NY) is a Radio City Music Hall Rockette. She appeared in the Christmas Spectacular, and is currently gearing up for the Spring Spectacular. Tara teaches dance at "The Dance Boutique" in Tottenville, and is very busy planning a September wedding to Larry Schweitzer on the beach in Point Pleasant, NJ.

Gregory Fiore (Los Angles, CA) is currently working for "Dream Works SKG."

Daniel Ford & Lisa Kegler (Staten Island, NY) were married in October. He is assistant account executive for Bozell Worldwide, Manhattan. She is a teacher for the St. Brigid Elementary School, Manhattan.

Steven De Crescenzo (Staten Island, NY) is currently employed by the Mayor of the City of New York as an Assistant Legislative Aide, with the Mayor's Legislative Affairs Unit.

Anthony Harper (Brooklyn, NY) is a member of the acapella group *Intrigue* and has released his first album on Universal Records entitled <u>Acoustic Soul</u>. Other group members include his brother Jaeson and cousin Audley Wiggan.

Noelle Bearer Mador (Howell, NJ) married Greg Mador on April 13, 1996.

Laura Ianniello Marshall MS. Ed. (Brooklyn, NY) married James Marshall in August. She is a fourthgrade teacher at PS 105 in Brooklyn, NY.

William Methven (Staten Island, NY) landed a job as Stage Manager for Busch Gardens in Virginia.

Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, MBA (Staten Island, NY) right, married Jeffrey Nordenholt in December 96. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Mugavero of Trinity Lutheran Church and The Rev. Lyle R. Guttu, Chaplain and Vice Provost at Wagner College, conducted the afternoon ceremony. Christine is Director of Academic Advisement at Wagner.



Lisa Pallotta, MS Ed. '96 (Staten Island, NY) is teaching 6th grade Language Arts at I.S. 72, Staten Island.

Heather Peterson (Natick, MA) is a pre-kindergarten teacher in a private preschool. She is presently enrolled in an educational administration course, and doing volunteer work for her community.

Brian Schneider (Staten Island, NY) is an associate credit analyst for Royal Bank of Canada, New York.

Jonathan Stapel (Natick, MA) is Technical Director at The Walnut Hill School, a private performing arts school in Massachusetts. Jonathan is also a freelance Scenic Designer and Technical Director.

NEW Class Agent: Leigh-Ann De Pascale (Staten Island, NY)

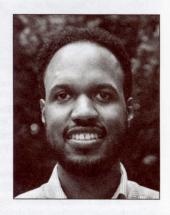
Helen Fischetti Collins (Miami Lakes, FL) married Michael Collins, and is a homemaker.

Luann Zazzaro Folino, MBA (Staten Island, NY) married Robert Folino in October '96. She is employed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Company, Manhattan.

Kara Jones, (Medford, NJ) has joined the staff of The Staten Island Children's Museum in the area of childrens theatre.

John E. Mack, Jr. (Philadelphia, PA), right, is a candidate for ministry at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA.

Christina Tsivourakis Stathakos MS Ed., (Staten Island, NY) married John Stathakos in September '96. She is a paralegal with Johnson & Langworthy, Dongan Hills.



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Crib notes

Twins,
Alexander
and
Zachary
join older
brother
Robert
Gebhardt.





Rebecca, Jamie and Courtney have joined Cassidy Young.





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

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 McNerney 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 Iaciofoli 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.

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. Trivisone '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. Tollevsen 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

n 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



n 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 noncollege 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 relationship 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. Alumni Link



HERALDING AN EXTRAORDINARY DECADE

WAGNER COLLEGE

ecently, *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.

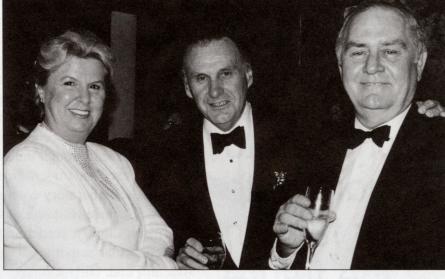
WAGNER COLLEGE's recent fundraising has included the College's first \$5 million single-source donation, a \$4 million bequest and two \$1 million single-donor gifts.

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



round campus Around campus.

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

he 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 campus. 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."

Wagner's Annual Fund: A chance to demonstrate your faith in the future

he Annual Fund, which runs from September 1st - August 31st, is the portion of Wagner College's yearly income realized through private contributions. Giving to the Annual Fund is an opportunity for people who believe in a Wagner education to ensure that it will be available to future generations.

Money raised through the Annual Fund is primarily used for student financial assistance. Also, laboratory equipment for the Megerle Science Building, resources for the Horrmann Library, academic programs, and extracurricular activities all depend on the Annual Fund. Gifts received for capital projects, such as our new sports facility, are counted over and above the Annual Fund. Although these donations come from a variety of sources, including friends, corporations, foundations, parents, and the Lutheran Church, alumni make up the largest group supporting Wagner College.

The overall 1996-1997Annual Fund goal is \$1.1 million with the alumni portion totalling \$400,000. So far, we are at approximately \$135,000 which is one-third of our goal.

Also important to alumni giving is the overall percentage of participation, which is a factor used in national college ratings and by foundations when considering grants. Wagner's current alumni giving participation rate is 22%, and a goal of 25% is set for the 1996-1997 year. With the help of the Class Agent program, we hope to gain an average of seven new donors per class which would allow us to reach our goal. Wagner's peer institutions generally achieve participation rates of over 33%.

Gifts to the Annual Fund can be made in a variety of ways. If you have any questions about making a gift through credit cards, stocks, or other property, please contact Michael Acquilano, Director of the Annual Fund, at (718) 390-3404.

Alumni Reunion Day Saturday, June 7, 1997

Schedule of events

10:00 AM Registration

Wagner Union Terrace

11:00 AM College Briefing with Senior

Administrators
Spiro Hall, Room 4

12:30 PM Reunion Day Luncheon

Main Dining Hall

2:00 PM Class Photos

Campus Tours

4:30 PM Sports Complex Ground Breaking

Ceremony

Sutter Gymnasium Terrace

5:30 PM President's Reception

Sutter Gymnasium Terrace

7:00 PM Reunion Dinner Dance

Main Dining Hall

1997 senior class gift update

Reminiscent of the "Student Loyalty Fund" days, the Wagner College senior class officers are currently organizing the Class of 1997's gift to the College. The intention is for current seniors to leave something tangible behind for future Wagner classes to use and enjoy. With assistance from the Development Office, seniors will get to vote for one of three ideas. The idea receiving the most votes will become the class gift to Wagner.

Each member of the Class of 1997 will be asked for a contribution, and all seniors who support the class gift project will be listed in the College's Annual Honor Roll of Donors. Bound in a full-color 1998 calendar, this will be one of the first Wagner publications they receive as alumni. At the request of the class officers, announcement of the class project will be incorporated into *Senior Week* activities.

In the 1947 *Kallista* yearbook, the chairman of the "Student Loyalty Fund," Lamar Smith, pointed out that "the campaign was the logical outgrowth of a feeling of loyalty and devotion to the Alma Mater, which has grown very strong in recent years." Fifty years later, that feeling among Wagner seniors is just as strong!

Please remember Wagner College in your will.
For information on estate planning,
will provisions, and advantageous charitable
gift options, please contact
Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko, Vice President,
at (718) 390-3121.

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Theater tour in

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For students, faculty, alumni, staff and patrons of the arts

June 27-July 11, 1997

Call 718-390-3434 for information/brochure

Dates to remember

MAY



Friday, May 16 Commencement



Saturday, June 7 Reunion Day & Sports Center ground breaking



Thursday, June 12 Alumni Golf Outing



JUNE

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 pictureperfect rendering of the College's majestic Main Hall.



AlumniLink Update

Please use this form to notify the Alumni Office of your new job, marriage, baby, promotion, honor, advanced degree, or new address. Clip and mail to:

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WAGNER COLLEGE STORE



In front of the soon-to-be-renovated Sutter Gymnasium, members of the Wagner College coaching staff model the latest in clothes and accessories available at the College Store:

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