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"My goal is to continue Wagner's growth as a premier national liberal arts college, and to continue giving our students the perspective they need to become effective public and professional leaders."

— Dr. Richard Guarasci

Wagner's 18th president: Scholar, visionary and optimist

Dr. Richard Guarasci
is poised to lead the
college to the next
level of success

When Dr. Richard Guarasci sets out on the short walk from his Union office toward Main Hall, he must account for several stops along the way.

Undoubtedly, he'll know many of the students he passes on the sidewalk and will make it a point to reach out his hand to each one and stop for a chat — even if it means being a few minutes late for an appointment.

Dr. Guarasci, who took office on June 1 as Wagner's 18th president, is a gregarious man with a gracious style that puts anyone — students included — immediately at ease.

He was unanimously elected to the post in May by the Board of Trustees, and formed many bonds on campus during a five-year tenure as Provost of the college. He begins his presidency with the combined support of students, faculty and staff.

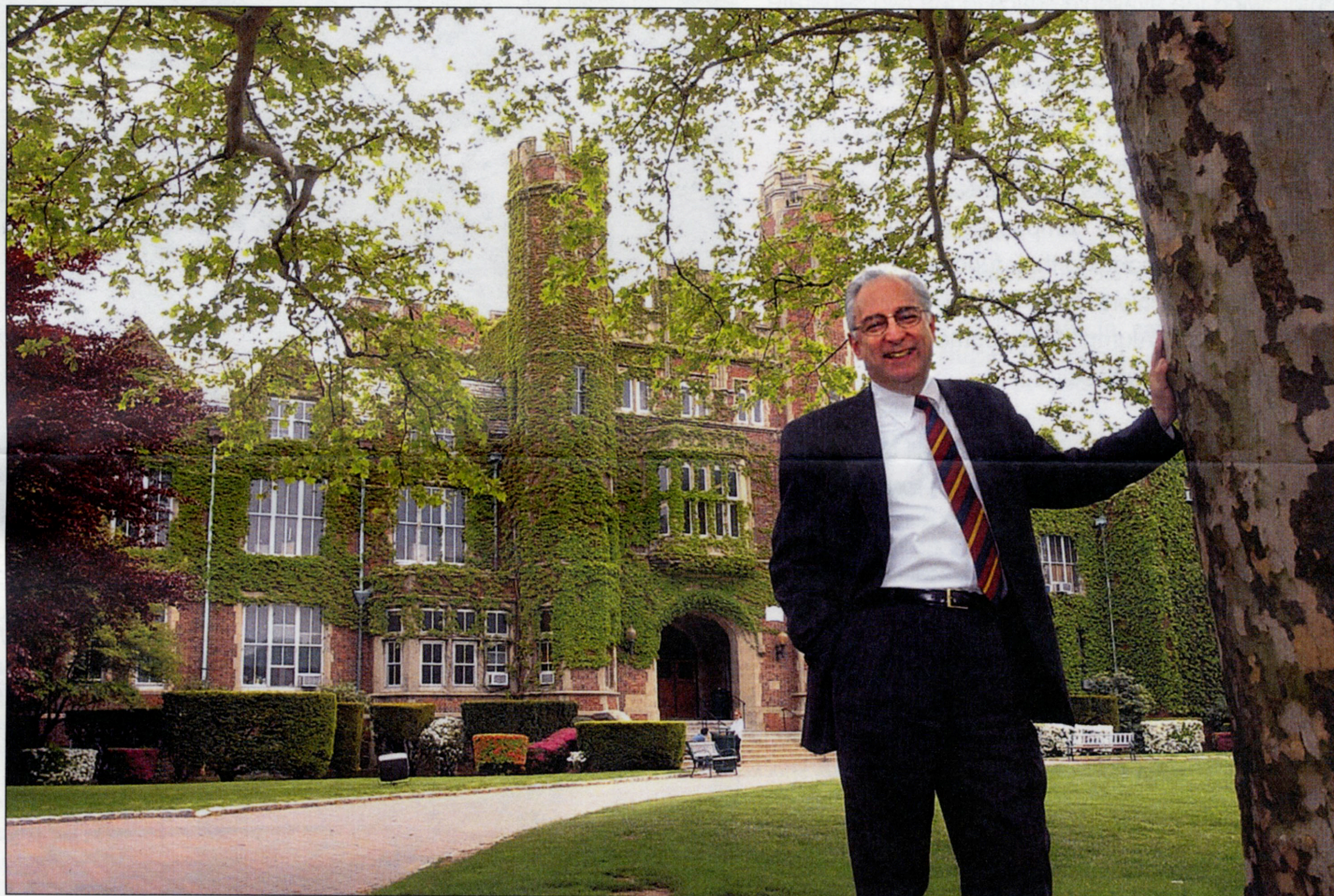
A scholar who has received national recognition for his innovative approaches to undergraduate education, Dr. Guarasci has pledged to pick up where former president Dr. Norman Smith left off: To continue Wagner's growth as a premier liberal arts college.

"Our students are getting a fabulous experience here that teaches them to be successful in their lives and careers," he said proudly. "Our goal is to educate them to become public leaders."

Dr. Guarasci believes Wagner's location atop Grymes Hill and overlooking the Narrows offers students a metaphorical lesson that can't be learned in the classroom.

"As an island, we are surrounded by bridges. Our students must learn to build bridges so they can bring people together and emerge as leaders," he explained. He cites the Wagner Plan, which he introduced in 1998, as an example of this educational philosophy.

"That is what experiential learning is all



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Dr. Guarasci and his wife, Carin.

about — applying what you're learning in class to the outside world. It is the Wagner bridge."

As Provost, Dr. Guarasci developed the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts, a curriculum that incorporates Wagner's longstanding commitment to the liberal arts, experiential learning and interdisciplinary education with its geographic location

and enduring bond with New York City.

Beginning in their very first semester, students put the skills and knowledge from the classroom into practice in the community. During this "practical" side of the plan, a freshman may spend time at Ellis Island, the New York Urban League, the District Attorney's Office or the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce.

In their senior year, students return to the field for more experience, this time in a position directly related to their chosen field.

Brooklyn born

A native of the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, Dr. Guarasci received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University in the Bronx. He went on to earn a master's degree in economics and a doctoral degree in political science from Indiana University.

DR. RICHARD GUARASCI

- ◆ Born January 14, 1946
- ◆ Married for 34 years to the former Carin Marie Tomasuolo; they are the parents of two children — Bridget, 27, and Patrick, 24
- ◆ Just completed five years as Provost for Wagner
- ◆ Before joining Wagner in 1997, was Dean at Hobart College, and earlier a dean and faculty member at St. Lawrence University
- ◆ Holds a B.S. from Fordham University; an M.S. in economics and a Ph.D. in political science from Indiana University
- ◆ A nationally regarded scholar in the field of undergraduate education
- ◆ A PEW Foundation Fellow and Distinguished Member, National Panel on the Future of Higher Education

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ADMISSIONS HOUSE

Two cottages are being linked to form an elegant, expanded facility where prospective students will be welcomed **2**



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AN ALUMNI DONATION MAKES IT POSSIBLE

Admissions House is expanded

Progress is continuing on a project that will add an elegant reception area to the Office of Admissions. The department is currently housed in two adjacent cottages between Cunard Hall and Main Hall.

The construction project, which began in May, will link the two cottages into one structure while preserving their character and historic significance. A porch will extend across the front of the new building, which will be finished in cream-colored siding.

Scheduled for completion this month, the project is made possible by a generous gift from Henry V. Pape '36 in memory of his wife, Anne Colligan Pape.

The Office of Admissions often hosts four to six families and their prospective students at once, outgrowing the available space in the two separate cottages. The new facility will feature a large reception area and central air conditioning and it will be handicap accessible.

The administration has pledged to preserve the older buildings on the campus interior by upgrading them and expanding their function. Reynolds House, formerly North Hall, was recently renovated to house the Alumni, Development and Communications offices.

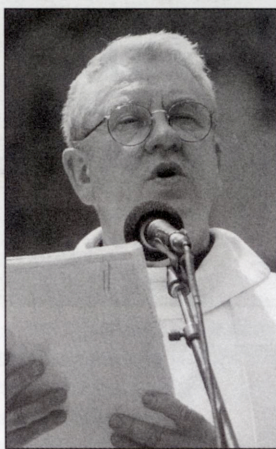
Future projects will include Parker Hall (faculty offices) and Cunard Hall (Registrar, Business and Financial Aid).



To expand the Admissions House and reception area, two cottages, at left, are being joined at the center, above. The project will be completed in September.

"Each Tower, 110 stories tall and grand, reduced to less than 10 stories of rubble and almost 3,000 stories of human courage, death and tragedy beyond our imagining. All that long before noon, and everybody trying to act normal but not feeling normal; feeling empty, numb, shocked."

"We pray that this nation might remain strong and our city a haven for people of whatever tongue or color or country or religion, bound together by a common yearning for justice, a common longing for peace, and a common resolve to be vigilant in protecting the property and people of this free land."



"We pray this day that these modest yet sturdy and ageless blocks of granite constitute a fitting remembrance for all who were killed on that day, and for those of us who live may they be a constant reminder that most of what we hold sacred, most places that are holy, are built on the blood and ashes of both unspeakable violence and unfathomable courage."

— Excerpts from remarks by Rev. Lyle R. Guttu, Wagner College chaplain, at the memorial dedication, May 16, 2002

INTERACTIVE MONUMENT MEMORIALIZES SEPT. 11 VICTIMS

Senior gift is a lasting memorial

As the academic year came to a close, the Class of 2002, faculty, administration and members of the Staten Island community gathered on Trautmann Square on a warm May afternoon.

This, however, was not a joyful celebration but a more somber event — the dedication of this year's senior gift, a permanent memorial for those effected by the horrific attacks of Sept. 11.

The ceremony began with remarks by Peter Herbst, senior class president, and Andrew Needle, a faculty member who designed the granite memorial.

Dr. Norman Smith and Dr. Richard Guarasci, Wagner's outgoing and incoming presidents, greeted guests and summarized the significance of the ceremony.

Accompanied by the Wagner College Choir, the Rev. Lyle Guttu led the dedication as those who attended laid white carnations at the base of the memorial in re-enactment of a ceremony performed by students months earlier.



The monuments recall the Twin Towers, which were once visible from many points on campus.

"The senior gift is meant to immortalize the character of this class, as well as the years we have spent on campus. It seemed fitting that we should choose a permanent memorial," said Kinsey Casey, graduating senior and Student Government president.

The class needed \$2,000 for the project but received almost \$3,000, thanks to a match by the National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The monuments were designed by Andrew Needle, an Art Department faculty member, with help from the Senior Gift Committee and their adviser, Koryn Kennedy.

They are two granite benches that appropriately represent the Twin Towers, once visible from the campus.

Slightly diagonal, the monument has been placed along the walkway that leads from the Union to Main Hall. Their sides are inscribed "September 11th" and "Class of 2002."

Needle, who donated his talents to the project, designed the memorial to be interactive. The granite cubes are also benches that students and other campus community members should feel free to sit on.

— Koryn Kennedy '01

A ringing endorsement

Reprinted from the Editorial Page
of the *Staten Island Advance*, June 4, 2002

There are "college towns" in this country where a given academic institution and the non-academic community in which it is located are pretty much separate universes. The college and the town have some interaction, of course, but there is a general sense that they are distinct, self-contained entities which don't really have much to do with each other.

Staten Island has been blessed through the years with those atypical college presidents who don't take that cloistered view of their institutions. Far from it: They encourage a strong relationship between their colleges and the larger community and the philosophy is shared by everyone from the president to the freshmen.

We're happy to say that Dr. Richard Guarasci, Wagner College's new president, appears to be an example. He takes over for Dr. Norman Smith, who was the driving force behind Wagner's rise to academic prominence.

Wagner has enjoyed a remarkable renaissance over Dr. Smith's 14-year tenure, and its reputation has soared to new heights. Dr. Smith is now president of the American University in London.

Dr. Guarasci said his predecessor was "our George Washington" and he recently told the *Advance* that his intention to build upon Dr. Smith's impressive body of work to take Wagner "to the next level."

He certainly has got the credentials to do that. Dr. Guarasci had been provost and senior vice president for academic affairs under Dr. Smith, and is widely credited with overhauling the school's undergraduate curriculum, which was recently named one of the best in the nation by the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

The college, long overshadowed by this region's larger and more famous universities, was also accorded the distinction of being selected as one of *Time* magazine's Colleges of the Year. That represents a high-water mark for the 119-year-old college.

But the new president is more than a first-rate academic administrator capable of maintaining his institution's emerging reputation. He's also made it clear that he considers himself a Staten Islander and is vitally interested in fostering the relationship between the college he heads and the borough as a whole. Indeed, it appears that nurturing the institution's roots in the community, for the good of both, will be a cornerstone of his administration.

"First, our goal will be to promote the overall economic development of Staten Island as a great place to live and work," he said. "Secondly, we want specifically to foster the excellence of the (kindergarten through high school) education system here, and to support and promote health care and health care institutions here."

He's already announced several initiatives aimed at advancing this remarkable and welcome view of Wagner's place in Staten Island.

Noting current programs involving Wagner students in the health-care system and schools, he said promoting even greater cooperation will be "mutually advantageous Our faculty and our facilities in these areas are top-notch, and most of our graduates in these areas are working right here, using their skills in the community."

More impressive, Dr. Guarasci said he intends to establish a joint advisory committee made up of members of the Wagner community as well as Staten Island civic, business and other leaders. Their primary focus, as he envisions it, would be on health care and education issues.

"I want to assemble a broad-based group," he asserted. "Hopefully, we'll be able to meet regularly and share ideas with each other and get the ball rolling on some initiatives."

He's also got plans to rehabilitate the long-abandoned former Augustinian Academy for Wagner's business, nursing and education programs.

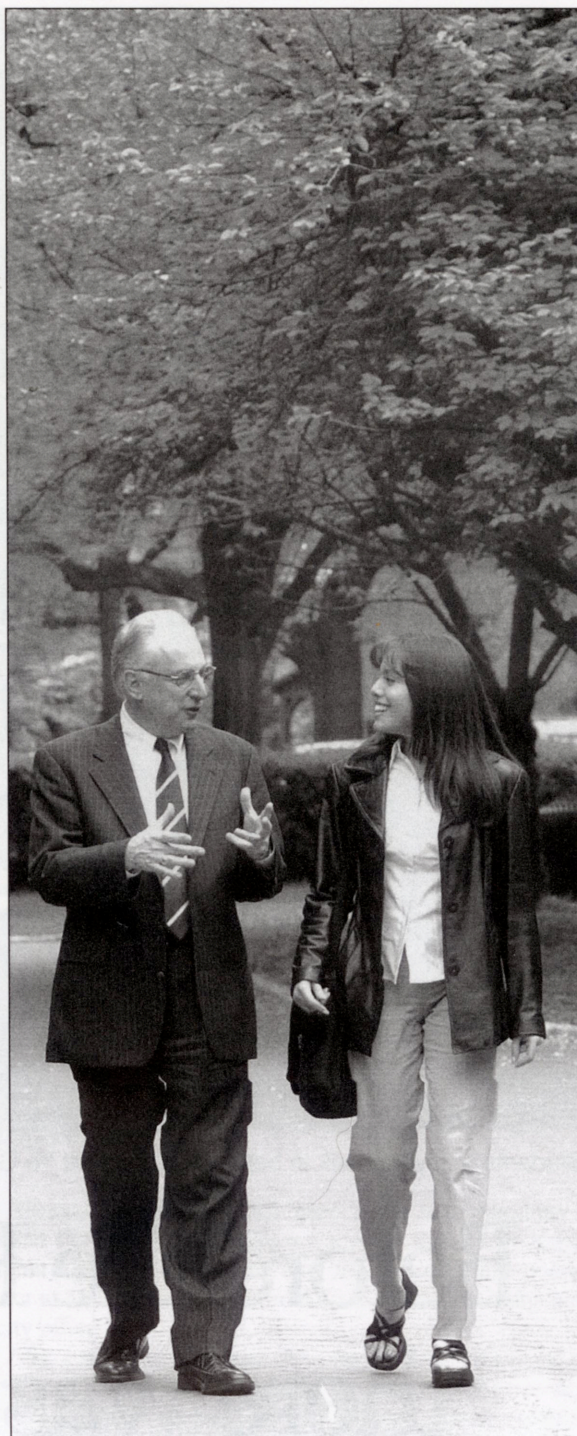
As you might have guessed, Dr. Guarasci is a very different kind of college president. Perhaps that shouldn't be surprising, given his background. He's the first Italian-American, Catholic president of this one-time Lutheran seminary. He rose to that position on the strength of his excellent professional credentials and personal skills.

Far from the stereotype of the austere college president sequestered in an oak-paneled office, Dr. Guarasci is frequently seen all over the campus, chatting with students and employees as comfortably and amiably as he does with professors and board members.

His own self-description is typically down to earth: "I'm a people person, big time."

We wish Dr. Smith well in his new position in London. He's earned all the praise he's gotten for bringing Wagner from near-obscurity to where it is today. Now, his partner in that effort is poised to bring a new style of leadership to Wagner as it enters the next phase in its steady emergence as a top-flight institution.

We welcome Dr. Guarasci, wish him well and look forward to a Wagner-Staten Island bond that is stronger than ever before.

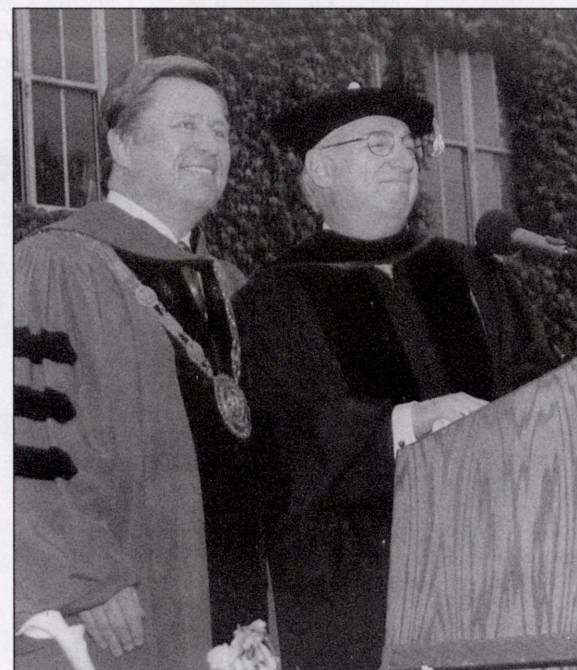


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Dr. Guarasci walks with student Allison Hoovert.



The Guarascis outside their home on Howard Avenue, a short distance from the campus.



Dr. Guarasci joins former President Norman Smith at commencement in May.

Wagner's 18th president

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Before coming to Wagner, he was dean of Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y., and earlier, a dean and faculty member at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

The 56-year-old president has served on the National Board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and is a Fellow in the Society for Values in Higher Education.

He is the author of "Democratic Education in an Age of Difference: Redefining Citizenship in Higher Education."

Dr. Guarasci is a PEW Foundation Fellow for Leadership in Learning Communities and Distinguished Member of the National Panel on the Future of Higher Education. The Carnegie Foundation has cited him for his accomplishments and he has received numerous distinctions for excellence in teaching and educational leadership.

Undoubtedly, it is his curriculum vitae that has earned him unparalleled respect and acceptance among faculty members who have come to appreciate his wit, his intellect and his self-effacing style.

"Dr. Guarasci's finest attribute as an educator is his ability to bring out one's highest potential," said Dr. Peter Sharpe, associate professor in the Humanities Department, who has team-taught in the Learning Communities program with Dr. Guarasci.

"He possesses a steal-trap intellect and makes living the life of the mind seem like the highest goal to which you can aspire. His favorite question is 'What are you reading?' And it always seems he's just read the hottest book in *your* field."

"You need track shoes just to keep up with him," Dr. Sharpe continued. "He practices what he preaches. The students all know he can walk the walk — he's real people."

A chance encounter

Dr. Guarasci is married to the former Carin Marie Tomasuolo. The couple has two children — Bridget, 27, who is pursuing a doctorate in anthropology at the University of Michigan, and Patrick, 24, who is studying for a master's degree in political science at the University of Wisconsin.

The Guarascis grew up just five blocks from each other in Brooklyn. Mrs. Guarasci's father owned a luncheonette across the street from St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, where both were students.

She remembers in detail the afternoon they first saw each other, outside the luncheonette.

"He was wearing a camel jacket, brown pants, white shirt and tie," Mrs. Guarasci recalled with a smile. "I was wearing a plaid pleated skirt, blue blazer and white hat."

They stopped for a moment in the doorway.

"We looked at one another as if we were seeing our futures. We drank each other in."

But it wouldn't be until several years later that they would reunite, after she went on to St. Francis Xavier High School, all girls, and he to Brooklyn Prep, all boys.

They began dating as co-eds at Fordham University.

"We were very serious students and dated only on weekends," Mrs. Guarasci established.

Their weekend dates would begin with a movie or a visit to a museum and end up at the Right Bank, a tiny bistro at the corner of 69th Street and Madison Avenue, where Dr. Guarasci would propose to her one evening.

They were married on June 4, 1968 at St. Rose of Lima Church, with a reception at the Plaza Hotel.

Sharing a passion for reading

An elegant woman with a gentle voice, Mrs. Guarasci is an accomplished educator and administrator who shares her husband's passion for reading.

She has been a reading teacher, a principal and on the staff of Columbia University supervising teachers in reading in the New York City public school system. She is most proud of the reading programs she has championed for children with special needs.

Mrs. Guarasci is pursuing a doctorate degree in education from the Teachers College of Columbia University in Manhattan. She is the New York director for Voyageur Reading, Inc., a Dallas-based private firm developing successful K-3 reading programs for New York City schools.

The Guarascis are "kitchen people," she explained. The spacious kitchen in their Howard Avenue home is a gathering spot where it's not unusual to find them preparing veal scallopini or pasta with bolognese sauce.

"We love the house to be filled with family and friends," she said. "We're the happiest when our children are home."

Together, the Guarascis plan to firmly establish Wagner's place in the Staten Island community. As frequent guests at fund-raisers and social events, they will be ardent and visible supporters of the Island's non-profit organizations. As Wagner's First Couple, they will shepherd the college to the next level of success.

— Claire Regan '80

Biology chair breaks ground with innovative program

Dr. Donald Stearns hopes science can be more practical, less intimidating, for students

Dr. Donald Stearns, chairman of the Biology Department, has in the past few years engaged science and non-science majors alike with his popular freshman Learning Community course, is embarking on a new project to involve students in science.

SENCER, Science Education for a New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities, takes the teaching of science, both in and outside of the classroom, to another level.

"One of the fundamental problems of the traditional approach to teaching science in college is the tendency to present theory in abstraction without context relevancy," Dr. Stearns explained. This method does little to engage the student on a personal level.

"Without an obvious, personal reason to understand, the average student memorizes the information or may listen with little interest."

How can the curriculum be made relevant to the student? This is where SENCER comes in.

The group, comprised of students and faculty from close to 50 institutions, was established by the Association of American Colleges and Universities in an effort to modify the teaching of science to a more socially aware and engaging process, involving students on a personal level while still laying down the foundation for basic scientific comprehension.

In essence,

SENCER piques the interest of the student body by relating scientific concepts to everyday life, making the learning process more practical.

SENCER's goals parallel those of the Wagner Plan, Dr. Stearns noted. A team of faculty and administrators attended a summer conference to exchange ideas on experiential teaching. These 12 members of the Wagner SENCER team will pass on those ideas to fellow faculty members.

Dr. Stearns can be reached at the Biology Department at (718) 390-3103.

— Koryn Kennedy '01



Dr. Donald Stearns

THE CAMPUS THEN AND NOW



Students enjoy a snack in between classes at Ye Guilden in the basement of Main Hall.

Before the Hawk's Nest, there was Ye Guilden

The popular snack shop was located in Main Hall's basement

Do you remember Ye Guilden?

A popular gathering spot for Wagner alums, Ye Guilden was Wagner's first campus snack shop — the predecessor to today's Hawk's Nest — and was located in the basement of Main Hall.

It was started by Martin and Katerina Viohl, German restaurateurs who were wooed to a Wagner by then-President Clarence Staughton.

The Viohls came to the United States in 1923 and were married in 1926. After operating a German restaurant in Brooklyn, Mr. Viohl became a grocery store manager.

Their daughter, Hildegard Viohl Walker '48, remembers when her parents made the decision to move out of the dream home they had just purchased in Brooklyn so they could move to Cottage No. 6 on campus to operate Ye Guilden.

Today, the cottage the Viohls called

home is used by the Office of Admissions.

The Viohls were familiar faces on campus. Mr. Viohl worked as a maintenance man and Mrs. Viohl operated the eatery in the basement of Main Hall.

After three months, they realized there was enough work for the two of them at the Ye Guilden — appropriately named for the Wagner Guild, which donated the funds to open it.

Originally created as a place for commuters to go in between classes, Ye Guilden quickly became a popular snack shop offering homemade sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and fried eggs.

Open all day and into the evening, the Guilden was the "social hub" of the Wagner campus.

"I could always be found there drinking a cup of coffee," recalled Captain Allan Brier '55.

After World War II, Wagner's enrollment surged so the Viohls hired help in the kitchen.

Christine Thing Gilmartin '51 recalls Mr. and Mrs. Viohl teaching her how to peel a hardcooked egg and get 8-10

slices from one tomato.

"They were a lovely, patient and efficient couple," she remembered. "You never felt like you were going to work."

But for the Viohls, 14-hour days were not uncommon.

Mom and Dad Viohls were dedicated to the students, and beloved by them. One fraternity even made Mr. Viohl an honorary brother.

Long after Ye Guilden closed, the Viohl family is still a part of Wagner. Their grandsons, Steven and Richard Walker, graduated in 1978 and 1982, respectively.

Like Ye Guilden, today's Hawk's Nest draws resident and commuter students for snacks between classes. The menu may be a bit different — Krispy Kreme donuts have replaced knock-wurst and beans — but it's still the social hub on campus.

Thank you to Hildegard Walker '48, for help with this article. Mrs. Walker lives with her husband in West Islip, L.I., and is the organist and secretary at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Babylon, NY.

— Gail Kelley '97

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In the next issue

Many alums remember it as a dormitory, with fireplaces, porches and a view of the Narrows from the third floor. Others remember when it housed the Music Department in its days as North Hall. Read about the history of Reynolds House, one of Wagner's stately buildings, in the next issue of The Link.



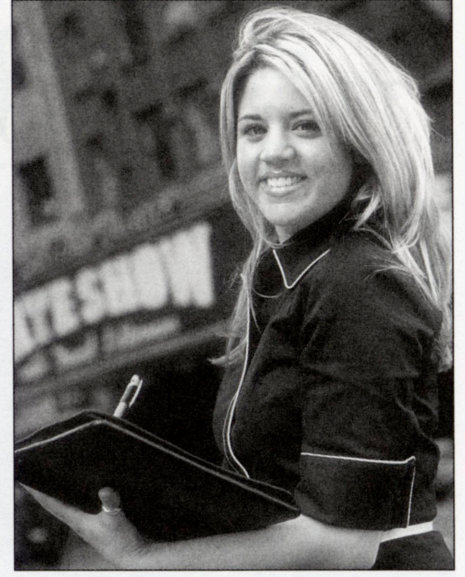
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INTERNSHIPS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD

Experiencing the 'real world,' building bridges along the way

Through a successful internship program that is part of the undergraduate curriculum, Wagner students are earning valuable experiences in their chosen fields and taking advantage of all the possibilities an education in New York City offers.

The Experiential Learning segment of the Wagner Plan places students in companies including Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse First Boston, as well as a host of entertainment and media-related companies, giving them a glimpse of the "real world" that awaits beyond graduation.

Angelina Bombardier '02

'As the World Turns'

As a senior, Angelina (Angie) Bombardier '02 completed a full-time internship in the casting department of the ABC daytime drama, "As The World Turns."

The native of Westfield, MA., majored in arts administration. The internship gave her an opportunity to combine her concentration in music, art and theater. She assisted with day-to-day support in the casting of the show and was able to meet many of the actors on the set.

On campus, Angie served as president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and was a member of both Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and Alethea, the honor society for upperclass women.

"This has been an amazing opportunity for me," she said of her internship. "I love this industry and hope to establish my career in television."

Since graduation, Angie has moved to Hoboken, N.J., and is hoping to land a job as a production assistant.

Allison Benner '02

MGM Pictures

Allison (Ally) Benner '02 heard about an opportunity at MGM Pictures through Wagner alumna and fellow Kappa Sigma Alpha sister Sharon Pettit '99. As internship coordinator at MGM, Sharon offered Ally an internship in the publicity office.

Ally, a native of Whitehall, PA., majored in English and art history. A Dean's List student, she worked at MGM two days a week for credit. As part of her Reflective Tutorial, a requirement for the Senior Seminar program, Ally had the opportunity to discuss her internship with other students and write a paper about it. She hopes to find a job in the PR field.

Kyle Blake '02

'Live with Regis and Kelly'

After finishing a successful internship with MTV the summer between her sophomore and junior years, Kyle Blake '02 of Chicago attended an open interview for an internship with "Live with Regis and Kelly."

Out of close to 300 applicants, Kyle and five other lucky college students landed the positions. Five days a week for the last semester of her senior year, Kyle spent close to 10 hours a day at the studio working closely with the production team.

During her internship, Kyle escorted guests to the Green Room before the show began. Producers wasted no time putting Kyle to work on the first day of her internship.

"They basically grabbed me as soon as I got there and told me to take Jewel on a tour of the studio. I said 'OK, where is it?' At that point I'd never even seen the studio! So there I was on the first day, blindly walking around ABC with Jewel."

As an intern, Kyle learned a lot about the production side of broadcasting watching Executive Producer Michael Gellman in action.

"The interns work directly next to Gellman and are often called upon during the taping of the show for various things. We were really made to feel a part of the professional team."

Active in Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Kyle graduated in May with a degree in arts administration. She is living in Manhattan and hoping to land a job in broadcasting that makes use of the valuable skills she learned as an intern.

Dana Marano '02

'The Late Show'

Dana Marano '02, a Dean's List student and arts administration major from Staten Island, landed an internship at the Ed Sullivan Theater, a New York City landmark, where she worked on "The Late Show with David Letterman." As an intern in production, she was responsible for assisting the producers of the show.

Dana distributed scripts and schedules to each department, and during tapings, she constantly ran new materials from the stage to the appropriate offices.

Her hard work as an intern landed her a full-time job with the show — *before* graduation. Today she is assistant to the producer of "The Late Show."

— Gail Kelley '97 and Koryn Kennedy '01

ALUMNA PROFILE

Cynthia Spry '62: An RN educating the globe

There are few places in the world Cynthia deHeyman Spry hasn't set foot. From South Africa to the Far East, her passport is stamped with dozens of ports of call.

As an international clinical consultant for Advanced Sterilization Products, a division of Johnson & Johnson, Ms. Spry, a registered nurse, educates healthcare professionals around the world about infection control.

She recently returned from Japan where she gave a presentation to nurses about the reuse of single-use devices, and provided two days of professional development. In September, she heads to Canada where she will lecture about Creutzfeldt-Jakob — or Mad-Cow — Disease.

Nursing is a second career for Ms. Spry, who received her undergraduate degree in education from Wagner in 1962. A native of Brooklyn, she earned a master's degree in education from San Francisco State University and soon after embarked on a career teaching the emotionally disturbed.

But a new interest and a desire to return to the East Coast would bring Ms. Spry back to Wagner, where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing in 1978 and 1982,



Cynthia deHeyman Spry in 1962 and today.

and worked in operating rooms for several years.

In April, she was honored by the Association of Operating Room Nurses with an award for excellence. During the group's yearly congress in Anaheim, Calif., Ms. Spry, a past president, addressed 4,000 of her colleagues.

She maintains close ties to several Wagner alums and was on hand for Reunion Weekend in May to celebrate her class's 40th anniversary.

"The campus looks beautiful," she said. "It's come a long way since I was a student."

Ms. Spry commuted from Brooklyn during freshman year and then from the dormitories of the former U.S. Public Health Service Hospital — now Bayley Seton Hospital, just a few miles from Wagner — where she worked as a lab technician during her sophomore, junior and senior years.

Religion classes with Rev. Arne Unhjem and her stint as a member of the women's basketball team, are among her cherished memories of Wagner.

Her job with Johnson & Johnson has given her the opportunity to see all corners of the world. But she admits to feeling "road weary" in between assignments. When not giving as many as 60 presentations a year, Ms. Spry recuperates in her Greenwich Village apartment by cooking, reading and tending to her rooftop garden.

But there are still a few destinations she would like to add to her passport. Prague and Myanmar, formerly Burma, are among them. And thinking ahead to retirement a few years from now, she has no plans to stay at home. Instead, she is looking forward to exploring the United States for six months in a camper.

— Claire Regan '80

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Heritage Society: A steadfast commitment of support

On his first day in office as Wagner's president, Dr. Richard Guarasci hosted a champagne and dessert reception honoring members of the newly created Heritage Society with a keepsake acknowledging their steadfast commitment to the future of the College.

The Heritage Society was created in April 2001 by former president Dr. Norman Smith for alumni who have pledged to include Wagner in their estate plan.

Having a will and taking advantage of such arrangements as charitable trusts, annuities, insurance or making a bequest can have the added benefit of protecting more of one's estate for heirs, while also providing more for institutions like Wagner.

"People give to fulfill a philanthropic wish many times more often than any other reason for giving," according to estate planning attorney David Nielsen.

The Office of Gift Planning will host another Estate Planning Seminar for Wagner alumni and friends on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., September 27, 28 and 29, 2002.

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Rita Ketcham Hein '70 +
Martin & Anne Heyer
Dorothee Heins Holmstrup '41
Anita Posselt Homer '48 +
Richard M. Hooker Jr. '69
Leroy N. Houseman '55 M'57
Dr. Alphonse J. Iannacone '48

Gotfred C. Jacobsen '54
Ernest R. Jackson '87
Edward Jastremski '80 &
Phyllis '87 M'90 Jastremski
Anonymous
Reginald Kennedy '56
Ernest Kiefer '50
Dr. Gregory P. Knapp '66, H'00
& Patricia Knapp
Barbara E. White Lampman '73
Paul A. Larsen '68 M'74
Douglas G. Lawrence '52 &
Elizabeth Hamann Lawrence '52
Elsie Schatz Love '50 M'61
Viola Wanzer Maxfield '51
& Earl E. Maxfield, Jr.
James J. McCuster '61
Dr. Martha Megerle H'89+
Eleanor S. Parsons Messner '52
Lilyan Bennett Mulvaney '46
Kenneth L. Murray '75
Richard J. Nelson '66 &
Sandra Kangas Nelson '68
Anonymous
David J. & Susan R. Nielsen
Karen A. Nielsen '69 M'71
Dr. Robert C. O'Brien '66 H'95
& Patricia O'Brien
Mildred Neumann Olsen '50

Leonhard Pahl '54
Henry V. Pape '36
Anonymous
Henry W. Raisch '39
& Edith Daniel Raisch '38
Lauren Reinertsen '75
Cornelia Borgemeister Reynolds '44
Anonymous
Ernst P. Rittershausen '37
& Clara Shake Rittershausen '38
Anonymous
Maureen L. Robinson '67
Kenneth W. Rogler '41
& Ruth Forster Rogler '41
Anita Carroll Sabatino '69
June Gerdin Schaupp '56
& Ronald Schaupp
Elaine Sheehy
LuAnn Steinhauer '57
Joan C. Sutera '81
David Taylor '75
Dr. Barbara A. Eshleman Vroom '61
& Warren R. Vroom
Genevieve De Witt Wesselmann '57
Astrid Wilson
Anonymous

+ deceased

Seminar in Sarasota brings alums together for a good cause

A three-day program on estate planning turns into a mini-reunion of sorts

The weather in Sarasota, Fla., was perfect for March — cool nights and warm days.

Twenty Wagner alumni and guests arrived at the home of Dr. **Gregory Knapp '66** and his wife, Patricia, for a cocktail party and reunion with classmates.

Joan Potts Brown '57 and her husband, Dick, who called Appleton, Wisc., their home for 25 years, now spend their retirement between Green Pond, N.J., and Sarasota.

They were delighted to meet **Pat Perry Steinkamp '57** and Jane Tilson Brier '57 and her husband, **Captain Allan Brier '55**, who had traveled by the Amtrak auto train from their home in Chatham, Mass., to attend Wagner's first estate planning seminar.

Lillian and Walter '58 Hartung arrived from Bluffton, S.C.; **Reginald Kennedy '56** traveled from his home in Largo, Fla., and was glad to see his classmate, **Ruth Traeg Braren '56** and her husband, **Howard '50**.

The Brarens call Rock Island, Ill., home and like to come east several times a year to North Salem, N.Y., especially when Howard is volunteering his time and expertise with the Alumni Relations and Development staffs on campus.

Another reunion occurred at the same time: **Pat, Jane, Joan, Polly Peck Moles '68** and **Gail Kelley '97** are all Alpha Delta Pi sisters.

The Estate Planning Event began with a reception at the home of the Knapps on March 8.

Guests were warmly greeted by Dr. Richard Guarasci, and his wife, Carin, along with Frank Young, Wagner's former vice president for development, and his wife, Ingrid, and Carol Quinby, director of gift planning.

Three Wagner trustees, **Dr. Thomas Moles '65**, **Dr. Robert O'Brien '66** and of course, Dr. Gregory Knapp, mingled with alumni and guests.

Following the reception, everyone was invited to a dinner meeting at the Oaks Club in Osprey, Fla.

Howard Braren introduced Dave Nielsen, an estate and tax planning attorney. Dave and his wife, Susie, are from Omaha, Neb.

On Saturday, following the early breakfast, Dave divided into "Four Phases" — the gathering of documents, the titling of all pertinent accounts, setting up wills or trusts and funding those trusts.

Dave discussed the unique characteristics of family lifestyles and their philosophies regarding planning and decision making. Following lunch, everyone in the group took advantage of a private 45-minute consultation with Dave.

Sightseeing opportunities abound in Sarasota and environs, including the white sand of Siesta Key beach and the glorious shopping in St. Armands' Circle.

Without exaggeration, the highlight of Saturday was the dinner at La Champagne Restaurant arranged by **Polly Peck Moles '68**. Was it the wine, the dinner, the ambiance of the place or the company?

Dr. Thomas and Polly Peck Moles hosted a Sunday brunch at their home in Sarasota, bringing to a close a week-end of eye-opening and inspiring conversations.

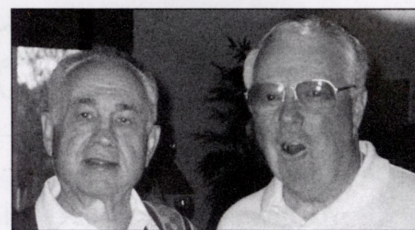
— Carol Quinby



Dr. Gregory Knapp '66, Polly Peck Moles '68, Dr. Robert O'Brien '66 and Patricia Knapp greet Wagner alumni at the Knapps' home in Sarasota.



Walter Hartung '58 and his wife, Lillian.



Longtime friends Howard Braren '50 and Reginald Kennedy '56.

Dr. Thomas Moles '65 and Dr. Richard Guarasci.

Below: Ruth Traeg Braren '56 and Joan Potts Brown '57.
Right: Susie and Dave Nielsen and Tom Moles.





TONY CAPETOLA '63

Riding a wave of success since the '60s

The 1960s was a decade that saw plenty of change, some for the better and some for the worse. On Staten Island in the '60s, some of the better came from Wagner College football.

In 1963, a young man from Jersey City, N.J., and Lincoln High School tried to better himself and display his talents on Grymes Hill. He would quickly realize that the time spent at Wagner would not only allow him to play football and get an education, it would change the rest of his life. His name was Tony Capetola.

"One of first things I noticed when I got to Wagner was the size of the other players," said Capetola in a recent interview. I was 195 pounds when I got to Wagner. I got to 220 fast."

Right away change was needed. And, luckily with the freshmen ineligibility rule in effect at that time, Tony had a year to add the 25 pounds.

"In my sophomore year coach (Bob) Hicks moved me to (offensive) center," added Tony. He would be the center of a team, which would become one of the best in school history. And if record has anything to do with deciding who the best is, the 1964 squad was a perfect 10-0 – still a Wagner benchmark.

"We had a great bunch of guys on the '64 team, and on all the teams during my years at Wagner," said Tony, who went on to receive a degree from Wagner in 1967, and later obtain his law degree from New York University.

"I bet if you ask all the guys I played with about the days at Wagner, most of them would say it was the best times of their lives ... We were just a bunch of clean cut kids who didn't know what would have been dealt to them if we hadn't gone to Wagner."

What was dealt to Wagner was a collection of hard-nosed, run-through-a-wall football players, but not necessarily the most talented including the prolific pass-catch combo of quarterback Dan Coughlin and tight end Rich Kotite.

"Now, the players have more speed and are more athletically skilled, but what separates the players today from when I played is the work ethic. We had better basic skills, and we always did what we were told. Coach Hicks and coach (Ralph) Ferraro, the line coach, knew what they had, and played the way they wanted."

After the '64 team capped off the incredible 10-win season, the squad hoped for a shot at the Tangerine Bowl, but unfortunately the Bowl opted for much bigger schools such as the University of Massachusetts and East Carolina.

Now 35 years after Capetola's graduation from Wagner, he fondly recalls his memories on Grymes Hill, and the people that changed his life.

Since the '60s, Capetola has led a renaissance man's life. He has been practicing and operating a law firm for more than 30 years around his home in Syosset, NY, managed flourishing catering companies and restaurants, and acted as a member of Wagner's Board of Trustees, all while being a contributor to the school he loves since he left it four decades ago.

"I played with guys that today are very successful people, and a lot of that success can be credited to Wagner."

— Robert C. Balut

Renowned composer is Wagner's artist-in-residence

Renowned composer Richard Adler will visit Wagner College during the fall and spring semesters as an artist-in-residence in the Theatre Department.

As composer of "Damn Yankees" and "Pajama Game," Adler garnered two Tony Awards. "Pajama Game" was the only Broadway show to have the top one and two hits on 1954's Hit Parade, with songs like "Hey There" and "Hernando's Hideaway."

As director of entertainment for the Kennedy White House in the early 1960s, Adler was responsible for putting together the infamous Marilyn Monroe birthday party.

After Kennedy's death, he continued as entertainment director for President Lyndon B. Johnson, spending a total of eight years in the White House.

He was a member of the original board of directors of the Kennedy Center in Washington, and rubbed elbows with Tony Bennett, Maria Callas, Fred Astaire, Irving Berlin and other top entertainers of the day.

"I don't think there's anybody of his era left," said Christopher Catt, chair of the Theatre Department, referring to Adler's longevity in the business.

Adler's interest in Wagner began five years ago when he met Lewis Hardee, a member of the Theatre Department faculty, at the Lambs Club in Manhattan. The two cultivated a friendship.

Hardee invited Adler to see "Damn Yankees" performed on the Main Hall stage. Adler loved it, of course.

When the Theatre Department performed Adler's "Pajama Game" last year, he wrote a letter expressing an interest in getting involved. He coached a few students,



Richard Adler, center, in the Oval Office in 1962 with President John F. Kennedy, left, and Danny Kaye.

including Sally Bowman '02, who was playing the lead.

Meanwhile, Adler's friendship with Catt and Dr. Richard Guarasci strengthened.

Adler, who at 82 is still composing, will be Wagner's first artist-in-residence, teaching two master classes in the fall and two in the spring.

More than 1,000 productions of "Damn Yankees" are mounted every year, according to Catt. And the musical has been performed in dozens of languages.

"In the fall, we are hoping to incorporate him [Adler] into a musical theater performance course," Catt added.

— Claire Regan '80



Thirty-eight members of the Wagner College Choir, under the leadership of Dr. Roger Wesby, toured Florida in March, performing a program titled, "For the Healing of the Nation."

The Choir has a long tradition of musical excellence. Since the tenure of Dr. Sigvart Steen, founder of the Nordic Choir at Luther College and longtime director of choral activities at Wagner, the Choir has toured extensively, performing the great choral masterworks of church and concert hall alike in Europe, Canada and the United States, in venues which include Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

The Choir's membership is drawn from across all of the disciplines of the college. Dr. Wesby has expanded the repertoire with world music and jazz inspired arrangements and undertaken performances of the traditional classics with a new level of discipline and an approach stressing stylistic authenticity.

Students prepare all year long to tour. Music is drawn from fall and spring semester repertoire. Students return early to campus in January for "Choir Camp," where they learn and polish much of the music.

The 2001-2002 Wagner Choir:

Soprano: Kathryn Hall, Siobhan Holt, Graziana Lazzaro, Jaime Sommella, Alaina Vitoulis

Soprano II: Jennifer Bankey, Chantal Meyenberg, Regina Grande, Melissa Hermann, Abbie Leese, Allison Obstgarten

Alto I: Amy Mordas, Samantha Talora, Mercury Winberg, Rita Vella, Jennifer Rooney

Alto II: Kathleen Branagh, Jennifer DeBruin, Pamela Pryor, Winifred Scogna, Jennifer Smith

Tenor I: Logan Fowler, Brendan Lynch, Anthony Sisko, Marc Schaeffer

Tenor II: Nicholas Cardenas-Rada, Lance LoConti, Jeffrey Stidstone, John Wolff

Bass I: Michael Alas, Edward Bates, Thomas De Francesco, Nicholas Simone

Bass II: Miquel Hernández, Dorian Lake, Jason Nadal, Michael Southern, Benjamin Suess

Coral librarians: Siobhan Holt, Jeffrey Stidstone

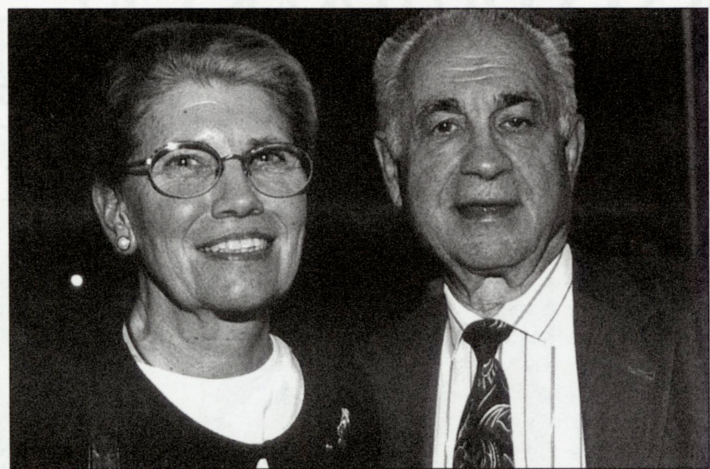
Choir officers: Jennifer Bankey, president; Jason Nadal, vice president; Rita Vella, secretary



Gina Grande and Graziana Lazzaro await instructions during a rehearsal.



Jennifer DeBruin, Samantha Talora, Gina Grande, Abbie Leese, Rita Vella use time off to work on their tans.



Ruth (Traeg) Braren '56 & Howard Braren '50 enjoy the Reunion Weekend activities.



Dr. Richard Guarasci, left, presented a community service award to all alumni in the Police Department, Fire Department or Emergency Services Units. With him is one of New York's finest, Lisa De Rienzo '87, center, and Ken Nilsen '88, president of the Alumni Association.



Dr. Richard Guarasci thanks Dr. Theodore Dowd '50 for donating a painting by renowned artist Wyland. The painting hangs on the first floor of the Spiro Sports Center.



Patricia Kopp and husband Wendell Kopp '62 greet classmates Richard "Dick" Kilgore '62 and his wife, Heike (Schander) Kilgore '62.

Reunion Week



Alumnae from the 90's pose in front of Main Hall.



Dr. Richard Guarasci at luncheon. From the left: Marie (Kru...



Registering in Reynolds House are Joan (Kramer) Hildebrandt '67, Ruth (Murtoff) Osborne '67, and Margaret (Kramer) Hildebrandt '67.



Members of the Class of 1962 gather for a portrait on The Oval.



In between dinner courses, the Class of 1952 poses on The Oval.

Reunion Weekend 2002

As another academic year comes to an end, after the degrees have been conferred and the dormitory rooms emptied, the campus quiets down for a few weeks. It springs to life again on the last weekend of May when alumni of all years gather to remember and reunite.

Reunion Weekend 2002 began Friday night, May 31, with a welcome reception hosted by the National Alumni Association in the Spiro Sports Center, followed by a ceremony dedicating "Newborn," an original Wyland painting donated by Dr. Theodore Dowd '50. On The Oval, Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni celebrated their own reunion. Other alums took off for Manhattan where they saw "Fortune's Fool." Saturday's highlights included a seminar on personal estate planning, tours of the campus, a mini-lecture series and reunion luncheon. An Alumni Memorial Service was held in the Horrmann Library, followed by a Heritage Society reception and a dinner-dance under a tent on The Oval. Wrapping up the weekend on Sunday, alums enjoyed a brunch at Reynolds House.



Dr. Guarasci presented plaques to members of the Class of 1942 who returned for the reunion. In the left are Wilbur Sterner, Ruth (Haas) Roeper, Muriel (Christian) Johnson, Albert (Krumpe) Borth, former president Dr. Norman Smith, and Bernice (Mikkelsen) Aldrich.



Margaret (Burfeind) Anderson '67.



Joseph Graff '66 and his wife Vickie dance to the band that included Charles "Lonnie" West '58 on Saturday night.



Joanne (Thomas) Yacovella '62 is congratulated after she and Matt Hyland '62 performed in a concert for alums.

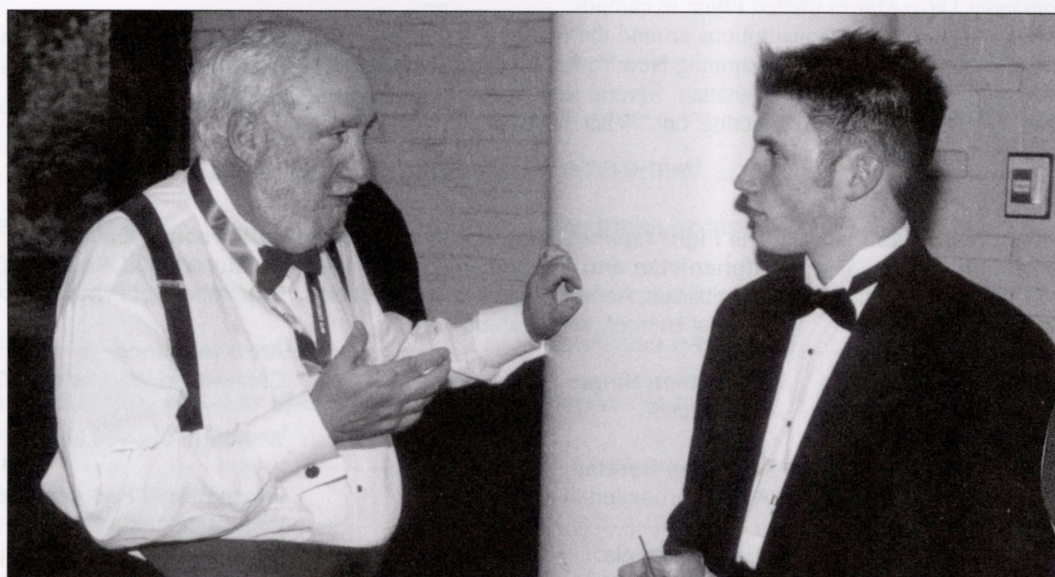


Elaine Sheehy's husband, Dr. Kevin Sheehy '67, was honored posthumously for his efforts on behalf of the College. On hand at the luncheon were trustee chairman Dr. Robert C. O'Brien '66, Dr. Richard Guarasci and Dr. Norman Smith.



Above: The honor of having the biggest class turnout for the dinner went to the Class of 1967.

Right: Louise (Repage) Kaufman '75, M'78, president emerita of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, presents the Faculty Merit Award to Dr. Guarasci.

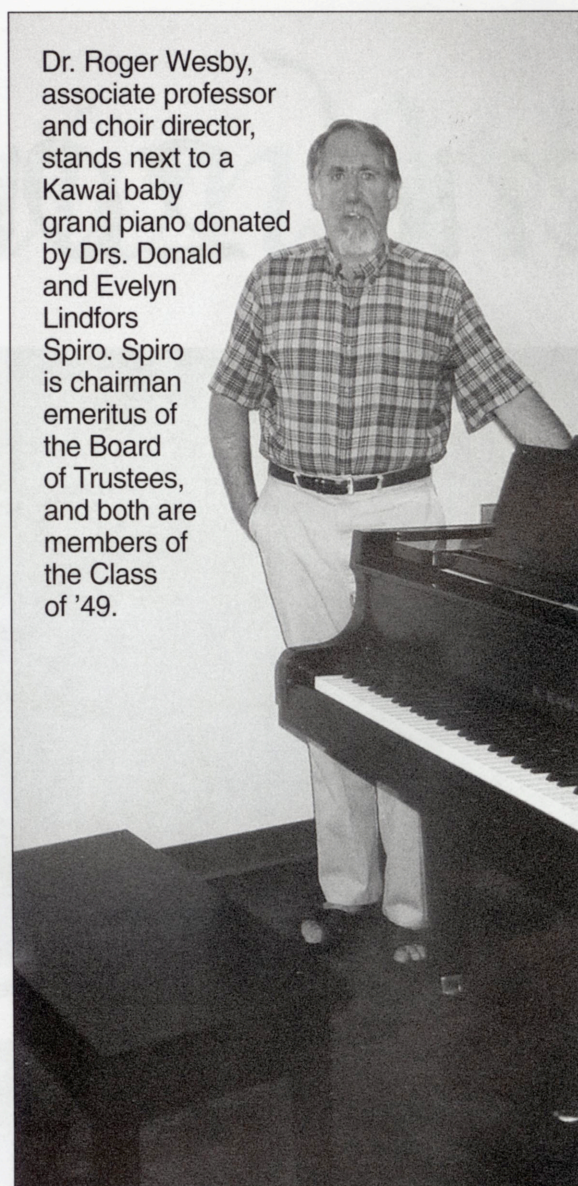


Brian Bates '62 shares some Tau Kappa Epsilon stories with student Doug Krueger.

DONATIONS ARE MUSIC TO THEIR EARS



Dr. Roger Wesby, associate professor and choir director, stands next to a Kawai baby grand piano donated by Drs. Donald and Evelyn Lindfors Spiro. Spiro is chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees, and both are members of the Class of '49.



Alumnus Ernie Jackson, right, has donated more than \$2,000 in recording equipment to the Wagner College Music Department. The equipment will enhance live sound and allow for studio quality recording. On hand for the donation outside of the Union building were, from the left, Ed Brown, a member of the Music Department faculty and director of the Guitar and Lute Ensemble; Annmarie Lambiasi '85, of the Alumni Office; Dr. Roger Wesby, associate professor and choir director; Nancy Burkett, dean of the Career Development; Robert Hamm, a senior who is president of the Music Society, and college president, Dr. Richard Guarasci. Jackson is a member of the Class of '87.

LECTURES, CONCERTS AND WORKSHOPS

ACE program: Enriching the campus

This spring, distinguished guest speakers, politicians and performers at Wagner in many fields drew hundreds of students, along with some alumni and community members, to the campus.

Alumni were most numerous at the concert "Rhythm is the Cure: Special Italian Healing Dance," featuring Alessandra Belloni, tambourine virtuoso and Mauro Refosco, master percussionist, co-sponsored with the Garibaldi Meucci-Museum on Staten Island. Belloni passionately recalled through song the traditions of Southern Italian women.

Students of Italian, music, anthropology and other disciplines thrilled to this spectacle, which was brought to Wagner by Italian professor Patrizia Palumbo after seeing Belloni perform at St. John the Divine Church in Manhattan.

From this collaboration with the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum emerged a project for next fall on "Italians and the Holocaust" And, in February, alumni were invited to a blues concert for African History Month in the Coffeehouse.

In addition, John Cicillini '97, financial advisor at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, and Angelo Amitsis recounted for business students their view of the Stockmarket in the new millenium often in conflict with other panel members: Lawrence DeMaria, president of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, and Michael Parness, CEO of trendfund.com and author of "Rule the Freakin' Markets."

Cicillini's presentation, and the lively disagreements of the panelists, made this one of the best events of the year, according to Dr. Lori Weintrob, director of the three-year-old Academic and Cultural Enrichment (ACE) program, who sought out alumni for the panel.

NEXT ACE EVENT:

Irish & Italian Cultural Connections: Links between Celtic and Mediterranean Cultures with Prof. Enzo Farinella (Dublin) and Frank Polizzi (Wagner)

Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m., Horrmann Library

"We are actively seeking ways to increase student and alumni participation in ACE events," she said. "When Wagner alumni are on panels or even in the audience, students can really envision themselves after college as engaged professionals and citizens."

Alumni who would like to share their professional experiences with Wagner students, or co-sponsor lectures, are encouraged to contact Dr. Weintrob at (718) 390-3309 or ace@wagner.edu.

In response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Wagner continued to host several important talks.

Particularly notable was an overview of Homeland Security issues by Commander Stephan E. Flynn, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (National Security Studies). Flynn emphasized the dangers of terrorism at major ports of call. Dr. Richard Guarasci and Commander Dave Martin invited Flynn to campus.

Wagner also joined 200 institutions around the five boroughs to host a workshop on "Imagining New York," led by the Municipal Art Society of Manhattan. Several local firefighters joined students in reflecting on "What have we

lost?" and "How can we move forward from September 11th?" In addition, the History and Political Science Department sponsored a debate on the Patriot Act with a representative of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

Finally, the ACE series on Jewish-Muslim relations continued with a lecture in honor of the Jewish holiday of Purim by noted scholar Vera Moreen. Moreen, who has taught at Harvard, recounted the history of Jews in Iran from ancient times to the present day.

She displayed some of the exquisite art and poetry attesting to the vitality of Jewish life in Iran under Muslim rule and differed from more legal and philosophical writings of Jews in Europe.

Students were joined by community members of the Reform Congregation of Staten Island led by Rabbi Katz, who taught a course on "History of Judaism" at Wagner this spring.

These and other speakers stirred debate among students and faculty, and made a big impact on campus life. Scientific talks on the use of stem cell research to replace brain cells and on the genetics of aging brought speakers from the prestigious National Institute of Mental Health in Atlanta and the Staten Island Institute for Basic Research.

In the arts, curators from the Metropolitan Museum, Asia Society and the Chinese Scholar's Garden brought slides to help define the aesthetic parameters of Asian and Islamic art.

Other events included a debate on sweatshops in New York City with local politicians and activists and talks on Argentina and on Cuban film.

ACE PROGRAM
FALL EVENTS

Italy, the Vatican and the Holocaust, featuring a panel with scholars and survivors and Music of the Jews of Italy by Laura Wetzler

Mathematical Prospecting: Computers as Idiots Savants Prof. Roger Pinkham, Stevens Institute of Technology

You Can't Eat GNP: Economics and Ecology — Dr. Eric Davidson, senior scientist, Woods Hole Research Center, MA

Making Peace: Conflict Resolution in 3s for the New Millennium
Dr. Paul Ryan, Graduate Media Studies, New York University

Hispanic poetry reading:
Willie Perdomo

Have Women achieved full equality ... Or do we still need feminism?
A panel sponsored by the Honors Program

Danzactiva with Paulette Beauchamp:
A Master Class in Modern, Flamenco and Indian Ballet

The Fight Against Hunger in New York, Afghanistan and Beyond: Rethinking the Possibilities, Anne-Sophie Fournier, Action Against Hunger, www.aah-usa.org

Columbian Singer
Lucia Pulido

Christina Garcia:
Author Dreaming in Cuban

Pre-law panels:
The Death Penalty

The Business of Pharmacology
The Global Economy

ODK Faculty Colloquim:
Dr. Mohammad Alauddin, Chair, Department of Physical Sciences

Art & Influence:
Creativity in Wagner's Art Department

Walking Tours of Manhattan

International Poetry Reading
With Wagner students

Honors Film Program:
'What's Eating Gilbert Grape,' 'Pola X' 'Masculine Feminine,' 'L'Amant,' 'Like Water for Chocolate'

2002-2003 SEASON

5 productions
on tap on the
Main Hall
stage

Rehearsals are under way for "Babes in Arms," the first of five productions to be mounted by the Wagner College Theatre Department on the Main Hall stage this year.

The box office is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For reservations, call (718) 390-3259.

Babes in Arms

Lyrics by Lorenz Hart, music by Richard Rodgers
September 25 - October 6

The Three Musketeers

A play by Willis Hall
November 6 - 17

Dance Concert

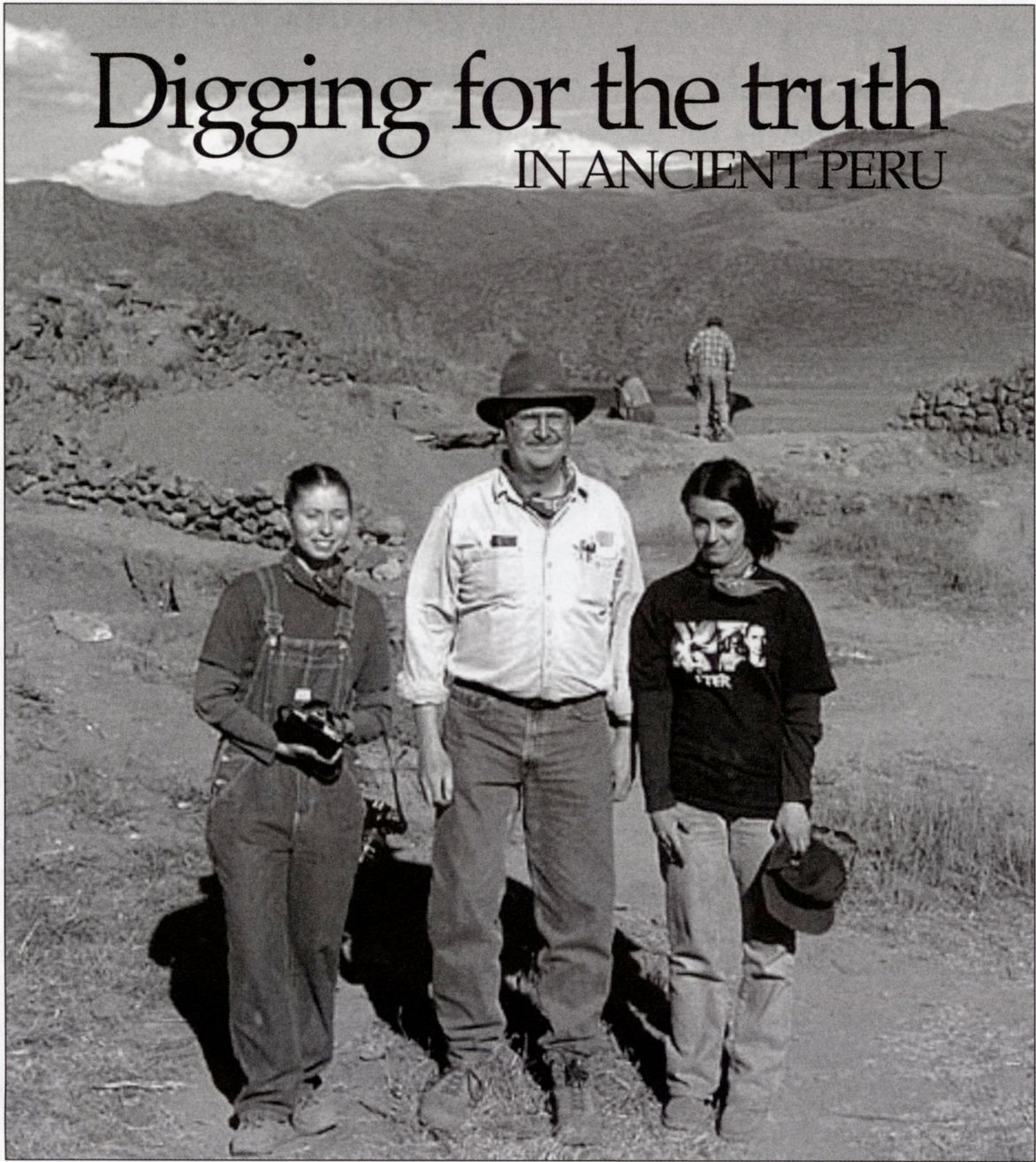
A celebration of many styles of dance
December 5 - 8 (4 performances only)

Titanic

Story and book by Academy and
Tony Award winner Peter Stone
Music/lyrics by Tony Award winner Amaury Yeston
February 19 - March 2

The Wiz

Adapted from "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"
by L. Frank Baum
Book by William F. Brown,
Music/lyrics by Charlie Smalls
April 9 - 12
April 23 - 27



Joanne Kolodziejski and Kerrin O’Kane with Dr. McEwan at the research site in Peru.

Anthropology professor invites
two students to join him in Peru
on a research project

Dr. Gordon McEwan, professor of anthropology and archaeology, has been excavating a site in Peru this summer in an ongoing research project to investigate the formation of the Incan empire. Dr. McEwan, who began teaching at Wagner in 1999, has been researching the formation of the Inca in Peru for almost nine years. His primary interest lies in the general development of empires which has lead him to examine several civilizations that have preceded that of the Inca. Some of the empires in question go back as far as AD 600.

Dr. McEwan is interested in the period of time between AD 1000, the fall of the Wari civilization, and 1400, the beginning of the Incan empire. “In simple terms, I just want to know how to get from the Wari to the Inca,” he explained. This year Dr. McEwan was able to bring along two Wagner students, Joanne Kolodziejski and Kerrin O’Kane. Dr. McEwan team-teaches with Dr. Ellen Perry the first-year Learning Community, “Why Are You Who You Are?” which pairs up the disciplines of biology and anthropology. Students Kolodziejski and O’Kane spent time with Dr. McEwan at the site in Chokepukio, gaining hands-on experience. McEwan resumes teaching this semester and plans to incorporate his research into his syllabus.

— Koryn Kennedy '01

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BRADENTON AND BOCA RATON, FLA.

Any reason will do for alums to get together



Alumni gathered for a reception after a Seahawk baseball game in Boca Raton, Fla. From the left are Merry Zullo Gaeta '67, Don Cavalli '62, Ken Novikoff '69, Ed Doxey '63, Marta Cedenio '89, Sandra (Kossmann) Doxey '65 and Wally Pagan '61.



On hand to hear the fantastic choir performance in Bradenton, Fla., were Rev. William Wittcopp '62, Elsie Schatz Love '50, Dr. Gregory Knapp '66, and John Ross, director of alumni relations.



After the baseball game in Boca Raton, the Hilyards gathered for a family photo. From the left are Shawn, Brendan, Kevin, Ryan, Toni & Barb.

Cheering the home team



The Wagner Cheerleaders give the Seahawks a pep talk in this Homecoming photo from the 1971 Kallista yearbook. This year the Seahawks face Stonybrook University at Homecoming on Sept. 21.

2002 SEAHAWK FOOTBALL SEASON

August 25

Green & White Scrimmage at 11 a.m.

August 31

St. John's (exh.) at 1 p.m.

September 7

La Salle at 1 p.m.

September 14

Iona at 1 p.m.

September 21 — Homecoming

Stony Brook* at 1 p.m.

September 28

At Marist at 6 p.m.

October 5

At Albany* at 1 p.m.

October 12

Robert Morris* at 1 p.m.

October 19

At St. Francis (PA)* at 1 p.m.

October 26

Monmouth* at 1 p.m.

November 2

At Sacred Heart* at 12:30 p.m.

November 9

At Central Connecticut State* at 1 p.m.

November 16

At Jacksonville at 12:30 p.m.

*Northeast Conference Game

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FALL ALUMNI EVENTS

September

16 Sal Alberti Memorial Golf Classic at the Richmond County Country Club

21 Homecoming

28 Alumni, Parent & Friend pre-football game tailgate at Marist College

30 Joe Doyle '99 Memorial Golf Outing at the Colts Neck (NJ) Golf Club

October

5 Family Day for current students

17 Michael DeRienzo '87 Memorial Golf Outing at Farmstead Golf & Country Club (LaFayette, NJ)

19 Alumni event in NJ at the Far Hills Race Meeting

November

15-16 Golf, luncheon and football game in Jacksonville, FL.

THETA CHI BROTHERS HOPE TO REUNITE

The brothers of Theta Chi got together recently to gather and organize names from pledge classes of the last 40 years. They are planning a reunion for late 2002 or early 2003.

The Founder's Day reception, hosted by the chapter's current president, Chad Lennon, and active alum Chiam Winderman '00, was a success.

Even Georg Bohsack, first president of Theta Chi, surprised the current brothers with a visit. Many of those who attended were from the tri-state area. But a handful made the trek from as far as Virginia to attend the reception.

A committee of alums, as well as current brothers, are working on plans for the reunion.

If you would like to help or have information on Theta Chi brothers who may be out of touch with Wagner, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (718) 390-3224.

*"The connections I've made with people here have been the most valuable part of my service so far.
I've made friends that have touched my heart and changed my world.*

*The people have given me more than I could ever give back. We have learned so much from each other.
I'm not sure why, but I'm having the time of my life."*

— HEATHER ARNEY '01

The Peace Corps: No regrets

LEFT BEHIND

By Heather Arney

This girl's life, left behind. Her father left her family, no food to eat. Her mother died when she was six, she and her family are left behind.

No food to eat, now she is twelve, brought up by her grandma, 15 under one roof, still no food to eat. She works all the time, just to survive. Her sisters now have children, But this girl wants to go to school.

She wants to study medicine. She wants that chance. She wants to be a doctor some day, but no, her grandma changed her plans; she found this girl a man.

He is twice her age and already married. But it does not matter; he wants her just the same.

This young girl now cries all the time when she thinks no one is around. But all you have to do is look to her to see she is dying inside.

Left behind, left behind. This young girl was left behind. She cries in the night when she thinks no one can hear. Singing this song out loud:

Never the chance to learn to read. I cannot be a doctor anyway. Never the chance to fall in love. I was forced into a marriage. Soon my children will come. Never the chance to be free. I was left behind.

Left behind, left behind. This young girl was left behind. She cries in the night when she thinks no one can hear. Singing her songs out loud.

Editor's note: Heather Arney '01, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania, a country that is impoverished and politically unstable. In this excerpt from her journal, she describes the challenges, dangers and rewards of her mission and its profound effect on her life.

I remember the first time I arrived at my host family's home in Bogue for training. The house was made of cement and mud. There was no electricity or running water. Water was pulled from a well, and toilet paper just did not exist. I slept outside under the stars next to two goats. The sunrise and the prayer call were my alarm clock. For the first time in my life, I loved getting up at sunrise.

The mother welcomed me and gave me the name, Achietou Fall. I shall never forget the sound of children yelling, "Achietou, Achietou!" as they'd come running from everywhere to shake my hand. Nor will I forget the young boys who saw me as their sister and with whom I played soccer. Communication was difficult and limited; however, the family was very patient with me.

It was difficult to adapt to a culture that is very different from anything I had ever known in the United States. Yet the one thing I heard again and again was "Bismillah," meaning "welcome." This greeting eased the shock of village life. I learned how to sit on mats, squat, use a latrine, ride a donkey cart and drink lots of tea — all without showing or flashing my shins, which is taboo for a woman in this Muslim country.

With time I began communicating with people in French, though I would still love to learn a local language. Communication is key for the survival of any Peace Corps volunteer. Mauritania is a little more difficult than other countries because there are five languages, French being the dominant one. I wish I knew them all fluently — maybe in a next life!

As a volunteer, we have three main objectives: Two of the three are the exchanges of cultures (American-Mauritanian, Mauritanian-American), and the third is the exchange of technique/skills. Life changed after the 10 weeks of training in the village. I am now placed in Nouakchott, the capital. I have access to running water and electricity.

Getting adjusted to 'city life'

The city life in Nouakchott is very different from life in rural Bogue — in good ways and bad. I like having running water (some of the time), but I do miss the clean air and sleeping under the stars every night.

Nouakchott's population is now more than one million. It is no longer an overgrown village; it is now a city. Over the last 20 years, it has been expanding at a rate the government has not been able to keep up with. I have seen traffic congestion increase, cell phones and satellites pop up over night, and a burst of Internet cafes. This is all amazing when most people do not even have a bed to sleep on.

The infrastructure of the capital is very poor, and without a doubt is one of the poorest capitals in the world. Roads are not developed well throughout the city; water and electricity are not always available. Few buildings in the capital's center are taller than three stories. Trash is everywhere because there is no real solid waste program.

Mauritania is fairly well off when it comes to natural resources. Its mineral wealth has been

continuously exploited. And some of the best fishing in the world is found just off the coast here.

In my opinion, the economic figures released in Mauritania are not accurate. The problem is that a small percentage of the population actually sees the money pour in from resources. Other countries, mainly the Western World, make deals with the few wealthy Mauritians. They capitalize from, and rape Mauritania of, her resources, so 90 percent of the country will never see a cent of it. This is why the standard of living is lower than the statistics reveal.

Ethnic tension and relentless heat

Racism is prevalent in Mauritania. The population, which is 2.7 million, is divided into four ethnic groups: White Moors, Black Maurs, Wolof and Pular. The White Maurs have control of the country, and are very rarely seen doing physical labor. It was just recently that slavery was abolished, but to this day it still unofficially exists, thus dividing villages and people.

There are signs of improvement as the government makes an attempt to have regulated and honest elections.

The climate is hot. There is sand and more sand. The desert literally meets the ocean. Desertification has pushed over a million people into the capital city, which should accommodate only 35,000.

The dryness of the once fertile land has left few trees and plants. Even palm trees have difficulty growing. Most people have given up trying to farm, herd or survive in the desert. They seek work in the city. As a result, there are many struggling entrepreneurs in Nouakchott who do not have even the most basic of business skills. This is where I come in as a Peace Corps Volunteer; I bring them technical support.

Often it takes just a simple idea to help someone be ready for business. People need to learn accounting and management skills. I lead discussions on the importance of saving money — not a common practice here. If one person has money, they are expected to divide it among the family and extended family.

Helping women help themselves

I have been assigned to several counterparts in the micro-finance field. There is a bank for the poor that is based on a project in Bangladesh. It gives loans mostly to women who are placed into groups as a support system.

They take out a loan to buy initial materials that can be used to produce goods. They pay a little of the loan each week and put some of the money they earn into a savings account. This program has a 98 percent success rate, supporting Mauritania's women who face more challenges than its men.

Currently I am working on a project that sends girls to school with sponsors from the United States. As a Peace Corps volunteer, I've learned that education and micro-finance are the two keys to success in underdeveloped countries like Mauritania because they build moral character.

The project for the girls was established by an educated Mauritanian woman who has a heart of gold. This year we got 42 girls into schools. The public schools here are a mess, with 100 students for every one teacher. Many



drop out by the age of 10.

I am also active in a band, playing guitar on a regular basis. Most of our songs deal with community issues, such as health, HIV and AIDS and living together peacefully. The band has become my family; I see them every day.

A surge of anti-American sentiment

Because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, there has been a surge in anti-American sentiment here. At first we were not sure if we would have to evacuate. Armed guards and metal gates were set up to protect us and we were on full alert. I received a cell phone; we had curfews and at one point were not allowed to leave our homes.

I was not sure how I would be able to continue my service here. The Peace Corps took us away to safety for a week while they assessed the situation. After a week, I returned to my site in the capital, and have been safe since. The Mauritanian government assured the American Embassy that we would be safe, since our departure would mean a financial loss for the country.

Many people do not trust or respect Americans. It is not easy to trust what you do not know.

Recently, a group of young boys had just come from a lesson with an Islamic teacher. They approached me with a tablet filled with verses and started yelling and chanting. One boy looked at me with so much hate in his eyes. He was just 11 years old and I had never seen him before.

I feel protected by my host family and neighbors. The connections that I have made with people here have been the most valuable part of my service so far. I have made friends that have touched my heart and changed my world. The people have given me more than I could ever give back. We have learned so much from each other.

Mauritania is ranked as one of the most difficult countries to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer, from the culture to the climate. The constant stomach and intestinal problems are the least of our concerns.

I'm not sure why, but I'm having the time of my life. It's true — serving in the Peace Corps is the toughest job I will ever love. I love the work that I do; I love the friendships and relationships I have developed here. It is an amazing experience.

I have learned, I have taught and I have gained a better understanding of life. I am in the right place at the right time for me. I had the courage to follow my heart and I am living life everyday because of it.

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Charles A. Fager (Wellesley, MA), who received the Gold Medal in 2000 from the Neurosurgical Society of America has recently published, "Quality of the Issue: Memoirs and Perspectives of a Neurosurgeon."

'49

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Joseph F. Abissi (Johnson City) was reappointed and elected president of the Broome Development Center board of visitors after being nominated by Governor Pataki and confirmed by the NY State Senate.

'50

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Harold "Hal" H. Carstens (Newton, NJ) celebrated his 50th anniversary in Rail Hobby Publishing. He has edited and written many books on railroading and model railroading as well as other subjects. "Passenger Cars, Vol I," is his most recent publication. His train collection has been displayed at the Abby Aldridge Rockefeller Folk Art Museum in Williamsburg, VA; Trenton State Museum, and the National Geographic Hall, Washington.

Mildred Neumann Olsen (Staten Island) started a new company called WEMGO, which produces high quality fleece clothing for infants, children and women. The company was established to continue her efforts of providing safe havens for women emerging from abusive relationships.

'54

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Judith Russell Deickler (Pawling) performed Pergolesi's Stabat Mater on March 21 with the Camerata New York Orchestra and Chorus at Carnegie Hall.

Jean Anderson Matula (Lantana, FL) was recognized for her outstanding work as a teacher by the Palm County School District in FL.

'57

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Dr. Janet Ahalt Rodgers (Rancho Santa Fe, CA) has been elected chair of Scripps Health Board of Trustees. She is the first woman and first nurse to take the helm at Scripps.

Dr. Olivia Brewer Stapp (Berkeley, CA) will make her directorial debut with the Opera San Jose with a new production of Massenet's "Manon." This new venture stems from a desire to study and direct after six seasons as artistic director of Walnut Creek's Festival Opera.

Rev. Frederick G. Wedemeyer, DD (Worcester, MA) celebrated the 42nd anniversary of his ordination as a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and predecessor bodies.

'58

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Phyllis Eraske Albertson (Savannah, GA) is taking the time to travel the world to see family and friends. She is also building a new home in Savannah, where she will be actively volunteering.

Knud Hansen (Shokam) and his wife, Gladys, celebrated their 50th anniversary by hosting a weeklong family vacation in the Dominican Republic.

William M. Kutny (Staten Island) retired from J. P. Morgan & Co.

'59

Looking for a Class Agent

George Fries (Staten Island) has retired after 40 years at the Staten Island Advance. He is looking forward to playing golf and spending quality time with his six grandchildren.

Donald C. Neu (Scotch Plains, NJ) has retired from Merck & Co.

'62

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Ted W. Hinz, CPA (Middle Haddam, CT) was recently appointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as chair of its Continuing Professional

Education Committee for the 2002-2003 activity year.

'63

Looking for a Class Agent

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

'64

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Alexander H. Sickert (Dallas, PA) lost his wife, Rebecca Ann, in May after her 11-month battle with cancer.

'66

Looking for a Class Agent

Robert Hoff (Erie, PA) is professor of psychology and chair of the Psychology Department at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. He hosts "Jazz and Beyond" Sunday nights on WQLN-FM, an NPR affiliate in Erie, PA.

Paul G. Isler D.D.S. (Marietta, GA) has been a practicing dentist in Georgia for nearly 30 years. He was named president of the Hinman Dental Society at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

'68

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Richard H. Haase (New York) is working with some of the world's most respected astronomers to educate the public and government decision-makers about the need to monitor near-earth objects in time to divert a collision.

'69

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Patricia Menchini Johnston (Shaftsbury, VT) is director of nursing programs at Vermont Technical College. She has been named the 2001 recipient of the Jackie M. Gribbons Leadership Award, presented by Vermont Women in Higher Education.

Kurt Schroder (Staten Island) and his wife Margaret (Peggy) celebrated their 50th anniversary at a party hosted by their children in Colts Neck, NJ.

'71

Looking for Class Agent

Claude Schoenlank (Little Silver, NJ) was inducted into the Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame at the CYO-MIV Center on the grounds of Mount Loretto in Pleasant Plains, the Hall's permanent home.

'73

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Barbara Lang Auffret (New York) has written a book, "No Greater Love."

Craig A. Phillips (Staten Island) was elected to the Board of Trustees of Eger Lutheran Homes and Services Inc., Staten Island.

Diane Checco Libertella (Scottsdale, AZ) is retiring early from the Harrison, NY Central School District. She, her husband and son have begun a new life in Scottsdale.

'74

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Rev. Steven Koepke (Spring Hill, FL) has published a contemporary fantasy novel, "Wolf-Annie: the Adventures of a Lycanthropic Librarian." The plot takes place at a college, and alumni may see a Wagner influence.

'75

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Louise Repage Kaufman M' 78 (Staten Island) serves as the vice president, compliance strategy, of Schering-Plough Corp. in Kenilworth, NJ. Her career was featured in March 2002 edition of The New York Women's Business.

David Taylor (Seattle, WA) has retired from his position as director of science at Pacific Science Center after 25 years. He is a Ph.D. student in cognitive psychology at the University of Washington.

'76

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Charles Bauer (Commack) was recently appointed business continuity manager for Deutsche Bank Americas.

Peter Bredholt (Brooklyn) is director of therapeutic recreation and adult day care services for Eger Health Care Center in Staten Island.

Donna Christie Bredholt (Brooklyn) is a Spanish teacher at St. Anselm School, Brooklyn, NY.

Jeanie Strobert Payne M'76 (Brooklyn) attained the rank of professor at Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ.

'77

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Edward J. Kane (Oak Hill, VA) has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy. He is assigned to the Pentagon liaison office for the commander-in-chief, U.S. European Command.

James Muldowney (North Brunswick, NJ) was inducted into the New Jersey State Coaches Association Hall of Fame as Middlesex County's winningest baseball coach, having won 24 championships during his 13-year career.

Pamela Siedlecki (Oceanport) earned a master's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

'78

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Nick Kvasics (Staten Island) is girls and boys soccer coach at New Dorp High School, Staten Island. His family spent 10 days at the Olympics in Salt Lake City, courtesy of JetSet Sports, meeting athletic and public figures.

'79

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Meryl J. Efron D.D.S. (Staten Island) was awarded a fellowship in the American College of Dentists during the annual convocation in Kansas City, MO.



Terry E. Grant D.D.S. (Hempstead) was awarded a fellowship in the International College of Dentistry in October 2001 during the annual meeting and convocation in Kansas City, MO.

He is CEO of Gental Dental in Hempstead, NY, where he has a private practice. He has written many grants and received funds for many organizations and institutions for advanced dental education.

John Lentini M.D. (Hull, MA), currently a private practice family physician in Braintree, MA, has been appointed as a consultant to The American Academy of Family Physicians on the Commission of Continuing Medical Education.

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Claire M. Regan (Staten Island) received an award in newspaper design from Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists. She is content and design editor at the Staten Island Advance and an adjunct assistant professor in journalism at Wagner.

Dr. Elizabeth St. John-Speakman (Cherry Hill, NJ) has authored a book entitled "Body Fluids and Electrolytes: A Programmed Presentation." She has also been a contributing author on fluid and electrolytes and acid-base balance in Potter and Perry's "Basic Nursing" and "Fundamentals of Nursing."

'81

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Karen Hayward Fattorusso (Budd Lake, NJ) married Joe in July 2002.

'82

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Armando D'Accordo (Wantagh), the director of help desk services for Cendant Corporation, has been named Customer Support Director of the Year. He won out over more than 70 candidates. As director of help desk services, he is responsible for providing support to more than 22 businesses.

Robert L. Tedeschi (Ridgewood, NJ) received his master's in psychology from Montclair State College in January of 1985 where he became a member of the Psi Chi and Pi Gamma Mu honor societies. He graduated Syracuse Law School in 1990, where he also completed Army ROTC training. He is presently a municipal prosecutor in Newark, NJ, where he is responsible for prosecution of domestic violence cases.

'83

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Linda Appignani Romani M'89 (Anthem, AZ) recently moved to Anthem with her husband, Joe, and two children, Deanna and Michael.

'85

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Andrew G. Williams (Key West, FL) was elected president of the Key West Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce).

'86

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Edward J. Nitkewicz, Esq. (Mellville) opened his own law practice, Nitkewicz and McManon, LLP, in Comack, NY. The firm will concentrate in negligence, malpractice, product liability and commercial litigations.

'89

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'93

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John Briaccia (Staten Island) married Tiffany Luciano-Tumbasolan in February 2002. He is a special-education teacher for District 75, assigned to PS 36, Annadale and PS 192, Brooklyn.

Lisa Dalessando Cordova (Staten Island) married Angelo in June 2001.

Tara Ann Kekahuna Parks (Jackson, NJ) married Stephen in April 2002. She is a registered nurse with Cerebral Palsy of New York City, on Staten Island.

Donna M. Testa (Monmouth Beach, NJ) is engaged to Jim Lynch.

'94

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Mary Boltz Ancinec (Ellicott City, MD)

married Josef in August 2001. She is an ESL teacher for Baltimore City Schools.

Katie McGee (Hoboken, NJ) is a traffic reporter for NBC morning Today Show.

Christine A. Rizzi (Brooklyn) is engaged to Joseph Intervallo Jr. They plan to be married this September. She is a project coordinator in the administration department for Universal Music Group.

'95

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Michelle Carmiciano Gramlich Esq. (Staten Island) married Gerard in February 2002. She is an attorney at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, in Manhattan.

Jonathan Stapel (Leicester, MA) has been named the associate producer of production for the 2001/2002 Foothills Theatre Company, Worcester.

'96

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Frances Ann Sciotto Blitch (Ocala, FL) received her teacher's certification in English, math, and social studies grades 5-9. She has joined the State Department of Children and Families as a child protection professional for the protective services/foster care division.

Francis Cole and Kristin Comito Cole '98 (Staten Island) were married in March 2002. He is an operations specialist with Lehman Brothers, Jersey City. She is an English teacher at Moore Catholic High School, Staten Island.

Jessica Viehmeyer Seidel (Randolph, NJ) married Raymond in April 2001.

'97

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Christopher Conti and Marissa Pisarri Conti were wed in July 2002. He is an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Bernstein Intermediate School in Huguenot. She is an occupational therapist with Staten Island University Hospital.

Keri Emperor Kearney (Staten Island) married James in July 2002. She is a first-grade teacher at Our Lady Help of Christians School on Staten Island.

Kimberley Caccese Lazzara (Staten Island) married Stephen in April 2002. She is a teacher at Bernstein Intermediate School on Staten Island.

Robyn Ruehl Lippert (Staten Island) married David on May 18, 2002. She is the attraction liaison for New York Pass, an entertainment/tourism company in Manhattan.

Jennifer DeLuca Palladino (Staten Island) married Anthony in June 2002. She is a librarian at both John Dewey High School, Brooklyn, and St. John's University, Grymes Hill, Staten Island.

Heather L. Sholtis (Philadelphia, PA) was awarded a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Katherine K. Duff Snyder (Wemouth, MA) married Ed in August 2001. They have moved from Albany, NY, to Massachusetts. She has been appointed the ESL curriculum coordinator and K-12 teacher for Westwood Schools.

'98

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Janene Gerardi Diglio (Staten Island) married Christopher in June 2002. She

is a first-grade teacher at PS 32, Great Kills.

Dr. Stacey Yandoli Kubikian (Staten Island) married Daniel in June 2002. She is a pediatric dental resident at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Gregg Gavioli (Staten Island) has received a well-earned promotion to division manager of AOC Temp Agency in New York.

Laura Scanlon (Westfield, NJ) is director of infection control at South Beach Psychiatric Hospital on Staten Island.

'99

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Melissa Falcone Collina M'99 (Old Bridge, NJ) married Thomas in May 2002. She is a first-grade teacher at PS 57, Clifton.

Jennifer Vernazza Lambert (Staten Island), Miss Staten Island 2000, married Albert in January 2002. The couple will relocate to Boston where she will be a pre-school teacher.

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Michelle Montalbano Brady (Staten Island) married Geoffrey in May 2002. She is a fifth-grade teacher at the Petrides School, Sunnyside.

Frank Cafasso M'02 (Brooklyn) was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honor Society at the ODK Spring 2002 Awards ceremony on the Wagner campus.

Maria Imbriano Domante M'02 (Staten Island) married Jonathan in June 2002. She is a physician's assistant in the hematology and oncology department at the Nalitt Institute of Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

Brian Fitzgibbons (Staten Island) married Michele Kuhlsen in July 2002. He is a New York City firefighter with Ladder Co. 80 on Staten Island.

Matthew MacEwan (Ontario, Canada) was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honor Society at the ODK 2002 Spring Awards ceremony on the Wagner campus.

Lisa Ninnivaggio M'02 (Staten Island) was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honor Society at the ODK 2002 Spring Awards ceremony on the Wagner campus.

Adam Shervanian M'02 (Eliot, ME) was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honor Society at the ODK 2002 Spring Awards ceremony on the Wagner campus.

Laura Marsiello Wonica (Staten Island) married George. She is a credit risk associate for Citigroup in Manhattan and he is a real estate broker and appraiser with Wonica Realtors & Appraisers on Staten Island.

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Allison Hoover Chioio (Staten Island) married Richard in June 2002. She is attending St. John's University, Staten Island, for a master of science degree as a literacy specialist.

Crib notes

The Wagner Family welcomes the following members to the Classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024:

Jacqueline Ann, daughter of **Gregg Clay '84** and wife Ursula, born January 27, 2000. She joins brother, Eric.

Meghan Anna Maria, daughter of **Diane Engelbrith-Marron '86** and husband Kevin, born on September 29, 2001.

Kevin Matthew, son of **Lauris Murnieks '87** and **Kathy Rams Murnieks '91**, born January 25, 2002. He joins sister, Krissy and brothers, Andy and Ryan.

Kimberley Anne, daughter of **Sonja Eriksson Bushey '88 M'97** and husband Gary, born February 4, 2001. She joins sister, Anastasia.

Gabriella Rose, daughter of **Maggie Morris Guzzardo '88** and husband Joe, born June 4, 2001. She joins brother, Joey.

Devin Anthony, son of **Grace Maniscalchi Usal '88 M '90** and husband Hakan, born March 1, 2002. He joins sisters, Lauren and Jada.

Rose, daughter of **Christina Capece Chusid '90** and husband Todd, born February 6, 2002. She joins sisters, Samantha and Sophia.

Sydney Rose, daughter of **Elena Anarumo Gallo '90** and husband Louis, born January 31, 2002.

Christopher Guy, son of **Louis Anarumo Jr. '90** and wife Frances. He joins a sister, Madison, and a brother, Louis.

Allison Jean, daughter of **Gerald Maniscalchi '90** and wife Kristine, born March 25, 2002.

Lucie Angelina, daughter of **LuAnn Cioffi Mulholland '92** and husband Daniel, born June 2, 2001.

Lauren Olivia, daughter of **Thomas Sherlock '93** and **Christine Coppola Sherlock '93**, born in January 2002.

Lindsay Marie, daughter of **Lisa Barbieri Schaffer '94** and husband Dave, born February 21, 2002. She joins sister, Jessica Christine.

Alyssa Ann, daughter of **Karey Fitzgerald Pressley '97** and husband Matthew, born October 6, 2001. She joins big brother James Matthew.

In memoriam

Leslie Brock, maintenance worker
Dr. Elbert Harris '40
Raymond W. Miller '40
Dr. Rocco J. Latronica '41
Lenore Carney Taylor '43
Elizabeth Whitney '46
Rev. Robert Armstrong '47
Marilyn Caro Mark '49
Daniel S. Brush '50
William F. Cox '50
Charles P. O'Donnell '50
George E. Pfeiffer '50 M'59
Walter William (Bill) Thompson '50
Allen T. Hall '51
Joan Gunther Rouvell '51

Charles Bie '52
Lyle Cameron '52
Lawrence P. Sweeney '52
Rev. George Scheitlin '53
Salvatore A. Vindigni '56
Dr. Jayne Birchall Bruno '57
Rev. Robert M. Feist '57
Carl R. Young '58 M'60
Joel H. Swift '59
Maj. Edward (Tony) Atwell '60
James H. Ballentine '62
Norbert M. Tiedemann '62
Kathy L. Berg '66
Marjorie A. Rooney M'67
Vincent Roberts '67

William Thompson '68
Suzanne M. Smith '69
Robert Symczyk '75
Richard T. Blomquist '76
Lynn R. Korenblit '76
Anastasia Gutzeit Briggs '81
Dr. Eleanor Stapleton DiBiasi '82
Nickolas G. Mitilenes M'82
Charles A. McKinley '83
John A. Miele, Jr. M'86
Takulu R. Poto '89
Annette Poidomani Sak '96
Susan M. Liberth M'01

Wagner mourns the 10 alumni who perished in the Sept. 11 attacks:



Alfred John Braca '69
Married for 33 years to Jean and a father of four. A bond broker for Cantor Fitzgerald.



Michael C. Fiore '78
A New York City firefighter and father of three known for his calm demeanor.

Michael J. Clarke '96
John E. (Jack) Connolly '76
Michael DeRienzo '87
Joseph Doyle '99
Timothy J. Finnerty M '94
Joseph John Hasson III '91
Alan K. Jensen '74

[These alumni were profiled in the Winter 2002 Wagner Link.]

Michael Cammarata '00, a New York City firefighter who perished in the World Trade Center, has been enshrined in the Little League Museum Hall of Excellence, along with former New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. "I am honored to be selected as a member ... along with a great hero like Michael Cammarata," Giuliani said.



Beautiful upon the hill

With its treelined walkways and breathtaking views, Wagner has been recognized as one of the nation's most beautiful college campuses in The Princeton Review's 11th annual best-colleges guide, released last month. Wagner was ranked fifth among the 345 colleges surveyed, above schools such as Dartmouth College, Cornell College and Stanford University.

TIME and U.S. News recognize Wagner's academics and athletics

Wagner continues to establish a national reputation, keeping company in several recent rankings with the best American institutions, including the ivy leagues.

In its annual "Colleges of the Year" article (Sept. 10, 2001), TIME Magazine focused on the best first-year programs offered by colleges and universities across the United States.

The competition was subdivided among four categories of institutions: Large universities with research facilities, state universities with courses up to the master's level, liberal arts colleges, and community colleges. In the category of liberal arts colleges, Wagner was cited as one of the four most notable schools in the country.

In the latest U.S. News and World Report issue ranking the country's best colleges, Wagner again garnered "Top

Tier" status. Wagner was ranked in the category of "comprehensive universities" in the Northeast (schools that offer baccalaureate degrees and at least a limited number of master's programs).

And Wagner has been welcomed for the first time into the illustrious selections listed in The Princeton Review. This publication provides brief descriptions of the colleges and universities it regards as among the very best in the United States — currently about 350 in total.

In the March 18, 2002 edition of U.S. News & World Report, Wagner tied for 15th among all 321 NCAA Division I schools for graduating student-athletes who receive athletic aid. This places Wagner above notable colleges such as Stanford University, the College of William and Mary and Villanova University.

Over a six-year period, the graduation rate of Wagner student athletes was 80 percent, which is eight percent above the overall Wagner student graduation rate.

The article stated: "In the tradition of U.S. News's Best Colleges and Best Graduate Schools issues, we hope this information will be useful for prospective student-athletes and their families who want to know more about the athletic programs at the schools that they might be considering."

"Success isn't measured only on the field," the article continued. "Lots of schools win by making sure their athletes get high-quality educations and graduate, having actually learned something. Playing by the rules and staying off probation, they might not win championships year in and year out, but their student-athletes are winners in the best sense of the word."

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