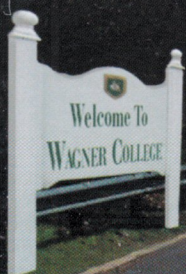


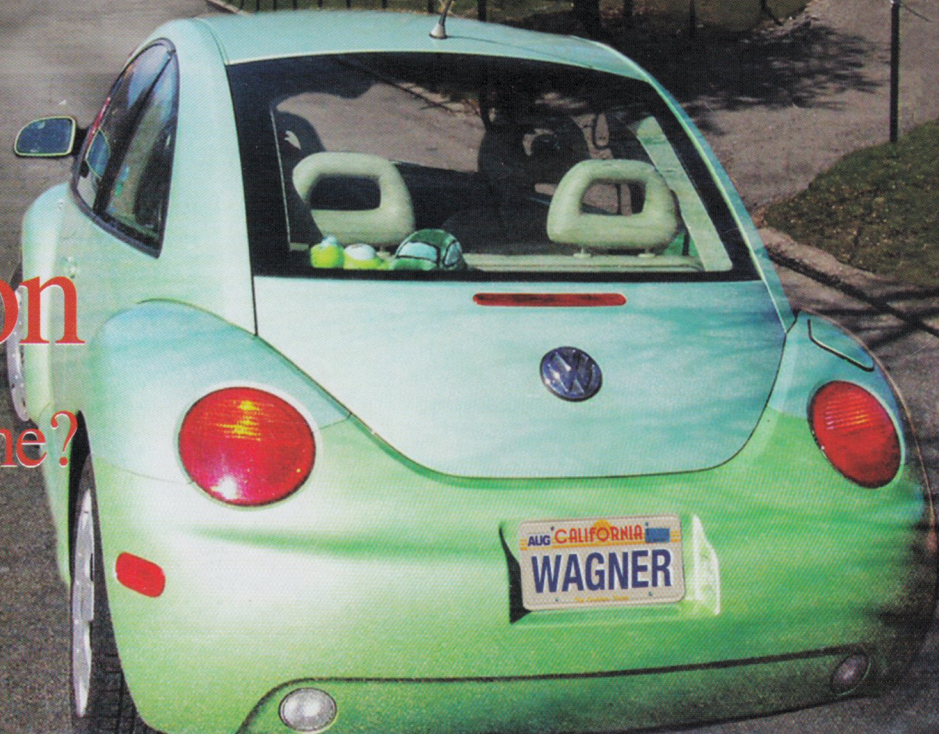
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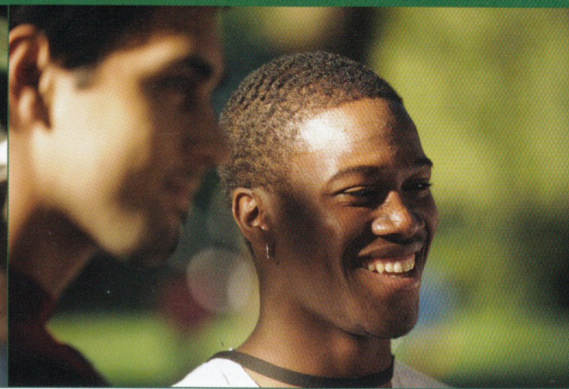
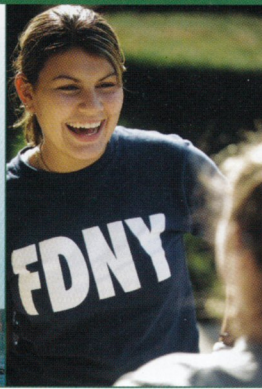
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GUARASCI

# REPUTATION WHAT'S IN A NAME?



of our faculty and staff, and brought about added financial stability. The article to which he referred – *On the Challenge of Becoming the Good College* – was published this January in *Liberal Education*, the journal of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. AAC&U is the premier higher education association that fosters the improvement of teaching and learning in colleges and universities across the country.

The fact that the magazine chose to feature Wagner is evidence that the association's leadership recognizes the phenomenal transformation we have wrought at Wagner over the past decade. But I was unprepared for the response to the article. Scores of presidents and provosts have called to ask how we did it. The article has created a "buzz" about Wagner among opinion leaders in higher education and accelerated the ascent of the College.

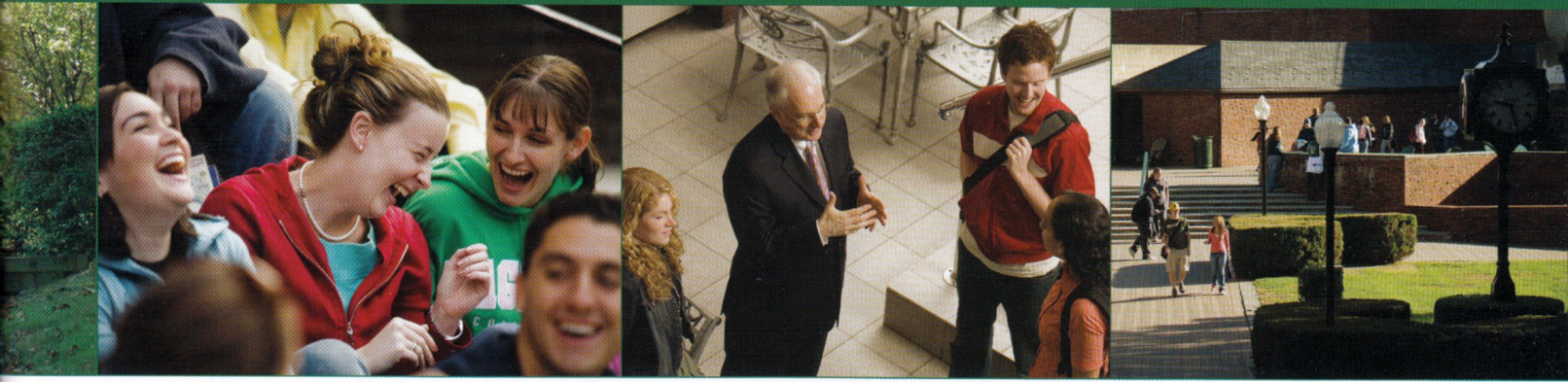
(You can see the article by going to [www.wagner.edu](http://www.wagner.edu)).

Reputation feeds on itself. In the 2006 edition of *America's Best Colleges* by *US News & World Report*, Wagner was one of a handful of the nation's selective colleges and universities to be cited more than once in "The Programs to Look For." Editors recognized us for the quality of our First Year Program and our Learning Communities. Their selection was based on input from more than 3,000 college presidents, provosts, and deans of admissions.

Certainly the votes of my colleagues on other campuses were influenced by the selection, in 2005, of Wagner as the recipient of the Theodore Hesburgh Award from TIAA-CREF, the organization that provides retirement benefits for most colleges and universities in America. Their awareness of Wagner was

Yesterday, I received a telephone call from yet another college president who wanted to know more about Wagner. He had read about the College and how the Wagner Plan had boosted our enrollment, deepened the quality





deepened again when the Association for Professional and Organizational Development presented Wagner with a national award for our innovative and effective programs in faculty development.

Wagner continues to receive other significant accolades as well. For the second consecutive year, the Princeton Review cited the Wagner College Theatre Program as the best in the nation. This is spectacular recognition for a high achieving, highly competitive program that produces exceptional performances throughout the year.

While extremely important and one of the goals of Wagner's strategic plan, broadening the College's national reputation is not achieved so much by the honors and awards we receive as by the day-to-day lives of our alumni, our students, and our faculty and staff. You are the walking proof of the Wagner education. In your work, in raising your families, and in your service in your communities, you demonstrate every day the values and relevance of your experiences on Grymes Hill.

Occasionally in informal conversation, you mention Wagner. Your friends and colleagues see you and know you and through you come

to understand that Wagner played some role – good, I hope – in who you are and what you do. It is through your lives that the reputation of the College is really built. We have a magnificent family of alumni.

The quality of our alumni is largely the work of faculty who are deeply dedicated to helping each student learn. From the first moments of freshman orientation, faculty help students refine their aspirations and then develop the skills and knowledge that enables them to reach their goals. Our programs in intercollegiate athletics and the efforts of our scholar-athletes, who compete on our teams and their coaches, also spread the reputation of the College.

Staff too, whether administrators or members of housekeeping, security, buildings or grounds, fill a similar role as friends and informal advisors for students the way one might turn to an uncle or aunt. Each person employed by the College carries with her or him an awesome responsibility for nurturing the development of students. Students manifest the Wagner experience to their friends back home. In so many ways, then, the reputation of Wagner is vested in who we are and

what we do.

Our reputation is fostered, as well, by members of our Board of Trustees, our National Alumni Association and our Parent Association. Volunteer leaders, both alumni and parents, who serve on our boards and councils, through their commitment of valuable time, energy, and ideas, and through their conversations with peers who serve on similar boards, amplify the College's reputation.

While we are all thrilled by the national recognition that we have purposefully sought and achieved, it is in fact word of mouth – the personal belief in the value of Wagner passed from one person to another – that fans the spread of Wagner's reputation. That's one of the main reasons why inquiries and applications for enrollment have increased by nearly 300 percent in the past 10 years. That's a major factor underlying the ten-fold increase in the College's endowment to \$34 million during the past decade. And that's why this is such a magnificent time for me to be associated with this College. ❖

*Ruth Swain*

# New Faces

WELCOMING NEW (and some not so new) ADDITIONS TO WAGNER

## Mini Zuberi

Mini Zuberi is the voice at the other end of the phone when someone dials Wagner's information number (718-390-3100). Previously covered by the College's voice mail system, callers are now pleasantly surprised to get a "human voice" when they call for information.

"I love my job," Mini says. "I love the students, the surroundings and the staff."

Born in the former Yugoslavia, Mini lives on Staten Island with her husband and three daughters.

When asked if she receives any annoying phone calls, Mini responds by saying, "There are no annoying phone calls, only people who need information. That's what I'm here for." ❖



Mini Zuberi

## Michael Brillante '02

**Michael J. Brillante '02** is the new Director of Media Services. He has been working closely with students, faculty, and staff to meet their audio/visual needs. Michael is no stranger to our campus, earning both his BS in Computer Science in 2002 and his MBA in Marketing in 2005.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my years at Wagner College as a student and I hope to further enrich my career taking on the responsibilities as the Director of Media Services," Michael says. "I'm also looking forward to the many technological improvements planned for Wagner College in the upcoming year."

While at Wagner, Michael worked as a Graduate Assistant in the Horrman Library and as a Lab Technician in the Spiro Computer Center. He was also inducted into Kappa Mu Epsilon honoring excellence in Mathematics. Michael is a native Staten Islander who enjoys softball, New York Yankees baseball, and classic automobiles. ❖



Michael J. Brillante '02

## Pat Schoknecht Director of Information Technology

Pat Schoknecht is the new Director of Information Technology. Rather than coming from a computing background, Pat arrives with a PhD in animal science from Cornell, seven years as a faculty member at Rutgers University and five years as the Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology at the University of Richmond. Pat is an animal nutritionist and has been teaching a fully online animal nutrition course for the past six years. She hopes to be able to teach in the Biology Department at Wagner in the future. "Technology impacts every aspect of higher education, but nowhere more than in expanding the learning opportunities for faculty and students. Helping the College integrate technology throughout the Wagner Plan is one of our most exciting initiatives."

Pat is looking forward to the start of the baseball season, having grown up a die-hard Cubs fan in Chicago. Since moving to Staten Island, Pat has spent her free time exploring the five boroughs, exercising her 125 pound Mastiff-mix, and trying to decide who really makes the best pizza in New York City. Recommendations are welcome! ❖



Pat Schoknecht

## Michael Suski, Janelle Francisco, Esmeralda Mendoza and Joseph Abruzzo

### Wagner's Newest Athletic Trainers

As Wagner's certified athletic trainers, we perform injury evaluation and assist with rehabilitation and prevention of injuries for the student-athlete population here at the College. ❖



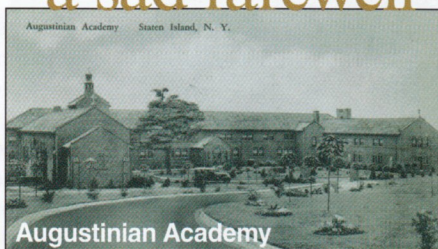
Pictured left to right are: Michael Suski, Director of Sports Medicine; Janelle Francisco, Assistant Athletic Trainer; Esmeralda Mendoza, Assistant Athletic Trainer; and Joseph Abruzzo, Assistant Athletic Trainer.

## Landmark and Legacy - a sad farewell

It was with much sadness that on Monday, February 27, 2006 demolition on the old Augustinian Academy building on Clove Road began.

The structure, following years of vandalism and neglect, had become a danger to its neighbors and to trespassers. In consultation with Tom Conway, President of the Augustinian Academy Alumni Association, the College made the decision regarding its demolition.

The Spanish mission-style building had been home to the Academy from 1926 through 1969. The Augustinian order sold the property to developers in 1985. It was abandoned in 1989, undermined by fire and vandalism and subsequently condemned by the New York City Department of Buildings. Wagner College acquired the property in 1993 but, because of the extent of damage and neglect, was unable to salvage the foundation.



During the demolition, a lead box was found inside the Academy's cornerstone which was laid on October 10, 1924. Alumni gathered at Wagner to open the box and found a copy of *The Staten Islander* newspaper dated Oct. 8, 1924.

A ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2005, hosted by President Guarasci on the grounds of the Academy, was followed by a reception for Augustinian alumni in the College's Faculty Dining Room. Jack Irving of the Augustinian Academy class of 1965 announced a \$10,000 gift

to start an Augustinian Academy scholarship fund at Wagner. The Augustinian Alumni Association contributed an additional \$1,000, and they hope to reach their goal of \$100,000.

President Guarasci told the alumni gathered that he believes that the demolition, "presents us with an opportunity to honor the memory of the Academy and its alumni by planning to continue its legacy of teaching and learning."

It is the College's hope that in the future, a major academic building that will house Wagner College's School of Nursing, Business Department and Education Department, as well as other related learning facilities, will be proposed. *The Staten Island Advance* wrote in its editorial of March 8th, "We applaud Wagner's decision to go in that direction."

President Guarasci described the building he sees taking the place of the Augustinian as "aesthetically pleasing, technologically 'smart,' and in harmony with the architecture and scale of the Grymes Hill neighborhood." ❖



Ferreri, left, and Meyers debuted the plan for Staten Island's first residential hospice facility at a press conference.

## Wagner Alumni Join to Develop Hospice Residence

Wagner alumni **Anthony Ferreri '72 M'81** and **Howard Meyers '63** have joined their organizations to develop Staten Island's first hospice residence, a stand-alone facility for terminally ill patients.

Ferreri, who is president and CEO of Staten Island University Hospital, and Meyers, who chairs the board of trustees at Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, are guiding a \$2 million effort that will create a residential facility on the grounds of the Eger center. Ferreri and Meyers agreed that, when completed in 2007, "it will look like a home and feel like a home."

"The plan builds on a 13-year alliance between University Hospital and Eger," Ferreri pointed out. "The friendship and mutual regard between the two institutions is much older than that," Meyers added. ❖

## Alumna Races Around the World



Wagner alumna **Danielle (Dani) Torchio '05** probably didn't expect when she graduated last June that less than a year later she would be traveling around the world on national television.

Dani and her best friend, Danielle Turner, were chosen, along with ten other 2-person teams, for

"Amazing Race 9" on CBS. The 22-year old

Staten Island natives have been friends since high school and have been inseparable ever since.

Having traveled little, Dani was excited to be chosen for the "Race" which gives contestants the chance to explore the world. The teams compete in a month-long course and face numerous challenges – both mental and physical – at each of the unknown destinations of the race including the Middle East, Moscow and Sicily. Vying for the \$1 million prize, the last place team is eliminated each week.

Dani graduated at the top of her class

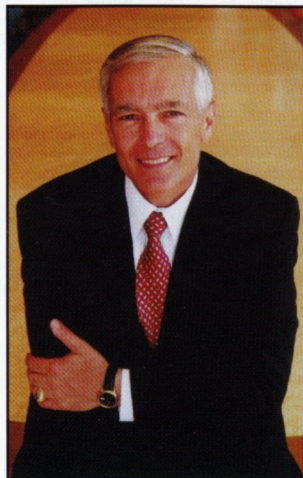
from Wagner with a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

(NOTE – As the LINK went to deadline, we were informed that Dani and her teammate were eliminated from the "Race." We give them three cheers for a valiant effort.) ❖

## 2006 COMMENCEMENT GEN. WESLEY CLARK

General Wesley K. Clark, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander and former Democratic candidate for President, is the 2006 Commencement Speaker at the College's 119th graduation, Friday, May 19, 2006.

"We are honored to have General Clark address the graduating Class of 2006," President Guarasci said. "His leadership as one of the Army's few four-star generals and his courage as a Presidential candidate will surely prove inspirational to students and parents alike." ♦



## E-VOTING COMES TO WAGNER

For the first time in Wagner's history, this year's Student Government Association's (SGA) Executive Committee elections were held online. With the able assistance of the College's Information Technology (IT) Department, students were able to vote from the comfort of their residence hall rooms or from a collection of laptop computers set up in the Atrium of the Union.



"This is just another example of Wagner's ability to meet the technology needs and wants of its students," said **Tad Bender '06**, SGA President.

Students read biographies of the eight candidates for the President, Vice-President, Vice-President of Finance and Vice-President of Communications positions in SGA on a website set up by IT.

"We had a much higher turnout of voters," Bender added. "And almost no discrepancies or challenges to votes that we otherwise faced with paper ballots."

The system will be used again in the upcoming election for Student Senate. "It is just a much more professional way of doing things," Bender said. ♦

## EASTER EGG-GRAMS



From left to right: Hiroe Yoshizawa (visiting student), **Kelly Heyn '07**, **Julie Trahon '08**, **Michelle Shaffer '06** and **Kimberly Simek '07**, President of the Arts Honor Society.

Kappi Pi, Wagner's Arts Honor Society, recently raised money by selling Easter Egg-grams. Students could purchase and decorate eggs and fill them with jellybeans. They were then hand delivered to their recipients. All proceeds went to the Arts Honor Society. ♦

## IN GOOD COMPANY

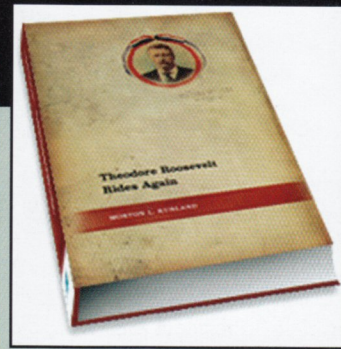
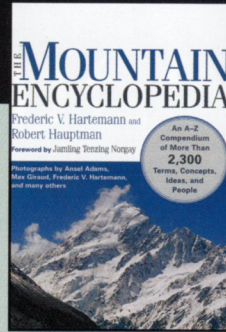
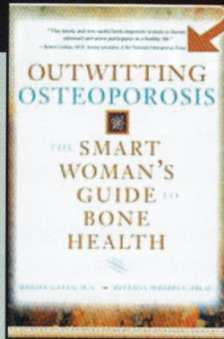
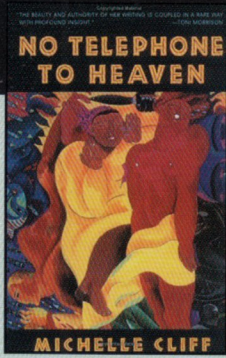
One of twelve students selected to be a student scholar at a recent CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Conference, **Lauren LaMonaca '07** represented Wagner College in Pittsburgh, PA. She had the opportunity to meet professionals within the development field and obtain new information through seminars, round table discussions, workshops and guest speakers. The keynote speakers were Devon Harris a three-time Olympian and "Right to Play" ambassador as well as Charles Dougherty, President of Duquesne University.

Since the conference was held the weekend of the Super Bowl, Lauren was able to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers give a victory to the city at Heinz Field. ♦



The CASE Awards Gala with all the Student Scholars and their mentor. From left to right: Tristen Piper (University of Pennsylvania), Dan Luperchio (Johns Hopkins), Louise Smith (Goucher), Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (York College of Pennsylvania), Emily Kernan (Binghamton), Norah Freeston (mentor), Tiffany Strobel (Wilfrid Laurier), Elizabeth Noyes (Colgate), **Lauren LaMonaca '07** (Wagner College), Katie Luker (Siena), Phil Recchio (Hobart and William Smith Colleges), Jessica Cates (Drew) and Matt Steinhart (Rutgers).





## RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FROM WAGNER AUTHORS

*The Link* is always happy to recommend the works of Wagner's students, faculty and alumni. Here are some novels, guides and collections of poetry by Wagner authors, past and present.

### *No Telephone to Heaven*

By: Michelle Cliff '69

Ms. Cliff's main character, Clare Savage, is born into a light-skinned, landed family on the island of Jamaica. Her adolescent years are spent in America, where her ambitious father encourages her to seize the opportunity to pass for white. Clare is torn between these different worlds as she searches for an identity. By the novel's end, Clare realizes that her roots are in Jamaica, where her mother and grandmother had lived and died. She moves back, immerses herself in Jamaican culture and begins teaching reading, writing and history to Jamaican schoolchildren.

### *Outwitting Osteoporosis*

By: Dr. Beverly Hoehne Whipple '62

Younger women's lifestyles and habits can affect the bones they will have in the future: that's the message of *Outwitting Osteoporosis*, a book which reveals the latest information on osteoporosis and how it effects both men and women. From uncontrollable and controllable risk factors to advice on what to do for aging bones, *Outwitting Osteoporosis* urges early prevention and understanding of the factors influencing the disease's spread.

### *The Mountain Encyclopedia*

By: Robert Hauptman '64

A comprehensive reference book containing a stunning collection of mountain art and photography, *The Mountain Encyclopedia* is an alphabetically arranged overview of all the things connected to mountains. Sidebars list such phenomena as the world's 1000 highest peaks, the world's highest volcanoes, the high points of the 50 United States and 13 Canadian Provinces, and much more.

### *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*

By: Paul Zindel '58 M'65 H'71

*The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds* is Paul Zindel's best-known play. It is an autobiographical drama loosely based on his experiences growing up in a single-parent household. Zindel's portrayal of the painful side of family life struck a chord with audiences who found they could easily relate to the themes of loneliness and shattered dreams. The play was critically acclaimed and earned several awards, including an Obie Award for best play of the season (1970), the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best American play of the year (1970), and the Pulitzer Prize for drama (1971).

### *Theodore Roosevelt Rides Again*

By: Dr. Morton L. Kurland '52

The first published work in a series of books describes how our eventual 26th president is threatened with a scandal before his active campaign for office begins. He is accused of not having led the famous charge of his "Rough Riders" up San Juan Hill but hiding in

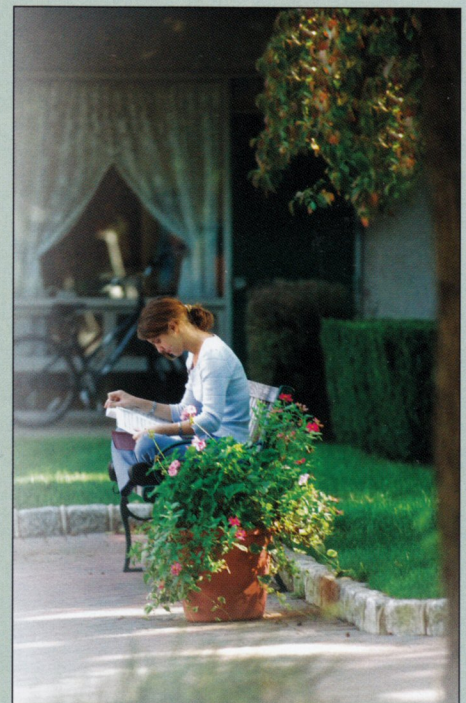
a tent with a woman of ill repute while allowing another man dressed in his clothes to take his place in battle.

### *On the Bittersweet Avenues of Pomona*

By: Wanda Schweizer Praisner '54

These poems remind one how delicately tangled are the roots of family and individual identity. The poet takes us into the rich and often frightening country of coming of age. Her world is peopled by children and adults who are incomprehensible to a child. Praisner manages to re-create this world for us in sparsely-worded, richly lived poems. ♦

To order any of these books go to [www.wagner.edu/alumni](http://www.wagner.edu/alumni).





# Reputation:



Angelo Araimo  
Vice President for Enrollment and Planning

*A college's reputation is as important as its endowment. And a growing awareness of Wagner, across the country and around the world, has increased the College's access to prospective students.*

*Angelo Araimo, Vice President for Enrollment and Planning explains the dedication to nurturing a valued asset - the College's reputation.*

A dozen years ago when Angelo Araimo came to Wagner College as Director of Admissions, about 70 percent of the College's students hailed from the immediate tri-state New York area. About half of the students commuted to classes on Grymes Hill. Only seven out of ten returned for their sophomore year. Today, nearly two-thirds come from states other than New York, more than 80% live on campus, and nine out of ten freshmen continue as sophomores.

The change in enrollment at Wagner has been more dramatic than most other transformations of the nation's liberal arts colleges. The evolution has been wrought carefully and steadily by Araimo, now the College's Vice President for Enrollment and Planning, and his staff. All are dedicated to nurturing the College's most valuable asset: its reputation.

In the mid-1990s, Wagner began to be more explicit in the business of managing its reputation. The College took the first steps toward expanding its base from a regional, somewhat commuter college, into an institution that had much to offer students beyond the metropoli-

tan region. Reputations are delicate entities. They demand careful nourishment.

A commercial company's performance is measured by the depth and loyalty of its customers, the quality of its product, and the strength of its bottom line. Colleges are similar. The quality of its graduates, the persistence of its students, the relevance and desirability of its curriculum, and the health of its financial position are all hallmarks of the horsepower of a college. By every measure, Wagner is strong and its reputation is now widely known.

Where only 18 states were represented within the student body 15 years ago, 41 are now. Of the 331 freshmen who enrolled in 1995, only 7 came from outside of New York, New England, and the Middle Atlantic States. Today, the freshman class numbers 585 and 65 have their homes in states beyond the Northeast or Middle Atlantic quadrant of the country. While only a few more than 1,200 students applied for admission in 1995, nearly 3,000 applied for the fall 2005 freshman class - an increase of 300%. This impressive growth directly illustrates Wagner's widening appeal and the power of its reputation.

How did Wagner develop its reputation? Araimo might paraphrase the late John Houseman: "We make our reputation the old-fashioned way. We earn it." That is indeed the case. Within two years of his arrival, Araimo had recruited a talented corps of admissions counselors using a blend of young alumni, such as the current Director of Admissions, **Leigh-Ann DePascale '96**. This team hit the road, developing personal relationships with guidance counselors in public and private high schools of quality throughout the country. Beginning in

York City; and a campus community that is as caring and supportive as its campus is beautiful.

Today, secondary school counselors are beleaguered by increasing demands on their time. But for Wagner, the number of invitations continues to increase. Doors are opening for the College in prestigious schools in

"We make our reputation  
the old fashioned way.

We earn it."

Westchester, Nassau County, and Manhattan, as you'll read in the accompanying essay from **Jake Browne '05**, former student senator and an Assistant Director of Admissions at Wagner.

As competition for access to the nation's best colleges becomes more and more competitive, families are increasingly turning to private assistance from individuals like former College Dean and Provost Dodge Johnson for help. A member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA), Johnson says: "Wagner is a place for those who are hungry to learn."

Thanks to efforts by Johnson and his colleagues, students throughout the country are



Moving-In Day 2005

learning about Wagner. The admitted pool of students for fall 2006 includes candidates from Hawaii, Colorado, Florida, and Pennsylvania who have been directed to Wagner by IECA

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# Building the Future

BY JOHN ROSS

Counselors.

To augment its presence in schools that cannot be visited by Wagner admissions staff, the College is developing a network of alumni and parents. "Too many colleges recruit scores of alumni volunteers and then fail to deploy them wisely and well," says Araimo. "Alumni and parents get frustrated and lose interest. Like the reputation of the College, we want the reputation of the alumni/parents admissions program to be solid from its very beginning."

Wagner alumni are proof of the pudding. Vibrant pockets of Wagner graduates are found in Florida, California, and throughout New England. But its current students are testimony



to the attractiveness of the program. You'll meet some of them in the essays and articles that follow – **Alexandra Jacobs '07**, a junior from Mannsville, NY and one of the founders of the College's chapter of Habitat for Humanity; **Zeinab Choucair '07**, a junior from Brooklyn, NY, who spent her winter break testing water in Bangladesh for arsenic with Prof. Mohammad Alauddin; and sophomore vocalist **Michael Puglia '08** from Northvale, NJ, who performed for hundreds of political leaders and diplomats at the White House Holiday Reception last December.

Each student is a walking manifestation of Wagner's reputation. Mentoring by talented faculty like **Ernie Jackson '87** help to create future ambassadors for Wagner such as **Tom Vendittelli '07**, **Anthony Babino '09**, **Kara Platt '06** and **Christine LaRocca '07**.

Wagner's signature curriculum – the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts – re-established the distinctive reputation of the College. The Wagner Plan with its integration of the liberal arts, professional studies, and engagement with the social, financial, and cultural institutions that make up New York City has attracted accolades from numerous organizations including the Hesburgh Award, inclusion in Project Pericles and the Associated New American Colleges, increased ratings in *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best

## Spiro Sports Center

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Colleges," and a steady presence in the Princeton Review, including Best Theater Program (2005, 2006) and "Most Beautiful Campus" (2005).

The College's widening reputation has also translated into growth in alumni giving. Annual giving has increased 5% annually in each of the past 3 years and the College is seeing gifts that are greater in average gift size as

well as in number. Inner Circle donors (those giving at the \$1000 level and above) increased 15% last year. This year's graduating class of 2006 has already tripled the size of the senior class gift from previous classes.

Wagner's expanding reputation not only allows it to attract high quality students and support from alumni but also makes it a college of choice for up-and-coming professors who see the active teaching pedagogy and integrated curriculum as the wave of the future for higher education in America. Among leaders in higher education, because of efforts invested by President Guarasci and Provost Devorah Lieberman and a number of faculty, Wagner is becoming a household name. ❖

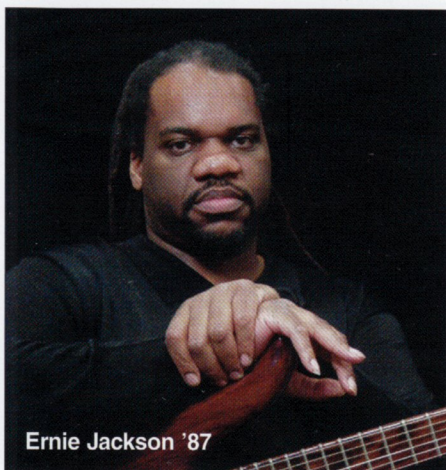
Pape House - Office of Admissions



## Wagner's Reputation is its Curriculum

## Wagner Comes First

by Ernie Jackson '87



Ernie Jackson '87

The Practical Liberal Arts practiced at Wagner is clearly evidenced in Ernie Jackson's students. The Director of Wagner's Guitar Ensemble says, "The best thing is teaching someone how to teach themselves along with teaching someone how to learn."

Wagner comes first! That's the reaction I get from the organizations where I've placed my students. Our reputation is huge. They invite us back because our "rep" is so good.

Maria Guria '90 of Career Development got me started as a mentor in 2001. There was a mentorship dinner in the Faculty Dining Room and I sat at the arts table.

What I found out in talking to the students that night was this - not everyone wants to be a star, not everyone has to be a musician. But they want to be involved. That is why they came to Wagner.

In mentoring, you are looking for a match - a match between student and placement. You might have a music student, but one who wants to work in a recording studio.

Recently, through my own professional experience I'd become involved with the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus\*, an organization that has proved invaluable to my mentoring. The Tour Bus travels the country teaching music education. I have had four students find great success with this organization. Kara Platt '06 and Christine LaRocca '07 are now part of the fabric there. They have had an

experience most only dream of.

Christine, a guitarist and singer in her own band, really wanted to do something in the studio. Kara, having toured extensively with the Wagner Choir, genuinely wanted to learn about tour management. They both got what they wanted. They both were exposed to situations where they could use their talents and knowledge in non-traditional ways. I don't know of any other school that can offer this kind of first-hand experience.

I firmly believe that after she finished her internship, the John Lennon folks would hire Kara as a full-time employee. But her heart is back in Massachusetts working with autistic children. She wanted an internship in music but she's going back to teach. But that's alright and it's beautiful. And Christine will rock on. As a result of Wagner's reputation, they both achieved the opportunity and exposure they wanted.

And because Wagner "delivers" and because our students are responsible, the "bus" folks came to me again and said, "We need two more students. They will do a recording session with jazz guitarist Pat Metheny." How outrageous is that?

Anthony Babino '09 had a song that he and Tom Vendittelli '08 brought to the Tour Bus and Pat Metheny was their accompanist. Just imagine...you're a freshman, seven weeks into your college career and you record the song



Tom Vendittelli '08 and Anthony Babino '09

you wrote with an international music star. That is the experience they had.

"He (Metheny) was pulling notes out of thin air," Anthony says. Tom agrees, "It can't get any better than that."

Are these internships? Yes, these are internships but...they're funky! Sometimes it's as simple as you, as a student musician, are told upon arrival at your studio placement, "Santana was just sitting there." And the student is dumbstruck and says, "Santana was just sitting here? This is it!"

And sometimes a parent then gets a phone call, and you know your child is getting the grades they need. But then they say "Dad...do you know where I just was?" And they tell you about Santana. That's Wagner. That's reputation.

And you, as that parent, hang up the phone and think to yourself "Alright!"



\* The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus is a non-profit, mobile recording studio outfitted with traditional musical instruments as well as current technological advances. Since 1998, the Bus has provided free hands-on programs to hundreds of high schools, colleges, Boys and Girls Clubs, music festivals, concerts, conventions and community organizations. Working together with some of the biggest names in music, the Lennon Bus encourages students to play music, write songs, engineer recording sessions and produce music video projects using the latest audio, video, and live sound equipment. ❖



Christine LaRocca '07



Kara Platt '06

## Wagner's Reputation is its Ambassadors

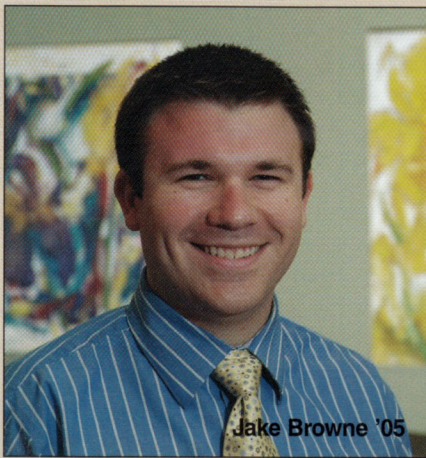
### Spreading the Word on Wagner

On a recent evening in March, at Bayside High School in New York City, Wagner's **Jake Browne '05**, viewed the room around him.

There were soldiers present and there were police from the NYPD. The room was filled with hundreds of people and the level of noise in the room was deafening at times. It was "College Night" at Bayside High and Jake was there to spread the word about Wagner.

Jake is Wagner's Assistant Director of Admissions, and his role that night was to introduce the College to those who were unfamiliar with its reputation.

He answered questions from parents and



Jake Browne '05

students about the school's location ("New York City, Staten Island") nearby airports ("JFK, LaGuardia, Newark") and how many college fairs he and the other Admission Counselors attend in a year ("around 500").

But possibly most important to Jake and his efforts was a question about the school's reputation. "The size of Wagner enables students to have one-on-one interaction with teachers and receive the personal attention they need," Jake answered. And that is how reputation builds.

He first became interested in Admissions when he decided to be a student ambassador in his freshman year at Wagner. As an ambassador, Jake gave tours to prospective students and conducted campus visits. He started his internship in Admissions during his senior year and enjoyed it so much, that it evolved into a full-time job following his graduation last May.

"While being situated so close to Manhattan, Wagner's location offers easy access to the city, as well as a real campus experience." Jake turns and tells a group of students.

"The Wagner Plan was especially appealing because it combines experiential learning and fieldwork, with required internships that often evolve into full-time positions after graduation."



Jake speaking about Wagner at Bayside High school in New York City.

Jake also thinks students choose Wagner because of its size, its location, and the Wagner Plan.

From mid-September to mid-November, Jake is involved in strong recruitment for 10 weeks on the road – setting up a booth at college fairs or meeting with high school guidance counselors for private visits.

"There's this high school in Colorado," Jake mentions to a visitor before returning to the crowd that's gathering before him, inquisitive looks poised on their faces.

"We seem to get a large number of applications from this one particular school outside Denver," he says before addressing them. "Word spreads." - Kevin Davitt ❖

## Wagner's Reputation is its Advocates

### Wagner Feeds the Educational Appetite

by Dodge Johnson

As the college application process becomes more sophisticated and competition for admittance to desirable schools like Wagner becomes fiercer, parents will often hire a consultant to help them and their child navigate their way through the college application maze.

Dodge Johnson, of the Independent Education Counselors Association, provides that kind of counsel. Here, he shares his thoughts on Wagner's reputation, what it offers and what qualities he looks for in a student to determine a good match.

Wagner is a place for those who are hungry to learn.

When I'm matching a prospective student to a college or university, I take a number of things into consideration about both. My first

thoughts of Wagner College are that it has an attractive campus, good transportation and its location gives it access to the excitement of Manhattan.

The students I recommend want to "learn how to learn" and Wagner provides that support. The college is small for kids that want that and The Wagner Plan places the college in a "niche." It is a plan that makes sense.

I recommend Wagner to students who want to go to school in the northeast. They may not

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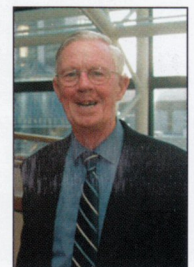
those hungry to learn"

say it in these words but they want to mix the intellectual with the practical. They are risk-takers to some degree – many are hard driving. Are they interested in sports? Culture? Are they readers?

Students I have talked to who have attended

the College, find the student and faculty population "diverse, friendly and cosmopolitan." The education Wagner provides is intellectual and practical. There is an expectation that one will become engaged. And when you look at a school like Harvard, you realize that it only admits winners. Wagner, to its credit, takes chances.

At any given time, a college's reputation is intertwined with that of its President. Richard Guarasci has a vision of what he wants. It is helpful that he is a "homegrown boy" – a native son of New York City. He's attracted talented faculty and staff and they believe in his vision and him. ❖



Dodge Johnson  
Independent Education Counselors Association

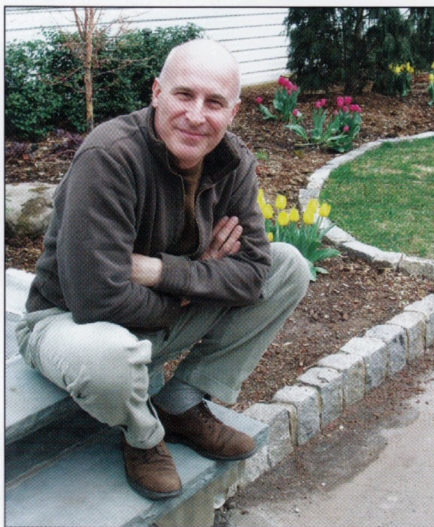
## Wagner's Reputation is its Faculty

## From the U.S. to the U.K.

by John Jamiel, Head of Acting

John Jamiel, Head of Acting, takes Wagner on his theatrical journey to Surrey, England and brings European technique back to campus.

Traditional actor training in this country is derived from producer/director/actor



Assistant Professor John Jamiel

Constantin Stanislavski's methods developed over a century ago. We employ them here in Wagner's Theater program. He was the first to develop a systemized approach to acting. The character's interior life is of primary importance. Many of his principles were adapted to suit the American actor who had been traditionally encouraged to use psychological background in portraying a character.

Contemporary European training was and is very different. There the focus shifts from a more visceral and physical approach to characterization. To enhance the acting experience at

Wagner and for my own professional purposes, I needed to investigate theatres and training programs in England and on the continent. I wanted to learn the contemporary European methods. I wanted to influence the Wagner acting program.

In 2000, during Wagner's spring break, I attending a number of productions in London and in 2002 I visited the Deutsches Theatre in Berlin and the Kammerspiel Theatre in Munich. I decided that if I was going to advance my teaching methods at Wagner and build stronger, global perspectives in the classroom, I needed to weigh American methods against those of Europe and in the process, bring a dramatic benefit to our students and the program.

I established a working relationship with Peter Barlow, Head of the Acting Program at the Guildford School of Acting, Surrey, England. Guildford is one of the top three acting conservatories in England. Peter graciously invited me to be in residence from January to March, 2005 and in exchange for my directing a production, I could observe acting, voice and movement classes.

Peter suggested I direct British playwright Michael Frayn's translation of Chekhov's *Three Sisters*. I was delighted because I have an affinity for Chekhov. I was also surprised because I expected to direct something quintessentially American such as, *A Streetcar Named Desire* or *Our Town*. As soon as I heard the native accents and rhythms of this British cast I realized how perfectly Michael Frayn's translation fit. "Utter rubbish, of course," "pish and tush," and "boo to you," are as natural to these British actors as "fat chance," "nonsense," and "ridiculous," are to Americans.

Through my work in Surrey I discovered this: with British training, character is revealed through language. In American training, words create a springboard for the actors to relate the text to their personal lives and experiences in general.



Chekhov's Three Sisters

The best actors combine technique with passion. Audiences, here or abroad, believe they are who they say they are by their living the character's life fully and completely through the language and the imaginary circumstances of the play.

The experience was reaffirming. The balance between technique and art is an ongoing process. It is essential that an actor balances the task of creating a character, based on the truth of the text, with allowing personality to be reflected in their work. Something unique and original can occur in the process.

My teaching at Wagner will continually



The author and British actors

improve through synthesizing my pedagogy with that of the European approach. I am hoping to present a paper at either the Association for Theatre in Higher Education or the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival based on my trip to England. An exchange program with the Guildford School with Wagner would be next. It would certainly build on Wagner's growing reputation and spread the word about it. ❖



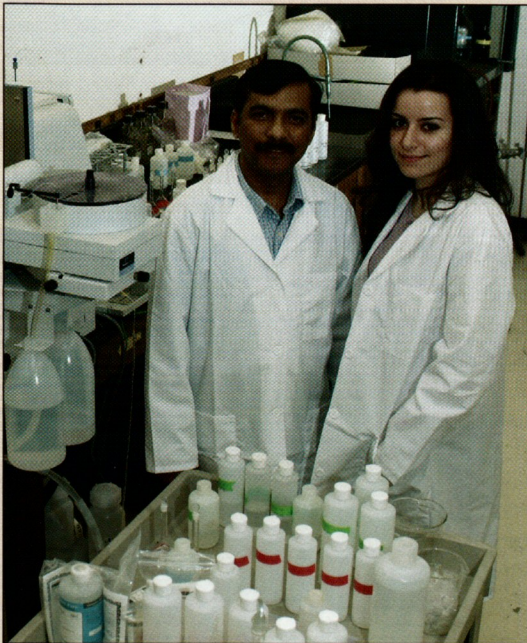
Guildford School Surrey, England

## Wagner's Reputation is its Faculty and Students Together

## Making a Difference

by Zeinab Choucair '07

Imagine traveling hundreds of miles for long hours across the great ocean to a place some would consider a vacation spot; a home; a culturally-enriched ancient city that you've been yearning to explore and visit for ages.



Dr. Mohammad Alauddin and Zeinab Choucair '07

There are few places better than Dhaka City. Yes... Dhaka City in Bangladesh... a city full of rickshaws and natural beauty, dotted with modern high rise buildings, hotels, shopping centers, parks, museums, universities and, yes, home of 16 million people. On one side of the city one can see the relics of the Mughal Empire from 300 hundreds years ago side by side with modern hotels like Sheraton, Radisson, and Holiday Inn.

Picture a country boat (gondola) ride across one of the rivers, sightseeing towns and villages in this foreign landscape you've envisioned. And yet you know that underneath all this beauty, a natural calamity is unfolding in its rural areas where millions of people have no access to safe drinking water.

In the United States our health is protected by strict laws and regulations. But even here there is contamination and defilement of our ecosystem. In countries like Bangladesh there

is no strict policy or at best, there is lax enforcement of the law.

The water in Bangladesh is contaminated with arsenic. It is one of the worst cancer causing agents. Experts, like our own Dr. Mohammad Alauddin, now believe that the arsenic contamination in Bangladesh is shaping up as the worst mass poisoning the world has ever witnessed. And this is where my real journey began.

Dr. Alauddin and my fellow students Lindsay Lucas, Angela Kahres and I traveled to Bangladesh over the winter break in January, 2006. We attended the 6th International Conference on Arsenic Exposure and Health Effects where we met key scholars including the World Health Organization's (WHO) Dr. David Christiani of the Harvard University Medical School and Dr. Allan Smith, University of California Berkeley.

Arsenic contamination in groundwater has been a major public health issue in third world countries, but especially in Bangladesh. About 97% of 140 million people in Bangladesh depend on groundwater as the principle source of drinking water. According to the World Health Organization, the accepted level of arsenic in drinking water is 10 parts per unit. About 30-35 million people in Bangladesh are exposed to 50 parts arsenic in their water while 80 million are estimated to be exposed to arsenic above 10 parts.

We visited rural villages where all the water is contaminated. We saw arsenic patients with diffuse melanosis and severe cases like keratosis (advanced stage of skin carcinoma). Most heartbreaking was an 8 year old child with arsenicosis symptoms.

The abhorrent living conditions for children, the little food they had to eat, and the workload a 6 year-old does everyday to help support his family was shocking. Malnutrition in the villages was countless and death from cancer was never a surprise.

But Dr. Alauddin made sure that our trip was not only about arsenic in water, air pollution or laboratory research. He guided us to many wonderful and amazing places - grand muse-



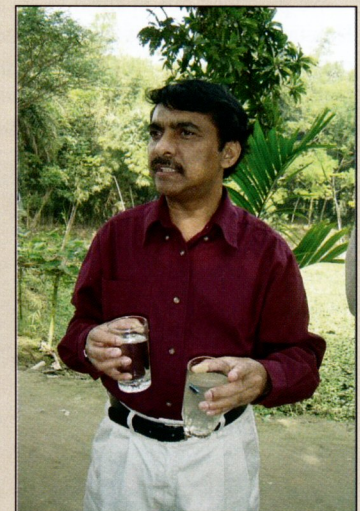
Children of Bangladesh

ums with phenomenal paintings and an amazing zoo, home to the famous Royal Bengal tiger.

We enjoyed wonderful Bengali and Indian food, learned about the culture and customs and on one occasion, dressed in traditional Bengali dress. We met many Bengali people and learned some of the language. We rode rickshaws and gondolas and listened to Bengali and Indian music.

We learned more than just the problems of Bangladesh. We lived in it, felt it, and were part of it for a few glorious days.

Now it is time to be part of the solution. ❖



Drinking water samples



Dhaka City Swamp

# There's No Place Like (your own) Home

by Alexandra Jacobs '07



Alexandra Jacobs '07

In its first semester, Wagner College's chapter of Habitat for Humanity united to raise awareness, raise money, and raise a hammer—all in the name of building a community.

The great thing about Habitat for Humanity is that it works through grassroots action. Our members' enthusiasm and energy, channeled into informing people about poverty and homelessness in the U.S., transformed the levels of participation and help from families, friends, Wagner students and the Staten Island community.

In November, we raised funds selling tickets for our inaugural ball and organizing food donations. The result was a wonderful evening of jazz and dancing at the gala—and thousands of dollars to fund our very first 'build'.

Twenty-three of us traveled to Miami, Florida from December 19-23 where we picked up hammers and saws to build homes alongside families in need. Jordon Commons, in rural South Dade, Florida, is a model Habitat community with sustainable development and energy-efficient homes. With 110 completed homes and plans to build 77 more, it's the largest Habitat for Humanity project of its kind worldwide.

Miami Habitat put us to work right away—it wasn't easy. We hoisted cinderblocks, hammered window frames, sawed wood, chiseled plaster, dumped wheelbarrows, caulked windows, and nailed roofs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our short break for lunch never seemed enough. We often fell dead asleep at the end of the

day. But we were proud of our aching arms, dirty faces, and sunburned scalps. We knew we had made a difference.

We saw this difference working alongside Habitat homeowners, who were putting in time to build not only their own homes but their neighbors' homes as well. This was all done through Habitat's guiding principle of sweat equity.

"Barbara," a Habitat homeowner, showed us photos of her children and talked excitedly about how she would decorate her house when it was finally finished. The one thing she had always wanted in a home was a bench seat by the window, a place to sit in the sun.

We practiced our Spanish to speak to "Carlos," not only a Habitat homeowner, but a new Habitat employee as well. When he lost his job—a requirement to get a non-profit Habitat mortgage—Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami hired him as a full-time worker, to help construct homes year-round. He had a huge grin on his face as he helped wheel his new refrigerator into his newly-finished home. He proudly pointed out which room would be for his newborn baby son.

*'Tis better to give than to receive*, the saying goes. As I was welcomed home by my own family this past Christmas Eve, I couldn't help but think that the three homes we built were that much closer to welcoming families of their own. There's no greater gift one can give than that of a home. ❖



Habitat for Humanity, Wagner College chapter, Jordon Commons, Florida December 20, 2006.



## Wagner's Reputation is its Benefactors

## Drs. Evelyn and Donald Spiro Establish Spiro School of Nursing



Wagner's Board of Trustees voted to approve the renaming of the Wagner College Department of Nursing in honor of **Dr. Evelyn Lindfors Spiro, '49 H'92** at its December, 2005 meeting.

The Board's action recognized both **Dr. Donald Spiro '49 H'88**, Chairman Emeritus of the Wagner College Board of Trustees, and Evelyn for their lifelong financial and volunteer contributions to the school.

"Establishing the Spiro School of Nursing will help enhance the historic role of the nursing program at Wagner," said **Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta '64 M'81**, Dean of Learning Communities and Experiential Learning. "Building on the legacy of our founding Dean, Mary Burr, our commitment to educating nursing professionals will be broadened and deepened."

Wagner's graduates have distinguished themselves in both clinical and service settings. The College can now look forward to creating the leading nursing school in the

region.

"This gift contributes significantly to our national prominence in teaching and learning through the practical liberal arts, said Dr. Lauren O'Hare, Chair of the Nursing Department. "We are grateful that the Spiro Family will remain a permanent and lasting legacy through the school, and its Spiro Nursing Scholars and the Spiro Nursing Resource Center.

As one of its first programs, the School will establish a partnership with prestigious Johns Hopkins University where nursing students

will participate in a summer clinical program. And thanks to financial support from the Spiros, Wagner biology students will also study at Johns Hopkins during the summer.

The College hopes to form an advisory council of health care professionals and companies that will help create partnerships that will benefit our students and the patients they ultimately will serve.

Plans for the school

call for a "smart classroom" and the purchase of a new electronic simulator in the Spiro Nursing Resource Center. It will provide state-of-the-art instruction for faculty and students.

"We are deeply grateful to Don and Evelyn and the entire Spiro Family for this gift," said President Guarasci. "Evelyn's personal lifelong commitment to the profession has helped to stimulate us to think creatively and dramatically about our future. Their historic leadership has helped to create a school that will be a beacon of excellence for Wagner." ❖



## Wagner's Reputation is in Washington

## Playing for the President

There are many politicians who spend a lifetime trying to get elected to the White House. Sophomore Michael Puglia got there with sheer talent.

On Sunday, December 18, 2005, Michael performed at the White House Holiday Reception, accompanied on piano by his coach and mentor, James Ruck.

Michael first applied to the Visitor's Office of the White House in June, 2005. In October, he received the call to let him know he had been chosen.

"I couldn't believe I was sending my information to the White House. And then to get a response saying I was chosen was incredible," said Michael. At the reception he sang a variety of songs including: "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," and "Christmas Waltz."

"I was honored to share my music at such an American landmark. As I sang, the vitality of our nation surrounded me," he said.

Nearly 55,000 invited guests including diplomats and other important political figures visited the White House during these receptions.

Michael resides in Northvale, New Jersey and has performed at the 2005 Wagner Family Weekend as well as weddings, and corporate banquets. He became fascinated with performing during the sixth grade. In 2000, he won the Papermill Playhouse Rising Star Award for Best Child Actor, portraying "Billy Kopecki" in the musical *BIG*.

Michael is pursuing a double major in Music and Education and is also an active member of Music Society, Wagner College Choir, and the

Chamber Singers. As for the future, he looks forward to a musical career or becoming a music teacher. - Laura Coppolino ❖



**Michael Puglia '08** and his piano coach and mentor **James Ruck**.

## Wagner's Reputation is its Athletes

## Wagner Athletics - Character, Maturity and Fair Play

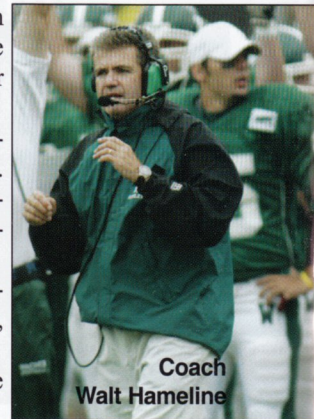
by Walt Hameline, Athletic Director

Wagner is particularly proud of the contribution of each student-athlete to the College's reputation. And, in turn, the College recognizes the responsibility to assist the student-athlete in achieving their potential. The goal is to leave Wagner with an enriched athletic experience coupled with a degree in a field of choice.

Student-athletes face heavy athletic demands. Practice, conditioning, travel, and the actual competition are time consuming and physically demanding. Yet these demands take a back seat to the academic requirements placed on the student. The student-athletes' main purpose for being at Wagner College is to get a quality education. They are encouraged to develop academic and athletic abilities in an environment where the goal is the successful completion of the College's academic requirements for graduation.

Athletics pursues a philosophy that intercollegiate athletics is an important part of a well-rounded and broad-based undergraduate college education, dedicated to the service of a broad range of student, faculty and public interests. At all times, the athletic program strives to develop character, maturity and fair play as well as athletic and physical excellence.

Above all we want our student-athletes to accomplish their academic goals at Wagner College and in turn, reinforce the exemplary reputation we continue to build. ❖

Coach  
Walt Hameline

## Academic All-Stars Shine at Wagner

Sixty-four student-athletes made the Dean's List last semester and 6 of them had a 4.0 GPA! These Academic "All-Stars" were honored during half-time of a recent basketball game.

## Wagner "Measures Up"

The latest NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR) data measuring the success of student-athletes on scholarship shows Wagner's performance is above average for all Division I institutions. Men's golf has a two-year score of 1000 (perfect score), and falls within the top 10% for team scores. ❖



Sean Piotrowski '06 of the "perfect score" team.

## Joy Gallagher '06 is Named Academic All-American for District I

Senior guard **Joy Gallagher '06** from Hazleton, PA was named to the 2006 *ESPN The Magazine's* "Academic All-America District I University First Team," on February 9, 2006.

Gallagher, who has a 3.88 grade point average in chemistry, will join four other District I first-team members on the national Academic All-American ballot.

"It's a well-deserved honor for Joy," said head women's basketball coach Gela Mikalauskas. "She's the epitome of a student-athlete." Gallagher is a two-year captain of the women's team and recently became the 20th member of the "1,000-point club." A Rhodes Scholar candidate, she ranks among the top ten in the Northeast Conference in scoring with over 13 points a game.

As a sophomore, Gallagher set the school single-game three-point record (11) against Boston University, leaving her one shy of the NCAA mark. She also led the NCAA ranks with 3.5 three-pointers per game while breaking the school's single-season record with 99 three-point shots. ❖



Joy Gallagher '06



## NIT Merges with NCAA

The NCAA and the five institutions who owned the NIT basketball tournament (NYU, St. John's, Fordham, Manhattan and Wagner), reached a settlement in August ending four years of litigation between the NIT and the NCAA. The NIT had filed an antitrust suit against the NCAA because of their rule mandating a team's participation in the NCAA Tournament as opposed to accepting an invitation to play in the NIT.

As a result of the settlement, Wagner College will receive \$9 million over the next ten years as a final arrangement in the transfer of the NIT to the NCAA. Also as part of this agreement, the NIT will continue for at least ten years and, at a minimum, in New York City for five years.

The long history of the NIT is important in college basketball and it will continue. Wagner was pleased to be one of its shepherds for many years, beginning with the work of former athletic Director **Herb Sutter '31** who initially involved Wagner in the NIT. For approximately the last twenty years, our current Athletic Director, Walt Hameline, has played a leading role.

As with all change, these are bittersweet elements. We are proud of our history with the NIT and will work towards its continuing success now under the NCAA, to which we also belong.

We will realize a significant financial boost from the settlement, helping us in meeting our core educational goals and many of our student and campus needs. ❖



**Robert "Bobby Sticks"  
Schnurr '74 M'78**

## Men's Basketball Raises Money for 'Official Scooter'

The Wagner men's basketball program has announced a fund raising campaign in support of a "Rascal Scooter" for Hall of Fame scorekeeper Bob Schnurr. Known affectionately as Bobby 'Sticks' by his peers, Schnurr was born with spina bifida and has used crutches and worn braces for mobility his entire life. He graduated from Wagner in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree and again in 1978 with his Masters in Business Administration. He has kept the official scorebook at both home and away men's basketball games for the last 34 years. He was inducted into the Wagner College Hall of Fame in 2000, and presently

resides in Staten Island, working for St. Vincent's Hospital.

Earlier this year, head coach Mike Deane noticed that Schnurr wasn't getting around as easily this season as in the past. Schnurr explained that he has been experiencing tremendous pressure on his knees and that they are deteriorating slowly. In their conversation, Schnurr also shared a concern that new and longer braces would affect his lower extremities in a negative way that could lead to wounds which may not heal due to poor vascular circulation. Essentially surgery and braces were not an option, so Deane suggested the Rascal Scooter seen on television. After pursuing the idea and obtaining brochures, Dean had a representative visit with a demo model. From that moment on, "Project Sticks" was born.

The "Rascal Scooter" can be stored in a car trunk, has a lift, folds up conveniently, and has ten speeds with a ten mile battery life. ❖

## SAVE THE DATE:

### JUNE

- 8** 5th Annual "Joe Jilts"  
Football Alumni Golf Outing  
Latourette Golf Club,  
Staten Island, NY  
\$120 per player  
Call (718) 390-3489  
for more information.

### JULY

- 10** Delta Nu Golf Outing  
Glenwood Country Club,  
Old Bridge, NJ  
Call (718) 390-3224  
for more information.

### AUGUST

- 14** Sal Alberti Golf Classic  
Copper Hill Country Club,  
Flemington, NJ  
Call (718) 420-4008  
for more information.

### SEPTEMBER

- 9** Homecoming!  
Seahawks first home game  
vs. Iona

## The 2006 Football Schedule

### SEPTEMBER

- 2** **La Salle**  
Philadelphia, PA 1:00 PM
- 9** **Iona/HOMECOMING**  
Staten Island, NY 1:00 PM
- 16** **Marist**  
Poughkeepsie, NY 7:00 PM
- 23** **St. Peter's**  
Staten Island, NY 1:00 PM
- 30** **Sacred Heart**  
Fairfield, CT 1:00 PM

### OCTOBER

- 7** **Robert Morris**  
Staten Island, NY 1:00 PM
- 14** **Monmouth**  
Staten Island, NY 1:00 PM
- 21** **CCSU**  
New Britain, CT 1:00 PM
- 28** **Albany**  
Albany, NY 1:00 PM

### NOVEMBER

- 4** **Stony Brook**  
Staten Island, NY 1:00 PM
- 11** **St. Francis (PA)**  
Loretto, PA 1:00 PM

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# HOME COMING 2005

Each year, Homecoming provides a wonderful reason for alumni to “come home” and catch up with friends. In spite of a chilly and damp day, the festivities went on: Football game • Hall of Fame inductions (see right) • BBQ luncheon under the alumni tent • Tailgating at half-time •

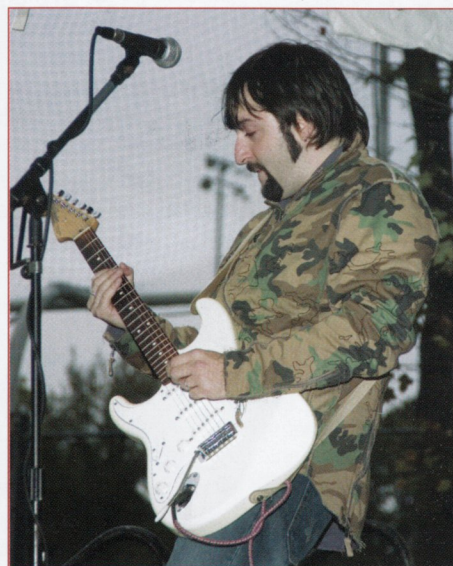
The Royal Court • Post-game party with the “Greatest Nameless Band” • Fun activities for kids of all ages



Aletta (Kipp) Diamond '65, President of the NAA Board, and Walt Hameline, Head Coach and Athletic Director, after greeting alumni and friends



Enjoying food at Homecoming under the tent



Keif Matera from “GNB” (Greatest Nameless Band) performing at Homecoming



Roar of the crowd



Members of the 2005 Royal Court



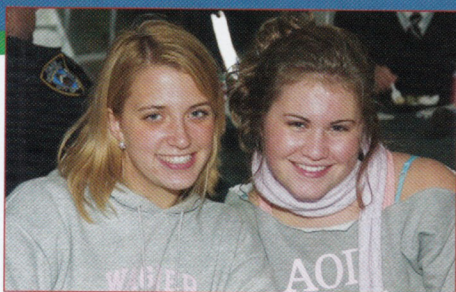
Face painting



Wagner College cheerleaders



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Homecoming is  
Saturday,  
September 9th



Sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi had a great time catching up



Wagner College Staff: Tina Migliore, Valerie Kozma, **Drew Babitts '03**, **Jennifer Leslie '09** and Cathy Miller - ready to register guests at Homecoming



**Lenny Inserra '95** with son Tyler at the post-game party.



**Elaine Sheehy '67** presents the Lia Trophy, given to the "outstanding defensive player," to senior **Ryan Layton '06**.

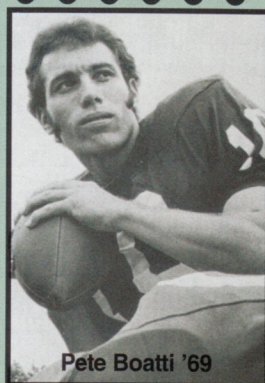


Sophia and Lindsay Cook, granddaughters of **Al '61** and **Christine (Zullo) Palladino '64**, proudly showing their pumpkin creations



# Hall of Famers

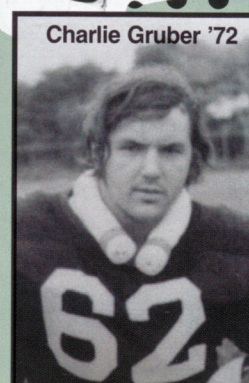
Congratulations to the five new members who were inducted into Wagner College's Hall of Fame.



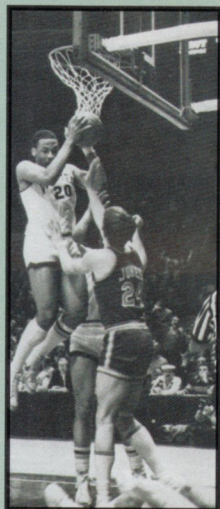
**Pete Boatti '69**



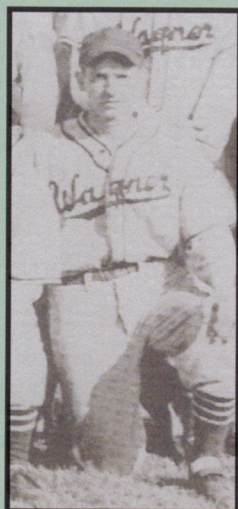
**Cynthia Quinlan '90**



**Charlie Gruber '72**



**Daymon Yizar '82**

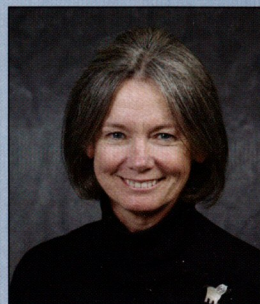
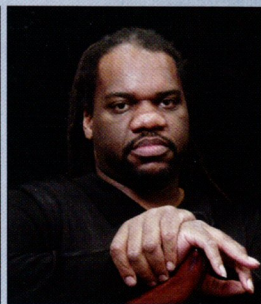
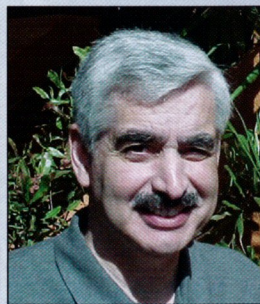
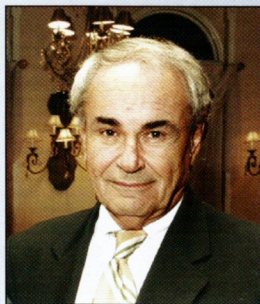


**Emil Cenci '51**



The new inductees are joined by **John "Johnny K" Knudson '57**, Hall of Fame Committee Chair (far left) and **Fred Williamson '64**, the head of the Seahawk Club (far right).

# Meet Some More Members of Your National Alumni Association Board



## Rick LaMorte '81 M'83

**Residence:** New York, NY

**Occupation:** Executive Director, Morgan Stanley Global Operation Services.

**Campus Involvements:** Founding Father and Board of Directors member of Iota Delta Alpha Fraternity; member of the 1981 and 1982 baseball team; mathematics instructor for three years.

**What he has to say:** "I stay connected because I enjoy providing career advice to Wagner students."

## Brian A. Morris '65

**Residence:** Staten Island, NY

**Occupation:** Recently retired from Staten Island University Hospital as the Vice President for Marketing; currently an adjunct Assistant Professor at St. John's University.

**At Wagner:** Received a BA in English and was a member of Kappa Sigma Alpha fraternity; co-founder of the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame; co-chair of the Hall of Fame Committee.

**Personal:** Married to MaryRose Barranco '66 M'70 and has four children.

## Gerry Magliocca '66 M'76

**Residence:** East Brunswick, New Jersey

**Occupation:** Consultant

**At Wagner:** Member of Kappa Sigma Alpha Fraternity; intramural sports; various clubs; has led the reunion effort of KSA brothers from the 1960s.

**Spouse:** Frances

## Ernie Jackson '87

**Residence:** Staten Island, NY

**Occupation:** Music industry consultant in intellectual property and music licensing; music technology historian and adjunct lecturer for the City University of New York.

**At Wagner:** Currently adjunct faculty in the music department; faculty advisor to the music society (also served as its first president, 1986-1987); active in the mentorship program in Career Development since 2000; provides many sources of internship opportunities in the music industry.

**What he has to say:** "I love working with the NAA Board at Wagner because of the opportunity I am given to contribute to Wagner's growth. Everything we do as a Board is essential to keeping Wagner fresh on alumni's minds, and inspiring future alumni to see how much fun they can have once they graduate."

## Dr. Maureen Robinson '67 H'03

**Class of:** 1967 H'03

**Residence:** Bernardsville, New Jersey

**Occupation:** Retired high school teacher; currently a full time volunteer.

**At Wagner:** Was an English major.

**After Wagner:** Lived in San Francisco for two years; taught (very happily) at Curtis High School for 29 years; was in the U.S. Army Reserve for six years - discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

**What she has to say:** Married in 1992 to Derish M. Wolff, though "suffering from poor taste in women, is perfect in every other way."

**What she says about Wagner:** "Wagner was that special, strange, difficult, terrific time in

life where we were encouraged to grow up, understand who we were, recognize our potential, learn something so that we might launch a productive adulthood, and have the last truly free time of our lives. It fulfilled all of this for me. Seeing the College flower (no pun intended) as it now is, is a total delight. My working to help this is both rewarding and enormous fun. If any alumni have time for or interest in their old school, I can't tell you how great it is to 'come home' and help out."

## Morgan McLean '04

**Residence:** Washington, DC

**Occupation:** Program Assistant for Amnesty International

**At Wagner:** Very active in Student Government where she served her four years; she was elected president of the SGA in her senior year.

**After Wagner:** Morgan's semester abroad at the American University of Paris combined with her internship at The Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art prepared her for her next step straight out of college - working for Amnesty International USA in Washington, DC. There she is part of the program to abolish the death penalty, coordinating activists throughout the United States to take action on the issue.

**What she says about Wagner:** "Beyond academic preparation, my experience at Wagner taught me two very important lessons: how to work with diverse groups of people and how to always reflect at the interconnectivity of the world around me."

## SENIOR CLASS GIFT

CLASS OF 2006  
ANNOUNCES THEIR  
SENIOR CLASS GIFT

The Senior Class Gift Committee hopes to raise over \$2,500 for banners (see rendering below) which will hang on lamp posts around the Oval and Trautmann Square.

Soliciting fellow seniors and their parents, doing 50/50 raffles at two basketball games and collecting money at "99 Nights" (an annual tradition of going out 99 nights prior to graduating), they are well on their way to reaching their goal. Final renditions are currently being made on the banners which should be hung just in time for Commencement on May 19, 2006.

WAGNER COLLEGE

College of Choice  
City of OpportunityNew York City  
on Grymes Hill

## FROM YOUR NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

## And the Winner Is...

The National Alumni Association Board is proud to announce the 2006 alumni award recipients. If you would like to nominate a fellow alumnus for an award in the future, contact the Alumni Office at (718) 390-3224 or [alumni@wagner.edu](mailto:alumni@wagner.edu).

Service Awards:The John "Bunny" Barbes and Lila T. Barbes '40 Wagner Alumni Laureate

Presented to Wagner alumni who have given very long and distinguished service to the College.

**Michael '49 and  
Margaret (Christie) Nicolais '49**

Wagner Alumni Leadership Medal

Presented to those who have provided consistent leadership and service to the Wagner National Alumni Association for an extended period of time.

**Louis De Luca '59  
Richard Herburger '66**

Wagner Alumni Key

Presented to those who have provided positive leadership and service to the Wagner National Alumni Association over several years.

**Dr. Egon '49 and  
Katherine Wendel M'67  
Diane Borst-Manning '59 M'62  
Dr. Bruce Barnhard '64  
Rev. Lyle Guttu**

Wagner AlumniCertificate of Appreciation

Presented to an individual who has recently become active in the work of the National Alumni Association.

**Kam Chang '01,**  
representing alumni in the military  
**Bob McDermott '80  
Dr. Karen Robinson '00**

Achievement Awards:Distinguished Graduate of Wagner

Presented to a graduate who has made unique career contributions to his or her community, state, or the nation. The accomplishments of such an individual bring honor to Wagner.

**Dr. John Myers '67 H'02**

Wagner Alumni Fellows

Fellows are recognized for holding distinguished careers in a defined element of the College's academic program.

**Dr. Philip Marraccini '41**  
Biology  
**Rev. Charles Biegner '60**  
Religion/Philosophy  
**Robert Van Caneghan '69**  
Economics/Business Administration  
**Jeanine LaManna '88**  
Theatre

## A few ways to get involved:

- Join a committee of the NAA
- Make calls to classmates to invite them to events
- Host an alumni event

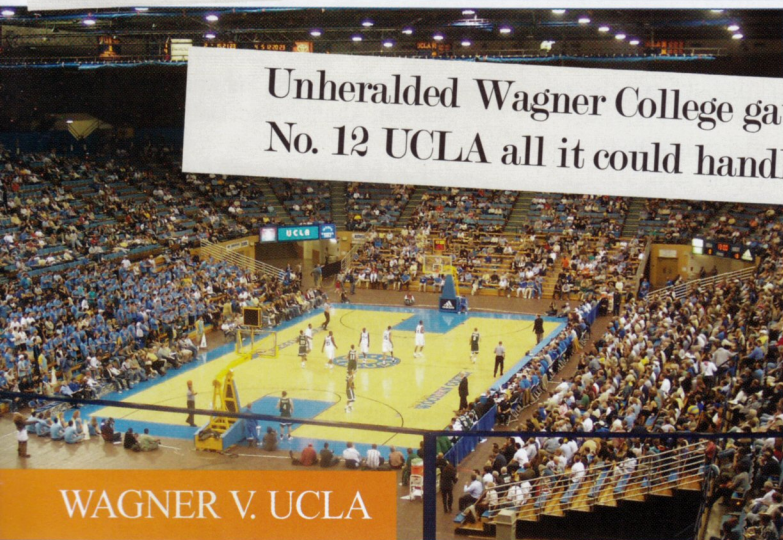
If you'd like to get more involved with Wagner, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 718.390.3224 or e-mail [alumni@wagner.edu](mailto:alumni@wagner.edu).

# WAGNER AROUND THE COUNTRY...

THE HEADLINES READ...

Wagner Just Misses Upset in 74-72 Loss at #12 UCLA

Unheralded Wagner College gave  
No. 12 UCLA all it could handle



WAGNER V. UCLA

#### THE ALUMNI SAID:

*"The Wagner/UCLA game in December was a sports highlight of my life. Although our valiant Seahawks lost by two, it was a heroic effort in front of a hostile crowd at the Pauley Pavilion. As it happens, I was sports editor of the Wagnerian when Wagner went 21-7 during the 1979-80 season. They missed going to the NCAA's when they lost to St. John's in double overtime at the Nassau Coliseum. The team I saw in December recalled those glory years. Their hustle and intensity were amazing! They had UCLA and their fans very nervous almost all night.*

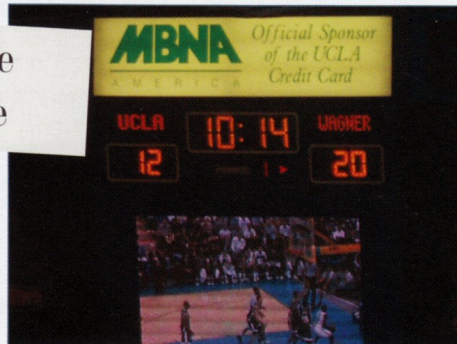
*It was great to see some old friends. I was never more proud to be a Wagner Alumnus!"*

- Al Stewart '82



Ken Lorme '81, Billy Tyler '81 and Al Stewart '82 at Pauley Pavilion. The three former classmates had not seen each other in 25 years.

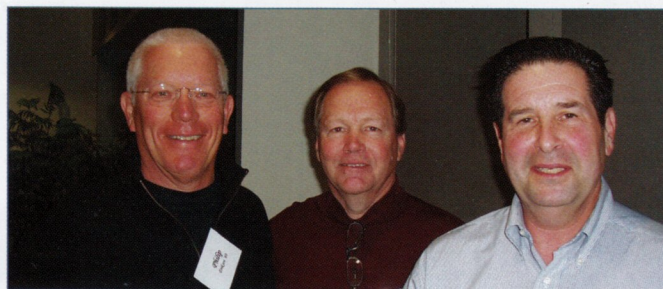
UCLA hangs on to beat Wagner



AND ALMOST THE  
WHOLE GAME,  
WAGNER WAS  
AHEAD

OUR REPUTATION  
AT UCLA IS NOW  
WIDESPREAD

On December 21, 2005, the men's basketball team traveled to California to play UCLA. Even though it was only four days before Christmas, it did not stop over 150 alumni and friends of Wagner from coming out to support the Seahawks. A pre-game dinner at the JD Morgan Center which is directly next to the Pauley Pavilion, gave alumni, parents and friends from California a chance to meet each other and catch up with former classmates. Both President Guarasci and Coach Mike Deane spoke while **Lou De Luca '59** passed out t-shirts he had printed saying, "Go Wagner - Beat UCLA." The enthusiasm of the game was felt by all. At times, the comparably small Wagner crowd was louder than the thousands of Bruins fans.



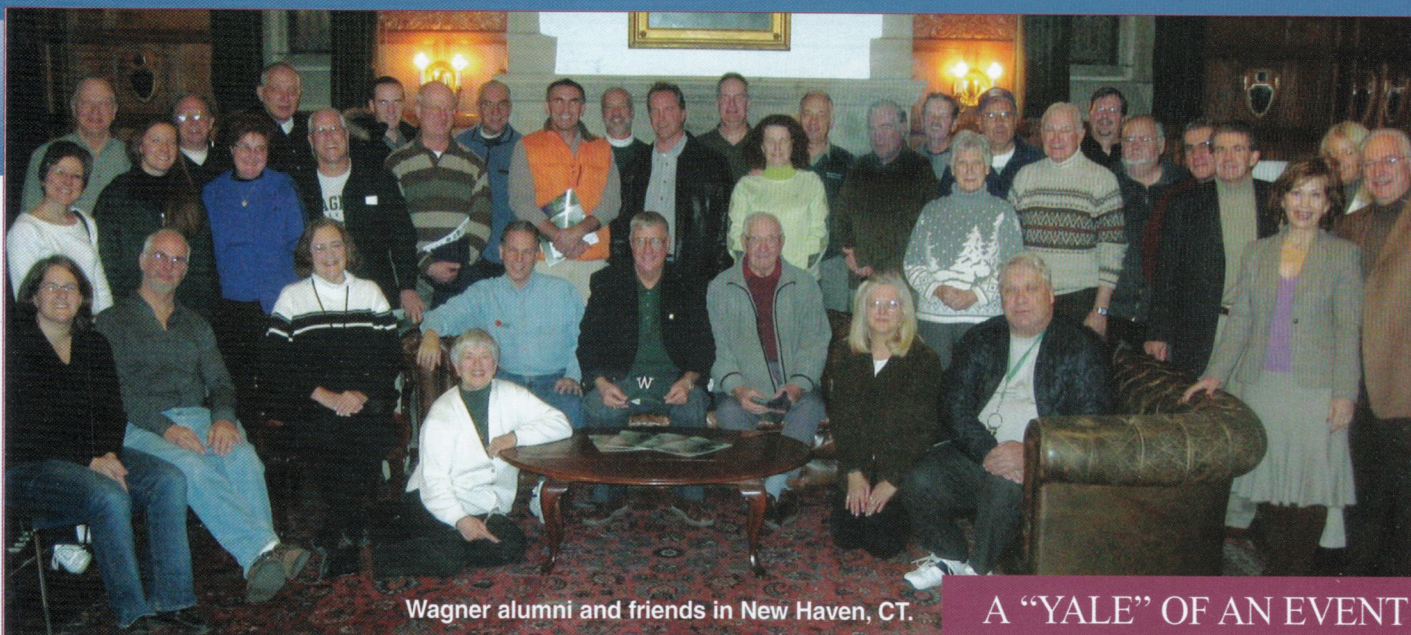
Three Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brothers (**Phil Eriksen '69, Ollie Milton '66, and Barry Faden '65**) who hadn't seen each other in decades.

*"I am a graduate of UCLA and had an opportunity to attend the game against Wagner last night with my four year-old son. I wanted to show my appreciation of your basketball players' sportsmanship by high-fiving my son as your team exited the basketball court after a tough defeat.*

*To see the excitement on my son's face was priceless. Please pass this along to the coach and players for a thank you well deserved."*

- from UCLA alumnus Alan Kulberg '85





Wagner alumni and friends in New Haven, CT.

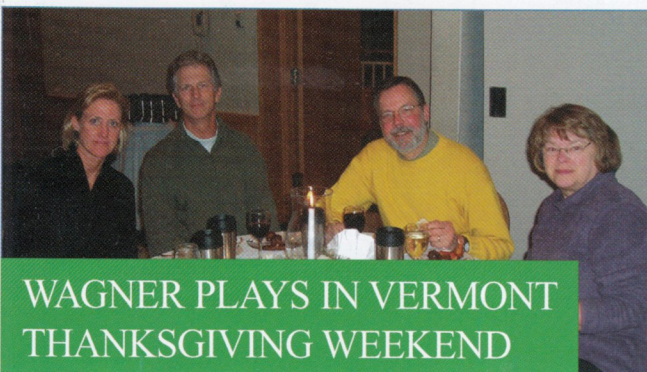
## A "YALE" OF AN EVENT

On December 3, 2005, alumni and friends gathered to cheer on the Seahawks men's basketball team as they conquered Yale University in New Haven, CT. A post-game gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni to meet each other and to hear an update on the College from President Richard Guarasci.

Former basketball (and football) player, **Dr. George Steponkus '44** (seated right on center couch in maroon shirt and grey jacket), shared the following with **Gail Kelley '97**, Director of Alumni Relations:

"I thank you for the wonderful afternoon we all had at Yale. I enjoyed meeting you, President Guarasci and his wife, and many other alumni from this area. I did not expect to have such a good time, but it was an absolutely enjoyable day. The fact that we won the game was even better!"

- Dr. George Steponkus '44

WAGNER PLAYS IN VERMONT  
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

**Chris Steinmuller '72** and his wife Anne, with **Dr. Burt Wilke M'71** and his wife Patricia, enjoying the post-game reception in Burlington, VT. Although the Seahawks lost to the Catamounts of UVM by four points, a great time was had by all.



## IN THE SPACE NEEDLE IN SEATTLE

Sunday, March 5, 2006, **Drew Babitts '03**, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, hosted alumni from Seattle for brunch in the iconic Space Needle. Seen here from left to right: **Pieter Zilinsky M'58**, **Roy Behling '71**, **Karen Behling**, **Drew Babitts '03**, **John Iwersen '49**, **Ida Iwersen**, **Kristine Iwersen Moore '77**.



## "ON A ROLL" IN LAS VEGAS

(left to right) **Mary Betzler**, **Donald Betzler '50**, **Allan Crane '73**, **Linda Crane '84**, **Drew Babitts '03**, **Dee Bell** and **Marilyn Romanelli Felesky '48**

**Drew Babitts '03**, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, hosted a dinner at Draï's Restaurant at the Barbary Coast Hotel in Las Vegas on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

WAGNER "AROUND THE COUNTRY" COMMITTEE

## IN THE ARIZONA DESERT



Rita King '62, Ted Melloh '56 M'67, Joanne Flotten Melloh '56 M'59, Violetta Saj '05, Jeanette Landry Spinelli '62

With the help of Bob McDermott '81, Diane (Checco) Libertella '72 and Rita King '62, Wagner gathered over 30 alumni and friends at the legendary Arizona Biltmore Resort in February. President Guarasci, Drew Babitts '03, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Natalie Johnson, Director of Corporations and Foundations, came out from New York for the event. The Arizona alumni are eager to gather again in the summer. For more information, call (718) 390-3224.

## A WEEKEND IN THE BERKSHIRES



A NEW ENGLAND RETREAT

Several alumni and friends gathered in Lenox, MA at the renowned Cranwell Resort and Spa the weekend of March 24-26th. The spa was enjoyed by all, as was a group dinner on Saturday evening. Hosts Carl Westerdahl '59 and Susan Clarke led a delightful tour of Williamstown, MA, which included a maple sugaring demonstration and the Clark Art Institute.

## ...AND



The home of the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, the famous striking clock and bell, is also sometimes referred to as "St. Stephen's Tower."



Terry Karamanos, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, about to make a call.



The original Globe Theatre, built in 1599 by the playing company to which William Shakespeare belonged, was destroyed by fire in 1613. A modern reconstruction of the original Globe, named "Shakespeare's Globe Theatre," opened in 1997.

# ACROSS THE GLOBE

**“HEY LOOK KIDS,  
THERE'S BIG BEN, AND THERE'S PARLIAMENT”**

## LONDON

While we didn't spend an afternoon circling a round-about, we did see both Big Ben (the name of the bell, not the tower, we learned) and Parliament!

March 11-19th, twenty alumni and friends toured London with Theatre professor Dr. Felicia Ruff. We saw three shows and toured two theatres. In addition, we were treated to spectacular tours throughout London as well as Stratford-Upon-Avon.



## WAGNER MAIN HALL

The group in front of Main Hall prior to departure.

## Is that Main Hall? Look again



Hampton Court where King Henry VIII and several wives lived just south of London.

The “Tower of London” is a landmark in central London - in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets - just outside the City of London.

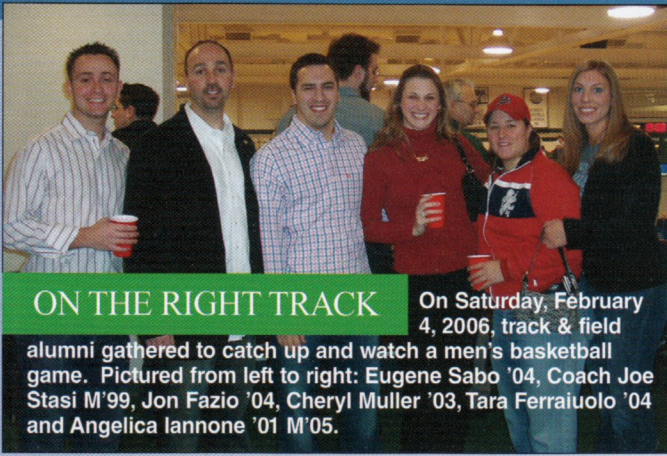


## LONDON'S HAMPTON COURT

The group in front of the building that inspired Main Hall.



**Nancy Erkman Loddigs '65** with former classmates **Jane '69** and **Fred Robinson '65**.



**ON THE RIGHT TRACK**

On Saturday, February 4, 2006, track & field alumni gathered to catch up and watch a men's basketball game. Pictured from left to right: Eugene Sabo '04, Coach Joe Stasi M'99, Jon Fazio '04, Cheryl Muller '03, Tara Ferraiuolo '04 and Angelica Iannone '01 M'05.

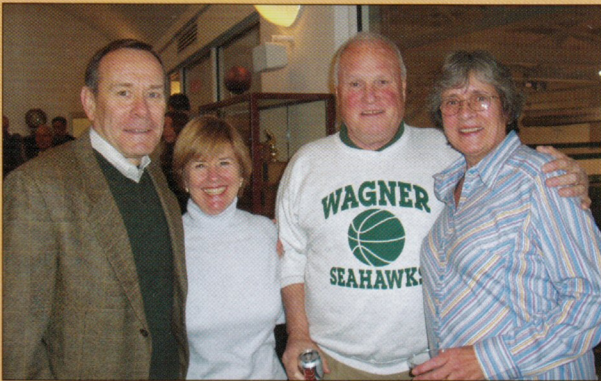


**WINTER ON THE HILL**

On February 24, 2006, "Winter on the Hill" proved to be a great excuse for many alumni to come enjoy double header basketball games and a theatre production of *Into the Woods*. Between games, a reception was held in the Hall of Fame Room of the Spiro Sports Center for over 100 alumni and friends.

Roy '41 and Doris Cutter enjoying the reception at "Winter on the Hill."

# Always a Reason for



Above: Fred Williamson '64, Lorraine and Bobby '56 Piela and Janet (Junge) Merkel '57 enjoying the alumni reception before the game.

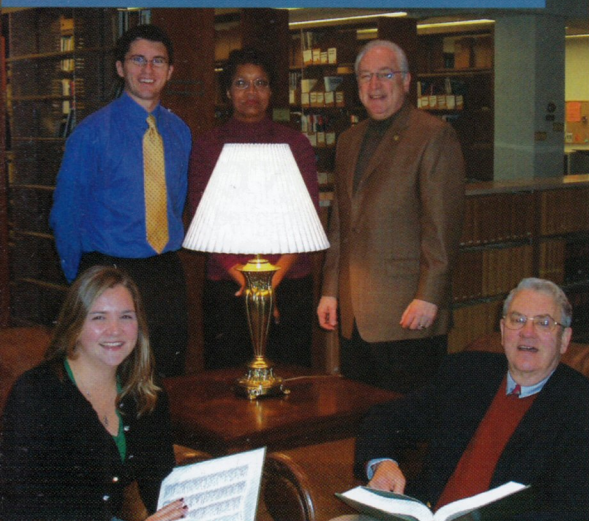


**MEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNI DAY**

On Saturday, February 4, 2006, former men's basketball players and their families gathered for their annual alumni day in the Spiro Sports Center. Coach Mike Deane announced "Project Sticks" and gave an update on the team's performance.

Left: Arnold Obey '68 M'73 with his daughter Celisse (Obey) Lundy '89 and granddaughter Jadya at the men's basketball alumni day event. Both Arnold and Celisse played basketball for Wagner. Jadya is anticipated to shine as a Seahawk in 2023!

**LET THERE BE LIGHT!**



Standing: Tad Bender '06, the current senior class president, Dorothy Davison, Dean of the Library, and President Richard Guarasci. Seated: Morgan McLean '04, former senior class president, and Rev. Lyle Guttu, Chaplain. Rev. Guttu ceremoniously "blessed" the lamps just after they were lit.

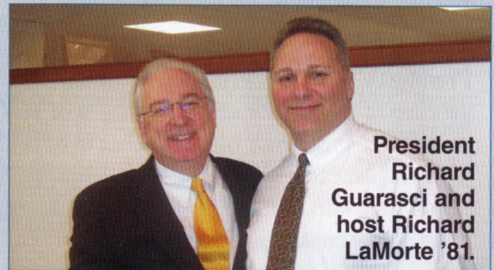
Prior to Homecoming, the Class of 2004 had a small "lamp lighting" ceremony to officially recognize their senior class gift. The gift had gone to installing electrical outlets so that the lamps in the Horrmann Library could be illuminated.



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNAE DAY**

Women's basketball alumnae gathered at a reception on January 14, 2006 as Wagner took on Sacred Heart. Coach Gela Mikalauskas (lower right) had coached many of these alumnae when she was at Wagner from 1979-1990.

At right: Literally "working together" from left: Tina Desai '02, Joe Davis '04 and Kathleen Duggan '04 sit within arms reach of one another at Morgan Stanley.



This group of young alumni all work at Morgan Stanley in Manhattan.

# Alumni to Get Together

## MORGAN STANLEY

Do you work with a Wagner alumnus? Many alumni go months or even years without seeing a former classmate, but for a lucky score of Wagner graduates, this is not the case.

Welcome to One New York Plaza in downtown Manhattan. Tucked away on the 7th floor are several rows of cubicles filled with Wagner alumni working for Morgan Stanley.

One morning in February, this group of alumni gathered for an early breakfast to meet with several members of the College. They heard an update from President Richard Guarasci, learned about the mentorship program from Stephanie McGlinchey, the Director of Career Services, and were filled in on the MBA and Executive MBA programs by Director, **Dr. Donald Crooks '69 M'72**.

"Connecting alumni through their places of employment is yet another way to build affinity toward Wagner," says **Gail Kelley '97**, Director of Alumni Relations. "We very often think of class years, majors, Greek affiliations or sports teams to do this. This is a new way to make a link."

President Guarasci remarked that he was "so impressed with the combination of youthful enthusiasm, commitment to achievement and collaboration of the young alumni at Morgan Stanley." He pointed out that they mirror what Wagner is trying to achieve on campus with The Wagner Plan. "These students all went through The Wagner Plan and learned in groups. It's nice to see them now working in groups once again." He was particularly proud because some of them were his students.

If you work with Wagner alumni, we'd like to know. Contact (718) 390-3224 or [alumni@wagner.edu](mailto:alumni@wagner.edu).

## 2005 HOLIDAY GATHERING

December 17, 2005 was a night of beauty and elegance on Wagner's campus. The Horrmann Library was transformed into a sophisticated, winter wonderland for the 4th Annual Inner Circle Holiday Gathering. A New York Cityscape model, hundreds of snow-laden branches and dangling lights complimented tables dressed tastefully in classic black and white. Though the setting for



Muriel Peirano, **Cynthia Spry '62, '78 M'82**, Carin Guarasci, **Lou De Luca '59**, President Richard Guarasci, and **Bob Peirano '50**.



**Wilson "Lefty" '49** and **Ellie Gearheart '50**, Carin Guarasci, and President Richard Guarasci.

the evening's festivities was a fabulous backdrop, it was Wagner's alumni and friends in their finest attire that set the stage for the elegance and beauty of the evening. Alumni from as far as Florida and California returned to campus for this spectacular event.

Over 225 alumni and friends feasted on a sumptuous five-course menu and wine tasting. The guests were also treated to magnificent entertainment by students from Wagner College's Theatre Department and the Wagner College Choir. All will agree that it was an evening that dazzled all the senses.

## WHAT'S NEW IN FUND RAISING?

Wagner College is happy to announce the following new initiatives: **On-Line Giving** – visit the Wagner College web site ([www.wagner.edu](http://www.wagner.edu)) and make your gift to the Annual Fund on-line. Through a partnership with Sallie Mae, the College is able to accept secure electronic transfer of funds and credit card gifts online.

**The First Decade Society** provides a special giving opportunity for “young alumni” in the classes of 1997-2005 to become members of the **President's Inner Circle of Donors**. Members make annual gifts in \$100 increments representing each year since their graduation. Members of the class of 2005 can make an initial gift of \$100 between now and August 31, 2006. Members of the **First Decade Society** will receive an invitation to the President's Black Tie Gala to be held on December 16, 2006. If interested, please contact Gina Ferreri at 718.390.3307 or e-mail [gferri@wagner.edu](mailto:gferri@wagner.edu).

**Toll Free Gift Number** – alumni, parents and friends can take advantage of Wagner College's **toll free gift line**. Just dial 1-888-231-2252 to make your Annual Fund gift today. Remember all Annual Fund gifts are directed toward student scholarships and every gift counts!

# What “Links” you to

## ALPHA SIGMA PHI



Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi enjoy their annual tail gate at Giants Stadium. **Wally Pagan '61** has been organizing this get together for over 30 years.

Each Fall, since 1976, **Wally Pagan '61** organizes a group of Alpha Sigma Phi brothers to attend a tailgate prior to a Giants game. This year, they celebrate their 31st consecutive year of gathering. Several brothers from other fraternities attend as well. (see photo above)

On March 22, 2006, eleven Wagner alumni brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity met in Manhattan to discuss, plan and elect a group of brothers to rekindle alumni relationships and brotherhood through Wagner College activities and functions.

Members of this group had sponsored the Robb Memorial Trophy given to the Offensive MVP at Homecoming.

The New Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Board of Trustees include: **Larry Ambrosino '69**, **Arthur Attonito '67**, **Ron Bibbo '64**, **John Campi '62**, **Anthony Capetola '67**, **Louis De Luca '59**, **Paul Feeney '64**, **Jeff Forchelli '66**, **Walter Frueh '64**, **Joe Metzger '61**, **John Myers '67 H'02**, **Dennis O'Keeffe '64**, **Wally Pagan '61**, **Al Palladino '61**, **Art Ranges '58**, **Ray Williamson '68** and **Fred Williamson '64**.

The officers for the coming year are: **John Campi '62**, President, **Arthur Attonito '67**, Vice President, **Paul Feeney '64**, Treasurer, **Larry Ambrosino '69**, Secretary.

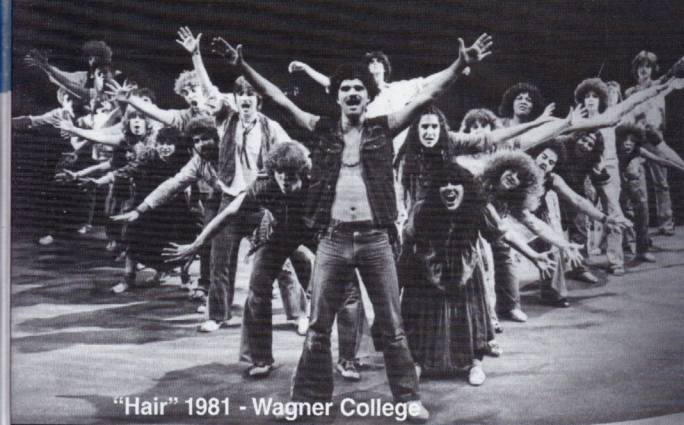
If you are a member of Alpha Sigma Phi who has not been in touch with Wagner in recent years, or if you would like to learn more, please contact **John Campi '62** at 973-254-5414 or [JCcampi@Fairfax-it.com](mailto:JCcampi@Fairfax-it.com).

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Parent Association of Wagner College continues working hard to support the school and its students. On March 15, parents attended a reception hosted by the admissions office in the Horrmann Library for admitted students and participated again on April 8. On April 6th, they joined members of the Chai Society, Friends of the Theatre and Wagner alumni at “Dinner and a Show” to see Wagner's production of *Hair*. Parents also participate in telemarketing nights to support student scholarships. Their next meeting is May 9th at 6:30pm in Union Room 201. For information contact Clare Rich, Director of Development, at 718-390-3304 or e-mail [crich@wagner.edu](mailto:crich@wagner.edu).



Left to Right: Co-chairs **Jay '74** & **Joyce Cini '75 Guariglia**, **Dianne & Frank Powers**, **Carin & President Richard Guarasci**.



"Hair" 1981 - Wagner College

## FRIENDS OF THE THEATRE TAKE CENTER STAGE!

The Friends of the Theatre, an affinity group of the Wagner College Theatre program, joined alumni at "Dinner and a Show" on April 6th in celebration of Wagner's production of "Hair." **Lisa DeRespino Bennett '85** (co-chair for Friends of the Theatre and 1981 "Hair" cast member) spoke to guests about the Friends of the Theatre and their center stage efforts to raise funds for the purchase of 400 new seats in Wagner's Main Hall Auditorium.

A contribution of \$500 gives you an opportunity to sponsor a theatre seat and name it in honor of or in memory of someone. Among the 1981 "Hair" theatre alums attending were **Susan Barshatzky Barrett '82**, **Lisa DeRespino Bennett '85**, **Jodi Kakauer Birns '84**, **Janice Lowenstein Reid '84**, and theatre department chair Gary Sullivan, who

coordinated scenic design and technical production in 1981.

Wagner College was cited in 2006 Princeton Review for the second year in a row as "Best College Theatre" in the United States. Bravo! Keep the momentum going and take pride in Wagner's Theatre, one seat at a time! *Call the Toll-Free Gift Line at 1-888-231-2252 and sponsor a theatre seat today!* For more information on Friends of the Theatre, call **Annamarie Lambiasi '85** in the Development Office at 718-420-4163, or e-mail [alambias@wagner.edu](mailto:alambias@wagner.edu).

# Wagner?



## CHAI SOCIETY

The Wagner College Chai Society provides

students, faculty, staff and our local community with a series of events, speakers, historical and contemporary perspectives on Jewish life as well as perspectives on the contributions of the Jewish community to our vibrant society. During the Spring semester, the Jewish Culture Series presented a panel discussion by undergraduate and graduate students that participated in Birthright Israel and a lecture on Jewish Influence on American Pop Music. The third lecture will be presented on May 8th and will focus on the American Jewish Year in Review.

Charter Members of the Chai Society have enjoyed two "Lunch and Learn" seminars with Rabbi Abraham Unger. The first was a study of the Purim holiday and the second was on the Passover holiday.

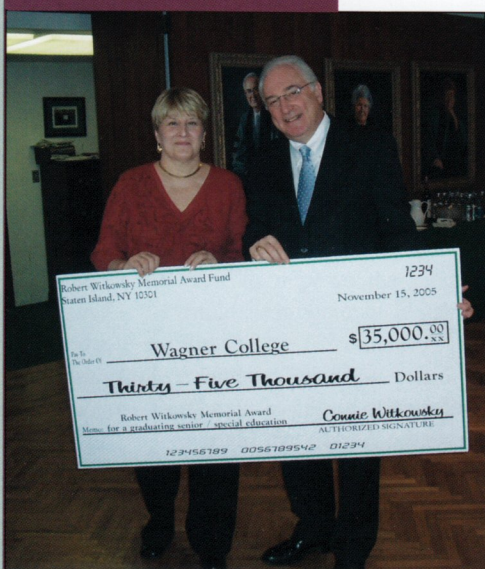
Charter members joined with members of the Parent Association, Friends of the Theatre and alumni for dinner/theatre on Thursday, April 6th and enjoyed the Wagner College theatre production of *Hair*.

On Thursday, May 4th, the Chai Society will hold a fund raising reception in the President's Office at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Donna Sinagra at 718-390-3404 or e-mail [dsinagra@wagner.edu](mailto:dsinagra@wagner.edu).

## WITKOWSKY AWARD ESTABLISHED

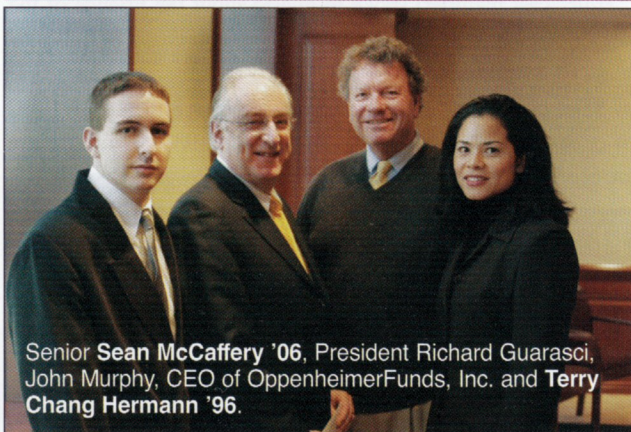
Last November, \$35,000 was raised in memory of **Robert Witkowsky '69 M'74**, to endow a fund at Bob's alma mater. He was dedicated to

aiding those with developmental disabilities and worked for many years in special education in New York State. A \$1,500 portion of the fund will be awarded annually to a graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in special education. A gala was held in October, 2005 to help raise funds and to honor Robert's memory. The committee is headed by Connie Witkowsky and Mark Collins from the athletic department and is made up of Bob's Delta Nu brothers. Mrs. Witkowsky said she is planning to hold fund-raisers each year so that the award is available in perpetuity.



Connie Witkowsky, Robert's wife, presenting President Richard Guarasci with the check.

## OppenheimerFunds Inc. SUPPORTS WAGNER THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD SPIRO '49 H'88



Senior **Sean McCaffery '06**, President **Richard Guarasci**, **John Murphy**, CEO of OppenheimerFunds, Inc. and **Terry Chang Hermann '96**.

On Friday, March 3, 2006, President **Richard Guarasci**, **Gina Ferreri '03 M'05**, Development Officer for Donor Relations and **Dennis McCaffery '06** attended a meeting with **John Murphy**, CEO of OppenheimerFunds, Inc. recognizing **Dennis** as the recipient of the OppenheimerFunds Scholarship. The company also presented Dr. Guarasci with a pledge of \$25,000 over the next five years to help the fund move closer to becoming a fully endowed, named scholarship at the \$100,000 level.

The scholarship was established in September, 1999 on the occasion of the retirement of Chairman Emeritus, **Dr. Donald Spiro '49 H'88**. Dr. Spiro served the company for 40-plus years and was an integral part of the company's success, holding many key senior positions and helping set the stage for OppenheimerFunds' development into one of the most respected asset management firms in the country.

Senior **Dennis McCaffery '06** is a native Staten Islander who attended Tottenville High School. He is a two-time recipient of the scholarship and has been on the Dean's List every semester, earning a 4.0 GPA twice. **Dennis** will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. He will be continuing his education at Wagner for a Master of Science degree in Accounting which will be completed in 2007.

Also in attendance were Oppenheimer's **Sean Williamson**, Senior Associate in Corporate Communications; **Bruce Dunbar**, Director of Corporate Communications; and **Terry Chang Hermann '96** who currently works in their retirement plans department.

# More Connections...

## "COME SAIL AWAY" ON THE S.S. WAGNER

**Reunion Weekend June 2-4, 2006. Enjoy the itinerary!**

- President's Reception
- Kappa Sigma Alpha celebrating 75 years of fraternity
- A Broadway show: *Jersey Boys*
- Pub Crawl on Forest Avenue
- Alumni College
- Mini-Estate Planning Seminar
- Annual Alumni Luncheon
- Memorial Service
- Arts & Crafts
- Trivia
- Class Pictures
- Cocktail Party on the Terrace
- Dinner Dance - Cruise Party Attire (informal)
- "SAIL AWAY" on a Brunch Cruise from the World Yacht Marina

**Information on lodging can be found at [www.wagner.edu/alumni/Reunion2006](http://www.wagner.edu/alumni/Reunion2006).**

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library are focused on improving two specific areas of the Horrmann Library during this academic year. The lower level of the library is the "last frontier" for creating quiet, comfortable study space for Wagner students. The goal is to raise \$8,000 to purchase individual study carrels and to raise \$10,000 to replace the drapes on the library's main floor. The Friends of the Library would like to ensure both of these projects are fully funded this year.

Last year, support received from alumni, parents and friends of Wagner College was used to subscribe to the E-library electronic database.

### Other notable Horrmann Library additions:

- The Horrmann Smart Lab: a show-stopper at capacity with 30 computers. New chairs have been purchased for the lab.
- New home to the Spotlight Gallery located near the main entrance in Horrmann Library; the gallery displays the scholarship and artistic achievements of the College's students, faculty and staff. Approximately six shows each year will be available for viewing and admission is free.
- If you received a Master's Degree from Wagner College and wrote a master's thesis, you can go to [www.wagner.edu/library](http://www.wagner.edu/library) and enter either your name or the title of your thesis and view your work on-line. Your work will then be an official record of the College.

If you are interested in making a meaningful gift to Wagner's Horrmann Library, call the Wagner toll-free gift line at 888-231-2252 or send a check to Wagner College referencing "Horrmann Library" on your check via the envelope enclosed.





## DAVINCI LUNCHEON

(left to right) **Elisabeth Cardiello '06**, Staten Island, NY; **Tracy Dickinson '06**, Staten Island, NY; **Laura Pike '06**, South Portland, ME; DaVinci Society co-chair and former Staten Island Borough President, Hon. **Ralph J. Lamberti**; **Jessica Friswell '06**, Natick, MA; **Megan Brandt-Meyer '06**, Freeport, ME; and Jennifer Wiech '06, Egg Harbor Township, NJ.

### The DaVinci Society Luncheon

The DaVinci Society held its spring luncheon at Wagner College on Monday, April 10th in the Faculty Dining Room. The annual luncheon is used as a forum to introduce the "City-as-Text" Travel Scholarship recipients to their benefactors. The DaVinci Society sponsors the "City-As-Text" travel scholarship, which allows the top six graduating Honor Society seniors to study and immerse themselves in the culture of Venice, Italy.

#### This year's recipients are:

**Ms. Jessica Wiech '06**

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

**Ms. Laura Pike '06**

South Portland, ME

**Ms. Jessica Friswell '06**

Natick, MA

**Ms. Tracy Dickinson '06**

Staten Island, NY

**Ms. Elisabeth Cardiello '06**

Staten Island, NY

**Ms. Megan Brandt-Meyer '06**

Freeport, ME

Ms. Jessica Wiech, student representative, spoke at the luncheon to express their gratitude to the DaVinci Society members and the excitement and anticipation they are experiencing about the upcoming trip.

Also at the luncheon, the Society honored **Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta '64 M'81**, Wagner's Dean of Learning Communities and



**Julia Barchitta '64 M'81**, Dean of Learning Communities and Experiential Learning, was presented with a plaque awarding her with "Lifetime Membership" in the DaVinci Society.

Experiential Learning, with lifetime membership in the Society. They applauded her commitment and dedication to promoting the mission of the DaVinci Society through its educational programming and its efforts to immerse the campus and Staten Island community in the richness of Italian-American culture and heritage.

## MUSIC TO THEIR EARS

For the past three years, Wagner has received donations to fund an award in Music History. The award, given each spring, is presented to a qualified graduating senior to acknowledge and encourage the study of music and its place in the history of humanity.

Chaired by **Dr. Jeff Dailey '80**, and Wagner Faculty Advisor, Dr. Ronald Cross, the Music History Award Advisory Panel raises money to support the annual award. Members of this panel include:

**Joe Cogan '86**

**Mark Farley '90**

**Suzy Beeny Jones '82**

**Dr. Gail Flathmann Palmisano '77**

**Diane Castonguay Rosati '75**

**Sue Gosser Tremblay '78**

**Rich Walker '82**

If you have fond musical memories from your days at Wagner, or love music and its history, consider a gift to the Music History Award. Call the Wagner College toll-free gift line at 1-888-231-2252.

## NETWORKING IS KEY TO BIZ

### Business Advisory Committee

**Dr. Donald Crooks '69 M '72**, Executive Director of the EMBA/MBA program, along with **Stu Plotkin '93 M'96**, President of the MBA Advisory Council, held their semi-annual meeting on February 24th at the Spiro Sports Center.

The group had an excellent turnout as they packed Coach Hameline's office and shared many great ideas. Discussed were new proposals for the EMBA/MBA program, including weekend classes and 2 new proposed concentrations:

- Emergency Management
- Sports Management

Lively discussion on how to improve the program included increased emphasis on networking with a focus within the program on written and oral communication. Additionally, with Dr. Crooks now on the College IT committee, the marketing opportunities continue to flourish with his goal to enhance media delivery with online capability.

Over the past year, Dr. Crooks has also created a sophisticated marketing program for the ExMBA program. His voice can be heard regularly on Bloomberg Radio. Mayor Michael Bloomberg recently commented to President Guarasci during a social encounter that he had "heard Wagner's advertisements on my station," and was delighted by the initiative. ExMBA print advertisements have also begun to appear in the Newark Star-Ledger as Dr. Crooks broadens the search for candidates.

New member **Sergio Rumayor '86 M'89**, traveled all the way from Maryland to attend the event. The next get-together will be in the fall at a football game (more information to follow) and new members are welcome any new members and all input. These are exciting times for the MBA program!

# Class notes

alumni@wagner.edu

Send your Class Notes to the Office of Alumni Relations, Wagner College, One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301.

\* Any class year with an asterisk indicates we are looking for a class agent. Please contact the Alumni Office at 718-390-3224 if you are interested in this position.

## 1929

**Class Agent: Howard Alexander Kuhnle**  
92 Lincoln Ave  
Johnson City, NY 13790  
215-673-2698

## 1939

**Class Agent: John D. Barbes**  
85 Cloverdale Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10308-2633  
718-984-8547

## 1940

**Class Agent: Marjorie Rieb Seguine**  
370 London Road  
Staten Island, NY 10306-1263  
718-987-1294

## \*1941

## 1942

**Class Agent: Theodore W. Gibson**  
1030 Aoloa Place A-202  
Kailua, HI 96734  
808-262-5065  
gibsont002@hawaii.rr.com

## 1943

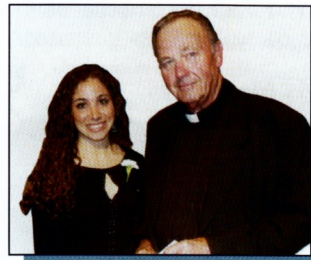
**Erwin C. Nolte**  
4120 Lorene Drive Apt 106  
Estero, FL 33928-2162  
239-495-9288

## \*1944 -1948

## 1949

**Class Agent: Margaret Christie Nicolais**  
1215 Latham Court  
Livingston, NJ 07039  
973-992-1312

**Rev. Harold Kuehne '49** is currently serving on the South Nassau Community Hospital's Board of Directors and recently awarded a scholarship to a high school Biology student.



**Rev. Harold Kuehne '49**

## 1950

**Robert S. Peirano**  
67 Meisner Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10306-1235  
718-351-8535

## 1951

**Harry A. Volz**  
64 Linden Street  
Massapequa Park, NY 11762-1008  
516-541-5517  
hvolz@optonline.net

## \*1952

## 1953

**Albert Tosi**  
70 Woodcliff Lake Road  
Saddle River, NJ 07458-3114  
201-327-3448

**Jane Stowell Brown '51 and William '53 (Staten Island, NY)** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Edmund Diaz M'57 (Greenville, SC)** was named "2005 Arbitrator of the Year" by the Upstate Better Business Bureau in Greenville, SC.

## 1954

**Class Agent: Manfred W. Lichtmann, MD**  
4345 Landfall Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23185-7664  
757-258-9226

## 1955

**Class Agent: Allan K. Brier**  
67 Round Cove Road  
Chatham, MA 02633-1242  
508-945-3729

## 1956

**Class Agent: George E. Lewis**  
5043 Kelsie Court  
Florence, OR 97439  
541-997-7778  
mrlcor@charter.net

## 1957

**Class Agent: Ewald S. Forsbrey**  
1096 Augusta Way  
Naples, FL 34119  
609-898-9098

## 1958

**Class Agent: H. Milton Keen**  
10581 Lees Mill Road  
Warrenton, VA 20186-8450  
540-439-1262

**Al Wagner (Cape Coral, FL)** recreated his one-man show "Luther" for four performances at Christ Lutheran Church in Cape Coral, Florida on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, 2005.



**Al Wagner '58 as Martin Luther**

## 1959

**Class Agent: Phyllis Donahue**  
20 Pinebrook Drive  
Neptune, NJ 07753-3365  
732-922-2139

# LEGACY



*Legacy*, a newsletter published by the Office of Institutional Advancement at Wagner College has been revitalized. An arm of the Heritage Society which recognizes

those who have provided for Wagner through annuities, trusts, bequests and other planned gifts, Legacy will present articles by members of the Wagner College Planned Giving Advisory Committee, experts in the field, who discuss the hows and whys of planned and estate giving. We will also profile individuals who have made these gifts and their reasons for doing so. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please contact Frank Young, director of major gifts at 718-420-4494 or Frank.Young@Wagner.edu.

## \*1960

## 1961

**Class Agent: Alma Costie Vincent**  
3115 Stowe Lane  
Mahwah, NJ 07430  
201-760-2703

## 1962

**Class Agent: Robert A. Straniere**  
300 East 57th Street  
New York, NY 10022

## \*1963

## 1964

**Class Agent: Butch Savage**  
1130 Morningside Avenue  
Schenectady, NY 12309  
518-372-9422

## 1965

**Class Co-Agent: Barry Faden**  
4637 Torrey Pines Drive  
Chino Hills, CA 91709  
909-606-2005  
bifmarla@msn.com

**Class Co-Agent: John R. Felver**  
25244 Pelican Creek Cir Unit 201  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
239-495-8861  
jrfelver@aol.com

## 1966

**Class Agent: Gerard Magliocca**  
gerrymaglio@aol.com  
908-407-3104

## 1967

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

## 1968

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

**Ronald Pekrul (Danbury, CT)** was promoted to Manager of Small Business Lending at Union Savings Bank.



## 1969

**Philip Straniere**  
3 Saint Austins Place  
Staten Island, NY 10310-1539  
718-447-4717

**Nicholas Rossos (Bordentown, NJ)** graduated from medical school in 1976. He studied at Far Eastern University School of Medicine, Manila, Philippines. He was in the Peace Corp and began his private practice in Internal Medicine in 1980 in Bordentown, New Jersey. He is married to Noreene, and has 2 daughters: Rachel (22), who just graduated from Columbia University and Alexandra (18), a senior at The Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey. He was President of the Mercer County Medical Society in 1996. Nicholas recently attended a Wagner Theta Chi gathering in NYC and had a great time catching up.

## \*1970

## 1971

**Class Co-Agent: Pamela Broderick**  
PO BOX 564  
Winter Harbor, ME 04693-0564  
860-649-8787

**Class Co-Agent: Kathy O'Donnell**  
3322 Woodland Drive  
Tobyhanna, PA 18466-3036  
570-894-4731  
katcod0221@yahoo.com

## \*1972

**Brian Levine (Staten Island, NY)** is currently serving as an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and has recently been elected to a third term as President of the Association of DMV Administrative Law Judges.

**Toni Ann Fiore Grimley (Warwick, RI)** is the first librarian in the Warwick, Rhode Island School Department to obtain certification for the distinction of NBCT, the highest professional credential available in the teaching profession. She is one of only 206 teachers and one of six library-media specialists in the state.

**Dr. Lynn Romano (Houston, DE)** recently joined the staff of Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

## 1973

**Class Agent: Henry E. Gemino**  
5 Strickland Place  
Manhasset, NY 11030-2716  
516-467-4191  
pipe.ny@prodigy.net

## 1974

**Class Agent: Diane R. Recio**  
11 Holly Place  
Larchmont, NY 10538  
nrc917@aol.com

**Claire Stephens Drinnam (Staten Island, NY)** and her husband Bill recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

## 1975

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

**Barbara-Ann (Bunny) Matthius (Newton, NJ)** left Wall Street after 27 years to open a couture bridal salon located in Sparta, New Jersey.

## 1976

**Class Agent: John M. Zawisny**  
56 Howard Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10301-4405  
718-447-4290  
jzawisny@aol.com

**Maureen Henigan Alaimo (Blauvelt, NY)** was promoted to Principal at the Merritt Memorial School effective July 1st 2006.

## 1977

**Class Agent: Jeanne Delaney-Malikian**  
6 Walden Street  
Somers, NY 10589-2425  
845-277-8571

**Dr. Francis Harte (Cooperstown, NY)** joined Bassett Healthcare as a Cardiac Anesthesiologist in the Department of Anesthesiology.

## 1978

**Class Agent: Maria Jenkins**  
1072 Oenoke Rdg  
New Canaan, CT 06840-2606  
203-972-8086

**Nick Kvasic (Staten Island, NY)** was a recipient of the Special ASCAP Award for writing, producing and publishing.

**Judy Gattuso Walker (Coral Springs, FL)** was promoted to Vice President of Marketing for Anago Franchising, Inc. She is responsible for all sales and marketing efforts for over 30 offices nationwide.

## 1980

**Class Co-Agent: Edward L. Garlock**  
132 Highland Drive  
Bedford, PA 15522-9766  
814-623-1124  
legarlock@earthlink.net

**Class Co-Agent: Billy K. Tyler**  
1807 North Gramercy Pl Apt 5  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
323-462-7111  
billyktyler@aol.com

## 1981

**Class Agent: Lauretta Zitano**

2129 Locust Road  
Sea Girt, NJ 08750-1305  
732-449-4883

**Cheryl Gucwa (Staten Island, NY)** was recently honored with her husband, Glenn Kaiser, at their parish St. Patrick in Richmondtown, Staten Island, with the St. Patrick Award, for their many years of service in Music Ministry. They were recognized in May, 2005 by the Federation of Catholic School Parents. She is a speech-language pathologist and singer on Staten Island with two children, Maximilian and Grace Mary.



## 1982

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

**Dr. Gregory Pogue (Dublin, CA)** was appointed Vice President for Human Resources at the University of San Diego.

**Robert Tedeschi (Ridgewood, NJ)** obtained an M.A in Psychology from Montclair State College in January, 1985. He graduated Syracuse Law School in 1990, completed R.O.T.C. and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. In 1991, he was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar. Married to the former Gloria F. Biason in October, 1991, the couple have three children; Robert Jr. (13), Lauren (12) and Caitlin (9). He recently celebrated his fifth anniversary as an Assistant Prosecutor in narcotics and vice.

**Daymon Yizar (Hartsdale, NY)** was appointed Dean of Students at Bellport High School.

## 1983

**Class Co-Agent: Donald T. Browne**  
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Staten Island, NY 10301-1661  
718-556-2508  
dbrowne100@aol.com

**Class Co-Agent: Linda Romani**  
40008 N. Integrity Trail  
Anthem, AZ 85086

623-551-9136  
momofdm@qwest.net

## \*1984

## 1985

**Class Agent: Andrew G. Williams**  
30G Roberta Street  
Key West, FL 33040-3428  
412-322-5993  
Andy799062@aol.com

**Janice Marino-Doyle (Freehold, NJ)** after a successful career with Citicorp, Valley National Bank and The State of New Jersey, Janice has been running her own marketing planning and professional organizing company for the past 3 three years (Clear Aim Marketing & Organizing, LLC). Contact her at [www.clearaimnj.com](http://www.clearaimnj.com).

## 1986

**Class Agent: Wade C. Appelman**  
6 Aaron Road  
Lexington, MA 02421-6827  
301-869-6508

**Edward J. Nitkewicz (Melville, NY)** was appointed to the Chairman of Fundraising for the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook University, a regional center for individuals with Autism or related disorders and their families. Ed's seven year old son, Edward, suffers from Autism and, as a result, he has become a parent advocate in the effort to find a cure.

## 1987

**Class Agent: Meredith Acacia**  
5 Aspen Court  
Jackson, NJ 08527-4903  
732-928-8452

## 1988

**Class Agent: Kenneth Nilsen**  
807 Castlepoint Terrace  
Hoboken, NJ 07030  
201-222-0182  
knilsen@stevens.edu

## \*1989

**Laurie Wilson M'94 (Brooklyn, NY)** married Dr. Zaher Merhi, an OB/GYN physician on April 1, 2006.

## 1990

**Class Agent: Levent Bayrasli**  
72 Kyle Drive

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-7313  
908-213-6099  
levent@erols.com

## 1991

**Class Agent: Jennifer A. Norton**  
1488 Green Grove Road  
Brick, NJ 08724-2343  
732-458-1412

## 1992

**Class Agent: Natalie Migliaro**  
83 Rockafeller Road  
Piscataway, NJ 08854-8053  
732-382-9869  
natmig@rci.rutgers.edu

## 1993

**Class Agent: Stuart Plotkin**  
58 Devon Loop  
Staten Island, NY 10314  
718-982-6898  
SPlotkin@pclient.ml.com

## 1994

**Class Agent: James J. Hickey**  
jhickeyphd@aol.com

## 1995

**Class Agent: Nancy L. Salgado-Cowan**  
185 Heywood CT  
Matawan, NJ 07747-3569  
nursenancy1@hotmail.com

**Charles Carbone (Staten Island, NY)** married Noelle De Pasquale on September 10, 2005. The reception was held at the Excelsior Grand, Staten Island. He is Vice President in the Investing Services Department at Citigroup, Manhattan.

**Todd Rohlin married Julie DeSimone (Staten Island, NY)** on May 7, 2005. The reception was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island. He is a Vice President at JP Morgan Chase and she is a Lab Chemical Supervisor at Yeshiva Medical School in New York City.

## 1996

**Class Agent: Debra Mirabella**  
17 Orchard Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10307

**Leigh-Ann DePascale (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to Michael Nowickie. The wedding is set for November 4, 2006 at Lord Thompson Manor, Thompson, CT.

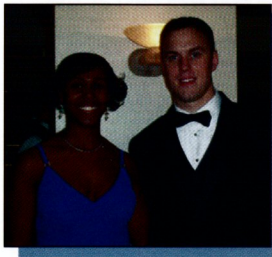
**Melissa Fabrizio (Falls Church, VA)** married James Platt. The reception was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel-Old Town, Alexandria, VA. She is a Store Operations Assistant with Balducci's Food Lovers Market, Bethesda, MD.

**Dr. Dominick Serini (Staten Island, NY)** married Suzanne Ryan on October 1, 2005. The reception was held at The Palace in Somerset, NJ. He is a Dentist in a family practice, Serini Family Dentistry, with offices in Brooklyn and Holmdel, NJ.

## 1997

**Class Agent: Alison N. Boyd**  
14 Essex Drive  
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**April Brown (Burbank, CA)** is engaged to Craig Richman. An August 2006 wedding is being planned.



**Val Brown '97  
and Mark  
Runge '98**

**Valerie Brown and Mark Runge '98 (Yonkers, NY)** are engaged. The wedding is set for August 11, 2006.

**Christy Wallner Goodman (San Diego, CA)** recently opened the Law Offices of Goodman, Sheridan and Roff, LLP, in partnership with two other attorneys, serving San Diego and Los Angeles, California.

**Dr. Christopher Lenza and Jennifer Ward '05 (Staten Island, NY)** are engaged. An October 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Rebecca Sassaman Roman (Morristown, NJ)** married Johnathan on October 1, 2005. The reception was held at The Stirling Mansion. She is a private psychotherapist with Dr. Federbush, Dr. Block and Associates, Paramus, NJ.

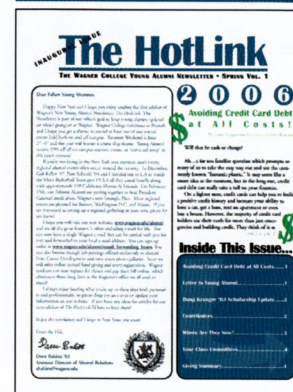
**Aileen Terjesen M'04 (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to Mark Dulski. A July 2006 wedding is being planned.

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## YOUNG ALUMNI



Wagner recently launched the first edition of The HotLink which is the new Young Alumni Newsletter. It can be viewed in its entirety on Wagner's web site at

[www.wagner.edu/alumni](http://www.wagner.edu/alumni) as well. Anyone with ideas for the newsletter should contact 718-390-3224 or [alumni@wagner.edu](mailto:alumni@wagner.edu).

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**Michele Appello (Amsterdam)** has been enjoying life in The Netherlands for the past two years. She says it's a great place to live if you want to travel to different parts of Europe for a holiday or just a long weekend trip! And another major advantage - 25 vacation days a year!

**Krista Savarese D'Ambrose (Staten Island, NY)** married Christopher on October 15, 2005. The reception was held at the Westmount Country Club, West Paterson, NJ.

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**Loretta Digilio Boyle (Staten Island, NY)** married Michael. The reception was held at The Shadowbrook, Shrewsbury, NJ. She is a high-school English and Music Teacher at St. John Villa Academy. She is also a Vocal and Speech Coach with Theatre in the Woods, Theatrical School, Dongan Hills.

**Michelle Sabella Curreri (Staten Island, NY)** married Steven on October 14, 2005. The reception was held at the Atrium Country Club, West Orange, NJ. She is a Registered Nurse at Staten Island University Hospital.

## A WAGNER WEDDING PARTY!



Marissa Ginn Clements '99 M'03

**Marissa Ginn Clements '99 M'03** married Dr. Ryan Clements on October 23, 2005. Marissa is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha. She met Ryan, who graduated from Bucknell University in 1998 at The Georgia School of Professional Psychology while studying for her Doctorate which she finishes next year. They now reside in Rochester, NY.

Other Wagnerians in the wedding party were: **Jennifer Rexford '99, Susan Fitzpatrick Greco '98, and Dan Rice '99.**

**Kathleen Daretany (Enfield, NH)** is engaged to Burke Barnett. A September 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Richard Pellegrino (Staten Island, NY)** married Eileen Duffy on September 17, 2005. The reception was held at The Venetian, Gairfield, NJ. He is a Gold Trader on the New York Mercantile Exchange with Pell Futures, Inc., a family-owned company.

**Leslie Scamardella (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to Robert Kasegrande. A September 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Lawrence Skelson (Staten Island, NY)** married Melissa Noto. The reception was held at the Valley Regency, Clifton, NJ. He is a Physician Assistant in the Surgery, Medicine and Behavioral Science Departments at Staten Island University Hospital.

### 2000

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**Matthew Coats (Cortland, NY)** is engaged to Johanna Ames. The wedding is set for July 21, 2006.

**Christina Candio Roberts (Allentown, PA)** married Marcus on September 24, 2005. She is a Systems Analyst/Programmer at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA.

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**Celina Fedele Levy (Staten Island, NY)** married Glen on November 12, 2005. The reception was held at the historic Old Bermuda Inn, Rossville, Staten Island, NY.

**Kristine Mazzola Moughrabie (Staten Island, NY)** married Michael on September 10, 2005. The reception was held at The Graycliff, Moonachie, NJ. She is a Fund Administrator with Lord Abbot & Co., Jersey City, NJ.

**Vincent Tarantola (Staten Island, NY)** married Alissa Marchi. The reception was held at the Richmond County Country Club, Staten Island, NY. He is a Fixed Income Salesperson with Merrill Lynch.

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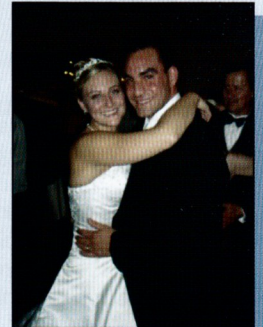
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**Melissa Brochin (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to Stephen Last. A November 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Kristen Connolly (Pitman, NJ)** is engaged to Matthew Wojkowiak. A July 2006 wedding is being planned.

## ANOTHER OCTOBER WAGNER WEDDING PARTY!

**Michelle Lowery Caetano (Belford, NJ)** married Henrique on October 16, 2005. The reception was at The Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank NJ. Other alumni (all from the Class of 2002) in the wedding: **Kristen Connolly, Shauna Dignan, Kathleen Grant, and Marisa Riccio.** There were over 20 Wagner alumni in attendance.



Michelle Lowery  
Caetano '02 and  
husband Henrique

**Francis Colonna (Staten Island, NY)** married Cathleen Boylan. The reception was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY. He is a Registered Nurse at New York University Hospital, Manhattan.

**Linda Desyatnik (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to John Urgo. An October 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Jon Dunne and Jennifer Grant (Staten Island, NY)** are engaged. A November 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Christen Spiracostas (Brooklyn, NY)** is engaged to Kevin Heiden. A July 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Teresa DeFrancesco (Toms River, NJ)** is engaged to Karl Weissert. A September 2006 wedding is being planned.

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**Nicole Buonanno Clerico (Highland Mills, NY)** married Robert on May 8, 2005. The reception was held at Leonards of Great Neck, Long Island. She is a Physician Assistant at Alpha Neurology, Staten Island, NY.

**Michael Lazzaro and Lauren Sanchez (Norwalk, CT)** are engaged. A July 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Amy Probst Page (Benjamin, TX)** married Kirk on March 25, 2005. She is a Physician Assistant at Stonewall Memorial Hospital.

**Andrea Demarest Murphy (Staten Island, NY)** married Steven on October 9, 2005. The reception was held at the Excelsior Grand, Staten Island, NY. She is a First-Grade teacher at Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island, NY.

**Diana Senese (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to Jerry Scattaglia. A May 2007 wedding is being planned.

## 2004

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**Cynthia Taura Jacobson (Staten Island, NY)** married Ian. The setting for the wedding and reception was at The Terrace on the Park, Queens. She is a third-grade teacher at PS 3, Staten Island, NY.

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**Lisa Dontis (Staten Island, NY)** is engaged to Sgt. Robert Dawson. A September 2007 wedding is being planned.

# Crib notes

## The Wagner Family welcomes members of the Classes of 2027 and 2028

Jillian Rose born on March 8, 2006 to **Gerald Maniscalchi '90** and wife Kristine. Jillian Rose joins big sister Allison Jean who is 4.

Sadie Mae born on July 18, 2005 to **Jamie Vitelli Tuzeneu '91** and husband Robert. Sadie Mae joins big brother Connor who is 6.

Sebastian Luis born on September 9, 2005 to **Ovies Cortizo Guadalupe '92** and husband Cesar.

Madeline Grace born on August 17, 2005 to **Susan Morrison Crowdell '94** and husband Anthony. Madeline Grace joins big sister Caroline.

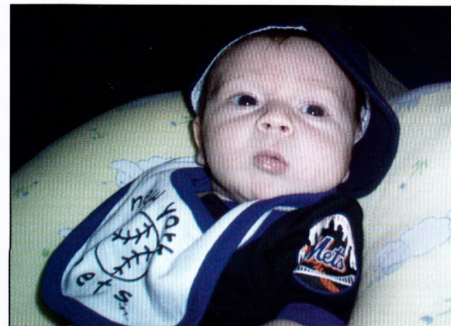
Frances Dawn born on September 2, 2005 to **Jessica Schwartz Bruschi '94** and husband Louis. Frances Dawn joins sisters Hannah, Isabel, and Lila.



Frances Dawn (4 months), Hannah Rose (8 years), Isabel Taylor (6 years) and Lila Simone (3 1/2 years)

Jake Thomas born to **Lisa Polichetti Zucker '94** and husband Justin. Jake Thomas joins big brother Andrew.

Nicholas Giovanni born on January 6, 2006 to **Frances-Ann Sciotto Blich '96** and husband David.



Baby Nicholas Giovanni Blich

Valerie Mae born on April 10, 2005 to **Tina Ostensen Gavioli '96** and husband **Greg '98**. Valerie Mae joins big sister Alexandra Ellen.

Morgan and Taylor born to **Samantha Carrai Hill '97** and husband **Josh '97**. The twin girls join their big brother Colin, age 2.

Sydney Brooke born on November 13, 2005 to **Karolyn Dunn Sliger '00** and husband Keith. Sydney Brooke joins big brother Ryan James.

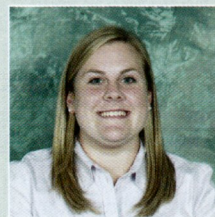
Megan, Caitlin and Shannon born on November 22, 2003 to **Colleen Taylor Feeley '99** and husband Roy.

**Lauren Garetano Canova '03** and **Anthony Canova '01** of Staten Island, NY had a baby girl on November 2, 2005 Gianna Marie Canova.

## FROM FIELD TO FIELD...WOMEN'S LACROSSE ALUMNAE WHO WENT FROM PLAYER TO COACH



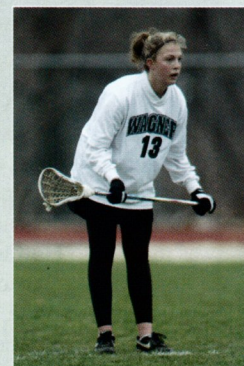
**London Jones '03** is the goalkeeper coach at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.



**Erica Brown '05** is the Assistant Coach at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania.



**Jill Pyzik '04** is the Assistant Coach at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.



**Megan Anderson '04** is the Assistant Coach at LIU in New York.

# Mildred Neumann Olsen '50

## A dedicated alumna of Wagner College.

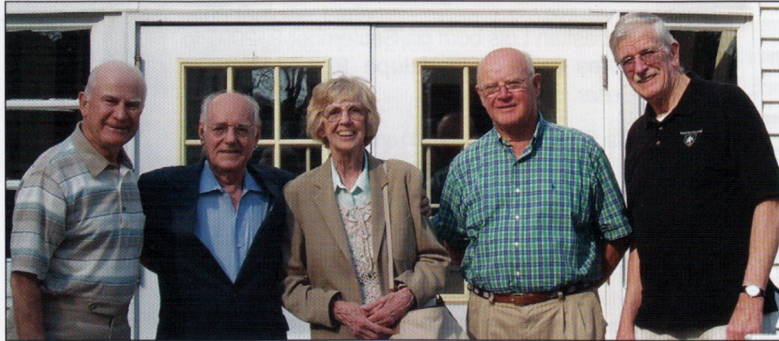
Wagner has lost a true friend. **Mildred Olsen '50** was a rare gem and will be missed by not only the Wagner and Staten Island Communities, but by community at large. A wonderful and inspiring person, Mildred always had a smile on her face and a sweet and caring tone in her voice.

Born in Jersey City, NJ in 1924, Mildred received a B.A. in Social Studies from Wagner in 1950 and then went to NYU to receive her M.A. in Early Childhood Education in 1953.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAGNER

She was active in her sorority, Theta Pi Epsilon, the Wagner College Choir, the Wagner Glee Club and played baseball. As an alumna, she was a class agent for her class and most recently worked on the 55th Reunion last June. Mildred was also a dedicated member of the Wagner College Guild.

Mildred was a member of Wagner's Heritage Society and annually made gifts to support Choir, Theatre, ODK and the Touchdown Club. She had established a fund in memory of her late husband **Georg Olsen '62**. Her feeling about money was that it was



Mildred (Neumann) Olsen (center) with the Class of 1950 Committee: (from left) Bob Peirano, Joe Romano, Phil Schick and Jim Gilmartin.

always better to spread it out than to have it sit in a bank not helping people.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY

She worked tirelessly for many causes. Most recently she established a business called

WEMGO (Women, Education, Motivation, Goals and Opportunity) which enabled women to make items from fleece material which they would then sell. She worked with battered women, took in an abused dog, and hosted recovering alcoholics in her own home.

Mildred was a member of many community organizations and very often served on their boards.

She was exceedingly proud of her two sons Warren and **Eric Olsen '80**. In 1984 she was named the New York State Elks Club Mother of the Year a point which she made sure was noted in her alumni file at Wagner.

A very giving and religious person, Mildred believed in the Holy Spirit and the power of prayer. She was very active in Trinity Lutheran Church, founding the school there, and she and her husband helped found the youth education program at Silver Bay, a Lutheran YMCA camp near Lake George in upstate New York. ❖

# Judith Nelson Meyers '65

## A dedicated alumna and professor.



Wagner alumna and professor, **Judith Nelson Meyers '65**, passed away on February 12, 2006. A tireless advocate for literacy, she was married to **Howard G. Meyers, Jr. '63**.

"Judy had a passion for literature and an innate ability to write," Mr. Meyers says. "And she wanted to see others have the opportunity to develop the same skills."

Through the course of her professional career, after earning two master's degrees,

Mrs. Meyers taught in the city's public schools as well as at Wagner. She became a driving force in the Learning Institute of the Jewish Community Center and the Staten Island Children's Museum. Mrs. Meyers was also a quiet but significant presence in the Staten Island Academy and the Girl Scouts.

Judy would have preferred laboring in anonymity according to her husband. "She was self-effacing and did not seek recognition," Howard said. But it was not possible to ignore Judy's success in bringing the joys of literature to the Island's children. Her efforts did not escape the attention of First Lady Laura Bush who praised Judy's labors in a letter to her family upon her passing.

Her most recent work was on behalf of the Jewish Child Care Association. Judy ran a highly regarded literacy program and was instrumental in securing a grant from the prestigious Robin Hood Foundation to develop reading skills and assessment tools. With the Association she strove to aid the newly arriving Russian Jewish population throughout the

city in acquiring critical language skills.

Howard and Judy met at Wagner on her first day of classes.

In recalling the day they first met he said, "I was walking with a fraternity brother near North Hall and saw Judy. Suddenly, a guy came up on a motorcycle and began to talk to her," he says. Howard intervened and was able to ask Judy for a date, their first.

"We went to the old Embassy on Broad St. in Stapleton; red booths, slightly upscale," he remembers. "They were playing Georgia on My Mind." (Judy had just come from Savannah.) Their second date was the next day. Judy and Howard were married in 1966.

There will be a memorial service for Mrs. Meyers at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 20th. The Staten Island Children's Museum is creating "Judy's Reading Room" in her memory. It will be a special area set aside for parents and children that will "reflect Judy's passion for literacy," according to Marjorie Waxman of the Museum. ❖



## In memoriam

Any alumnus or friend of Wagner College who has passed away since June, 2005 will be remembered in a memorial service at Reunion Weekend on June 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

### ALUMNI

Dr. Lenore Bajda '39  
Edith Sandberg Gott '39  
Faith Frost Berg '41  
Dr. Robert J. O'Connor '41  
Frances S. Robertson '42  
Dr. Erwin C. Nolte '43  
Irene Kinneer Weidner '43  
Alfred B. Roberts '44  
Frank M. Spinelli '47  
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Bette Goesle Finn '49  
Robert G. Hoffmann '49  
Neil M. Thomas '49  
William B. Reitze '49  
Dr. Richard R. Doremus '50  
Mildred Neumann Olsen '50  
James W. Sackel '50  
Henry R. Anderson '51  
Capt. Edwin Rudinger '51  
Dr. Frank E. Goodell '53  
George L. Richon '53  
Angelo Chiapperino '54  
Ruth Zinn Maleeny '54  
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Arnold A. Thompson '57  
Albert E. Bone '58  
Dorothy Lumb Leese '58  
James M. McGinn '58  
Laurence Maloy '59  
Rev. Edward R. Post '60 M '66  
Judith Heine Ranges '60 M '72  
Rev. Dr. C. Alton Roberts '61  
Bobby W. Smith '62  
Elaine Russell M'65  
Judith A. Nelson Meyers '65  
Albert Boivin '69  
Bruce Lambert '69  
Muriel Moss M'69  
George Charney '72  
Thomas Greaser M' 73  
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Babe Trapani Clifford '76  
Carolyn A. Blomquist Manske '76  
Kenneth R. Rauth '78  
Catherine A. Voss '78  
James W. Walker '78  
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Alumni that are interested in participating can contact Victoria Crispo at 718-420-4016 or by email at [vcrispo@wagner.edu](mailto:vcrispo@wagner.edu).

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# FROM SOUP TO Shakespeare

By REV. LYLE GUTTU

In all of English literature, no one has a more exalted reputation than Shakespeare. What was once said of the British Empire can still be said of the Bard: “the sun never sets” on his work; it is continually being produced around the globe, 490 years after his death. And isn’t it fascinating that the theatre in London where many of his plays were first produced was called the Globe.

Lately, “reputation,” has been in the air around campus. Wagner College’s reputation to be precise and although we are not as well known as Stanford, for instance, or Harvard (and I could go on), it’s been a growing reputation.

Not to be too simplistic it is simply true: the faculty, under President Guarasci’s leadership, has knit together a number of things that the College has done to create a mosaic of ideas expressed in sound-bite phrases like “The Wagner Plan” or “the practical liberal arts.” Main Hall is our “signature” building, all this in the service of “branding,” trade marking our name, so that, as when we hear or see “Campbell’s we think of soup, when the public hears or sees the name “Wagner,” they will think - innovative, interesting, caring, excellent College. Shakespeare! Campbells! Wagner! All distinctly recognizable names.

Shakespeare’s name was made, through sonnets and plays. Campbell’s through soup. Wagner’s name is made from diverse elements but chief among them are its leadership, its faculty, its alumni/ae.

When I think of Wagner’s leaders, Frederick Sutter and Donald Spiro pop into my mind, and there is a symmetry there – both graduated from Wagner, one in the 19th century and the other in the 20th – the two essentially spanning the whole life of the College.

Sutter’s leadership was both moral and entrepreneurial, eliciting the support of metropolitan Lutheran churches to move the College from Rochester to establish it on prime Grymes Hill property in Staten Island.

Don Spiro, a WWII veteran, is the one person most responsible for “saving” what Frederick Sutter had so laboriously built. Still active and vital, Don, along with his wife Evelyn, had and will continue to have a most salutary effect on the future of Wagner College long into the 21st century.

Faculty are always the heart, the essential, vital core of any teaching institution – Kramer, Deal, Steen, Hackman (fill in the

name of the professor who most effected your life).

Yet, what has been turning over in my mind is the proposition that there is no great college without great alumni/ae. A college’s product is neither sonnets nor soup but rather its graduates – they constitute a college’s legacy.

We have no Shakespeare, but can claim Paul Zindell, best remembered for “The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds” (see Summer Reading p. 7) and “Pigman”. Remember? More to the point, no college or university can claim Shakespeare; he is both totally set apart and belongs to all.

In the fifteenth edition (1980) of Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations, over fifteen hundred pages of “familiar quotations,” Shakespeare takes up thirty-three pages. His closest competitor, Tennyson (I would have guessed Dickens) occupies less than a third of Shakespeare’s space. And yet there is not one on which you can’t find something brilliant, witty, true, memorable, from John Milton’s Paradise Lost (“all hell broke loose”) to Stevie Wonder’s, You Are the Sunshine of My Life.

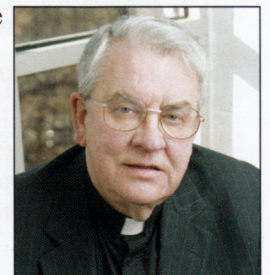
Wagner has about ten times as many graduates as Bartlett’s has pages. Picking a page at random (536), I find Henry Alford, Phineas Taylor Barnum, Pierre Jean Francois Joseph Bosquet, Sir Francis Hastings Doyle, Margaret Fuller, and Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell. Do you recognize any of them? Barnum, I suspect, will be the only one, yet each of them did with their lives something significant enough to be quoted for the ages. President Guarasci, Terry Karamanos and Frank Young, frequently tell me of the fascinating, interesting lives that are being led by Wagner graduates they have met.

One of them, **Judith Meyers ’65**, died February 12 (see p. 38). She essentially spent her career as an advocate for literacy, teaching people to read and write, more broadly to understand the world in which one lives. Among the founders of the Staten Island Children’s Museum, she will be remembered there with a ‘book-nook’, a space filled with books for children and a place where children will regularly gather to be read stories. She was, her life manifested, what we want Wagner to be known for being – innovative, interesting, caring, serving, and fun.

Living in Georgia, Judy would never have found Wagner had it not been for an uncle and aunt who lived in Manhattan and recommended Wagner because of its reputation. Wagner, of course, did not make Judy what she became, but it played a seminal role, and Judy responded by making Wagner proud that she was a graduate.

It’s sort of like a covenant; Wagner wants you to be as proud of your alma mater as it is of you as its graduate.

And that is as it should be. ❖



Rev. Lyle Guttu is Wagner’s chaplain.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

## May 11th

Boston Alumni Gathering  
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## May 19th

119th Commencement

## June 2nd-4th

REUNION 2006  
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## June 8th

"Joe Jilts" Football Alumni Golf Outing  
LaTourette Golf Club Staten Island, NY  
\$120 per golfer  
For more information call 718-390-3209

## July 3rd-14th: Session I

**July 17th- 28th: Session II**  
Children's Musical Theatre Camp  
Ages 6-17, \$492 per session  
Register for both Sessions for \$999  
For more information call 718-390-3221

## July 10th

Delta Nu Golf Outing  
Glenwood Country Club, Old Bridge, NJ  
For more information call 718-390-3224

## July 17th-28th: Session I

**August 14th-18th: Session II**  
Swim Camp for Competitive Swimmers  
Ages 8-16, \$279 per session  
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## July 19th

Summer Campus Visit Day  
for Prospective Students  
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## July 31st-August 4th: Session I

**July 17th-28th: Session II**  
Mad Science Camp  
Ages 6-11, \$279 per 1/2 day session,  
\$279 full day  
Register for both Session for \$999  
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## July 28th

S.I. Yankees vs. the Cyclones  
Home game on S.I. Tickets are \$10 each  
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## July 29th

Wine Day Trip out to North Fork  
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## July 31st- August 1st

Speed Reading Course for Teens & Adults  
\$150 per participant  
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## August 7th-11th

Film Production Camp  
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for Prospective Students  
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more details at 800-221-1010

## August 14th

Sal Alberti Golf Classic  
For more information call 718-420-4008

## August 24th

Freshmen Orientation  
For more information call 718-390-3106

## August 25th

Parent Association: Welcome to New Parents  
Sutter Oval 11a.m.  
For more information call 718-390-3404

## August 25th-27th

Freshman Orientation Weekend  
For more information call 718-390-3423

## September 9th

Homecoming  
Seahawks first home game vs. Iona  
For more information call 718-390-3424

## September 28th

3rd Annual DaVinci Society Scholarship  
Dinner  
For more information call 718-420-4014

## October 1st

Fall Campus Visit Day for  
Prospective Students  
For more information call 800-221-1010

## October 4th

Dinner & a Show: 42nd Street  
For more information call 718-390-3224

## October 14th

Parent Association Cocktail Reception  
6p.m.  
For more information call 718-390-3404

## October 13th-15th

Family Weekend  
For more information call 718-390-3423

## November 3rd

Sigma Theta Tau Gala Celebration  
For more information call 718-390-3436

## November 5th

Wagner College Choir Fall Choral Concert  
3 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church  
For more information call 718-390-3313

## December 1st

Reynolds House Holiday Open House  
For more information call 718-390-3224

## December 3rd

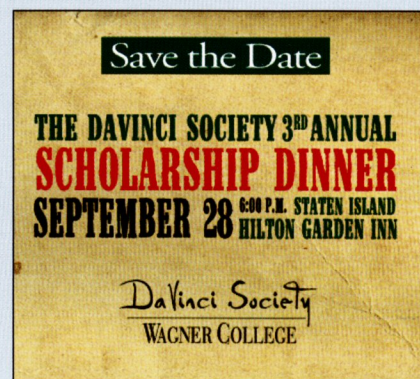
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## December 14th

Graduate Holiday Party  
For more information call 718-390-3106

## December 16th

Holiday Gathering for Special Friends  
and Supporters.  
For more information call 718-420-4014



If you would like more information about the Wagner College DaVinci Society or to be put on the dinner invitation list, please contact Betty McComiskey at 718-420-4014 or e-mail [emccomis@wagner.edu](mailto:emccomis@wagner.edu).

## Announcing the 2006-2007 Wagner Theatre Schedule

Call the box office for tickets or  
subscriptions: 718.390.3259

### 42nd Street

October 4 - 15, 2006

### The Dance Concert

November 15 - December 3, 2006

### Grand Hotel

February 28 - March 11, 2007

### Oklahoma!

April 18-29, 2007

## Sigma Theta Tau

The Epsilon Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a gala celebration and awards ceremony at the Staten Island Hilton on Friday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the Nursing Department at 718-390-3436.



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