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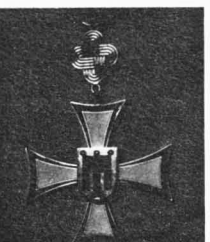
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## Cost of cats—part 2

When a favorite magazine arrived a few days ago, its publisher announced a "reluctant" increase in subscription prices that came to almost 40% on a one-year subscription and to exactly a 50% increase on the three-year term. Because it is a useful and favorite magazine I rushed to extend my subscription at the old rate (sending them a rather nasty note in addition) but — what do I do when that subscription runs out?

Shortly after my note about the increased cost of cats in the last "Wagner" I was pleased to find that the cats being used by the biology department had gone on sale and that faculty had wisely bought 100 of them at a \$9.90 each bargain price (temporarily reduced from the \$15 single price).

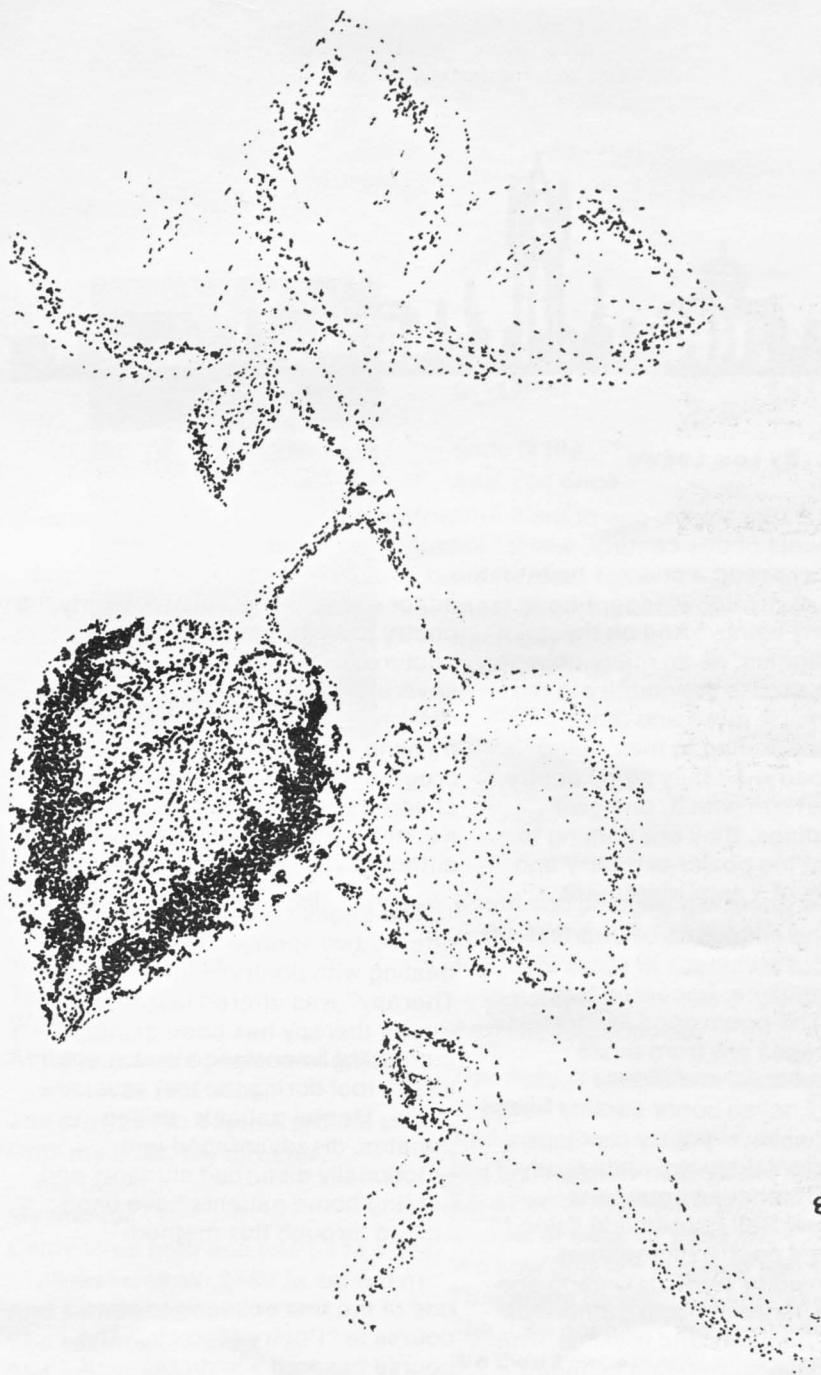
We all have to take advantage of bargains and it appears to many people that an education at Wagner College remains a real bargain compared, say, to the cost of cats and magazine subscriptions.

## 11/1

Summer issues of magazines are supposed to be light reading and that's partly true of Wagner 11/1, with examples of student poetry and photos of Commencement, College Day and the theatre performances of "Cabaret".

But this issue's alumni profile will interest all readers as it looks at Olivia Stapp, a young star with the New York City Opera Company, and there's the regretful news of the resignation of Paul Dieckman and the death of Lee Davidheiser.

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The silent wind  
speaks a tongue so old  
only trees  
understand  
when it whispers

Tom Kratz

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“More and more students are  
adding to their being through poetry”





**By Lois Leewe**

William Butler Yeats, one of the greatest poets of this century, wrote, "When I have read a poem, I have not added to my knowledge, I have added to my being." And on the Wagner campus, as on many college campuses across the country in the past few years, more and more students are adding to their being through poetry. As they study poetry, write it, perform with it, and give public readings, they are coming to understand the power of poetry and the wisdom of Yeats' statement.

Under the editorship of Charles Lebeda '75, "Nimbus," Wagner's literary magazine, appeared twice this year. The poems and illustrations on these pages are from those issues. "Nimbus" and Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society have sponsored several poetry readings where students, alumni and faculty gather in Gatehouse Lounge of Harbor View Hall to read and listen to each other's poetry (sometimes accompanied by music); Chianti and Rosé are shared at these gatherings as well as thoughts and feelings. The readings have sometimes included student-made films and one-act plays. There are also plans for a student-sponsored benefit poetry reading to be held on campus to aid Mount Loretto on Staten Island, recently damaged by fire.

In the classroom students are learning how to read poetry and to

write it. The creative writing course is taught by William Packard, an accomplished poet and teacher and editor of the "New York Quarterly," a poetry journal. The President's Lecture Series has sponsored several poetry-related events; most notably, a reading by Diane Wakoski, a young American poet, and a program on how to teach young children to read and write poetry by Kenneth Koch, poet, teacher, and author of "Wishes, Lies & Dreams".

The English department has offered two special topic courses dealing with poetry. "Literature as Therapy" was offered last semester. Poetry therapy has been gaining increasing importance as a mental health tool during the last several years. Mental patients, prison inmates, disadvantaged and emotionally disturbed students and nursing home patients have been helped through this method.

In the fall of 1972, Wagner was one of the first colleges to offer a course in "Poetry of Rock." The course covered a wide range of figures from Chuck Berry to Bob Dylan; it was not a history course but an extended examination of rock as a larger American poetic tradition.

If, as Ezra Pound claimed, "Poetry is a kind of magic," then many Wagner students are coming under its spell — and with good results.

#### **Ovid Knew**

Ovid knew that words come back  
Like birds after the frost, and sifting  
pans  
are found sprinkled with nuggets that  
tantalize  
and complain.

From sleep we sought further  
shelter.

With wind and harbor at our backs  
We headed for the shelter of the  
open sea.

Above sea-weary heads soared a  
man-bird,  
Dipping reluctantly, clawing for each  
ascending breath.

Waves rise and fall on hands on  
gauze and silk.

Straggling seagulls chatter in the  
Mediterranean stillness,

Drums that echo in the brain like  
pounding primeval

Thrusts against a naked curtain  
of paper flowers.

Translated beyond into obscurity, the  
simple sea breeze

Becomes a gale, pounding against  
wood and rusting metal,

Ripping at the foundations of the  
island magnate's swarm.

Ovid knew that words come back  
Like Karma, reborn and reborn  
again,

Evolving into statues of mammoth  
random lines,

Caught like mullet, trapped

In the aching static brutality of a  
poem.

**Chuck Winch**



### Jesus Was Here

the lord was good to me by my birth  
 the lord was good to me by my birth  
 don't need nobody else to remind me  
 of my worth  
 the lord was good to me by my birth  
 there goes one of those coal miners  
 now.  
 his boss said to him, "waal, whut do  
 you want?"  
 and he didn't move and said, "not  
 mucha anything."  
 this was called the Taming Pow'r of  
 the Small.

the lord has willed to open ev'ry door.  
 oh, the lord has willed to open every  
 door

I heard it in the telling of the Gospel  
 story  
 the lord has willed to open ev'ry door.

When he saw the Neue Liebe  
 mirrored in the water,  
 he grinned and said, "how many  
 clues do yuh think ye'll need?"  
 this was on the new moon of the  
 fourteen hour night,  
 he blessed the youngest daughter  
 and the second son

the lord said, children, Love is  
 waiting for you here.  
 he said, children, Love is waiting for  
 you here.  
 be filled with joy, ye know that god is  
 near  
 and he says, children, Love is waiting  
 for you here.

one of the dishwashers asked him,  
 "is it time?"  
 he said, "y'got a heart to sing ye  
 gotta sing it  
 y'got wings to fly, I say truly, ye ought  
 to wing it."  
 with that he removed the do not enter  
 sign.

the lord was good to you by your  
 birth.  
 the lord was good to you by your  
 birth.  
 don't need nobody else to remind you  
 of your worth.  
 the lord was good to you by you birth.

Dudley Dickinson



gossamer

gone is the  
 opal you once  
 sent me. i  
 sold it in  
 amsterdam for a  
 meal of cornbread.  
 each day i  
 remember its glow.

Debbie Martin

### Once Contained Number Two

In the shadow of these tall  
 monuments  
 We stood careless.  
 Too tense.  
 Wincing.  
 And the acts we performed killed  
 what was real in us,  
 The crowds too captive around us.  
 Until my boss, my director,  
 my father,  
 My mentor  
 Came to us both and told us to erase  
 all that was suggestive.  
 And I was glad.  
 She asked questions.  
 She asked about her survival.  
 Fighting with her brow's tilt,  
 Loving with her eyes.

Could she possibly get along without  
 the soft fire in her lips?  
 His reply came in silence of his  
 footsteps,  
 And she understood.

The night pierced through the day's  
 bright scene  
 And scratched out the shadows.  
 We lay together calm in the dark  
 Like two bolts of pure silk  
 Devoid of color or pattern.  
 We saw only the material and weave  
 That made us what we are  
 The time posed its usual questions  
 We didn't necessarily answer  
 So it stood bewildered and insulted  
 And we left it that way.

Richard Bandanza

*Poetry and art from the 1973/74 issues of the students' magazine  
 "Nimbus"*

# News on Grymes Hill

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## Sun-filled commencement May 19 has 623 graduates, 3 honorary degrees

Wagner College observed its 89th commencement Sunday, May 19, in ceremonies held on the Grymes Hill campus. A crowd of more than 6000 was on hand to see 623 graduates receive degrees on a sun-filled afternoon.

One highlight of the annual event was the presentation of three honorary doctorates. An honorary Doctor of Laws degree went to Count Harald von Posadowsky-Wehner, the German Consul General, who also delivered the commencement address.

In his speech to the graduating class, Count von Posadowsky-Wehner outlined the strong ties which exist between Wagner College and the German people and accepted the honorary degree as something that would bring him "still closer to New York and Wagner College."

He also hailed Wagner's president, Dr. Arthur O. Davidson, as a distinguished diplomat who for years has worked toward maintaining favorable relations with German-speaking people both in America and abroad and noted especially the success of Wagner's campus in Bregenz, Austria. Count von Posadowsky-Wehner also spoke of Dr. Davidson's most recent award from Germany, the Commander's Cross of the German Order of Merit, which Dr. Davidson received recently from Dr. Gustav Heinemann, President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

An honorary Doctor of Science degree went to industrialist and philanthropist Eugen E. Megerle, president of the Wella Corporation. Dr. Megerle has long been a supporter of Wagner College and is a member of the Liederkrantz, the German Society, the Society of Cosmetic Chemists and the board of managers of Isabella Geriatric Center.

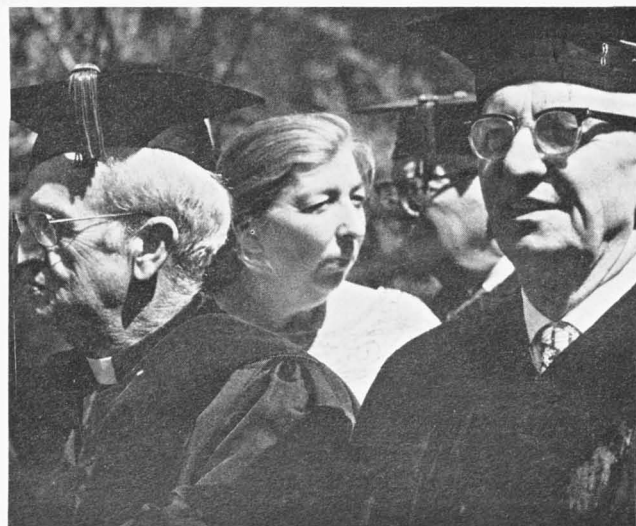
Edward G. Gibson, astronaut and scientist, also received an honorary Doctor of Science degree. His most famous achievement came between November 1973 and February 1974, when he spent a record 84 days in space and traveled more than 34 million miles. In accepting the Wagner degree, Dr. Gibson praised the American spirit which has put men into space and noted that "Nowhere is the American spirit more evident than at Wagner College today." He said also that his travels in space have helped him realize more fully "how vast and wonderful God's creation is."

In other commencement activities, the Rev. Dr. Carl Futchs '24, received the school's 50 year alumni key. Dr. Futchs received an honorary doctorate from Wagner in 1957 and is the former Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Association in New Jersey.

Mrs. Margaret Graves Gilbert, a popular local musician and member of the college faculty, received the school's 1974 Outstanding Citizenship award, and Prof. Dwight R. Thomas received a Wagner pin in recognition of his retirement.



The Rev. Carl Futchs receives a 50-year alumni key (left) and Count von Posadowsky-Wehner delivers the address at Commencement (right). Astronaut Edward Gibson talks with President Davidson prior to the ceremony (below) and some of the honored guests were (below, left to right) The Rev. Carl Sutter, Margaret Graves Gilbert and Eugen E. Megerle.





## **News on Grymes Hill**

### **Francis H. Horn named executive vice-president**

Dr. Francis H. Horn, president of Albertus Magnus College and an internationally known educator and scholar, has been named Executive Vice President of Wagner effective August 1.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, he received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1930 and a master of arts degree in 1934 from the University of Virginia. He then attended Yale University, where he received a master's in 1942 and a Ph.D. in 1949. He recently received his 26th honorary degree, this time from the University of New Haven. Other schools that have honored him during his long service to American higher education include Wagner (with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in 1969), Providence College, Southern Illinois University, the University of New Hampshire, Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, China Academy of the College of Chinese Culture (Taiwan), Kon Kuk University in Korea, and Albertus Magnus — which has also designated him President Emeritus.

The Francis H. Horn Marine Science Laboratory at the University of Rhode Island was dedicated in 1969 in recognition of Dr. Horn's role in establishing the nation's first graduate school of oceanography and in developing and promoting the federally-supported Sea Grant College. His awards include the U.S. Navy Medal for Distinguished Public Service (the Navy's highest civilian award), the U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award, and the Dartmouth Class of 1930 Award. In 1967 he was elected to the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

He is married and has three children.

**Scenes from the two-week, successful run of "Cabaret", spring theatre production.**



## Annual fund tops \$260,000

A return to better days? Perhaps. We are assured at this point of reaching the second highest total ever achieved in the Annual Fund Appeal, under the direction of Mike and Margaret Nicolais '49.

While the goal of \$275,000 may have been optimistic (after gifts of \$208,000 the previous year) this year's will be in excess of \$260,000, an increase of at least 25%.

One reason for optimism is the leadership shown in the Alumni Phase by Howard Meyers '63 and Roger Nelson '63, the Co-Chairmen. As of late June we are \$5000 ahead of last year's alumni total.

In reviewing the Annual Fund Appeal, Jack Ottenheimer '63, assistant director of development said, "It appears that we will be successful in all but our goal. We have attracted new donors, retained existing donors and returned previous donors to the fold. We have done new and exciting things."

# Coming to Campus

### September

- 4-6 Registration of new students and current students (not previously registered)
- 4-8 Orientation for new students
- 9 First day of classes beginning at 8 a.m.
- 10 Opening Convocation
- 13-19 Wagner College Theatre Production
- 25 Soccer: Stevens Tech, 3 p.m.
- 28 Soccer: Susquehanna, 1 p.m.

- 29 Wagner College Guild meeting, Union, 1:30 p.m.

### October

- 2 Soccer: Brooklyn Poly, 3 p.m.
- 5 Parents Day
- Football: Upsala, 1:30 p.m.
- Annual Alumni Association meeting, Union, room 201
- 10 Soccer: Hofstra, 3 p.m.
- 19 Soccer: Wilkes, 2 p.m.
- 26 Football: Kings Point (Homecoming) 2 p.m.





## News on Grymes Hill

### Paul W. Dieckman resigns

Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, vice-president of the College since 1967, will retire August 31. He came to Wagner after serving for 15 years as president of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska.

Prior to his presidency at Midland, Dr. Dieckman had been Wagner's assistant to the president and vice-president between 1947 and 1952.

In his last position here, he was directly responsible for Wagner's development program and he has assisted the president in developing an administrative reorganization during a period of rapid growth.

Dr. Dieckman has served for 15 years as Lutheran pastor in Pennsylvania, Detroit and in Chicago.

His resignation was accepted by Dr. Davidson "with much regret, but also with deep thanks for the years he has devoted to the College."

### Poly Sci B.A. available

The office of the academic dean has announced a new program of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in political science. According to Dr. Robert M. Anderson, chairman of the department of history and political science, growing student interest in political science had much to do with the school's decision to formalize its academic offerings in this area.

The political science program will offer courses in four key areas: American government, including courses on American political behavior, urban politics, and constitutional history; comparative government, featuring courses on international political systems; political theory, with courses examining the origins of Western political thought, political philosophy,

and political traditions; and international relations, with courses like "China in the 20th Century," "The Middle East in Modern Times," and "Latin America in Modern Times."

### Lee Y. Davidheiser dies

Dr. Lee Y. Davidheiser, who retired as professor of chemistry and department chairman in 1950 after 22 years of service to the College, died May 26 at the home of his son, Bolton, in La Mirada, California.

Dr. Davidheiser was honored by Wagner with the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the commencement exercises in 1950 and also received the title of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry upon his retirement later that year.

### Faculty promotions

The following faculty members have received promotions:

to professor: J. Keith Addy, Ph.D. and George Petrello, Ph.D.;

to associate professor: William Levitt, Ph.D., John Lynes, Ph.D., Otto Raths, Ph.D., and Eleanor Rogg, Ph.D.;

and to assistant professor: Charles Kiley, Ph.D. (retroactive to Jan. 1, 1974) and Virginia Kuck, M.S.

### "Center" opens on campus

May marked the opening of the Staten Island Center for Development Disabilities, housed in the New Administration Building of the College. The center is designed to provide comprehensive diagnostic services to developmentally disabled residents of Staten Island and should be serving almost 400 patients when the operation is in full swing. Administrator of the facility is Robert M. Piegari, a 1971 graduate of Wagner.

### Room and board to \$1350

The Board of Trustees has authorized an increase in rates for room and board from \$1250 to \$1350 per year to take effect at the beginning of the 1974-75 academic year. Also in effect is a previously announced \$75 charge per instruction unit, up from \$70.

### Host to Soviet wrestlers

Wagner hosted the Soviet men's Olympic wrestling team in March. The team was in America for a 22-day series of matches against American all-star teams and for two days lived and trained on the Grymes Hill campus. The visit was arranged by Wagner's wrestling coach, Bill Lied. Lied is a member of the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Committee and will be officiating at the 1976 Olympics in Canada.

#### Seahawk Football

##### September

21	1:30	Gettysburg
28	1:30	C.W. Post

##### October

5	1:30	Upsala (Parents Day)
12	7:45	Bridgeport
19	8:00	Montclair
26	2:00	Kings Point (Homecoming)

##### November

2	1:30	Springfield
9		Open
16	1:30	Fordham
23	1:30	Hofstra



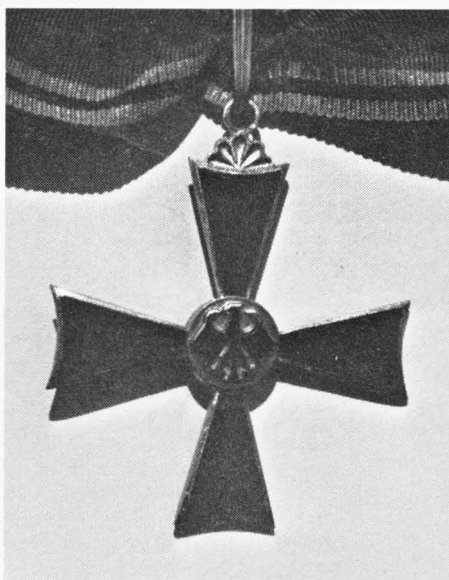
## President Davidson honored by high German, Austrian Awards

During a recent visit to Germany and Austria, President Arthur O. Davidson received two high awards. From Dr. Gustav Heinemann, president of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Davidson accepted the Commander's Cross of the German Order of Merit. He later received the Silver Cross of Honor of Vorarlberg, Austria, from Dr. H. Kessler, governor of Vorarlberg.

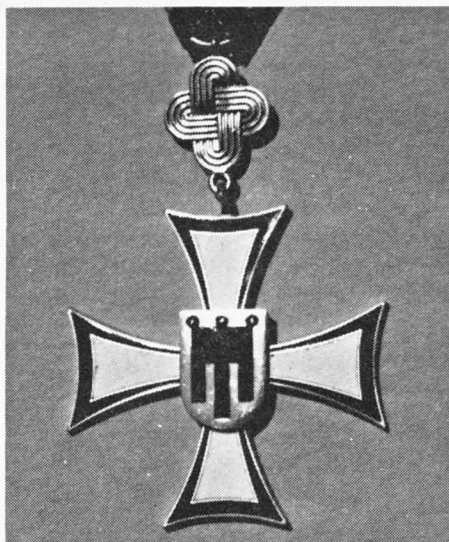
Dr. Davidson also discussed the possibility of establishing formal programs that would bring German and Austrian students to the Grymes Hill campus.

Dr. Davidson believes that Wagner can offer the German and Austrian students an outstanding educational facility and notes that the New York City cultural and educational offerings help make Wagner especially attractive to the German and Austrian officials. Mrs. Davidson accompanied him on the trip, as did Dr. Walter Bock, director of church relations.

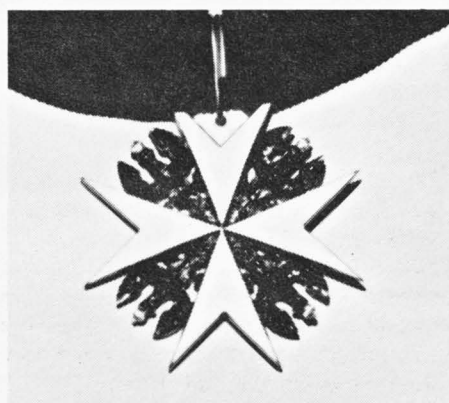
A previous award, indicating investiture in the Johanniter Orden, had been presented to Dr. Davidson at an earlier ceremony in New York City.



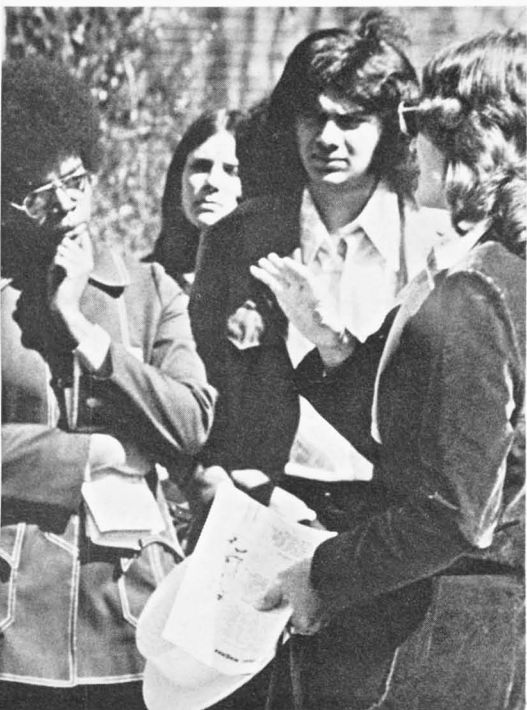
**Commander's Cross of the German  
Order of Merit**



**Silver Cross of Honor of Vorarlberg,  
Austria**

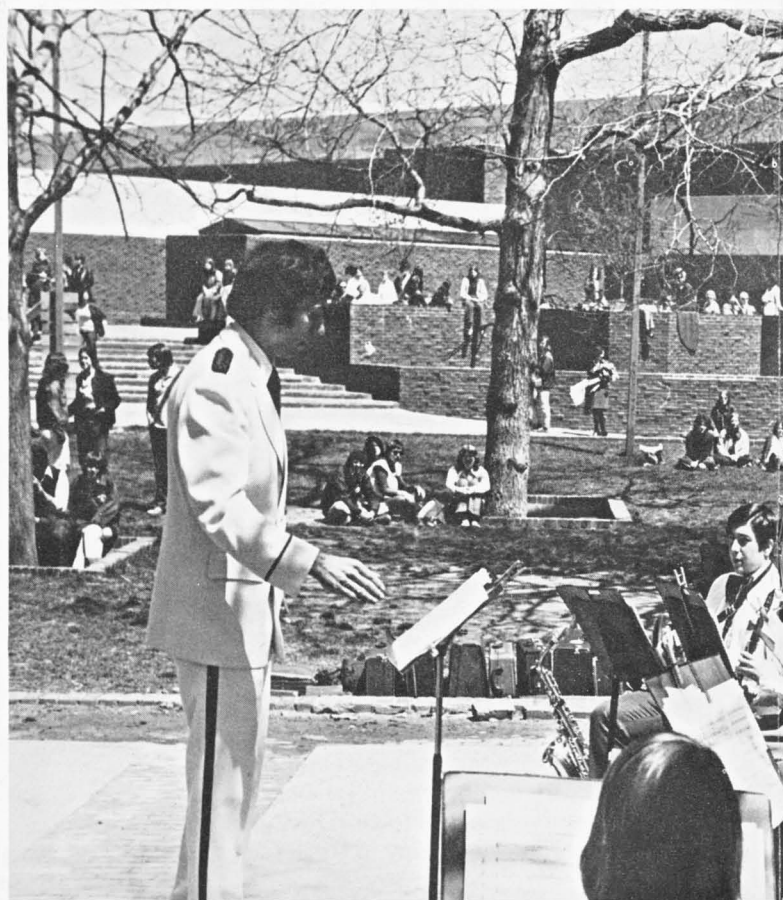


**Cross of Knight of Honor in the Jo-  
hanniter Orden**

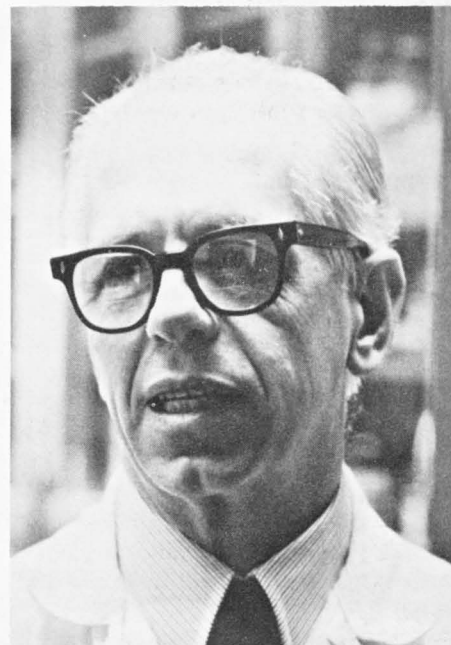
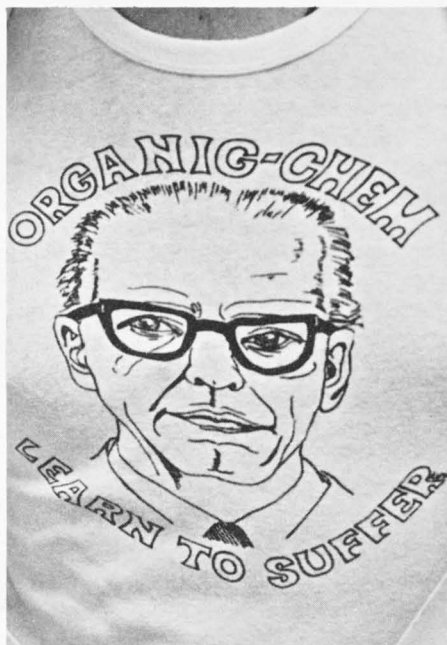


Prospective students and their parents receive information about Wagner before taking a campus tour on College Day.

This informal band concert on the Union plaza was a highlight of this May's annual College Day.



(Below) Empty coffee cups and cereal boxes remain after a 48-hour dance marathon on the College Day weekend. Sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi the event raised money for the Arthritis Foundation.



Imitation is flattery and Dr. Schulz T-shirts attest to the popularity of Dr. Johann C. F. Schulz, chairman of the chemistry department and shown here meeting prospective students and their parents during College Day. The T-shirt is on a student, not Dr. Schulz.



# Seahawk sports

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## Track team races to a 7-1 season

The Seahawk track team took its season opener against Washington, lost to Stony Brook by two points —  $73\frac{1}{2}$ - $71\frac{1}{2}$  — and then raced to a 7-1 record in what head coach Ron Miller had predicted would be the best season in Wagner track history.

One of the major victories of the season was an MAC triangular win over Muhlenberg and Albright, two of the stronger teams in the conference from year to year. Next came a  $98\frac{1}{2}$ - $47\frac{1}{2}$  pounding of Lehman College, followed by a quadrangular victory over Kings Point, Fairfield and Hofstra.

In the MAC championship, coach Ron Miller got a fine performance from sprinter Brian Allen, who won the championship 440-yard dash in a school record 49.3. The Wagner 440-yard relay team of Greg Perry, Brian Allen, Bruce Ogan and Lou D'Aquila finished a brilliant season by placing third in the MAC event. The

Hawks also scored with the mile relay team, which finished fourth.

In his first three years as head coach, Miller has run up a solid 22-10 record and has molded the Wagner track team into a leading squad on the college track circuit.

## Baseball has bleak 6-15 season record

The 1974 baseball team saw first baseman Jim Forbes and third baseman Nick Shymanski tapped for the Metropolitan College Baseball Conference All-Star team. But that, unfortunately, was the only good news to come along. While coach Ralph Ferraro's squad had a number of outstanding individual performers, it never found a consistent team effort en route to a bleak 6-15 season — 2-13 in the Met Conference.

This year's club lacked experience and, most importantly, lacked the program to meet the likes of Seton Hall — one of the best in America this year, and only one of the Wagner opponents to play full fall schedules before spring season. But the outlook for next year is bright, especially with a player like Shymanski returning as a senior. Hailed by Ferraro as "one of the best I've coached," Shymanski hit .410 and finished the season ranked 27th in the NCAA Division I standings — against the top players in the country.

Jim Forbes found himself on the All-Star team for the second straight year after batting .341, contributing 7 doubles, and knocking in 15 runs. He's a good one to have coming back.

The infield is set for next year, and the young pitching staff has matured, albeit the hard way. And if the Hawks can do some building in the outfield, they may just find themselves back on the winning trail in 1975.

## '74 football looks like a long, lean fall

If it's true that defense wins ball games, the Wagner College Seahawks may be in for a long season. The 1973 team, which finished 4-5 only after winning its last three contests, relied heavily on a seasoned defense to make up for an injury-riddled young offense. But gone are three linebackers (including Scott Spratford, now with the Denver Broncos) and a key defensive tackle. Also among the missing was a 1974 spring practice, which means head coach Bob Hicks won't see his team until August 27. Then he'll have until September 21 to transform a roster into a ball club.

"Last year we played the toughest schedule in the school's history; this year's will be even tougher," Hicks confesses. Montclair State and Fordham are now on the schedule, replacing Albright and Susquehanna, teams which Wagner has done well against in the past. Montclair had an excellent team in '73, and while Fordham has only been varsity for two seasons, the team has shown steady improvement and should be what Hicks calls "representative."

As far as the Seahawks are concerned: "We expect to score. We have good defensive speed in the backfield, and Andy Uske is a fine passer (and we'll be throwing the ball, no question). "But," Hicks adds, "you can't go without field position. You just can't march 80 yards every time. And that's where defense comes in."

"Guarded optimism" is the phrase for 1974 Wagner football. If the offense shines — and it's capable of doing just that — and the defense matures fast enough, the Seahawks may come up with a winning record.

## Saucy-sounding computers



**Les Trautmann '40**  
**Managing Editor**  
**Staten Island Advance**

I've been caught up in a revolution!.

While nobody's been shooting at me, I've begun dodging and weaving as a precaution.

For most of my adult life, I've been working in an industry that has seen few significant changes since the invention of movable type. Suddenly, a few years ago, there were the first cracks in the old order. Since then, the winds of change have battered

the status quo. Publishing will never be the same.

I can remember vividly a bare half-dozen years ago when I joined a veteran editor in inspecting a block-long printing press, all shiny and new, in a newspaper plant. "It's great," my companion said after the tour, "but it's really the same as I saw as a boy." He wouldn't be able to say that now in many places.

The big change is being spurred by electronic wizardry, which spell giant savings in time and money. Computers, with their hardware and software, can make your head swim even in this venerable industry. As I write this, the Advance is on the verge of the conversion, from hot type to cold type. "Hot type" is the traditional manner, with lead cast in matrixes and printers with ink-stained fingers putting the type line by line into pages. "Cold type" is the new way, with computers reading the impulses for a news story or advertising and with lightning speed converting it into a print-out for a paste-up for photoengraving into a single unit page.

Those who have made the transition say employees take it pretty well in stride, but there's an eeriness about it all. Reporters will type their stories via electric typewriters onto copy paper with all four margins blocked out. After editing, the copy is fed into a "scanner," which reads it and, swoosh, there's a printout available. Or take advertising. It now takes about thirty manhours just for additions and corrections in seven pages of classified advertising. When a computer button is pushed after new information has been fed in, all seven pages can be printed out in an hour and a half . . . a fresh and complete version.

In moving into this world, I have discovered I need something the

computer people call an "interface." This little gadget enables one unit of a computer compound to understand what another is saying. Not that I'm going to be attached to a computer, but these people speak a language that baffles me. The other day, for example, they were talking about the time the computer should "dump." Since I'm interested in saving news stories and not losing them, I pleaded for an explanation. It turned out "dump" meant print-out.

Or take the saucy-sounding VDTs, now there's one for the modern editor. It's a gadget that fits on a desk and features a keyboard and a television screen. Naturally it's hooked up to the computer. By using the proper code any story that has already been fed into the computer can be retrieved for examination. Corrections, additions, deletions are made via the keyboard and you watch it happen on the screen. Or you could even write a fresh story on it if you were of a mind to. Quite a nice toy!

There are other niceties on the horizon. The Associated Press has a new wirephoto machine in production which transmits a completed eight-by-ten glossy photo into your newsroom in about two and one-half minutes, one-quarter the present time. Credit that to the laser beam. Present wire service news machines transmit at some 66 to 88 words per minute. The AP is now testing one that tops 1,000 words a minute. I don't understand it, but it looks like a blur until the machine stops.

The days of Ben Hecht's "Front Page" seem to have vanished. But there'll still be reporters slogging their way through snow, rain, heat, etc., trying to get more than a "no comment" from the reticent official who has been caught failing to file his income tax return.

## Alumni Profile

# New York City Opera Company's Olivia Stapp '57 — "It's me against me"



**By Russ Johnson**

"It's not me against the world; it's me against me. It's something I do right now to the best of my ability. And that's important."

"Something" for Olivia Stapp, a 1957 graduate of Wagner College, is opera — and that she performs to the best of her ability is something of an understatement for one of the New York City Opera Company's brightest talents.

In even a casual conversation, there is something exceptional about her presence, a force of so much intensity and beauty that you feel, if you can't quite express, that quality which her reviewers and admirers try hopelessly to capture in words. And she simply glows when the topic turns — as it must — to her art. "Opera has been wonderful for me in its challenges. It's known as the super art because not only must you be able to act, but you must be able to make beautiful sound at the same time."



When she appeared recently in Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Consul" (which hadn't appeared in New York for eight years), she brought down the house in what one New York reviewer called "a powerfully and clearly sung performance" in a production whose style "rated bravos".

The opening of "The Consul" marked her final debut of the company's demanding 11-week season. She had already sung in "Anna Bolena" (as Jane Seymour), "Carmen" (in the title role), and "Cavalleria Rusticana" (as Santuzza).

Miss Stapp sings with the New York City Opera 22 weeks each year, and has since 1972 when she returned from two seasons with the Vienna Volksoper. Before Vienna it was Spoleto, Flensburg, Wuppertal, Oberhausen, and Deutsche Oper Berlin in what has been a stunning young career.

Between regular seasons, she has appeared with the Dallas, Norfolk, Oakland, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Denver symphonies and with the Vienna Radio Symphony.

Of the 34 operas in her repertoire, she admits to feeling something quite special about "The Consul". She was asked to create the part of Magda Sorel in the City Opera's revival, directed by Menotti himself.

She calls this story of people trying to escape from behind the iron curtain "a very difficult, very special piece which is close to my heart." She adds: "For this day and age, it hits home as much as a Greek drama surely must have hit home then — for it encompasses the eternal truth that the quest for freedom is the most important element of life."

Apart from her human and philosophical commitment to "The Consul," she confesses that she enjoys the challenge of an incredibly demanding role. "It's a tour de force

for the prima donna, because it's a soprano role." And yet it's not something new to her, for since her debut with the City Opera in October 1972 she has continually been given roles which she calls "out of my repertory, but not out of my range." No one who has experienced one of her performances would argue the point.

Though opera is a driving force, a 24-hour-a-day devotion during her season — something which causes her to forget eating — she lives a full life apart from her art.

Her husband (theoretical physicist and senior member of the Lawrence Radiation Lab at the University of California) and young son are her primary interests, and she enjoys moments away from her normal cares — sometimes paddle tennis and sometimes jumping rope when she's on tour and can't find other athletic facilities.

Wagner College, too, is part of her life. "Wagner was the second happiest time of my life, next to when I married and had my son."

Her love of her college years results largely from the people who helped her through some difficult times. She still sees former professors Kenneth and Aurelia Scott. "I owe my life to Kenneth Scott; he was the greatest influence in my life, my spiritual father." Dr. Scott "discovered her" when she was in high school, encouraged her to attend Wagner and finally helped her with the scholarship and job she needed to make it through.

And she remembers the late Dr. Sigvart Steen, for many years the school's choir director. "The choir was a special, intimate group of people. And people who were in it never forget it." Dr. Steen, she notes, "was such a powerful, dynamic human being. He made us all surpass ourselves; and he often made *me* surpass myself. He was stern with me, and I appreciated it later."



She adds that she hears periodically from schoolmates, some of whom attend her operas when she's in town. "They often write me notes — touching, beautiful letters saying how happy they are for me. And they share in my joy."

She left Wagner in 1957 for two years as a Fulbright scholar in Rome and then went on to study at La Scala in Milan.

And Miss Stapp credits her opera training in Europe for most of her professional maturity. "I grew up in Europe — I learned to speak two languages fluently, and Europe had a great influence on my artistic development. It developed my whole understanding of style and music." She quickly adds, however, that American opera is "very alive and well."

When asked about the present state of her art, she replied that she has seen what she feels are positive trends in recent years. "Singers of the present generation are more beautiful and healthier than they

used to be. And typically when you see what should be a beautiful heroine today, she really is beautiful." And she believes that the very nature of the art has changed somewhat. "The quality has changed. In previous times there was more of an emphasis on singing. Today, primarily because of television's impact, the audience expects a more theatrically feasible event — something more complete."

In all, she considers opera a more demanding art than ever before and because of this believes it offers its stars greater satisfaction than most had ever dreamed possible.

Somewhat predictably, Miss Stapp speaks little of her operatic future. She doesn't avoid the subject. . .but in view of her latest successes and overwhelming talent is content to rely more on actions than words to say what now goes largely without saying. Those who have seen her know they will be seeing her again.



# Class Briefs

**The Rev. John E. Sjaugen '31** celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination as minister in May. Reverend Sjaugen is an associate pastor of Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Address: 3319 Cabot Lane, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46805

**George E. Boelger X48** was one of 19 district agency field representatives of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., to attend the career agents' conference at the Boston office. Boelger is a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters. Address: 93 Grymes Hill Rd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Caspar A. Scheiper '48**, chairman of the Staten Island Pastorius-Steinmetz Unit of the Steuben Society, was elected second vice-chairman of the national council at a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Address: 372 Bay Street, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Walter W. Thompson '50**, who retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the USAF in 1971, has been appointed branch manager of the securities brokerage and investment banking firm of Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co. in Spokane, Washington. Address: 1314 Cherrywood Court, Spokane, Wash. 99218

**Christopher R. Deane, Jr. '51** has been made Executive Secretary, National Headquarters, Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills, N.J. Address: 6389 Overbrook Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19151

**The Reverend Henry L. Reinewald '51**, National Chaplain to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was privileged to serve as Chaplain to the House of Representatives of the United States on March 11. On March 12, he was honored to serve as Chaplain to the United States Senate. Address: P.O. Box 425, Pinckney, Mich. 48169

**The Reverend George E. Handley '52** has accepted a new position as Assistant to the President of the Virginia Synod, LCA. He had been pastor of Grace Church, Waynesboro, Virginia for the past ten years. Address: 2725 Wilshire Ave., S.W., Roanoke, Va. 24015

**Names of the following donors were omitted from "Report of Wagner College" Century Club Class of '59**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Pavlis**      **Kathryn Wahlers Reisch**

**George W. Thorsen '57** has been made vice president-controller of the Macke Company, Cheverly, Md. The Macke Company is one of the nation's leading food management, vending service and building maintenance firms. Address: 11916 Tallwood Court, Potomac, Md. 20854

**Dr. Sal R. Tuzzo '57** is in private practice of psychiatry in San Jose, California. He is also a clinical associate at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and on the clinical faculty in the psychiatry department at Stanford University. Address: 663 Toyon Place, Palo Alto, Cal. 94306

**Bradford G. Corbett '60**, president of Robintech, Inc. is head of the group of Texan industrialists who recently bought control of the Texas Rangers, American League, Western Division baseball team, for an estimated \$9 million. Six years ago the Texas Rangers were known to the Eastern baseball fans as the Washington Senators. Corbett's partners include businessmen from the Dallas-Fort Worth section of Texas. Address: 104 Hazelwood Drive, Fort Worth, Tex. 76107

**Matthew J. Deteresa '60** was elected to the Board of Directors of the L.A. Dreyfus Co., South Plainfield, New Jersey, at the annual stockholders' meeting. Address: 1 Walnut St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

**Grunde Robert Haugeto '61** has received an Army Commendation for outstanding achievement of duty which materially affected the operation of the Nuclear Development and Engineering Directorate at Picatinny Arsenal, where he is employed as a physicist. Address: RFD #3, Box 77, Newton, N.J. 07860

**Charles T. Johannen '62** who had been with Humble Oil & Refinery Co. has gone into business with his father-in-law. They have purchased a package store in Sea Bright, N.J. Address: 109 Rumson Pl., Little Silver, N.J. 07739

**Jean A. Gaise '64**, assistant dean of students at Wagner College was appointed to a newly formed five-member State Camp Advisory Council by Gov. Malcolm Wilson in March. The panel will advise the State Department of Health on policy matters relating to youth camp safety. Her term will run until January 1, 1978. Address: 830 Howard Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Capt. Robert B. Warren '64** resigned from the U. S. Army and on May 1 became associated with the firm of Quigley and Palermo, P.C., Colorado Springs, in the general practice of law. Address: 3540 Oro Blanco Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80917

**John Q. Adams '65** is an assistant district attorney on the staff of John M. Braisted, district attorney for Staten Island. Address: 55 Austin Place, Staten Island, N.Y. 10304

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**John N. Bowden '65** has been named assistant administrator of St. Anthony Hospital, Rockford, Illinois. Prior to this appointment, Bowden was deputy associate director for administration at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. Address: St. Anthony Hospital, 5666 East State Street, Rockford, Ill. 61101

**The Rev. Paul D. Hrdlicka '65** was named "Outstanding Young Man of Connecticut" by the Jaycees. Pastor Hrdlicka, of Zion Lutheran Church, Bristol, Conn. is active in the New England Synod and is on the executive board of the International Police Chaplains. Address: 35 Judd St., Bristol, Conn. 06010



## Alumni Link

### Nominations needed for "Outstanding alumni"

One of the most important and effective ways for alumni to serve their Alma Mater is to nominate and elect outstanding men and women from the alumni body who are qualified either to serve in leadership positions, such as alumni trustee or association officer, or to receive recognition, such as the Alumni Service Award for distinguished work on behalf of the College or the Achievement Award for excellence in one's chosen profession.

Nominations are invited in order to be considered for presentation to the Alumni Association in September. Anyone may submit a nomination. Please include with your nomination a statement as to why the person named should be considered for the position or award.

**ALUMNI TRUSTEES:** From the nominations submitted, five names will be chosen by the nominating committee to be presented to the Board of Trustees for its October meeting. One trustee will be chosen to serve a three-year term.

**ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD:** This award honors alumni who have given exceptional service to the College. Such recognition is confined to living alumni (Several awards may be made in a given year, but one does not have to be made each year).

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** This award is given to recognize outstanding personal, business or professional achievement. It is not determined by service rendered to the College but solely on achievement in the alumnus' chosen field.

**MERIT AWARD:** Alumni are also requested to nominate a faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Wagner campus in the areas of teaching, understanding or research for a Merit Award.

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##### NOMINATION FORM

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's field of endeavor \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

*(For additional information use a blank sheet)*

**Marianne Love Popick '68** and her husband Robert are the proprietors of the Monkton Frame Shop in Vermont. They make frames, hold art classes and restore paintings. Address: Box 21, Monkton, Vt. 05469

**Steven R. Scharoff '68** graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1972 and is presently working as an assistant district attorney in Nassau County, Long Island. He resides with his wife, Renee and 15 month old son, Jerome Alan at 3 Peter Lane, Plainview, N.Y. 11803

**Susan Gregory '69** is now engaged as a children's welfare worker in Perth, Australia. Address: 4-19 Pearl Pde., Scarborough, W.A. 6019 Australia

**Jay E. Laff '69M** has been named executive director of the Freeport (Long Island) Hospital, New York State's only total treatment center for alcoholics. Laff is a member of the American College of Hospital Administration, American Hospital Association and the Hospital Executive Club of New York. Address: 27 Seward Drive, Dix Hills, N.Y. 11725

**William (Bill) Lied, Jr. '70**, head soccer and wrestling coach at Wagner College, attended a meeting of the US Olympic Wrestling Committee in Chicago on April 28. The committee will help select nominees for coaching and managing positions for the 1975 Pan American Olympic Games in Chile. Lied was selected for membership following the 1972 games and will serve through the 1976 Olympiad. He will officiate at the 1976 games in Canada. Address: 96 Ryan Road, Marlboro, N.J. 07746

**Oktay Alpugan '71M73** is executive vice-president of the Medical School Hospital in Karsiyaka-Izmir, Turkey. He has enrolled in the School of Business Administration, Ege University for his PhD. Address: Nergiz 1775 Sok. No. 175, Karsiyaka-Izmir, Turkey

**Nicholas La Porte '71** was appointed secretary to the NYC Civil Service Commission. Prior to this appointment, he had been branch manager of the Federal Small Business Administration on Staten Island. Address: 104 Islington St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10308

**Robert M. Piegari '71** has been named administrator of the Staten Island Development Disabilities Center, whose facilities are housed at Wagner College. He is also assistant administrator of the Staten Island Mental Health Society. Address: 50 Fort Place, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Richard E. Behler '72** was one of nineteen district agency field agents of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. to attend the career agents' conference in the Boston office. Behler is treasurer of Kappa Sigma Alpha Alumni Association. Address: 33 Faraday Street, Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

**Robert G. Rumbold '72** has been promoted to Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps. He is serving in Okinawa. Address: 108 Coddington Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

**Stephen Salerno '72** recently completed a seminar at The Hartford Insurance Group's advancement center in Hartford, Connecticut. Salerno is a claims representative with the company's Brooklyn Tri-Boro claims office. Address: 77 Ontario Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

## Marriages

**Robert W. Baldwin '68** to Christine A. Gilberg on April 21. Address: 155 Broad St., Apt. 46, Flemington, N.J. 08822

**Jill M. Butts '69** to Donald F. Treadwell on July 14, 1973. Address: 58A Salamanca Road, Kelburn, Wellington 5, New Zealand

**Louis Mogol M69** to Judith Hershorn on March 23. Address: 80 Elwood Place, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Dr. Norman E. Olsen '69** to Janis K. Gorski '69 on February 16. Address: 220 Littleton Rd., Apt. 9D, Troy Gardens, Parsippany, N.J. 07054

**Nicholas A. Rossos '69** to Diane Pappas on December 29. Address: 98-A D. Tuazon St., Queson City, Philippines

**Allen J. Gondeck '71** to Kathryn L. Barnes on February 2. Address: 807 Eve's Drive, Apt. 2H, Somerville, N.J. 08876

**Diane Guerrera '72N** to Raymond Keohane on March 23. Address: 50 Townsend Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10304

**Nancy J. Mannino M72** to Denys A. Matefy on February 16. Address: c/o Puca, 60 Scheffelin Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

**Suzanne M. Pavlis '72N** to William E. Franzreb on May 4. Address: 1015 Clove Road, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Beth Ann Wahl '72** to Walter R. Wrede on June 30, 1973. Address: 251 Terrace Road, Bayport, N.Y. 11705

**Allan J. De Grandis '73** to Helene Okraszewski on February 17. Address: 97 Graves St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

**Mary A. Majoris '73** to Ralph A. Legge, Jr. on April 6. Address: 357 Rose Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

**Robert C. Walker '73** to Bethanne Piesnikowski on September 30. Address: 2356 Lafayette St., North Bellmore, N.Y. 11710

**Ralph J. Ciccone III '74** to Theresa Carillo on February 9. Address: 511 Oak Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

## Births

To **Dr. Sal R. '57** and Toni **Tuzzo** a son, Sandro Robert on October 29. Address: 663 Toyon Place, Palo Alto, Cal. 94306

To Carl J. and **Elizabeth Chaplin Woodward '62** a daughter, Estelle on January 29. Address: 3102 Dominion St., Durham, N.C. 27704

## Alumni Link

To **Robert B. '64** and **Janet Kleysteuber Warren '66** a daughter, Laura Ann on December 11, 1973. Address: 3540 Oro Blanco Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80917

To **The Rev. Paul D. '65** and **Betty Hornyak Hrdlicka '65** a daughter, Lori Ann on March 29. Address: 35 Judd St., Bristol, Conn. 06010

To **Alastair '66** and **Janet Calcagne Brock '67** a daughter, Jennifer Thompson on February 12. Address: 246 75th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209

To Joseph M and **Nancy Fenniman Lo Piccolo '66** a son, Matthew Harold on January 1. Address: 129 Lake Ave., Ridgewood, N.J. 07450

To **Thomas G. '66** and **Dawn Mueller Hynes '68** a son, Eric Stephan on February 8. Address: 140 Hopkins Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10308

To William R., Jr. and **Susan Johnson Conway '66** a daughter, Gail Louise on March 31. Address: Birdsall Drive, Bridgeton, N.J. 08302

To **John M. Jr. '66** and **Linda Bosco Kiley '66** a son, Michael John on July 15, 1973. Address: 154 Kell Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

To Eileen and **Raymond W. Rupp '66** a son, Jeffrey Raymond on September 17. Address: 6600 Sunview Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28210

To **Paul G. '66** and **Merilyn Smith Sandberg '67** a son, Erik Jonathan on September 1, 1973. Address: 64 Sylvan Ave., Wallingford, Conn. 06492

To Deborah and **Bernard M. Olsen '67** a daughter, Jennifer Joy on November 18, 1973. Address: 17 Hill St., Dover, N.H. 03820

To Susan R. and **James H. Robb '67** a daughter, Jessica Linda on April 25. Address: 45 Elvin St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

To **Kent '67** and **Susan Stoll Villepigue '67M72** a son, Justin Avery on November 2, 1973. Address: 127 Cebra Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10304

To Lt. Walter L. and **Sherril Robinson Bunyea '68M71** a daughter, Traci Lee on April 27. Address: 80 West Raleigh Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

To Larry W. and **Christine Mc Laughlin Byars '68N** a son, Patrick Lawrence on March 3. Address: Route 2, Shannon Lake Circle, Greenville, S.C. 29607

To **Edward '70** and **Susan Dalnodar Lamiquiz '71N** a son, David Edward on March 4. Address: 3112 Taft, St., Boise, Idaho 83703

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To Bernard and **Janis Procci Russo '70** a son, Michael Bernard on December 11. Address: 51 Duncan Rd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

To Michael and **Carol Shipman Gutstein '70** a daughter, Trisha Beth on February 16. Address: 908 Summit Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07307

To Mary and **Allan D. Barbes '71** a son, James Allan on April 6. Address: 132 Tudor Court, Coventry Square, Lakewood, N.J. 08701

## In memoriam

**The Rev. Frederick R. Ludwig '29** on January 29. Rev. Ludwig had retired last year after 20 years as pastor of Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. He was a former officer of Iowa Synod and served in the United Lutheran Church in America, forerunner of the LCA. He is survived by his wife, the former Johanna Klotsche. Address: Luther Manor Terrace, 4535 N. 92nd St., Apt C-109, Milwaukee, Wis. 53225

**The Rev. Norman E. Sutterlin '29** suddenly on March 7. At the time of his death, he was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. From 1943 to 1945, he was pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Great

Kills, Staten Island, at which time he was often a guest preacher at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, Staten Island. Pastor Sutterlin was also an accomplished violinist. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and two sons, **Paul '72** and Gregory, a junior at Wagner. Address: 15 Maynard Circle, Old Saybrook, Conn. 06475

**Dr. Francis H. Sportiello '32**, a prominent gynecologist and specialist in internal medicine for more than 25 years, on April 14. Dr. Sportiello was a member of the Richmond County Medical Society and was a co-founder of the Doctors' Hospital on Staten Island. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, a son and a daughter. Address: 302 Bement Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

**The Rev. Luther T. Freimuth '39** on April 12. Prior to his retirement to Martha's Vineyard, Reverend Freimuth had been pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Port Chester, N.Y. He is survived by his wife Harriet and a daughter. Address: Box 103, Oak Bluffs, Mass. 02557

**Richard L. Hutton '41** on March 24. At the time of his death, he was credit manager for the Olin Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy in the Aleutians, where he was wounded. He is survived by three brothers and three sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Thomas O'Shea, 17 Mundy Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

**Dr. Melvin V. Weiss '43** on December 21. At the time of his death, he was president of the New York State Osteopathic Society and vice-president of the Eastern Regional Osteopathic Convention. He was past president of the New York City Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and a member of the American Osteopathic Association and its house of delegates. Dr. Weiss was an attending surgeon at both Interboro General Hospital and Le Roy Hospital in NYC. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, a son and a daughter. Address: 9908 Avenue M, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236



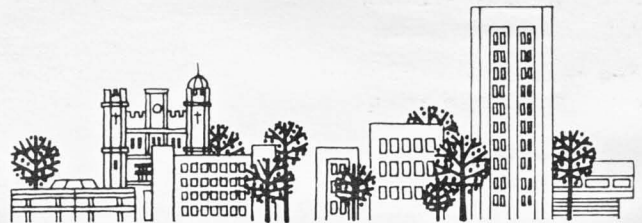
**Dr. Wilfred St. Clair Willetts x48** suddenly on March 30. An oral surgeon in private practice, Dr. Willetts was also affiliated with Staten Island Hospital and served other hospitals on Staten Island. He was an outstanding college and semi-professional baseball and basketball player, and was a charter member of the Staten Island Baseball Oldtimers Association. Active in the Wagner College Alumni Association, he was a past president of the Wagner Seahawk Club which is now known as the Wagner Touchdown Club. During World War II, he served as a paratrooper in both the European and Pacific theaters.

He is survived by his wife, Anita (nee Meibauer) and his mother, Mrs. Christina Willetts. Address: 45 Copperleaf Terrace, Staten Island, N.Y. 10304

**Freddie L. Thomas '50** in March 1974. At the time of his death, Freddie was working on his Ph. D. in biology, studies in Arabic and a number of visiting lecturer positions, as one in African Studies and Research at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He also worked with youth groups in his adopted city of Rochester. For more than ten years prior to his death, he had been a research assistant at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is survived by his wife Margaret. Address: 26 Skuse Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14605

**Lee L. Landes '52** on May 1. Landes served as director of college relations at Staten Island Community College at the time of his death. Prior to that, he was vice president and director of the Community National Bank and Trust Co. while it was in its formative years. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi and held the rank of Colonel in the Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Josephine. Address: 18 Emerson Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

**Robert W. Dass '63** in August 1973. Dass had been an accountant for the Shell Oil Company. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. He is survived by his wife Ann and a son, Robert. Address: 232 Trenton Ave., Merceville, N.J. 08619



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