



WAGNER *Link*

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Wagner's New Undergraduate Curriculum Applauded by Major Education Association

Association of American Colleges & Universities singles out Wagner College for having developed "one of the most interesting and promising new designs abroad in the land."

In the summer 1999 edition of *Liberal Education*, the magazine of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), Carol Geary Schneider, President of AACU, dedicated most of her "President's Message" editorial to developments in experiential learning at colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Singled out as being in the forefront was Wagner College's new undergraduate curriculum which emphasizes experiential learning and learning community models.

The curriculum revisions are the brainchild of Wagner Provost Dr. Richard Guarasci who came to Wagner two years ago from Hobart College where he was Dean. "Needless to say, the AACU nod is a great honor and validates the quality of academic standard that Wagner College has become," observed Guarasci. He noted that after two years, the "Wagner Plan" has already shown its effectiveness. Most notably, freshman retention has skyrocketed.

Key to the change is a freshman program that evolves around learning communities where clusters of first year students work together with several faculty mentors who specifically oversee the community. "This model more quickly bonds students to the College and to each other while also providing each student with a community of academic partners who help motivate academic performance," explained Guarasci.

The new model, Guarasci observed, is a credit to the cooperative spirit and high academic aspirations of Wagner's faculty. "I have never worked with a faculty more committed to being the very best. These changes would not have been possible without that spirit and standard of excellence," declared Guarasci.

The following is an excerpt from the AACU accolade:

There are some promising designs for reflective and integrative learning abroad in the land. One of the most interesting has been developed at Wagner College under President Norman Smith and Richard Guarasci, Wagner's academic vice president.

Wagner, a liberal arts college on Staten Island in New York City, has recently recast its general education program to require that all students take at least three learning communities, or topically linked courses. Generally, students will take one learning community in the first year, one in the second and a third in the context of the student's chosen major.

Two of these required learning communities, however, also involve an internship in a New York City organization. So even as students are studying a topic academically, from more than one disciplinary perspective, they are also encountering the topic experientially, in the messy real world of unscripted and hard-to-handle problems.



Dr. Richard Guarasci, Wagner Academic VP & Provost

The juxtaposition of linked courses and experiential assignments is interesting enough. But the really exciting feature of the Wagner Plan, is that it takes on directly "The synthesizing enterprise—the bringing of what one has learned in one context to another, from one community to another.

When students join a learning community in the first year program—including the experiential learning placement—they also take a credit-bearing "reflective tutorial," a linking course taught by faculty members that is expressly designed to help students integrate the different parts of their learning, from different disciplines and from experiential as well as formal learning. The idea is to teach students from the outset how to engage in systematic reflection on what they are learning in applied settings. And because the reflective tutorial is a group rather than an individual experience, students have a chance to compare their own field-based learning with those of other students.

When I heard about Wagner's development of reflective tutorials, my thoughts went back to my own introduction to "experiential learning" as an undergraduate (at Mt. Holyoke).

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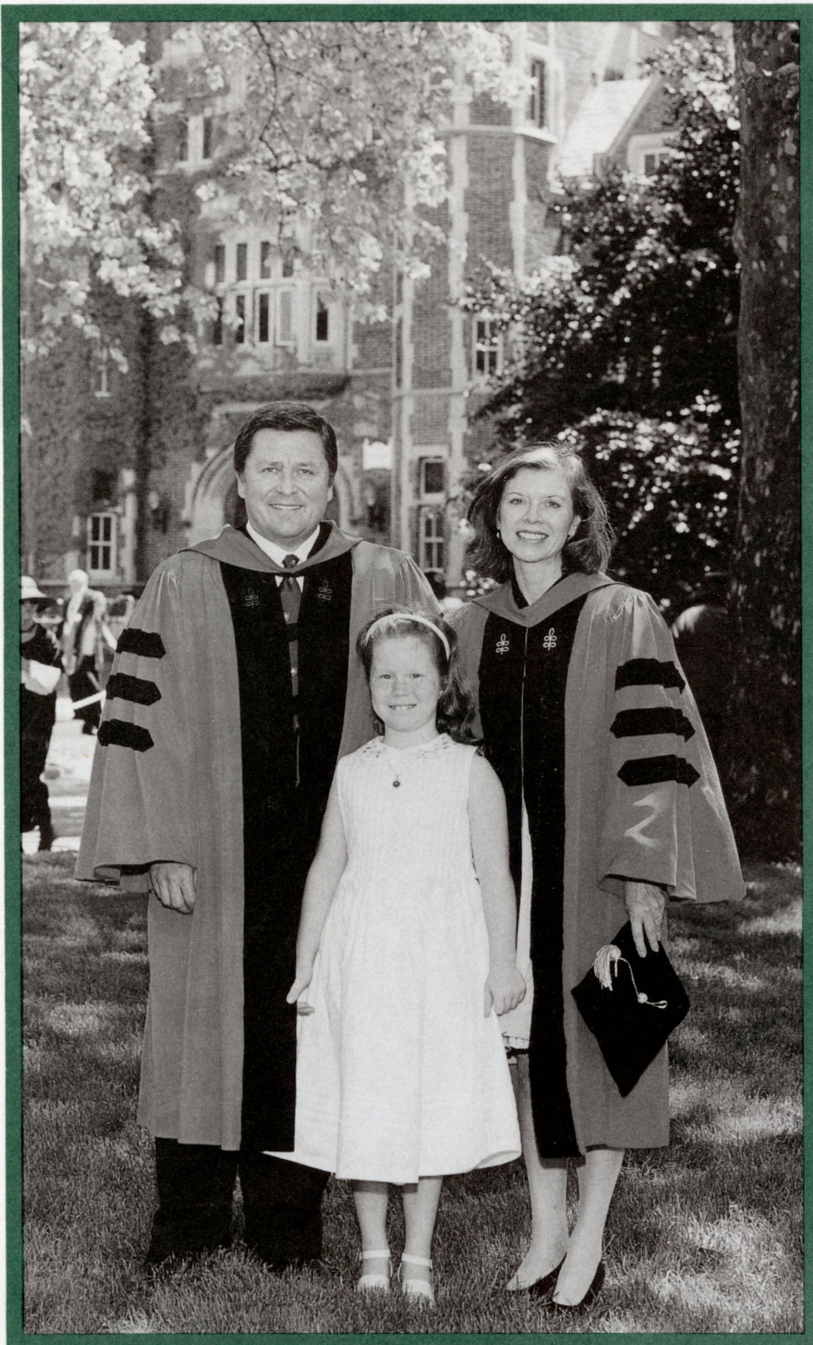
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Wagner College ranked "top tier" again for 2000 by U.S. News & World Report BEST COLLEGES

Wagner College once again earned "top tier" rank by the U.S. News & World Report judges who annually grade colleges and universities throughout the United States. Wagner is ranked among the regional colleges and universities of the north from Maine to Washington, D.C. The ratings are based on a complex formula of data that includes academic admissions standards, admissions acceptance rates, student retention rates and the votes of senior college administrators at comparable regional colleges and universities.

"While I am not a champion of these rankings, I am nonetheless gratified to know that Wagner is being recognized as a first-rate college," said President Smith. Wagner was one of only 12 colleges and universities in all of New York State to be ranked top tier in the regional category and is the only Staten Island college in history to ever receive a top ranking.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This space is typically set aside for me to provide a thumbnail briefing of recent developments at Wagner College. My job, for this first edition of the year 2000, has been made easier by Staten Island's daily newspaper, the *Staten Island Advance*. In December 1999, the *Advance* published a front page story titled "WAGNER COLLEGE'S QUIET RENAISSANCE." The extensive feature summarized the many benchmarks that highlighted the opening of our 1999-2000 academic year.

Most of the feature—the *Advance*'s first comprehensive coverage in five years—is reprinted below and on the facing page. As the excerpts report, Wagner has ended the 1900's in top form. We're full to capacity with surging applicant increases continuing every year. I hope you'll enjoy reading about Wagner through the eyes and ears of *Staten Island Advance* journalist Marjorie Hack.

In response to inquiries about my daughter Caroline, who reminds me that she has spent her entire life at Wagner, here's an update. The family photo to the left of this column was taken at last Spring's Commencement. Caroline is in the second grade at Staten Island Academy, and studying piano like her mother did throughout her childhood. Unlike her mother, however, Caroline's favorite sport is swimming. She won her first two medals this past summer including a first place in the Staten Island swimming championships. Ask her and she'll tell you that she fully intends to enroll at Wagner College in the fall of 2010.

And, as you will read elsewhere in this edition, my wife Susan has departed her Wagner position as Associate Provost to become President of Staten Island's Snug Harbor Cultural Center. *Alas, now everyone will discover how little credit I deserve for all that has happened for the better at Wagner.* She has been key to much of Wagner's success and will, of course, continue to be an essential member of the College "first family."

I hope you enjoy the Winter 2000 edition of the WAGNERLink. Thank you as always for your interest and support in Wagner. We wouldn't be close to having so much good news to report were it not for folks like you.

Happy New Year,

Dr. Norman R. Smith
President

Excerpted from a feature written by Marjorie Hack for the *Staten Island Advance* Monday, December 20, 1999

WAGNER COLLEGE'S QUIET RENAISSANCE

Bigger donations, better students stream in as the Grymes Hill college's reputation soars

Wagner College is a school on the move and it's shooting for nothing less than a place among the national stars of higher education.

After years of wallowing in the backwaters of academe--and in red ink--the school is beginning to realize a return on its investment in Dr. Norman Smith, a Toronto-born educator who was named president of the College in 1988.

Though he arrived on the 105-acre, Grymes Hill campus unheralded at the tender age of 41 - fresh out of a deanship at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and untested in any president's seat - he has clearly risen to the challenge of running a \$40 million-a-year educational operation.

Smith said his first visit to the campus yielded such a clear vision of what Wagner College could be that his business and marketing plan for the school almost wrote itself.

"I was struck by the campus and what it wasn't," said Smith recently, recalling that he nearly shuddered after his first Ivy League-jaded glimpse revealed private cars parked in rag-tag fashion all around the school's main lawn, which itself was void of grass because the football team used it as a practice field. "It was a sea of mud," said Smith. Not these days. Thanks to about a \$30 million investment in any number of improvements - from new faculty hires to engraved trash receptacles - the rough-edged look is history. Now, there are discreet parking lots and newly tilled athletic fields. The walkways are being painstakingly bricked over and an \$11 million, state-of-the-art sports facility has been constructed, with the help of generous alumni like Donald and Evelyn Spiro.

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Classrooms have been carpeted and refurnished and the school has made a major commitment to keeping pace with the latest in computer technology.

In sharp contrast to 25 years ago, the residence halls are full and paying for themselves, and most of the school's 1,800 undergraduates hail from somewhere other than Staten Island.

But it's not just the physical plant that's been spiffed up.

Last year, the Institute of Mind and Body Research at Harvard University's Medical School chose Wagner's undergraduate science students to conduct the basic research component of a nationwide project investigating the effects of emotions on a person's physical health.

With the help of new provost Dr. Richard Guarasci, the undergraduate curriculum has been completely overhauled and last summer the American Association of Colleges and Universities cited the school's new, experiential approach to liberal arts as the best in the country.

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And for the second year in a row, *U.S. News and World Report* placed Wagner in the "top tier" of colleges and universities in the North.

We've hired 80 new faculty since I've been here, said Smith, noting that among the 200 instructors now on board, the head of the school's music department graduated from prestigious Williams College, the head of the history department graduated from Johns Hopkins University and was a professor at Vassar College, and the head of the biology department also taught at Dartmouth College.

"I see this school as a (potential) Swarthmore, a Haverford, an Amherst," he added. While students and faculty say they don't feel like they're among the elite just yet, they say the school is on its way. "It's made huge strides in becoming more of an Ivy League school" said senior business major Christina Rosensteel from Hanover, Pa. She is a golfer who chose Wagner over places like Villanova, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Longwood.

"There have been fundamental changes, said Christopher Catt, a native Californian now in his fifth year as producer and head of the school's theater department. The differences include theater classes that are more academically

Philips Exeter Academy Major Gifts Director assumes Wagner Development Vice Presidency

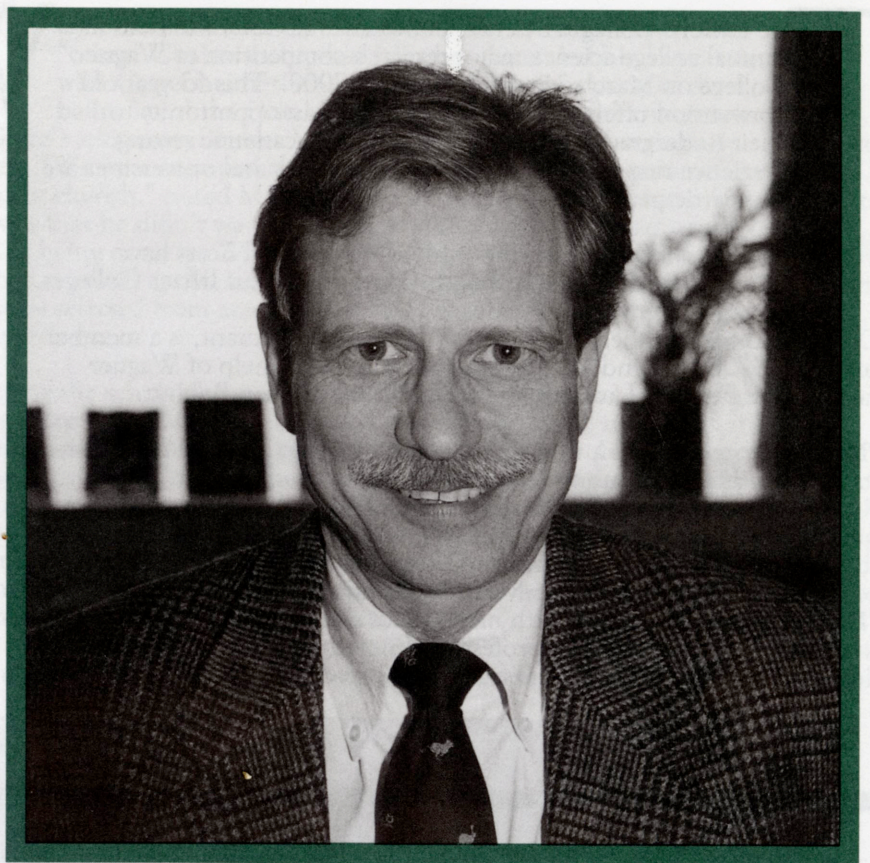
Wagner's new Vice President for Development is Frank Young Jr., who arrived in January from Philips Exeter Academy where he was responsible for major gifts to the prestigious New Hampshire private academy. Young succeeds Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko who left Wagner last fall to assume the Vice President for Development post at Sweetbriar College in Virginia.

"Frank is a great find for Wagner," declared President Norman Smith. "The development operation at Philips Exeter is one of the most impressive in the country so Frank's experiences there provide a great foundation for the work that needs to be done at Wagner. Additionally, the standards of excellence at Philips Exeter are the highest anywhere so he also brings to Wagner a mind set about investing in and donating to education that fits perfectly with our goals for Wagner."

"Wagner is certainly the right place at the right time for me," declared Young. "Here is a rare opportunity to play a key role in building Wagner into one of the top colleges of its kind at a time when Wagner is perfectly positioned to move to the next plateau and beyond. The faculty and senior leadership at Wagner greatly impressed me and I look forward to helping the College be everything it can be."

Prior to Philips Exeter, Young was Director of Leadership Giving at his alma mater, Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. During his decade in development there, he was also Director of Alumni and Community Relations. Before beginning his impressive and successful "second career" in fundraising, Young was a 15-year veteran of the Geneva High School system where he was head of the English department.

"We are lucky to have recruited someone of Frank Young's caliber," observed Wagner College Provost Dr. Richard Guarasci. "I worked with Frank at Hobart when I was Dean there and I know from personal experience that he is the best." President Smith noted that Guarasci's prior work with Young was instrumental in successfully recruiting him to Wagner.



Young assumes the Wagner development helm at a time when Wagner is positioned to build the program and staff. "We needed the institutional success we have had in enrollment, admissions and academic stature to show that Wagner has a very promising future worth the investment of significant donations," said Smith. "Clearly, that case has been made and we are ready for Frank's leadership," Smith concluded.

oriented and training-based, less personal politics in the way lead roles in the school's musical productions are cast, and a school administration that is committed to a higher profile for the department.

The turnaround to an institution that is emerging as a regional powerhouse is evident almost everywhere, and it's all due to Smith, say those associated with the college.

"There have been major, major changes," said Walter Hameline, Wagner's athletic director and football coach, who has worked at the school for about 20 years and now operates from a spacious, light-filled aerie above the fitness center instead of from a cramped desk in a storage closet. "It all started to take place when Norman came on board."

U. S. News & World Report placed Wagner College in the "top tier."

"On Staten Island, we have a new synonym for excellence and the synonym is Norman Smith," said Kevin Sheehy, a Tottenville High School biology teacher who is a Wagner College alumnus and a 13-year veteran of the school's board of trustees. "The ascent is remarkable."

"This place is beginning to look like a shiny, new penny. He's [Smith] got a goal and he's going for it," said Ms. Rosenstein.

"They've got the right idea. They need to continue with the right ideas," said Aaron Smith, a sophomore from Albany who plays quarterback and tight end on the school's Division I football team.

As noteworthy and pervasive as the changes are to those who frequent the somewhat secluded campus, they remain a well-kept secret on Staten Island.

Smith contends that he and his staff are in regular touch with Island high schools when it comes to freshmen recruiting, but he admits that the makeup of Wagner's student body has shifted dramatically during his 12 years at the helm - from 75 percent of the students calling Staten Island and Brooklyn home in 1988, to 75 percent coming from elsewhere these days.

"It's flipped," said Smith who is clearly not troubled by the change in demographics. "We have significantly upgraded our academic standards. We have started to create a buzz and the better students are coming to us. We want to think beyond the Staten Island world."

Wagner is shooting for nothing less than a place among the national stars in higher education.

"Smith maintains that the school is not out to turn its back on Staten Island teens. It's just that he believes the caliber of student Wagner is looking for now is top-drawer, and serious students everywhere usually choose a college outside their immediate neighborhoods, - within a 4-hour travel distance - rather than sign for more of the same for another four years.

Today the bulk of the College's students come from upstate New York,

southern New Jersey and the Bucks County area of Pennsylvania.

Publications used to market the school to prospective students and to big money contributors are filled with photos - *many taken by Smith himself* - of campus turrets and towers that soar majestically against a backdrop of the Manhattan skyline.

Students also say that Smith's no-nonsense personality makes for a campus atmosphere that is tightly controlled and more straight-laced than many. "They crack down on everything. Some people try, but they limit it [partying] said Scholz.

While President Smith might take issue with some of the student gripes, he too agrees there's still work to be done - about 10 years' worth - before the school is where he envisions it. For instance, though more than 10 percent of the students at Wagner major in theater and the performing arts, the school's only theater is in a building that dates from the 1920s.

Smith said now that the Spiro Sports Center is up and running, he is turning his attention to a theatrical upgrade. To this end, he is holding preliminary planning meetings with architects with an eye to constructing a new performing arts center directly across the quad from Spiro.

He also notes that the residence halls need to be refashioned to keep pace with the demands of today's students. "Apartment-like living," he notes.

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All of which means he will probably be digging even further into the pockets of Wagner alumni like Spiro, a 1949 graduate and chairman emeritus of the Oppenheimer Management Corp.; John Myers, a 1967 graduate who is now president and chief executive officer of General Electric Investments Corp.; Bob O'Brien, a banker at Credit Suisse/First Boston, formerly of Banker's Trust, who put together the \$29 billion financing-package for Henry Kravitz's leveraged buy-out of RJR Nabisco in the 1980s; and Kurt Landgraf, chairman of DuPont Europe.

The list is quite impressive. "They have been the fuel behind what has happened," said Smith. That made be so, but before Smith started knocking on their doors, hat in hand, they were very low-octane. "There is a tremendous amount of support," said Smith, who scoured lists of some 17,000 alumni shortly after assuming his post, rolled up his sleeves and began a wooing process that is paying off.

With his wife, Dr. Susan Robinson, now at the helm of the Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Smith 53, says he can see finishing out his career at Wagner. He said he is periodically contacted by search firms looking to set him up elsewhere, but he admitted that he has made many close friends among the Wagner faculty and has nothing to prove by going elsewhere.

"I've already been at Harvard," he said. He continued: "I might [stay]. If everything continues to evolve as productively over the next 12 years, I'd be hard-pressed to find a more interesting job."

Wagner College to host Undergrad Science Research Conference in March 2000

The Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC) will hold its annual college science major research competition at Wagner College on March 31st and April 1st, 2000. This 53 year old convention offers college science majors an opportunity to present their undergraduate research in a formal academic setting. Over 150 science majors from several dozen colleges and universities are expected to participate.

Founded at Vassar College in 1947, other institutional hosts have included Yale, Penn State, West Point, Georgetown and Ithaca Colleges.

Dr. Donald Stearns, head of Wagner's biology department, is a member of the ECSC Board and will host the event with the help of Wagner faculty members Dr. Laurence Nolan and Dr. Kathleen Bobbitt.

"Needless to say, this is a wonderful opportunity for Wagner to heighten its visibility as an institution with a first-rate science program," said Dr. Richard Guarasci, Wagner Provost. Guarasci noted that the academic quality of Wagner's science undergraduates has soared in recent years and that a number of recent Wagner graduates have gone on to doctoral programs at major research universities including Princeton and Yale. "Providing undergraduates with meaningful research opportunities is key to their future success in the profession," noted Dr. Stearns, "so we are delighted to be the year 2000 venue for this great program."

Wagner Faculty Team tapped for Brown University Presentation on Democratic Education Models

A team of Wagner College faculty members have been selected for participation in a national 10-day institute focusing on American Democracy and the Search for Community, sponsored by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The conference will be held at Brown University in July 2000.

Wagner was one of 40 institutions competitively selected from a pool of over 100 universities and colleges. Other colleges joining Wagner include Bryn Mawr, Macalester, St. Lawrence, Trinity and Pomona. The Wagner Team was tapped to present the Wagner Plan curriculum which has drawn national attention as a dynamic new approach to undergraduate education in America.

Participants from Wagner College will include Dean Julia Barchitta who oversees the experiential learning component of the curriculum, Dr. Ellen Perry in Biology, Dr. Lori Weintrob in History, and Dr. John Danisi in Philosophy. This same group will sponsor a faculty colloquia on the Wagner College campus during the 2000-2001 academic year and will participate in several other national conferences on educating students for democratic citizenship in this new age of globalism and diversity.

"Opportunities like the Brown University invitation are wonderful opportunities to raise the academic visibility and stature of Wagner College within the professional community of higher education," noted Provost Richard Guarasci. "That our academic designs are receiving such widespread national acclaim is a gratifying outcome, to say the least."

Maureen Robinson '67 appointed by Board of Trustees to Chair Board Academic Affairs Committee

Maureen Robinson, who joined the Board of Trustees last year after serving as President of the Wagner Alumni Association, has been appointed by Board Chair Dr. Donald Spiro as Chair of the Academic, Student Affairs and Athletics Subcommittee of the Trustees. Robinson succeeds Jay Monge whose law offices are moving to Charlotte, North Carolina. Monge, however, will remain a member of the Board.

Robinson has had a career in education as a teacher and presently as a member of the Somerset Hills School (NJ) District Board of Education. "She has been bringing a tremendous sense of enthusiasm and interest to her role as a trustee as she did when she was President of the Alumni Association," noted Wagner President Dr. Smith. "I look forward to working with her during this exciting time in the academic evolution of Wagner," affirmed Wagner Provost Guarasci.



Chairman Maureen Robinson with Provost Dr. Richard Guarasci

Wagner Launches Centralized Campus Academic & Cultural Program to Complement Curriculum and to Enrich Intellectual Life at College



Under the leadership of Dr. Lori Weintrob (History Department), Wagner College has initiated a comprehensive program of academic speakers, current events panels, cutting edge performances, poetry readings, and a remarkable film series. Carrying the banner *Academic and Cultural Enrichment Program* or ACE, Dr. Weintrob and a team of involved students and faculty forged a series of 47 events in the first semester alone that brought exciting dialogues to the campus community.

Notable among the programs were three panels in October and November that debated the strategic importance of the Panama Canal, the lessons learned about ethnic rivalry in Kosovo and the Balkans, and whether Staten Island will be "New York City's next hottest borough?" The last item included the author of a *New York Magazine* article regarding the economic and cultural future of Staten Island attended by over 100 community leaders.

The campus hosted two major speakers in the Fall. Dr. Ahmed Samatar, Dean of International Studies at Macalester College and a nationally recognized expert on globalization, visited for two days and lectured to a full house on the economic, cultural, and political challenges of the emerging 'New World Order'. Dr. Eva Selhub, Harvard Medical School, spoke on the relationship between the mind/body

now under study in Cambridge, particularly the effect of stress on illness.

Large crowds also enjoyed passionate readings by Tony award-winning Reuben Santiago Hudson (*A Raisin in the Sun*) as well as Nuyorican poet Nancy Mercado.

In the Spring term 2000, the world famous child psychologist Dr. James Garbarino of Cornell University and author of *Lost Boys* and other numerous books on child development and violence will speak in February. In April, James Horgan author of *The End of the Sciences: Facing the Limits of Knowledge in the Twilight of the Scientific Age* will address the campus when Wagner College hosts students and faculty from over 60 other colleges and universities at the 54th Eastern College Science conference.

Dr. Weintrob came to Wagner in 1995 from U.C.L.A. where she had just earned her Ph.D. in Modern European History and had previously earned her M.A. and C. Phil. She is a cum laude undergraduate in history at Princeton University.

"The ACE program is successfully creating an atmosphere outside of the classroom that promotes cultural exploration and enables participation in cutting-edge intellectual inquiry," observed Weintrob.

OppenheimerFunds endows Wagner Scholarship to honor Dr. Donald Spiro's Retirement after 37 years on the job



Manhattan Gala at the Hotel Pierre Ballroom featured accolades from OppenheimerFunds partners citing Spiro's extraordinary leadership

Wagner Board Chairman Donald Spiro '49 relinquished his "other" Chairmanship last fall when he ended his 37-year career with OppenheimerFunds at a gala retirement party in the ballroom of the Hotel Pierre in Manhattan. The tribute was led by Dr. Spiro's successor, Bridget Macaskill, who hosted the evening's festivities. "We were stumped about what kind of retirement present Don would most cherish," noted Macaskill, "so we finally just asked him. His answer was that he didn't want anything and that he would most appreciate something being done for Wagner College." In response, an endowment was established that will enable an annual OppenheimerFunds Spiro scholar recipient be selected from among those honors students aspiring to careers in corporate finance.

In accepting the scholarship endowment, Wagner President Norman Smith said that everyone at Wagner was proud, but not surprised, to learn that Dr. Spiro once again put Wagner College first and foremost in his thinking. "Don has been the essence of the College's impressive success for exactly this kind of reason. We are delighted that his extraordinary career at OppenheimerFunds will forever be tied to Wagner and the next generation of alumni success stories." Smith closed predicting that a future OppenheimerFunds CEO may well come from the ranks of an OppenheimerFunds Spiro Scholarship recipient.

Below, CEO's Smith and Macaskill each salute Dr. Spiro's achievements.



Dr. Susan Robinson leaves Wagner to become President of Staten Island's Snug Harbor Cultural Center

After nearly 12 years as Associate Provost and Associate Professor of Education, Dr. Robinson last November was appointed President of the Snug Harbor Cultural Center, an 83-acre waterfront facility that is home to dozens of Staten Island arts and culture organizations. Among the 28 Snug Harbor institutions is the Botanical Garden, the Children's Museum, the John Noble Art Collection, the Newhouse Gallery for Modern Art, the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden and several performance halls.

"Susan has long been ready to assume this kind of responsibility," said husband President Norman Smith, "although I will miss her daily involvement at Wagner. Fortunately, she has built a terrific team of professionals in admissions, academic advisement and career development that are going to be able to keep those critical functions working well."

Dr. Robinson is credited with having built the admissions staff and marketing program that resulted in the College's full-to-capacity enrollment. She also broadened the geographic composition of the student body from what was primarily local commuting students in 1988 to a 75% residential student population from over 35 states and 15 foreign countries.

"She is the most brilliant and able academic administrator I have ever worked with," recalled Dr. Mordechai Rozanski, Wagner's Provost in the early years of the Smith administration who subsequently assumed the Presidency of the University of Guelph in Ontario. "Had she not also been the President's wife, she would have been my certain successor."

"Susan was my closest academic colleague," acknowledged current Provost Dr. Richard Guarasci. "There was nothing I could not count on her to do. She is first rate and was greatly respected by the Wagner faculty. She will excel at Snug Harbor."

"Snug Harbor is an exciting opportunity for me," said Robinson, "and, needless to say, I am close enough to stay involved at Wagner whenever I am needed." She noted that she has had a lifelong interest in the arts. She studied piano and dance throughout her youth and has held a variety of arts positions including Dean of Admissions at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia and President of the Staten Island Symphony.

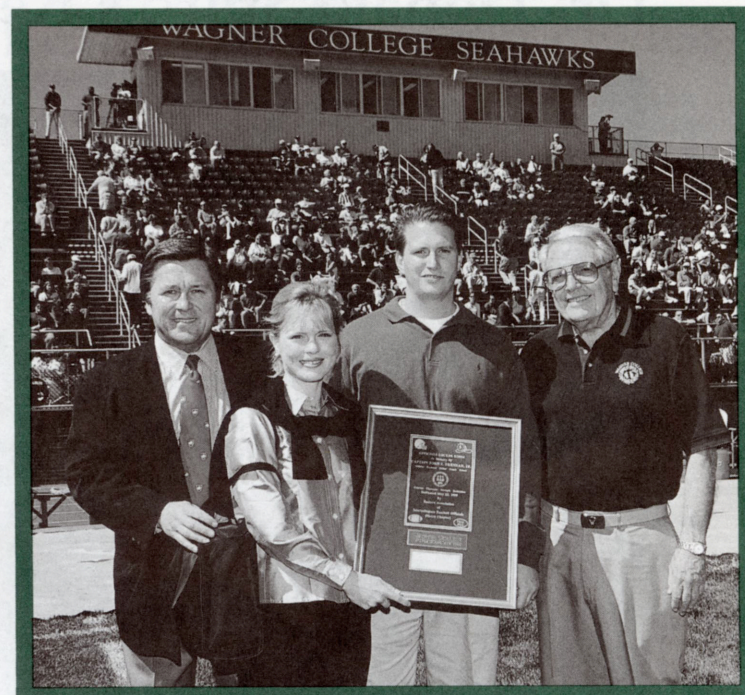


A native New Yorker, Dr. Robinson graduated from Skidmore College, earned her master's degree at Columbia Teacher's College and her doctorate from Harvard. This past fall, the Board of Trustees saluted her contributions to Wagner and, on the occasion of her appointment to the Snug Harbor presidency, unveiled a portrait—painted by Wagner Professor Bill Murphy—that will hang at the College as a tribute.

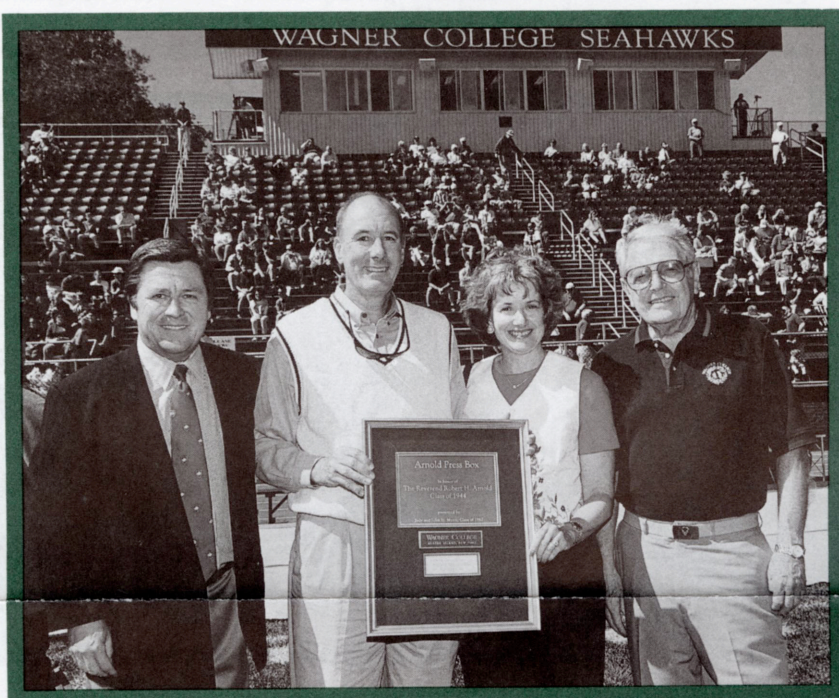
Football Stadium and Spiro Sports Center Dedications Honor Major Donors



Tom Moles '65 & Polly Peck Moles '68



The Captain John Drennan '67 Family



Jody & John Myers '67



Mary & Fred W. Lange '53



Al Palladino '61

Last fall's opening football game featured a reunion of the 1964 undefeated football team on the occasion of their 35th anniversary and was also the official dedication date of several areas of the new stadium and Spiro Sports Center.

The officials locker room was dedicated in memory of NY Fire Captain John Drennan '67 who was killed in the line of duty.

The football stadium home locker room was dedicated in honor of Wagner College trustees Gregory Knapp '66 and Thomas Moles '65.

The Stadium Press Box was dedicated in honor of the Reverend Robert H. Arnold '44 by Wagner trustee John Myers '67.

The Stadium outdoor running track was dedicated in honor of trustee Fred Lange '53.

The Stadium Training Room was dedicated in honor of former trustee Al Palladino '61.

All honorees were presented with reproductions of the dedication plaque which was affixed to the area donated. Wagner Board of Trustees chair Dr. Donald Spiro '49 and President Smith presented reproductions of the cast metal plaques at a center field ceremony during game halftime.

Music Department's Spring Concert and Recital Itinerary is Open to the Public

Over a dozen performances have been scheduled by Wagner's music department in venues as far away as Florida during spring break. All performances are open to the public. Details are available by calling 718-390-3313.

Choir Pre-Florida Tour Concert is at Christ Lutheran Church in Great Kills on Sunday, February 27.

Faculty Concert is in Campus Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29.

The Florida Choir Tour is from March 9 to March 16.

Spring Choir Recital is at Trinity Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 26.

The Percussion Ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th in Campus Hall.

The Concert Band's Spring Concert is in Main Hall Theatre on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m.

The Treble Choir's Spring Concert is in Campus Hall on Sunday, April 16 at 3 p.m.

The Jazz Ensemble joins the Dance 2000 performances on April 28, 29 & 30 in Main Hall Theatre.

The Guitar and Lute Ensemble perform in Campus hall on Sunday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Spring Choral Concert is at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m.

An Opera Workshop featuring Mozart Scenes will be performed in Campus Hall on Monday and Tuesday, May 1 & 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Spring Alumni Events

Saturday, Feb. 19th --- Winter on the Hill --- Attend MSG televised basketball games vs. Mt. St. Mary's and/or attend **Rodgers & Hammerstein's A Grand Night for Singing** and drop by the alumni reception.

Thursday, Feb. 24th --- Manhattan Young Alumni Gathering

Friday, March 17th --- St. Patrick's Day Party in Manhattan for Young Alumni

Thursday, May 25th --- Annual Golf Outing at La Tourette on Staten Island

June 2nd & 3rd --- Annual Class Reunion Weekend

and...don't miss next fall's **Homecoming on Saturday, October 28th**

**Look for mailings on all of the above events
or call the Alumni Office at 718-390-3307.**

Class Agent Margaret Nicolais '49 congratulates classmates for record \$204,641 Class Anniversary Gift to College

To the Class of 1949:

We did it! Our class, in its 50th Anniversary year contributed over \$200,000 to Wagner. That is the largest gift given in one year by any class--\$137,180 of which was turned over to the endowment fund--in the history of the College. It is imperative that future gifts be earmarked, at least in part, for the endowment to build a strong foundation for the future. \$67,461.16 was given for other purposes and/or the annual fund. As you can see, the total amount raised was \$204,641! Pat yourself on the back for a job well done.

Now that we are on a roll, please continue to show financial support. An interesting fact, the "giving" year is September 1 to August 31 at Wagner College. Remember that our goal each year is to raise the percentage of givers from our class. Equally as important is the giving of your time. Become active in a local alumni group (or start one); check to see if your local high school (public or

private); have current Wagner catalogues; open up your business to an intern or two; write a letter to the editor about Wagner; read about the upward journey Wagner is experiencing (*due in large part to its President Norman Smith*) so you can speak in positive, glowing terms about your alma mater.

And please, please send me information on what you are doing, have done, trips of the past or in the future, children and grandchildren activities.

My fax number is 973-701-0152. Phone 973-5354. Snail mail is 26 Chandler Road, Chatham, New Jersey 07928.

Again, a huge thank you to all that participated in our 50th Anniversary's fund raising effort. Happy New Year.

Margaret C. Nicolais

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Erkman,
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Rev. Oscar Weber '38
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Dr. Alfred A. Berger '41X
Frank Betancourt '41
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Sam L. Johnson '47
Donald F. Maher '48
Anita Posselt Homer '48
Eugene Scala '49
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Ray E. Brown '50
Joseph J. Neville '50
Sal Santo '51X
Christopher Swensen '52
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Theodore F. Ewanizky, Jr. '59
Raymond Baumann '62
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Robert L. Johnson '64
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Karen M. Stein '65
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George Goldberg M'68
Elizabeth M. Stiles M'70
Rev. Dr. Raymond E. Brown H'81
Susan Hesterhagen '83

'29

Class Agent --- Rev. Howard A. Kuhnle
9896 Bustleton Avenue, Apt. A405
Philadelphia, PA 19115-5202
215-673-2698

Reverend Howard A. Kuhnle attended sixty-seven consecutive annual Assemblies following his ordination in 1932 by the United Lutheran Synod of NY. Howard has been the senior pastor (longest ordained) of the Upstate New York Synod. He is retired in his native city, Philadelphia and is Wagner's oldest class representative.

'48

Gloria April Nicolais (East Stroudsburg, PA) and her husband Guy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception with family and friends in Paradise Valley, PA.

'49

Class Agent --- Margaret Christie Nicolais
26 Chandler Road
Chatham, NJ 07928-1842
973-635-5354

William M. Beveridge (Staten Island) and his wife Anne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reception at Tavern on the Green in Manhattan.

Thomas J. Russo (Bedminster, NJ), Chairman of the Russo Picciurro Insurance Agency, has joined forces with Maloy Insurance to create a new firm, Russo Picciurro Maloy, the largest independent insurance agency on Staten Island.

Dr. Donald W. Spiro H'88 (Smoke Rise, NJ) was named 1999 *Alumnus of the Year* by Port Richmond High School. A 1943 graduate, he has been an active alumnus and most recently his generosity provided uniforms for the marching band. In 1998 he was the commencement speaker at their graduation exercises.

'50

Class Agent --- Herb Hewitt
2446 SW Manor Hill Drive
Palm City, FL 34990-5714
561-221-3338

Reverend David J. Greer (Shreveport, LA) has visited all seven continents, concluding with Antarctica in 1999. He was recently appointed as a Judge on the Ecclesiastical Court of Diocese of Western Louisiana.

Reverend Stanley H. Knull (Centerville, MA) is retired after 42 years of parish ministry and pastoral counseling. He is now serving as part-time Protestant Chaplain for Cape Cod Council of Churches at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Cape and Islands.

'51

Class Agent --- Harry A. Volz
2446 SW Manor Hill Drive
Palm City, FL 34990-5714
561-221-3338

Kathryn Otten Bowen-Smith MS '63 (Jupiter, FL) is enjoying retirement on Jupiter Island in Florida. Close to her son, Fred and her two grandchildren.

'54

Class Agent --- Dr. Manfred "Dutch" Lichtmann
3005 E Whittaker Close
Williamsburg, VA 23185-7664
757-258-9226

Jean Anderson Matula (Lantana, FL) won honorable mention from the International Society of Poets, Owings Mills, MD, for her poem, *My Staten Island*.

Wanda Schweizer Praisner M'57 (Bedminster, NJ) was elected to the Board of Directors of the Wagner College National Alumni Association. She received First Prize in Poetry at the 1998 College of New Jersey Writers'

Conference, and is a recipient of a 1999 Geraldine R. Dodge scholarship to Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center. Wanda is listed in the 1999 International Who's Who in Poetry and Poets' Encyclopedia (Cambridge, England). She teaches at the School of Saint Elizabeth in Bernardsville, NJ.

Lionel J. Rotelli MS '57 (Staten Island) has retired after 35 years with the New York City Board of Education and is enjoying his five grandchildren.

'57

Class Agent --- Col. Ewald S. Forsbrey
5 Taylor Lane
Cape May, NJ 08204-4161
757-258-9226

Col. Ewald S. Forsbrey married Maria Loukaboulou Hammel '56 (Cape May, NJ) on June 12, 1999.

LuAnn Steinhauer (Allentown, PA), a Special Education Teacher, recently retired from the Allentown School District.

'62

Class Agent --- Honorable Robert A. Straniere
182 Rose Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10306-2900
718-667-0314

Richard J. Granger (Sun Valley, ID) retired in June 1998 as Captain for United Airlines after 31 years of flying. Prior to United, he served for five years as a pilot in the United States Marine Corps, El Toro, CA, including a one year combat tour in Vietnam before he left with the rank of Captain. Now life is back and forth between New Jersey and Idaho with lots of golf, skiing and hiking. He would love to hear from old friends and can be reached via e-mail at RJGranger@AOL.com.

'63

Class Agent --- George Hartmann
3004 Via Rivera
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274-4428
213-620-8270

Virginia Giles LaFalce M'64 (Poughkeepsie) married Richard on July 24, 1999. She is a Special Education Teacher at Wallkill Middle School.

Howard G. Meyers Jr. Esq. (Staten Island) was elected to chair the Eger Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. Board of Trustees.

'64

Class Agent --- Fred C. Williamson, Jr.
14 Marlpit Place
Middletown, NJ 07748-2028
732-671-6370

Richard "Bud" Korol (New Fairfield, CT) is married to Patricia Smith Korol '67. They have two children, Rebecca and Scott. He enjoys sailing and motorcycle racing.

'66

Class Agent --- Judy Hvidsten Krieger
197 Watchung Avenue
Chatham, NJ 07928-1837
973-635-5394

Maureen Ward Gallo (Lebanon, PA) was promoted to Administrator of Community Hospital of Lancaster, Pa.

'67

Class Agent --- Maureen L. Robinson
160-3 Jockey Hollow Road
Bernardsville, NJ 07924-1312
908-953-2939/e-mail:mrobidwolf@aol.com

Patricia Smith Korol '67 (New Fairfield, CT) is married to Richard "Bud" Korol '64. They have two children, Rebecca and Scott and enjoy sailing and motorcycle racing.

Dr. Kevin L. Sheehy M'70, M'92, H'99 (Smoke Rise, NJ) was elected to a three year term as president of the Board of Trustees for the Greenbelt Conservancy in Egbertville, Staten Island.

'68

Class Agent --- Richard W. Ball
13 Jeffro Drive
Ridgefield, CT 06877-4646
203-431-6062

Phyllis Vogel Schwartz (Waldorf, MD) a Gifted Education Resource Teacher, with the Charles County Board of Education in Waldorf, MD. She has earned an MBA degree in Management and a Vice Principal and Principal Supervisor and an Administration Certificate.

'69

Class Agent --- Philip Straniere
3 Saint Austin's Place
Staten Island, NY 10310-1539
718-447-4717

Lynda Benedetto (Aliso Viejo, CA) recently joined the firm Tygenhof & Partners, Inc as Director of Public Relations.

Robert Billings (Windsor, CT) is doing risk management work predominately for the Boston Celtics basketball club and their ownership group.

Aino Lautsio (Lakeworth, FL) was promoted to Probation Specialist for the Florida Department of Corrections. She is a licensed psychotherapist and a national certified counselor.

Thomas Thurston (Provincetown, MA) has retired after 27 years in telecommunications sales. He moved to Provincetown, Cape Cod in May 1999 and is working at two new part-time jobs, both related to travel.

'70

Class Agent --- Dr. Sal Gagliano
79 Ridge Avenue
Passaic, NJ 07055-2418
973-779-5964

Greg Gulbrandsen (Port Ewen) was appointed Director of The Media Center at SUNY New Paltz where he also teaches Communications and Media.

'71

Class Agent --- Pam Broderick
68 Bigelow Street
Manchester, CT 06040-4109
860-649-8787

Cindy Hemenway Yeo (Lancaster, MA) graduated in May 1999 from Clark University with a Master's in Health Administration. She is currently employed as a case manager at UMass Memorial Health Care.

'72

Ciro Apicello (Holmdel, NJ) was inducted as an alumni member of the Wagner College O.D.K. Honor Society at the Fall Initiation.

Fred W. Curtis, Jr. C.S.P. (Bay Harbor Islands, FL) is the new President of the South Florida Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. He is principal consultant with Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety.

Erik Unhjem (Goshen) has been appointed Assistant Managing Editor for Media at Pearson Education in Upper Saddle River, NJ.

'73

Class Agent --- Henry E. Gemini
5 Strickland Place
Manhasset, NY 11030-2716
516-365-1713

Ray Wolpov (Bellingham, WA), assistant professor of secondary education at Western Washington University, received the Excellence in Teaching Award at commencement ceremonies in June 1999.

'75

Class Agent --- Richard G. DePaul
8 McKay Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-2387
908-218-1418

Anthony E. Indelicato (Schenectady) married Cheryl Ann Collins in September 1998.

Barbara Ann "Bunny" Matthius (Newton, NJ) recently started her own company developing educational and marketing programs targeted at women for financial service companies.

'77

Class Agent --- Maarten van Hengel
2 Evergreen Way
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591-1004
914-631-7574/e-mail:
maarten@trainerwortham.com

Carol Ann Salig Sommese (Staten Island) was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in April 1999. She is presently the Nursing Director of Education and Quality Management at the Visiting Nurses Association of Staten Island.

'78

Class Agent --- Maria Lind Jenkins
280 New Norwalk Road
New Canaan, CT 06840-4921
203-972-5838

William D. Erosh (Holmdel, NJ) is Senior Vice-President-Director of Accounting at Saatchi & Saatchi in Manhattan.

Finette Lerman Russak (Flemington, NJ) has temporarily suspended her educational consulting while combating a severe case of Lyme Disease. Having relocated to Flemington, NJ, she would welcome contact with alumni in the area, her e-mail address: FINRUSSAK@aol.com.

'79

Class Agent --- Harold Theurer, Jr.
147 99th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11209-7901
718-238-1418

Harold Theurer (Brooklyn) is Senior Vice President of Complex Manager Advest, Inc., in Manhattan.

Lorraine Bianco (North Cape May, NJ) has earned a Master of Sport Science Degree in Sport Management from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, AL. She is a Science Teacher and a Certified Athletic Trainer at Lower Cape May Regional High School.

Dr. Maryellen Romano M'99 (Staten Island), Director of the Center for Women's Health, Staten Island University Hospital, was inducted as an alumni member of the Wagner College O.D.K. Honor Society at the Fall Initiation.

'80

Class Agents --- Billy K. Tyler
900 S. Serrano Avenue, Apt. 504
Los Angeles, CA 90006-1151
213-487-7111/e-mail: Blutobilly@aol.com
&
Ed "Grandpa Garlock"
132 Highland Drive
Bedford, PA 15522-9766
814-623-1124

Claire Regan (Staten Island), a content and design editor for the Staten Island Advance, received both a first-place award and an honorable mention award in the 1998-99 New York State Associated Press Association graphics competition.



Left to right, President Smith, Dr. Spiro, Lionel Rotelli, Mrs. Jim Lee Howell, Elaine Del Priore Murphy, Trustees Greg Knapp & Tom Moles accepting for Mike Kelly, Pete Dirlam, Martin Ansa Jr. and John Knudson

Six Wagner Greats inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Last October, the Wagner Sports Hall of Fame inducted six new members, who were presented center field at the October 16th home football game. President Norman Smith and Wagner Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Donald Spiro '49 presented each inductee with their awards.

Hall of Fame committee members Greg Knapp '66, Tom Moles '65 and John Knudson '57 also participated in the induction ceremonies.

Lionel "Ro" Rotelli '54 played basketball and baseball and was Outstanding Athlete of the Year in 1954.

Jim Lee Howell was Wagner's football coach from 1947-1953 and was also a coach for the New York Giants.

Elaine Del Priore Murphy '75 was a star of Wagner's only undefeated basketball season in 1973-73.

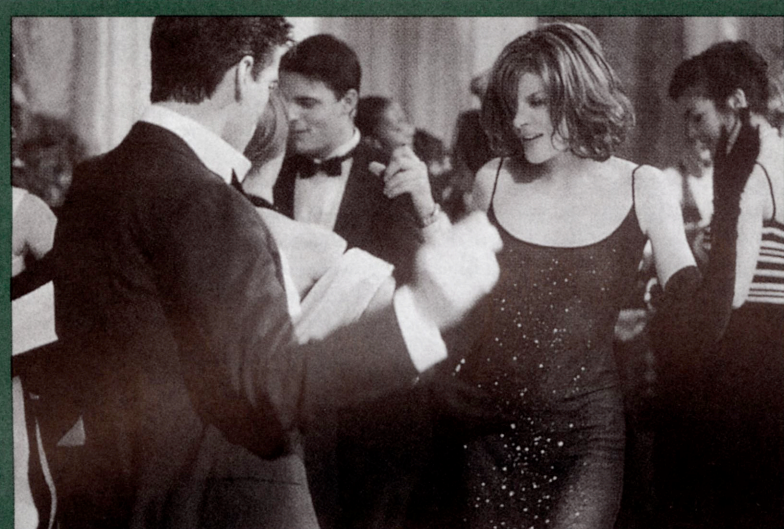
Mike Kelly '65 played three seasons of Wagner football setting a '63 record for longest punt return and single season interceptions.

Pete Dirlam '65 was co-captain of Wagner's first wrestling team and was undefeated in his first season.

Martin Ansa, Jr '64 was the leading scorer for 3 of his 4 years playing Wagner basketball.



Michael Tadross (above). Below, left to right, **Pierce, Vinnie & Rene**



The Thomas Crown Affair's Blockbuster 1999 remake features more than one Wagner College connection

Not everyone thought a remake of the classic Faye Dunaway-Steve McQueen classic, *The Thomas Crown Affair*, could succeed. Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo and Wagner College Class of '72 alumnus Michael Tadross proved otherwise. Tadross oversaw the film blockbuster as Executive Producer, his latest success in a 20-year career in film production. Prior to becoming an independent producer, Tadross oversaw feature productions for Paramount Studios during a period that generated such major Paramount films as *Ghost*, *Coming to America*, *Trading Places*, *Forrest Gump* and *The Firm*. His direct production credits include *Indecent Proposal*, *Die Hard* and *Eraser*. Next on his production schedule is either a remake of Broadway's popular *Tony & Tina's Wedding* or a remake of *Rollerball*.

Wagner's second connection to the movie was a little smaller in scale but a breakthrough moment nonetheless for Class of '99 talent Vinnie Potestivo (you may remember Vinnie in last year's Wagner production of *Damn Yankees*—the shower scene during *You Gotta Have Heart?*) Vinnie landed a small but noteworthy background cameo as a tuxedoed man-about-town during an "eye-catching" moment in the movie. Vinnie is the head between the back of Pierce Brosnan's head and the front of Rene Russo's...well...front. On the down side, Vinnie's first stage center opportunity came at a moment when most eyes were glued to another "part" of the screen...but hey, it's an unforgettable scene. As his class note details, Vinnie is a Manhattan talent scout at MTV Networks.

Stay tuned for more of both Michael '72 and Vinnie '99.

Joann Gianattasio Vincze (Newark, DE) is working in the Systems Department at First USA Bank, Wilmington, DE. She is an Assistant Vice President - System Liaison to Credit Policy and Marketing.

Robert Weening (Wilton, CT) was recently appointed VP at Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC (C-BASS) in Manhattan.

LTC Stephen Wells (Odessa, FL) was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army.

'81

Class Agent --- Mary T. Gormley
Staten Island
e-mail: gormley-mary@jpmorgan.com

Reverend Dr. William E. Bogholtz (Staten Island) received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in May 1999 from the Graduate Theological Foundation, Donaldson, PA. His doctorate is in Pastoral Theology with a concentration in liturgy. He continues to serve as Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Staten Island.

'82

Class Agent --- John Spadaro
117 Old Town Road
Staten Island, NY 10304-4227
718-987-5073

Denise Falcone Vaccaro MS Ed.'98 (Staten Island) received a Masters in Education from Wagner and is teaching 5th grade at P.S. 42, Eltingville, S. I.

'83

Class Agent --- Scott Fink
3030 Turtle Brooke
Clearwater, FL 33761-2018
727-771-1118/e-mail:
SFINK10366@aol.com

Scott Fink (Clearwater, FL) is Vice President of Sonic Automotive having sold his automobile dealership and

related businesses to Sonic Automotive in Clearwater.

Patsy A. Messina (Staten Island) married Donna Dickman in October 1999. He is a contractor with Lapietra Contracting Corp., a family-owned business in Brooklyn.

'84

Class Agent --- Christian Miller
410 West 23rd Street, Apt. 4A
New York, NY 10011
212-645-0173/e-mail: miller@ymca.net.org

Belinda Bardes Kielczewski (Brooklyn) married Christopher in November 1998. She is a Senior Nurse Clinician in the Recovery Room of New York University Hospital.

Demetra Kagdis McMullan (New York) was married on June 26, 1999.

'85

Class Agent --- Andrew G. Williams
820 Western Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-322-5993/e-mail:
Andy799062@aol.com

Patricia Verde Santostefano (Staten Island) married Anthony in October 1999. She is a field-administration service manager for Mutual of America, Manhattan.

'87

Class Agent --- Meredith (Lynch) Acacia
5 Aspen Court
Jackson, NJ 08527-4903
908-928-8452

Mitchell S. Janewicz MBA '87 (Brooklyn) joined the St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation in July 1999 as the Deputy Director for New Business Development.

Michael J. Shannon (South Amboy, NJ) was admitted to the partnership as

a partner at KPMG as of July 1, 1999.

'88

Class Agent --- Kenneth Nilsen
730 Hudson Street, Apt. #33
Hoboken, NJ 07030
201-222-0182/e-mail knilsen@stevens-tech.edu

Elizabeth (Malloy) Hartell (Staten Island) married Gregg on May 15, 1999. She is Director of Social Work Services at A Very Special Place Incorporated, Staten Island.

Amy (Bruno) O'Connor was promoted within Paine Webber to Exchange Specialist/Assistant Vice President.

'90

Class Agent --- Alexandra C. Duggan
1753 Shimer Avenue, Apt. 3
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610-954-9347

Michael DeVitto (Staten Island) married Jennifer Heath in August 1999. He is the Chief Officer for Strategic Development with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, New York City Transit Division.

'91

Class Agent --- Jennifer A. Norton
1488 Green Grove Road
Brick, NJ 08724-2343
732-458-5149

Michael R. Ford and **Kathleen McLaughlin Ford** (New Fairfield, CT) are the proud owners of the *Prime Time Fitness* gym in Poughkeepsie.

Christopher J. Landy (Brooklyn) married Ellen Waggett in September 1999. He is a freelance lighting designer.

Frank LoBue (Staten Island) married Sandra Solebello in September 1999. He is District Manager for Structure,

Inc., a men's clothing retailer which serves the New York metro area.

Heatherlynn Smolen (Boynton Beach, FL) graduated with her Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from Nova Southeastern University with honors! She sends Greetings, to the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi and the brothers and sisters of Delta Nu.

'92

Class Agent --- Natalie Migliaro
70 Fairview Road
Clark, NJ 07066-2903
732-382-9869

Keith Abt (Hawthorne, NJ) married Dawn Dougherty on May 22, 1999.

Debra Monchick F.N.P. (Staten Island) and **Valerie Catanzaro '98 F.N.P.** have combined their efforts and opened a prototype daycare on Staten Island, which combines early childhood educators and nurse practitioners, to educate both the child and the family.

Dr. Todd Prager (Staten Island) married Michelle Fauci in June 1999. He is a dentist with a practice in New Springville and Oakwood.

'93

Class Agent --- Stuart Plotkin
66 Bowling Green Place
Staten Island, NY 10314-3702
718-982-6898

Gerard Alesi and **Stephanie Jiannetto Alesi '96** (Staten Island) were married in September 1999. He is Assistant Vice President of Credit Suisse Asset Management and Warburg Pincus, in Manhattan. She is an Assistant Vice President of tax reporting at Salomon Smith Barney, Manhattan.

Erica L. Crisson Morrison (Staten Island) married Christopher in September 1999. She is an assistant supervisor with the Investor Relations-Corporate Trust Department of the Bank of New York, Manhattan.

'94

Class Agent --- James J. Hickey
460 Winant Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10312
718-967-4845/e-mail tkeza@aol.com

Melanie Fragati Cannizzaro MS Ed. '99 (Staten Island) married Frank in August 1999. She earned a Master's Degree, Summa Cum Laude, in elementary education at Wagner, where she was named to the Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society and Psi Chi psychology honor society and received the education department's academic award for elementary education. She is a substitute teacher on Staten Island for the NYC Board of Education and a teacher at Huntington Learning Center, Castleon Corners, Staten Island.

Kristen Kozma Grandmaison (Staten Island) married David on October 22, 1999. Kristen is a Surgical Physician Assistant at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze. She is also a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Dina L. Margolin (New York) will be appearing in the Broadway National tour of *Cats* for one year starting in October 1999.

Keri Quirk MS'98 (Staten Island) is Director of the Nursing Resource Center and clinical instructor here at Wagner. She is engaged to Howard Fortel and is planning to be married on April 22, 2000.

Christina Libertelli Regan (Staten Island) and Paul Regan '95 (Brooklyn) were married in October 1999. She is a Senior Assistant Buyer for Bloomingdale's By Mail, Manhattan. He is an Options Trader on the American Stock Exchange.

Lisa M. Barbieri Schaffer (Hackettstown, NJ) married Dave in October 1996. She is a charge nurse at King James Care Center in Chatham, NJ.

'95

Class Agent --- Stacey L. Cannon
18 Wooster Street
Seymour, CT 06483
203-888-9948

Stephanie Battista (Staten Island) is engaged to Peter DiMarzio and is planning to be married on October 28, 2000. She has started working towards a Master's Degree as Family Nurse Practitioner at Wagner. She is a registered nurse at Staten Island University Hospital.

Michele DiSalvo Casaliggi (Staten Island) married Joseph in July 1999. She was named to the Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society. She is a third-grade teacher at P.S. 30, Westerleigh, Staten Island.

Nicole DeVito Fyfe (Staten Island, NY) married Vincent (Blauvelt) in December 1999. She is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit of Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Manhattan. Vincent is a business representative for Locals 1 and 2D of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Brooklyn.

Craig Melfi (Staten Island) married Christine Driscoll in October 1999. He is a city police officer and a member of the Police Department's Columbia Association.

Cheryl Fromberg O'Neill (Hauppauge) married Brian on May 28, 1999. She is a registered nurse at Saint James Plaza Nursing Home in Saint James.

Paul Regan (Brooklyn) and Christina Libertelli Regan '94 (Staten Island) were married in October 1999. He is an Options Trader on the American Stock Exchange. She is a Senior Assistant Buyer for Bloomingdale's By Mail, Manhattan.

Erika Carr Ruane (Staten Island) married Patrick in June 1999. She is a public health nurse at P.S. 102 in

Brooklyn and a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 2, and the Staten Island Horsemen's Association.

Kathryn Manejias Viggiani (Staten Island) married Gene in June 1999. She is a registered nurse in the labor and delivery department at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

'96

Class Agent --- Leigh-Ann DePascale
79 Dongan Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314-3053
718-273-8153/e-mail:
depasca@wagner.edu

Stephanie Jiannetto Alesi (Staten Island) and Gerard Alesi '93 were married in September 1999. She is an Assistant Vice President of tax reporting at Salomon Smith Barney, Manhattan. He is Assistant Vice President of Credit Suisse Asset Management and Warburg Pincus, in Manhattan.

Frances-Ann Sciutto Blitch (Silver Springs, FL) has a new position as a Consumer Banking Specialist with Amsouth Bank in Ocala, FL.

JoAnna DeSilva (Shirley) is starting her second year as an elementary music teacher in the Comsewogue School District in Port Jefferson Station.

Carmine Giovinazzo (Staten Island) appeared opposite Kevin Costner on the big screen in *For the Love of the Game*. He also has a starring role in *Shasta McNasty* on TV.

Tonia Madonna Simone (Staten Island) married Michael in November 1999. She is a third-grade teacher at P.S. 35, Sunnyside, Staten Island.

'97

Class Agent --- Alison N. Boyd
14 Essex Drive
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
516-732-4032

Alison Penna (Staten Island) is a fifth-grade teacher at Saint John's Lutheran School, Staten Island. She has started working towards a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

Michelle Buebendorf McCormack M'97 (Staten Island) married Christopher in September 1999. She was named to the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society while at Wagner. Michelle is a clinical research consultant for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Manhattan.

Susan Messler Rorro (Staten Island) married Craig in September 1999. Susan is a Surgical Physician Assistant at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

Nicole Soren Rotkowitz and Sean Rotkowitz M'98 (Staten Island) were married in July 1999. She is a fifth-grade teacher at P.S. 22, Graniteville, Staten Island. He is a fifth-grade teacher at P.S. 60 New Springville, Staten Island.

'98

Class Agent --- Tara Yeo
125 West Main Street, Apt. 1F
Fleetwood, PA 19522
610-944-8516 /e-mail: Guppyty@aol.com

Cynthia Carlson (Staten Island) and Vittorio Calabrese (Staten Island) are engaged. She is an Investment Advisory Associate at Nathan & Lewis Securities Inc., Manhattan. Vittorio is a project scheduler for Lipco Construction Corporation in Maspeth.

Valerie Catanzaro, F.N.P. (Staten Island) and Debra Monchick '92 F.N.P. have combined their efforts and opened a prototype daycare on Staten Island, which combines early childhood educators and nurse practitioners, to educate both the child and the family.

Korin Galgano Guglielmi (Portland, OR) married David in August 1999. She is a seventh-grade language-arts and leadership teacher at the Brown Middle School, in Hillsboro, OR.

Jennifer Lepine (Island Park) has started working towards a Master's Degree in Sociology at Saint John's University.

Nicholas Lorenzo (Staten Island) married Jennine Vassallo in November 1999. He is an assistant trader at Hill, Thompson, Magid and Company in Jersey City, NJ.

Sean Rotkowitz (Staten Island) and Nicole Soren Rotkowitz '97 were married in July 1999. He is a fifth grade teacher at P.S. 60 New Springville, Staten Island. She is a fifth-grade teacher at P.S. 22, Graniteville, Staten Island.

'99

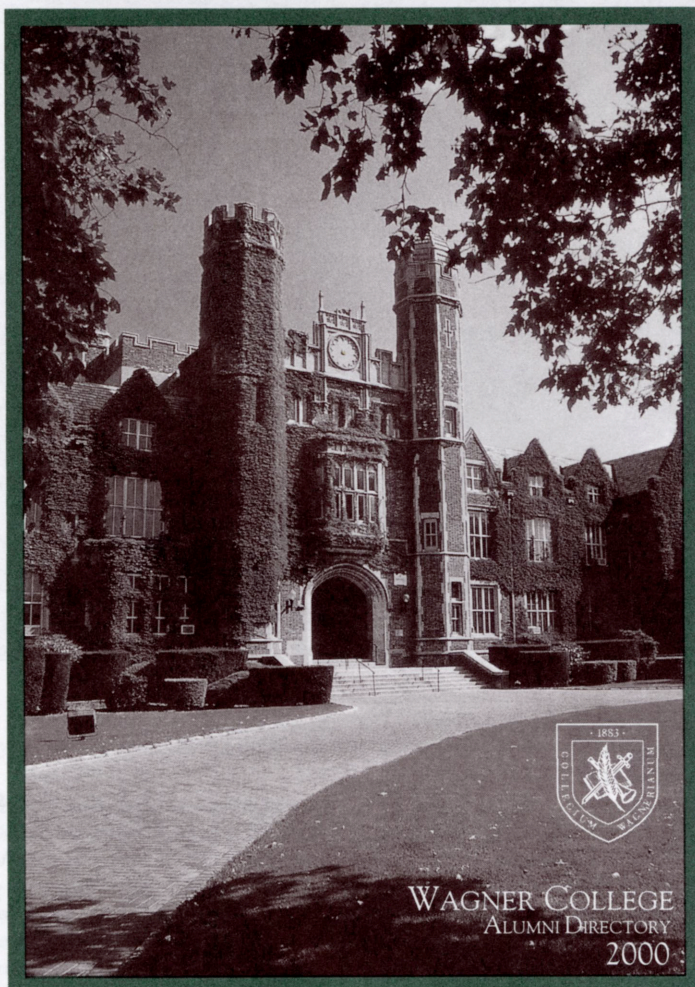
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Vinnie S. Potestivo was an extra in the movie "A Thomas Crown Affair". He was also promoted at MTV Networks and is the Talent Associate, responsible for finding/casting VJ's and all on-air talent (including celebrities.)

Barbara Bellesi (Staten Island) was the recipient of a national scholarship for graduate studies from Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. She is the first Wagner College student to receive this honor and award. Barbara is now pursuing a master of fine arts degree in creative writing at Amherst College, MA.

Kathleen Oberfeldt F.N.P. (Staten Island) holds the distinction of being the First Nurse Practitioner to be appointed Director of Student Health Services at Wagner College.

The Year 2000 Millennium Alumni Directory will be available to graduates in the spring



To purchase, call:
The Wagner College Alumni Office
at 718-390-3307

For the first time in five years, the Wagner College Alumni Directory has been updated and will be off the presses in March of 2000. Thousands of alumni who graduated after 1994 will be included in this new edition for the first time.

The publication is the culmination of a year-long effort by the Alumni Relations office under the direction of John Ross.

All of Wagner's known living graduates were contacted and asked to update their listing that includes home and career addresses.

The directory lists all alumni in alphabetical order and cross-references each listing by class. Maiden surnames are also listed making it easier to search for old friends and classmates.

When authorized by the graduate, career positions are also included.

The directory is available for purchase at the time of publication only. Anyone not buying a copy will have to wait until 2005 for another opportunity.

or E-mail John Ross at
jross@wagner.edu.

Richard Herburger '66 will Chair Corporate Internship Initiative for Wagner College



In an effort to broaden corporate internship opportunities for Wagner undergraduates, former Trustee Richard Herburger has accepted a newly established position as Chairman of the Wagner College Corporate Internship Advisory Committee. Herburger will assemble a wide-reaching group of senior corporate executives who will help build an array of meaningful internships in major corporations.

Until recently, Herburger had been a senior vice president at Citicorp where he held a number of positions over his impressive career including CFO of their Quotron division and CFO of the credit card division. He recently completed his maximum 12 year term as a trustee and a member of the Board Executive Committee.

"Richard's assumption of this important responsibility is a perfect fit," said President Smith. "We have needed a conduit between our best students and our top executive contacts. So much of maintaining a first-rate internship program is assuring corporate executives that we will match them up with students who can excel for them. Richard can certainly relate to and understand corporate expectations and he already knows so many of our most successful alumni."

Herburger will split his time between meeting with corporate executives and establishing their needs while also working out of the Career Development Offices in the Student Union where he will meet with students interested in and qualified for corporate internship opportunities.

CRIB NOTES

The Wagner Family
welcomes the following members
to the
Classes of 2019, 2020, & 2021

Elliott Northrop, son of Robert Billings '69 and Ann, --- born August 17, 1997.

Kyle Brandon and Daniel Bernard, twin sons of Linda Hufnagel Taibot '78 and Gilbert --- born February 26, 1999.

Jeffrey David, son of Joyce Patterson Serin '80 and Barry --- born April 16, 1998.

Daniel Andrew, son of Carol Tamborra Maragni '81 and Carmine, was born on May 15, 1999. He joins big brother, Mark, 6.

Dennis Preston, son of Barbara L. Quick White '82 and Dennis, --- born April 7, 1999.

Stephen Nicholas, son of Corri Ann Cioppa Paulo '83 M'89 and Ken Paulo M'83, --- born January 23, 1999.

Eric Gregory, son of Greg Clay '84 and Ursula, --- born on September 6, 1999.

Grace Mackenzie, daughter of Lori Mayercik Burrows '85 and John, --- born June 29, 1999.

Taylor Frederick, son of Debra Wedinger Reinhart '85 and Christopher D. Reinhart '85, born May 5, 1998.

Julia Luise, daughter of Lorraine Warnke Danischewski '86 and Roy, --- born on May 26, 1999.

Dustin, son of Kertje Keane Rubenstein '86 and husband Richard, --- born February 6, 1999.

Nicholas Anthony, son of Dan Ferretti '87 and Linda Larsen Ferretti '88, was born on June 15, 1999.

Ryan Thomas, son of Lauris Murnicks '87 and Kathleen Rams Murnicks '91, --- born April 6, 1999.

Megan Nash, daughter of Donna Rizzuto Nash '87 and George, --- born April 7, 1999.

Michelle Erin, daughter of Mauna Clancy-Miller '88, and Eric, --- born February 1999.

Joseph Biagio, son of Maggie (Morris) Guzzardo '88 and Joe, --- born July 24, 1999.

Megan Emily, daughter of Amy Cuzzucoli Campbell '89 and Doug, --- born April 7, 1999.

Gerard Sean, son of Sean C. Vreeland '89 and Chrismarie Roth Vreeland '90, --- born June 28, 1999.

Megan, daughter of Steven J. Mineo '90 and Jennifer Nelson Mineo '91, --- born June 2, 1999.

Harrison Raymond, son of Christopher C. Brown '91 and Theresa Parnese Brown '92, --- born April 5, 1999.

Colin Keavney, son of Michael R. Ford '91 and Kathleen McLaughlin Ford '91, --- born May 5, 1999.

Callie Reid, daughter of Laura Droge Tenebruso '91, --- born May 26, 1999.

Nicholas Anthony, son of Christine Esposito Papandrea '92 and Anthony, --- born December 30, 1997.

Luke, son of Noelle Bearer Madon '95 and Greg, --- born on April 9, 1999.



Wagner is once again the source of a Miss Staten Island Winner

Following in the tradition of Wagner coeds including Gina Biancardi Yockey '87, Alice Knisley '90, and Deana Herrera '99, Jennifer Vernazza '99 is the new Miss Staten Island for 2000. Theater fans will immediately recognize Jennifer who had featured roles in many center stage productions including *A Little Night Music*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, and *Fiorello*. She stopped the show in *Damn Yankees* with the opening "Six Months out of Every Year" and she was part of the fabulous ensemble who performed for the Spiro Center dedication. Miss New York and Miss America pageants are next and Jennifer has what it takes to follow her predecessors state winners.

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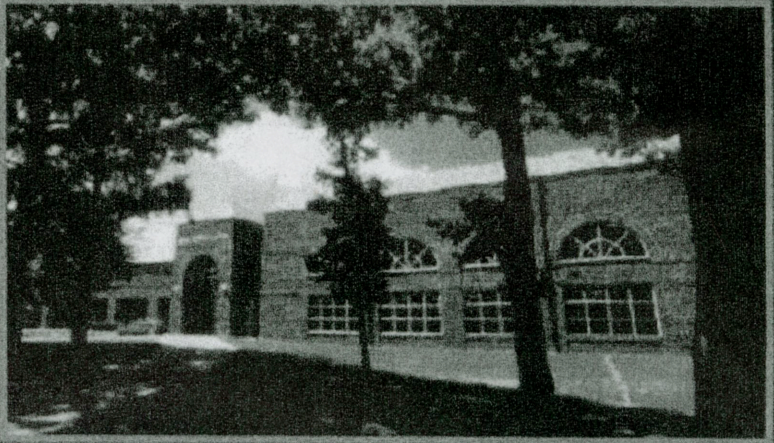
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NEWS & EVENTS

Wagner Debuts New Website

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Within the next few weeks get ready to check out the all-new, interactive Wagner College Website at wagner.edu

We're pretty excited about our new worldwide home and we think you'll like what you see. Beginning sometime in February, a complete redesign of the wagner.edu website will appear on your screen when you check us out. The new site will be interactive and provide you with information that is regularly updated about everything from campus events to athletic scores, theatre schedules and much more. Designed to be easy for everyone to navigate, the website directs visitors to the site to different sections including specific audiences of Prospective Students, Prospective Parents, Alumni and Friends, Visitors, and the Wagner Community. Each section will provide the latest information about the College most relevant to the person searching the site.

The Alumni and Friends section of the website will report all recent news about friends and classmates, alumni clubs and social events, Reunion

2000 and Homecoming. You'll also be able to update us about your life achievements while similarly staying current about your classmates.

The performing and visual arts calendars will be posted as will schedules for all sporting events. There will even be a place to express your opinion or ask questions. Maybe we'll even be providing a daily weather report in addition to using the site for snow closing notifications.

"We've been working for the past year to take our website to the next plateau and we think we have jumped several levels," observed Associate Dean Victoria Hopwood who has overseen the redesign. Throughout the year, we will be adding more information to the website including career development opportunities. Visit often for continual updates; this is a perfect way to stay connected with Wagner. You can access the Wagner college website at www.wagner.edu.

Did you graduate with a "0" or "5" at the end of your diploma???
If so, June 2 & 3, 2000 is a weekend to be at Wagner.

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Choir Alumni Gathering
Broadway Show

Class Photos
Dinner Dance

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