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From the Editor's Desk

On July 1 ended eight years of service as the college liaison officer with Wagner alumni. These years have been happy years for me and I leave with an even greater respect for Alma Mater than I brought to the work in 1948. I've learned over the years to know and like thousands of alumni and to respect their accomplishments in life.

I was very pleased to have the alumni present me with a watch on Alumni Day. Not that I needed anything to make me remember you all but the watch will always remind me of many happy associations.

I have been pleased with the continual development of our alumni work. We never aimed for quick results but have built solidly for the future and I like to think my successor will find a strong foundation on which to build.

I am not going into the reasons why I'm leaving. I'm leaving because I feel I should, not because I'm mad at anybody. I have to confess to a little reluctance in leaving a work I loved, but my decision was based on a conviction that resignation was the only right thing for me to do.

So I say farewell and yet it's really not that. I hope to be able to be back for Homecoming and Alumni Day and to attend other alumni functions. I'll be seeing you then. Wagner alumni are a great bunch and I'll always want to be with them when I can.

Thanks for all the support and encouragement you've given me in these eight years. That support has made all our accomplishments possible.

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COVER:

New garden furniture on the terrace of Guild Hall enhances an already popular gathering place for participants in summer school, the Writers' Workshop, the Pastors' Institute and other summer activities that make Wagner's Grymes Hill campus an extra busy place these days.

A LOOK AT AL'S RECORD



Al Krahmer, one of Wagner's favorite sons, has left the college, but, like another Al (Smith), he has a right to encourage people to "look at the record."

Al resigned as a member of the college administrative staff, as of July 1, to become Director of Public Relations for the Lutheran Welfare Association of New Jersey.

His resignation marked the end of a fine Wagner career which first burst into full bloom when, in September 1948, he was called as Director of Publicity and General Alumni Secretary, the first fulltime officer of the college in these fields.

On his arrival, there were approximately 1,000 alumni, of whom some 20 per cent were giving \$1,400 to the Loyalty Fund.

There are now 2,632 alumni and, under Al's leadership, between 45 and 50 per cent contribute annually. The Loyalty Fund this year has already topped \$8,000.

These past eight years have also seen the establishment of six Alumni scholarships and the naming of three as memorials. The alumni paid for the lobby of the new gymnasium and are refurbishing it.

Alumni gifts, startlingly bigger than ever before, led to the purchase of a Robot-typer for the college and a substantial gift to the new Student Center.

The alumni magazine, the Link, first appeared in the fall of 1948. Soon thereafter the first of many alumni clubs was formed. A club manual has been published. Seniors are given a "Welcome, Alumnus"

booklet. Last fall, for the first time, a mimeographed pamphlet, "Welcome, Freshman" was distributed to the incoming class.

There have been little touches, reflecting Al's skill in the field of human relations—such as "Wagner Alumnus" decals to seniors and "Little Seahawk" bibs to new parents among the alumni.

Float parades and the crowning of a queen became a bright part of the fall Homecoming in 1949. The presentation of honor keys to Fifty Year Alumni was instituted a year later.

As Al's work developed, his titles changed. He became Director of Public Relations and Director of Alumni Relations. So did the office staff grow, from two to five persons.

The efficiency of the office improved. A Key-sort system was set up last fall. This will enable the office to provide statistics and other information on the activities of alumni more quickly and accurately than ever before.

Public relations, too, marched smartly forward. A new bureau was organized. Several plans have been initiated to bring church people to the campus and the college to the people of the churches. Most notable among those is the special group admission plan for young people, under which almost 15,000 youngsters have visited the college.

In his chosen fields, this son of Wagner brought national attention to his Alma Mater. At last summer's national conference of the American Alumni Council, of which he is a member, he gave a talk on the

preparation of an association handbook. Articles written by him have appeared in the Alumni Council News and the College Public Relations Quarterly. He has been president and charter member of the Metropolitan College Public Relations Council.

Al has been a member of the campus family for eighteen years. He first came to the college in the fall of 1923 when his father, the Rev. J. C. Krahmer '93, was called to be teacher of Latin (later principal) of Wagner High School. From 1923-33 he lived with his parents on campus.

He was graduated in 1927 (before the degree granting days) and returned in 1929 to receive his B.A. In 1930 he received an M.A. degree from Columbia University.

Graduating from the Philadelphia Seminary in 1933, he spent a year in graduate study there until the spring of 1934 when he was ordained by the New York Synod.

He held two pastorates, both in the Borough of Queens, before being called to the college. He was pastor of Epiphany, Laurelton from 1934-42 and of Grace, Forest Hills, 1942-1948.

While in Queens, he served two years as secretary and two years as president of the Long Island Conference. He was also secretary of the Board of Lutheran Charities and a member of the synodical executive committee.

Formal announcement of the resignation was made on Alumni Day, May 26, and the Alumni Association presented Al with a beautiful Hamilton wrist watch as a farewell gift.

Werner Johnson '41 was elected president of the Wagner Alumni Association in a mail ballot, the results of which were announced at the annual meeting on May 26. Johnson, a teacher at P.S. 14, Staten Island, had been vice-president for the past year and chairman of the special committee on the gymnasium lobby re-decoration.

Harold Matthius, jr. '50, chairman of the 1956 Loyalty Fund, was chosen as vice-president and Miss Eleanor Ayoub '44 was re-elected secretary. Another re-election was that of the Rev. Hermann Meyer '11 as treasurer. Pastor Meyer has held this office for twenty years.

Dr. Albert Accettola '41 was elected to a two year term as one of the alumni representatives on the Board of Athletic Control and Chester Sellitto '50 was re-elected to the College Council, where he has served as one of the two Alumni representatives for the past two years.

Lobby Decoration Plans Take Shape

Werner Johnson, reporting for the special committee on the re-decoration of the gymnasium lobby, told the alumni that the project is nearing completion. Full approval of the Board of Trustees of the college and the completion of the financing will soon be a reality and it is hoped that the project may be completed in time for Homecoming.

The plans call for panelling all existing walls not now covered with wood with white oak plywood. The center interior wall is to feature a photo mural depicting college scenes.

The present ticket booth is to be dismantled and rebuilt on either side of the center entrance door to ex-

The Nursing Alumnae chapter also elected two officers at its annual meeting on Alumni Day. Mrs. Gladys Wichman Fischer '50 was chosen vice-president and Miss Dorothy Harris '55 as secretary.

Other actions taken at the annual meeting of the Association were the adoption of a budget for 1957 and approval of establishment of an Alumnus of the Year Award.

The alumni voted a budget of \$10,900 for 1957 to be divided as follows: for scholarships, \$2400; for alumni office expense, \$3500; for a

pedite ticket sales at basketball games.

At both ends of the lobby illuminated trophy cases will replace the present recessed benches. At the east end the present coke bar will be replaced by one that will better harmonize with the finished interior.

The present lights are to be removed and replaced with approximately forty feet of fluorescent fixtures containing spot lights. These fixtures, plus the repainting of the ceiling in white, should brighten the lobby considerably.

The total cost of the redecoration is estimated at between five and six thousand dollars. Thanks to a gift of the class of 1956 for a trophy case, most of the money is now on hand.

Alumni Awards Established

One of the actions of the annual meeting of the Alumni Association was the establishment of two annual Alumni Awards. One is to be known as the Alumni Achievement Award to recognize outstanding achievement in any field of endeavor in which the alumnus may be engaged.

The other is to be known as the Alumni Service Award to recognize outstanding service to the college and/or the Alumni Association.

Nominations for these awards may be made and seconded by any regular member of the Association. Official

nomination forms may be obtained from the Alumni Office.

Award winners are to be selected by a committee of three alumni appointed by the Association president, a representative of the Board of Trustees, and a representative of the administration or faculty.

The first such awards will be made on Alumni Day, 1957, and nominations must be in the hands of the Awards committee before March 15, 1957.

If you want to nominate an alumnus for either of these awards, write to the Alumni Office for the nomination forms.

ALUMNI ELECT WERNER JOHNSON

campus project, \$2000; a direct gift to the college, \$3000.

Alumni Day began at noon with the classes of 1926, 1931, and 1936 meeting for lunch in Cunard. During the luncheon, the Rev. Austin Bosch, president of the class of 1931, presented a check to President David M. Delo. The check, amounting to eighty five dollars, was given by the class in memory of Joseph Koehler, a classmate and is to be used for equipment in the biology laboratory.

In the afternoon the class of 1956 entertained the old grads with a program of old Wagner movies. One of the old films shown was "Campus Life The Clock Around", made in 1938. Quite by coincidence one of the alumni featured in the movie, the Rev. Everett Jensen '40, was present.

Jensen and his wife, the former Beatrice Werner '41, won the distinction of having travelled the greatest distance to be present. The Jensens live in Corvallis, Oregon.

The alumni present also enjoyed an unusual display of historic Wagneriana loaned by the Markham Library. Among the items on display were old copies of the Wagnerian, the Hende, and the Kallista, and many historic pictures and newspaper clippings.

During the afternoon program, President Wilbur Sterner presented a check of \$8500 to President Delo. This check, the largest ever given by the alumni at one time, represented the first installment on 1956 Loyalty Fund giving.

Of the \$8500, \$2400 was earmarked for scholarship, \$3100 for office expense, and \$3000 for the gym lobby redecoration. Werner Johnson presented the report of the committee on the latter project and its story is told elsewhere in this issue.

Alumni Day closed with a buffet supper and dance in the gymnasium.

Loyalty Fund Report

As of July 9 the Alumni Loyalty Fund totals were as follows: \$8,454.35 in contributions from 1,106 alumni with pledges amounting to \$639.50 from 77 others.

While these totals are high for this time of the year, Chairman Harold Matthius reminds us that we are still short of the \$10,000 goal. He's hoping to hear from those who have not yet responded soon.

Sterner Honored At Dinner

Wilbur H. Sterner, who has done such a fine job as president of the Alumni Association for the past two years, was honored by his fellow members of the Alumni Advisory Council at a dinner at Clove Lakes Inn on June 20.

Sterner was presented with a Wagner tray and set of Wagner glasses. The presentation was made by the new president of the Association, Werner Johnson.

Also feted were Mrs. Vivian Lamby, office assistant for the past four years, and Al Krahmer, both of whom left the Alumni office on July 1. Mrs. Lamby was presented with a string of pearls and Krahmer received a brief case.

SEAHAWKS ALWAYS FLY HIGH

Another evidence of the high percentage of Wagner alumni giving to their Alma Mater is shown in the annual report of the General Electric Company's Corporate Alumnus Program for 1955.

This program, under which GE promises to match the gift of any of their employees to their college, had 24,434 eligibles from 359 different colleges and universities. Of this number, 5104 or 21% gave to their Alma Maters through the plan.

But, of the six Wagner grads employed by GE, four gave, or 66%, more than triple the general average.

Vivian Lamby Resigns

Mrs. Vivian Lamby, who has been office assistant in the Alumni office since 1952, has resigned, effective July 1. Mrs. Lamby and her husband, Thomas Lamby, a former Wagnerian, will move to Brookfield, Conn.



Wilbur Sterner, left, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, presents an alumni check for \$8,500 to President David M. Delo at the Spring Reunion held late in May. Looking on is Werner Johnson, newly elected president of the Association.

WE'RE SORRY !

The Alumni office humbly apologizes to sixty one alumni who worked in the Loyalty Fund campaign but whose names were omitted in the listing of solicitors in the spring issue of the Link. In transcribing the names a full sheet was left out.

We apologize to and thank the following alumni for their help in the campaign:

Elsie and Arthur Love, Joan and Donald Graves, Walter Kehoe, Anthony Baldassano, Douglas Morton, Mildred Olsen, Fred Hurst, Vito Pavia, Jacques Jacobsen, Walter Stiering, Eugene Lorenz, Kenneth Hanson,

Neil Leonard, Harriet MacDonald, Donald Spiro, Elizabeth Williamson, Edward Moran, Elaine Kovessy,

Ulysses Ciolini, John Campagnino, Harold Edwards, Eugene Ferretti, Matthew Scaffa,

Ernest Kiefer, Roy Arnesen, Leonia Prusak, Philip Laub, Edith Morrison, Arthur and Betty Finn, John Schick, Grace Hafer, Carol Plumb, Kaare Johnson, Charles Smith, Stanley Clark.

Mary Ialenti, Michael Chiapperino, Lloyd Hunsdorfer, Virginia Peel, Ira Wells, Philip Schick, Fred Winrock, Agnes Piscopo, Marjorie Trasborg, Joseph Auchter, Thelma Youngblood, Gustave Weber, William Ferren, Buell Davis,

Thomas Searl, William Wagner, Patrick Rubilotta, George Evans, Evelyn Schaefer, Charles O'Donnell, Richard and Mary Jane Drubel.

B. F. Goodrich Announces Plan To Aid Education

B. F. Goodrich Company will make available approximately \$300,000 in 1956 for student scholarships, employee tuition sharing, employee gift matching, research grants, cost-of-education grants and other forms of financial aid to colleges and universities.

The company will award seven four year scholarships to high school graduates. The company will also make an additional contribution to the school chosen by the recipients of these scholarships.

The company also plans to share costs with employees for job-connect-

ed courses and will make additional gifts to the institutions furnishing such instruction.

Employees personal gifts to colleges will be matched by the company. The unique part of this plan is that Goodrich will match the gift of any employee with one or more years of service, regardless of the extent of the employee's education or his school affiliation.

The Goodrich Company will also continue to make grants to colleges and universities for research projects and studies.

Wagner Alumni In The Church

BY ALFRED J. KRAHMER '27

Continuing our series of articles on where Wagner alumni serve, we this month present a summary of the activities of graduates in the full time service of The Church. Just as was the summary of alumni working on other campuses it is based on the incomplete returns of those biographical blanks plus the writer's memory.

There are 253 Wagner grads in the ministry today. Of this number, 215 are in the United Lutheran Church in America.

Within the ULCA, these graduates are in 17 different synods with the largest single number being in the New York Synod (139). Other ULCA synods with alumni on their rolls are New Jersey (29), Florida (3), Maryland (2), Pennsylvania Ministerium (22), Pittsburgh Synod (4), Ohio (2), Rocky Mountain (1) Central States (2), Slovak Zion (3), Pacific (2), Texas and Louisiana (3) Virginia (3), Northwest (1) Central Pennsylvania (1), Pacific Southwest (3), and Illinois (1).

Nineteen alumni are serving churches of eight other Lutheran bodies, with twelve of them in the ELC. The other six bodies, each claiming one Wagner grad, are the Missouri Synod, Augustana Synod,

United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norwegian Synod, Suomi Synod, Lutheran Brethren, and Lutheran Free Church.

Twenty are ministers of non-Lutheran churches. Seven are Episcopalian clergymen, four are Congregational. The others are Evangelical and Reformed (2), Presbyterian (2), Unitarian (1), Methodist (2) Moravian (1), and Reformed (1).

The ULCA totals include eight young men who were ordained this spring, six by the New York Synod and one each by the New Jersey Synod and the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

Two other Wagner grads completed work at the Philadelphia Seminary this spring. Once is awaiting a call, the other will do special graduate study.

During the past semester there were 31 other alumni in six different Lutheran seminaries. In addition there is one Wagner grad at each of the following seminaries: New Brunswick, Biblical, and Princeton.

This number of seminarians will be swelled by 16 members of the class of 1956 who enter this fall.

Of the alumni ministers, 15 have retired, one has no parish at present, and ten are military chaplains.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADDS NEW MEMBERS

The Wagner Commencement on May 28 once more added substantially to the membership of the Wagner Alumni Association. Two hundred and twenty undergraduate degrees were conferred, 38 masters degrees, and six honorary degrees.

Two of the honorary awards and 18 of the graduate degrees were conferred on persons already holding Wagner diplomas, so that the net gain in membership is 238.

The honorary degrees, both Doctor of Divinity, were conferred on the Rev. Alfred Beck '38 and the Rev. Edwin Grubb '33.

Wagner alumni, Sam Colucci, John de Palma, Richard Lindenberger, Isabelle Maiorano, Joy Matthews, George Pattison, Michael Petosa, William R. Ryan, Bruce Stoller, William Wagner, Mrs. Sylvia Crewes and Joseph Widderspan were among the candidates awarded Master of Science in Education degrees.

Receiving Master of Business Administration degrees were Bernard Baratta, Vincent Giacinto, John La-

gana, Michael Swoboda, and Edward Wasielewski, all of whom had received their bachelor's degrees from Wagner.

Joseph Sano '53 received a Master of Arts degree.

Some idea of the diversified program now offered by Wagner is seen in the many different degrees conferred this spring. Three Associate in Arts and six Associate in Applied Science degrees were conferred, along with 102 Bachelor of Arts, 80 Bachelor of Science, and 29 Bachelor of Science in Education degrees.

There were four Master of Arts, 27 Master of Science in Education, and 7 Master of Business Administration degrees conferred.

The writer cannot help but insert here the fact that he remembers the first degree awarding Commencement in 1928 when the total number of degrees conferred, all Bachelor of Arts diplomas, was nine.

The net effect of the 1956 Commencement is to increase the number of living Wagner graduates to 2632.

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Twenty one others are in the so-called "general work" of The Church. Two, for example, are executive secretaries of Protestant Councils. Dr. Fred Reissig '17 is executive secretary of the Washington (D.C.) Federation of Churches and the Rev. Donald Bautz '46 of the Bay City (Mich.) Council of Churches.

The United Lutheran Publication House in Philadelphia claims two graduates. Dr. Albert P. Stauderman '31 is associate editor of the Lutheran and the Rev. Karl Koppenhaver '43 is director of the ULPH Audio-Visual Aid department.

Six are in church social welfare work, two of them featured in special articles in the last issues of The Link. The spring issue wrote of Dr. William Villaume '35, executive director of the Dept. of Social Welfare of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, while the winter issue wrote of the Rev. Carl Futchs '24, executive secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Association of New Jersey.

Two are superintendents of "homes", The Rev. Frank Welkner '15 of St. Johns Orphan Home in Buffalo, N.Y. and the Rev. Clarence Braun '15 of the Niagara Lutheran Home for the Invalid Aged.

Others in the same field are the Rev. Elmore Hoppe '30, chaplain at the State Industrial and Agricultural School in Industry, N.Y. and the Rev. Harold Reisch '32, executive secretary of the United Lutheran Social Missions Society of Illinois.

Two non-Lutheran Wagner ministerial alumni are in the same kind of work. The Rev. George Cordner '35, a Methodist, is Protestant chaplain at the Toledo (Ohio) State Hospital, and the Rev. Herman Reissig '20 is International Relations secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational-Christian Church.

Three Wagner grads are synodical officials. Dr. John Futchs '27 is president of the Rocky Mountain Synod, The Rev. Godfrey Alberti, '37 secretary for Home Missions and Parish Education of the New Jersey Synod, and the Rev. Howard Lenhardt '43 is field missionary for the New York Synod.

Two Lutheran theological seminaries number Wagner alumni on their faculties. Dr. Theodore Tappert '26 is professor of Church History at the Philadelphia Seminary and Dr. George Aus '25 serves Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. as professor of Dogmatic Theology.

Lutheran colleges claim three. The

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Rev. Behrend Mehrstens '14 is professor of Religion at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y. while Wagner has The Rev. Paul J. Kirsch '33 as chaplain. The writer, the Rev. Alfred J. Krahmer '27, served as Director of Public Relations at Wagner from 1948-56.

The Rev. Carl Yaeger '24 is executive secretary of the Lutheran Service Commission, an agency looking after the interests of Lutherans in the armed services. The Rev. Walter Bock '38 is regional director of Evangelism (ULCA) and the Rev. Edmund Bosch '22 is executive secretary of the St. George Association and Protestant Chaplain for the New York City Police Dept.

The Wagner alumnus in the parish is also active in the work of the Church outside his parish. Four of the six conference presidents in the New York Synod, and one of the three in the New Jersey Synod are Wagner alumni.

This fall 19 Wagner alumni elected by four different synods will be delegates to the United Lutheran Church convention in Harrisburg.

Eight Wagner ministerial alumni have been elected by their synods as trustees of the college. Two others have been elected by the New York Synod to its Board of Education.

The Board of the Lutheran Welfare Association of New Jersey contains the names of several Wagner grads from the parish. Its president is Dr. George Tamke '18.

The same result is found when one scans the list of committees of the New York Synod. 19 Wagner grads serve on 10 different committees of this synod, including such committees as the Examining Committee (4), Parish Education (3), and Stewardship (3).

The names of six alumni may be found on the faculty and staff of the Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers at Silver Bay, held this summer.

Nor is service to the Church confined to Wagner's ministerial alumni. We have no figures on the number of Sunday school teachers, Church Councilmen, and other lay workers in the church but when we speak of lay workers in the Church, the name of Henry Endress '38 comes quickly to mind. Endress, an alumni representative on the Board of Trustees, is executive secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement and a great factor in the development of the fine Lutheran films, including *Martin Luther*.

George Tamke '48 recently joined

Endress' staff, while last fall Dr. Harold Hammond '42 became Director of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council.

Another layman, Dr. William Betz '94, a teacher of mathematics at Rochester's East High School, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary at the convention of the New York Synod.

While at the moment there are no Wagner graduates serving The Church in Germany, this story would not be complete without some mention of the fine work overseas for the Lutheran World Federation by Pastors John Bauchman '22, Carl Yaeger '24, and Gerhard Dietrich '40.

All three made a real contribution to the rehabilitation of the German Church after the war and each of them received citations from German agencies as recognition.

So far we've made no mention of women in The Church but there is an increasing number. This June the graduating class included Miss Hyacinth Mordey who will begin study this fall to prepare for missionary service and Miss Ernestine Wrba who will soon be consecrated as a deaconess of the United Lutheran Church.

Currently serving as foreign missionaries are Miss Miriam Plitt '53N in Malaya and Miss Amelia Brosius '54 in India. Mrs. Mildred Ernst Heap '44 is also in India as a missionary under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church.

Sister Mabel Walther '53N is assistant field secretary of the ULCA Board of Deaconess Work. Miss Else Schroeder '55 is a inter-racial parish worker for the Board of American Missions in the Bronx.

Miss Evelyn Schaefer '45 is a counsellor for the Wisconsin Lutheran Student Foundation, while in the Lutheran Church House in New York, the synodical treasurer Dr. Ernst Erickson has nothing but good to say about the work of his book-keeper-secretary, Miss Wilma Forster '53.

We began by saying this was an incomplete story. As we near its end we are all the more conscious of this fact. Where, for example, can one find a place to say something of the outstanding contributions of alumni like Pastor Alfred Schroder '38 and Joseph Flotten '26 in the inter-racial work of the Church and of Dr. Harry Kreider '21 as a pioneer in audio-visual work in the church school.

Dr. Paul Qualben '44 is another example of the kind of servant of the Church that one finds hard to place

in what is basically a statistical study. Dr. Qualben is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church who also holds an M.D. degree. A trained psychiatrist, he plans to use his knowledge in the service of the Church.

Another limitation of this story is the fact that it deals only with the present. Some of the great veterans of The Church are not mentioned because they are no longer living.

We listed fifteen as retired. How inadequate that statistic is. It tells nothing of years of service in the ministry. The winter issue of the Link told of five Rochester ministers, all Wagner alumni, who represented 278 years in the ministry and 403 years of living, but that, too, is only a bare statistic and doesn't tell the real story.

The Rev. Oscar Werner '04 is listed simply as "retired", but here's a man with an outstanding record of service in the foreign mission field.

Nor can we list the contributions Wagner alumni have made to the field of religious literature. This is due mainly to the modesty of the graduates in filling out their biographical blanks or to their failure to mail it in.

Memory tells me that Dr. Theodore Tappert '26 is co-editor of the Muhlenberg Diary, as well as author of several magazine articles on religious subjects and we recall articles and pamphlets by the Rev. Paul Kirsch '33, Dr. Albert Studerman '31, and Dr. Otto Schreiber '03.

The work of Dr. Harry Kreider in the preparation of the history of the New York Synod can also be cited.

At any rate this is quite a story of service to the Church. We hope that the alumni office will soon hear of omissions and additions. We hope, too, that its publication may stir those who have not answered our three previous requests for the return of the biographical blanks.

Intercollegiate Alumni

Wagner alumni in New York City are invited to participate in the program of the Intercollegiate Alumni of New York

Affiliated with the Intercollegiate branch of the YMCA, IA has 350 members who are graduates of more than 90 different colleges.

For further information, call or write Intercollegiate Alumni, 215 West 23rd Street, New York 11, N.Y. The telephone is CH 3-1982, extension 13.

Something New Has Been Added

Two new things have been added to the alumni program this spring. Each graduating senior now receives, in addition to the "Welcome, Alumnus" booklet, a decal reading "Wagner Alumnus".

The congratulatory card for birth in alumni families is different, too. It now takes the form of a plastic bib with the legend "I Am A Little Seahawk From Wagner".

Letters to the alumni office reveal that recipients enjoy these new ideas.

Club News

Philadelphia

Dr. Siegfried Dietrich has resigned as president of the Philadelphia Club. It is his feeling that, since the bulk of this club's membership is at the Philadelphia Seminary, the leadership ought to be vested in a student there.

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Staten Island

The Staten Island Club held a reception for the members of the 1956 graduating class on May 9.

On June 23 a family picnic was held at Willowbrook Park, and on July 21 a beach party is scheduled.

A Record Withdrawal

When the new Wagner Choir record was issued, a copy was presented to the Record Library at St. George, S.I. One day shortly thereafter Dr. and Mrs. Steen were on their way to New York to listen to a new phonograph they were planning to purchase.

They had in mind using the choir record to test the machine but when they arrived at the ferry they discovered that they had left the record at home.

But Dr. Steen had a sudden inspiration and acting on it he went up to the library and became the first borrower of the record his choir had made.

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Alumni News Briefs



THE MUSIC CLUB OF 1938-39

1894

DR. WILLIAM BETZ was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia at the convention of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England in Albany May 28-31, 1956.

1914

THE REV. DR. BEHREND MEHRTENS is professor of religion at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

1923

THE REV. WILMER ZUEHLKE has been named as a member of the Evangelism committee of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England. He is pastor of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Johnstown, N.Y.

1925

THE REV. PAUL WEST has retired from the active ministry. He had been pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Manhattan, since 1928.

1926

THE REV. HENRY MCKNIGHT, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, Buffalo, has been appointed to the New York Synod committee on Lutheran Refugee Service.

1931

THE REV. WILLIAM NIEBANGK, pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Rutherford, N.J., was re-elected president of the Northern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey. He was also elected as a delegate to the United Lutheran Church convention in Harrisburg in October.

A classmate, THE REV. DR. ERNEST C. FRENCH, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Buffalo and president of the New York Synod's Western Conference, will also be a delegate to the ULCA convention.

French was elected by the New York Synod at its Albany convention. The same convention re-elected French to the Board of Education.

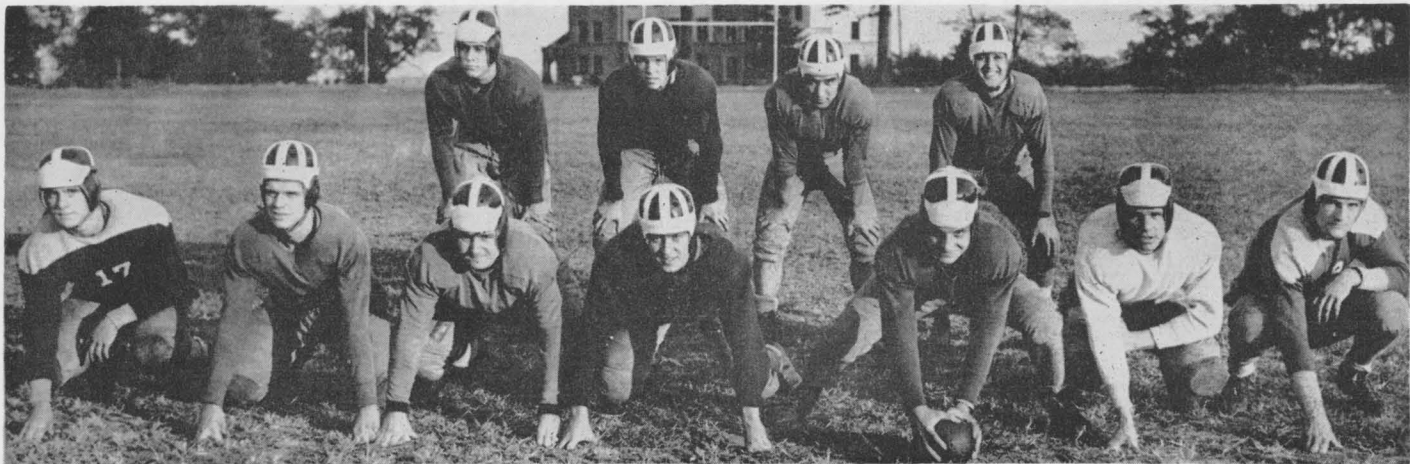
LOUIS TOMFORDE, long among our "lost alumni" has been found. He heads his own accounting firm in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

1932

The New York Synod elected THE REV. ROBERT FLECHTNER a member of its Home Missions committee. Flechtner is pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Bristol, Ct.

1933

THE REV. WALTER BIELITZ, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Castleton-on-Hudson, N.Y., was chosen by the New York Synod as one of its delegates to the fall convention of the ULCA.



This "Green Wave" of Wagner College football players vowed to "break a four-year losing streak," according to a 1938 publicity caption. It did, winning four and losing only two. In the backfield, from the left, are Dick Reigt, Bob Burton, George "Skip" Schipani and Bill Wiley. The linemen are Corad Schroeder, Bob White, Phil Van Tash. Captain John McDermott, Mike Perfect, Stan Reyck and Ed Labeledz.

1936

THE REV. GUNTHER STIPPICH, pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa., was elected as a delegate to the fall convention of the United Lutheran Church by the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

1937

THE REV. GODFREY ALBERTI was installed as Secretary for Parish Education and Home Missions of the New Jersey Synod on April 8. He had been pastor of St. Pauls Church, Linden, N.J. Alberti was also named as a ULCA delegate.

1938

Three members of the class of 1938 will be ULCA convention delegates this fall. They are the REV. DR. ALFRED L. BECK, pastor of Reformation Church, Rochester; the REV. WALTER BOCK, regional director of the current Evangelism campaign; and HENRY ENDRESS, executive secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement.

1939

THE REV. LUTHER FREIMUTH, pastor of St. Pauls Church, Byram, Ct., is one of the many Wagner alumni who will be ULCA convention delegates this fall.

1940

Another ULCA convention delegate is the REV. ARTHUR HERGENHAN, pastor of St. Pauls, Owego, N.Y. and president of the Central Conference.

1941

Still another ULCA convention delegate is the REV. HERBERT GIBNEY, pastor of Epiphany Church in Hempstead, N.Y.

DONALD BROWNE received a M.L.S. degree at Rutgers University in June.

1942

Grace Lutheran Church, Forest Hills, N.Y. expects to break ground for a new church building this fall. THE REV. LEONARD KLEMMANN, pastor, will attend the fall convention of the United Lutheran Church in America as a delegate of the New York Synod.

Another ULCA convention delegate will be THE REV. DAVID JENSEN, pastor of St. Andrews Lutheran Church, New Orleans, La. He will be a delegate from the Texas-Louisiana Synod.

1943

THE REV. HENRY CORNISH, pastor of Christ Church, Great Kills, S.I., was elected president of the New York Conference this fall. Cornish will also be a ULCA convention delegate.

A classmate, THE REV. MELVIN YEARKE, pastor of St. Pauls Church, Johnson City, N.Y. will be another member of the New York Synod's delegation at the ULCA convention.

THE REV. RICHARD WEISKOTTEN, pastor of St. Stephens Church, Hicksville, N.Y., has been appointed chairman of the Publicity committee of the New York Synod.

1944

Two members of this class will be able to hold a reunion in Harrisburg in October. Both THE REV. GORDON HOHL and THE REV. PAUL REISCH have been elected delegates to the ULCA biennial convention.

ARTHUR PENTZ received an M.B.A. degree at Rutgers University this spring.

Hohl is pastor of First Church, Rockville, Ct. and president of the New England Conference. Reisch is pastor of Grace, Stratford, Conn.

1945

THE REV. WILLIAM FUHLBRUCK has resigned as pastor of Good Shepherd Church, Bay-side West, L.I. to become pastor of St. Johns, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The change was effective July 1. Mrs. Fuhlbruck is a Wagner alumna, the former ELAINE HOEBEL '45.

1946

THE REV. ALLISTAIR SELLARS, pastor of the Sayville (L.I.) Congregational Church for the past five and a half years, has resigned to accept a call to the Arlington Congregational Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

1947

RALPH MAGALEE, D.D.S. is a member of the Dental Supervisory Staff of the Guggenheim Dental Clinic, Manhattan. See the notes on the class of 1950 for news of another Wagner alumnus on the same staff.

1950

Navy Lt. BARRY S. CARMODY has been assigned to 18 months of duty on Kwajalein, one of the Marshall Islands. Accompanying him are his wife, the former FLORENCE KALLIDIN, and their two children.

GILMOUR WAGLE completed work for a Master of Science degree at Rutgers in June.

RALPH KRAMER, D.D.S., is on the Dental Supervisory Staff of New York's Guggenheim Dental Clinic. Dr. Ralph Magalee '47 is a member of the same staff.

DONALD JULIANO received a Master of Arts degree from Hunter College in June. He is a teacher at Public School 5, Huguenot, S.I.

1951

AARON STERN received a Master of Arts degree with a major in social studies at Hunter College in June. Stern teaches at P.S. 5, Huguenot, S.I. . . . HENRY L. COHEN received a Doctor of Optometry degree from Columbia University. He also received a research award from the New York Academy of Optometry.

Just Named



A son, Francis Craig to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK MULVIHILL '50, March 29.

A daughter, Laura Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN J. BRENNER '52, April 4.

A daughter, Christine Kathryn, to Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs (LYDIA PETERS '50), April 7.

A son, Gregory James, to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gerald E. Van Valkenburg (MARGARET BURNS '54), April 15.

A son, Philip James, to Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK WINROCK '54, April 19.

A son, Neal Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Neuburger (DOROTHY KRAUSS '44), April 20.

A son, Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. KENNETH SALBADOR '49, April 23.

A son, Kent to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM HOBOKAN '52, April 25.

A daughter, Alice Lucille to FRANK and LUCILLE BROWN '54 HAYES, May 3.

A son, Thomas John, to ASSEMBLYMAN and Mrs. E. AMANN, May 3.

A daughter, Doris Jean, to ALFRED '41 and JEAN VAN WINKLE '43 DANIELSON, May 10.

A daughter, Donna Michele, to Mr. and Mrs. John Converse (ALICE PATTERSON '50N), May 10.

A daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to DONALD '51 and JOAN O'REAGAN '51 GRAVES, May 12.

A son, Dale Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Bradt (EMILY GEORGE '54), May 13.

A daughter, Linda Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH DI COSMO '42, May 25.

A son, Charles Norman, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Scheier (RUTH MUNZER '51N) May 27.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. ROSWELL S. COLES, JR. '55, May 28.

A son, Peter John, to Mr. and Mrs. FREEMAN ALLEN '51, June 2.

A daughter, Amy Louise, to THEODORE '51 and OLGA ANTONOPOULOS '50 DOERZBACHER, June 2.

A daughter, Pamela Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. ADDISON R. TRISMEN '51, June 5.

A daughter, Candice Claire, to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH CIRIGNANO '49, June 8.

A daughter, Barbara Elena, to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH GRASSIA '55, June 9.

A son, Bruce Winterson, to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES W. TULL '51, June 9.

A son, Don Francis, to Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS X. DEMARZIO '50, June 12.

1952

ALBERT PONTERIO was awarded an M.D. degree at Georgetown University this spring. He will intern at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, N.Y. . . . H. EDWARD MARSHON received a D.D.S. degree from Columbia at its spring Commencement. He will intern at Willowbrook State School, Staten Island.

THE LINK

GILBERT NELSON was married on October 15, 1955, and the alumni office just got the news. Along with it came the news that Gil and his wife are both studying for the Ph. D. degree in bio-chemistry at Purdue University. JEAN DEPLANQUE will teach sixth grade in Washington School, Westfield, N.J. this fall.

MORTON KURLAND received his M.D. degree this spring from the College of Medicine of the University of the State of New York. Dr. Kurland is assistant surgeon at the United States Public Health Service Hospital on Staten Island. For other news of Kurland, see the Just Tamed column.

WILLIAM HARVEY, JR. received his M.D. degree from Albany Medical College of Union University. He will intern at Deaconess Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y.

1953

THE REV. EDWIN EASTMAN was graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary, ordained by the New Jersey Synod, and has begun a ministry in Beachwood, N.J.

GUS RESKAKIS received a D.D.S. degree from New York University and has entered military service in the Army.

Ordained by the New York Synod in Albany on May 30 were GEORGE KENYON and ROBERT NEILSEN. Both are recent Philadelphia Seminary graduates. Kenyon will be pastor of St. Pauls, Verona, N.Y. and Nielsen succeeds the Rev. Paul West '25 as pastor of Transfiguration Church, Manhattan.

Another Philadelphia Seminary graduate is WALTER HAMESTER. Ordained by the Pennsylvania Ministerium, he has begun work as assistant pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Burholme, Pa.

KENNETH POLGLASE was graduated from the General Theological Seminary on May 23. He was ordained in June and has begun work as curate at Trinity Episcopal Church, Roslyn, L.I. Mrs. Polglade is the former CAROLYN HONEYCUTT '52.

CLARENCE SCHNEIDER was also graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary and ordained by the New York Synod. He begins his ministry as assistant in Holy Trinity Church, Bellerose, L.I. Mrs. Schneider is the former Wanda Prokoby, Junior Prom Queen in 1953.

1954

WILLIAM MOULD was graduated from Southern Seminary, ordained by the New York Synod, and has begun work as a home missionary in Louisville, Ky. HERB HENSEL M-54 has completed his military service and is back home in Buffalo, N.Y.

1955

ANITA JACOBSEN received an M.A. degree from Teachers College of Columbia University this spring.

1956

JOSEPH PACCIONE has been appointed teacher of social studies at Scotch Plains (N.J.) Junior High School. ADELE WESSELS, the 1954 Homecoming Queen, will teach second grade in Columbus School, Plainfield, N.J. HYACINTH MORDEY will study at Biblical Seminary, New York, this fall, to prepare for missionary work in India.

Just Tamed



WALTER THOMPSON '50 and Margaret Coulson Durfee, April 2.

JOHN D. SILVA '52 and Marie Hellweg, April 7.

ALBERT TOSI '53 and Marjorie Peters, April 14.

HERBERT H. HEWITT '50 and Lillian Bracklein, April 14.

Howard A. Brust and MARGARET PFEIL '50, April 21.

DONALD BERGEN and JULIENE LE BRAS '55, April 28.

BURGIS COATES '51 and Dolores Centoz, April 28.

THOMAS F. RUSSO '50 and Lorraine Leninger, May 12.

WILBERT A. WEHRIL '53 and Caroline Ludeis, May 12.

GILBERT QUINTANA '50 and MARILYN SCHMIDT '54, May 26.

ROBERT J. BARRETT and MARGARET SORIANO '56, May 26.

DAVID PAUL '56 and Judith Johnson, June 1.

EDWARD FRACKER '56 and Ann Louise Shaff, June 2.

JOSEPH BONAMO and Angela Mariocca, June 3.

Dr. Manuel De Bastos and EMMA GUSTAVSON '52, June 9.

EDWARD P. GORHAM '52 and Joanne M. Steiner, June 9.

RICHARD W. SIEMANN '55 and LOUISE HAHN '55, June 2.

Russell Fritts and TRUDY PRECHT '56, June 9.

Charles G. Olsen and JOAN A. HARRISON '53, June 16, 1956.

FORMER STUDENTS

The appointment of WALTER BARTH, a former Wagner student, as vice-president and manager of the A. I. Root Company's Texas manufacturing plant was announced by Allan I. Root, General Manager of the firm.

Barth, his wife, and two daughters (aged 2 and 8 months) moved to San Antonio in late June. His new work began July 1.

FRANK HAYES is another former Wagnerian heading for the wide open spaces. He has been transferred by his company to Texas. Frank and Mrs. Hayes (she's Lu Brown '54) move early this summer. Frank's company is Campbell Soups.

MATTHEW IAMMATTEO received a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Chiropractic Institute of New York.

ROBERT LOGGIA is playing the title role in the current New York production of "The Man With The Golden Arm". Loggia, a former Seahawk football star, will be remembered for his Varsity Players performance in "The Taming of the Shrew" and for his lead role in the campus motion picture, "Beautiful Upon A Hill".

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Coming College Events

AUGUST

- 4—Summer Session Ends
- 19—Nursing School—Presentation of Pins

SEPTEMBER

- 7-8-9—New Jersey State Luther League convention
- 12-17—Orientation Week
- 13—Registration: Freshmen
- 13-14—Registration; Evening and Graduate Schools
- 14-15—Registration, Upperclassmen
- 18—Classes begin; Opening Convocation

NOVEMBER

- 2-3—HOMECOMING