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We're Learning

When Lois Dickert and I took over as Alumni Secretaries, neither of us had any experience in the field. We have had to learn as we go along, and we've learned plenty. One thing we know now is that we need help, and we're finding that such help is available if we know enough to ask for it.

Our experience with the Homecoming Day program, for example, taught us that there must be a committee of alumni to plan and operate such events. We know now that we need key alumni in regional areas to keep the association program moving and to promote its Loyalty Fund. We've discovered that we can't put out THE LINK without the co-operation of alumni willing to write for it, and that we need an advertising manager.

Every alumnus who has been asked to help has been most gracious. This issue of THE LINK contains articles by Ian Morrison, Les Trautman, Dr. Langsam, Old Grad and Walter Reichelt. Roy Cutter volunteered an ad, as did the College Book Store. Such co-operation is heart-warming.

We still don't know all the alumni and can, therefore, ask only a limited number for assistance. All of which is an invitation to you. Want to write for THE LINK? get us an ad or two? write a few news items? organize a regional chapter? solicit a few classmates for gifts to the Loyalty Fund? Let us hear from you. Call Alumni office, Gibraltar 7-7880, or write.

It works the other way, too. Can we serve you in any way? You'll find us most ready to do what we can.

AL KRAHMER, *General Alumni Secy.*

The Cover Picture

The Christmas motif on the cover (and we're still hoping you get this before Christmas) is furnished by the annual Weihnachtsfest of the Deutscher Verein, held last December. Holding Santa Claus' whip is, of course, Dr. F. C. DeWalsh, head of the German department and moving force behind the Deutscher Verein. The young lady is Marguerite Sprenger '51, of Poughkeepsie, while Santa himself is played by Dan Brush '50, of Brooklyn.

WHAT CAN THE "MATER" BE?

For the second time a move has been instigated on the campus to make "Beautiful Upon a Hill" the Alma Mater of Wagner College. In January of 1947 the question was referred to the Board of Trustees, who rejected the proposed change, stating that "after due consideration the Board confirms for the time being the song 'We Stand United' as the official Alma Mater." In a straw poll (the only kind we put faith in these days) conducted recently by the "Wagnerian" among 215 students, 83% were in favor of the change. Now we want to know how the alumni feel. After all it's *your* Alma Mater too. Here are opposing viewpoints expressed by two alumni. What do *you* think?

The Alma Mater

We stand united through and through
Our Alma Mater's chosen few,
To sound her praises hand in hand,
In joyful tongue throughout the land;
Our hearts and minds in steadfast hope,
All foes in vain with us would cope
As conquerors triumphantly
We march to victory.

CHORUS

We love thy laurels, Wagner:
We love thy growing fame
Thy one fraternal spirit,
Thy sweet maternal reign;
We love thee, Alma Mater,
And ever will be true
To thee; thrice hail to Wagner
And to her chosen few.

—FREDERICK MELVILLE '18

By an OLD GRAD

Many of our decisions are motivated by sheer sentiment. We are often incompetent to view situations impartially, however objective we may try to be. Our reasoning is swayed by our emotions. This is especially true when one tries to express an opinion about a song that has lived in the heart and mind over a period of years. So it is that this old grad is impotent to do anything to prevent his being swept along on a flood tide of sentiment as he testifies to his attachment for the traditional "Alma Mater." Is it good music? Is it good poetry? Let others decide these minor issues. It really doesn't make much difference to one who has sung the song again and again and associates every thought, every note with friends and experiences and memories which grew during the happy years at Wagner.

He was there when the song was born. It sprang from the heart of the small student body of some fifty men and boys who knew every nook and cranny of the old school and were steeped in the rich traditions of the past. "Happy" Melville '18, now deceased, a versatile student and an accomplished musician, was its author. He found the music in a collection of German war songs of that era. Was it 1917? Or was it 1918? Again, what difference does it make? He chose a song called "Nun Steige Deutsche Adler" whose music seemed to speak of valor, heroism, victory and triumph and set his words to its strident chords and that little student body sang it with enthusiasm, for it gave expression to the dreams and hopes and aspirations of all who loved Wagner. This song was not written to cheer a football team on to victory. In those days there were no athletics. It was written to inspire a

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Beautiful Upon A Hill

Beautiful upon a hill
Looking out to the sea,
There our thoughts are turning still
To hours we spent with thee.
We love thee, Alma Mater,
Our praise to thee we sing,
For Wagner will forever be
Deep in our memory.

—FRANK BETANCOURT '41

I favor changing the Alma Mater to "Beautiful Upon a Hill." "We Stand United" can be sung about any school by any group, while Frank Betancourt's song possesses a distinctive quality which is peculiar to Wagner, and only Wagner. His lyrics have the power to evoke memories of the "hill" which are cherished by all. The glorious isolation of the College within the very boundaries of the world's largest and most crowded city is surely unique. The sun shines brighter, fogs hover more persistently, the winds are more urgent, and the view is more majestic and beautiful than anywhere else within Father Knickerbocker's town.

The graduate of an earlier day than myself may believe that if too much of the old tradition is shed, he will not feel in harmony with Wagner during his annual pilgrimage to Grymes Hill. But he must remember that the College, once a small institute, hiding behind a venerable apple tree on a drowsy Rochester street, is today a progressive and steadily growing school. Even the more recent graduates are pleasantly surprised to note the constructive spirit which is prevalent about those sprawling acres. Expansive parking lots are bursting with cars, brand new roads and walks divide the grounds into multiferous patterns, shrubs and flowers have lost the appearance of untended wildness, while classrooms have shed the dull colors of the past.

This grand new Wagner spirit, which is bringing the College to the attention of many new friends, must be assisted onward by the guiding hands of the Alumni Association. We must not restrain the growth of our alma mater by insisting that outmoded traditions or songs be perpetuated!

WALTER E. REICHEL '48

The Staten Island chapter of the Wagner College Guild is soliciting magazine subscriptions. Available at the regular subscription price, the Guild receives a commission for each subscription. If you'd like to help by having the Guild take care of your magazine renewals, write Mrs. Gladys Berglund, 19 Hillcrest Court, Staten Island 5. (That's Mrs. Jack Berglund '35.)

OLD GRAD (Continued)

whole generation to work with undying zeal for the development of a greater Wagner, dedicated to the lofty ideals of its founders. The student body was small. The alumni group was small. Our beloved school faced an uncertain future in an unfriendly environment, and yet we cheered ourselves onward as we sang the old song: "We stand united... we few... who will dare to sing the praises of our Alma Mater throughout the land. Every foe will be vanquished and there will be a glorious victory when Wagner will rise to new and greater heights and the dreams long dreamed will come true."

Looking back over the years since the song was written, one is surprised to see how adequately the words match the achievements of our college. The love and devotion of her graduates has endured. We have marched to victory, the victory of a greater Wagner. The onward march continues and the end is not yet in sight. We still need a fighting and a daring spirit. The student body and the alumni must still be animated by a desire to carry Wagner onward to greater heights than it has known before. That spirit can be engendered by the song that has cheered and encouraged the past generation. The spirit expressed in the words of this song will live in the heart and will be counted among the intangibles which belong to a college education.

Do you blame me if I say: "Let's keep this song." Let's learn to sing it with our hearts as well as with our lips. Let it echo around the world wherever Wagner's sons and daughters live. Let it be the wings whereon the fame of Wagner is proclaimed to the world. Every life will be enriched as the heart and the spirit sing: "We love thee Alma Mater and ever will be true to thee. Thrice hail to Wagner and to her chosen few."

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Hudson Valley Organization

The Wagner Club of the Hudson Valley was organized at a dinner meeting on November 12 at the Catskill Country Club, with Henry Knaust, Sr., Wagner trustee, as host. Frank Gollnick '30 was elected president of the club, with Al Messersmith '44 as secretary. It is planned to hold two meetings a year.

Twenty-three persons attended the organization dinner. They were the John Klahns, Al and Kay Messersmith, the Herb Gibneys, the David Gaises, the Frank Gollnicks, Mr. and Mrs. Knaust, Dr. and Mrs. Langsam, Pastor and Mrs. Pfeil and Barney. Alumni Secretary Al Krahmer and his wife were on hand, as were Wagner trustee Joe Flotten and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vassol of St. Albans, L. I. The latter two couples were on their way to Oneonta for the Hartwick game.

Dr. Langsam spoke on the latest developments at the college. Krahmer spoke on alumni plans. Flotten was induced to speak on his European travels, and there were also brief messages from our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Knaust, and a gracious little speech from Mrs. Langsam, who, on being asked how she got her driver's license, responded with a fine statement on what a wonderful place Wagner is. (Ed. note—we still don't know about that license.)

The enthusiasm displayed by these Hudson Valley alumni, who voted to include all friends of Wagner in their informal club, was encouraging. To this group goes the distinction of being the first regional chapter of the alumni association to be formally organized.

Surveys of our geographical spread indicate that other areas which ought to be organized are Staten Island (346), Long Island (63), Brooklyn (45), Manhattan and Bronx (42), Northern New Jersey (70), Buffalo and vicinity (26), Connecticut (30), and the Rochester area (18), the number in parentheses being the number of alumni residents in the area.

By the time this issue of THE LINK reaches you, a meeting of New England alumni will have taken place in Boston in December. Bill Villaume '35 is the volunteer who made the arrangements, with Lorraine Turcotte '47 doing what she could from up in Maine. Letters from these two came in the same mail and prompted our

making Boston the next port of call for Dr. Langsam and your Alumni Secretary.

Block "W" Dinner

The first dinner of the Block "W" Club, held in Cunard Hall the night before the Homecoming game, was a big success. Sixty letter men, past and present, were there and word was received from many others who regretted that distance made it impossible for them to attend.

At the head table were former coaches Ray Kirchmeyer, Jim Collins, Chief Barclay and Joe Grosjean, present coaches Jim Lee Howell and Frank Reagan, President Walter C. Langsam, Dean John R. Bacher, Athletic Director Herbert Sutter, and Toastmaster Art Smith. All these special guests were awarded honorary membership in the Block "W" Club and presented with "W" pins.

The only speech of the evening was made by Jim Collins, now principal of P. S. 14, Stapleton, who reminisced about the basketball seasons he and Bill Keegan coached at Wagner. Amusing stories about a game with LIU and about Bob Sheie, as well as a serious message about the tolerance and good spirit found on the Wagner campus, made his audience hang on every word Jim said.

Alumni Block "W" wearers present at the dinner included Ernie Meyer '32, Al Corbin '35, Joe Cawley '35, Trygve Jensen '43, Archie DeLuca '44, Randolph Johnson '42, Paul Kirsch '33, Phil Laub '48, John Siclari '32, Bill Wiley '42, Mattie Moccia '41, Al Krahmer '27, Carl Sutter '29, Stan Stillwell '47, Les Trautman '40, George Schipani '43, Bob Sheie '37, Mike Rapp '34, Bernard Blomquist '37, and Dave Sweet '45.

It is regretted that some letter winners were missed because the earlier records of athletic history are very sketchy. An attempt is being made to bring the record up to date and we appeal to letter men who were missed with invitations to write in and tell us about it. Address the alumni secretary and tell the year and in what sport your "W" was awarded. Wilson (Lefty) Gearhart '49, current basketball star, is president of the club and is making plans for greater alumni participation in the management of the club.

NO COMMENT!

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Doremus, f	4 2 10	Mersina, f	1 0 2
Quintana, f	2 0 4	Wholihan, c	4 2 10
Sellitto, c	3 1 7	Willets, c	4 3 11
Gilmartin, c	1 2 4	Smith, c	0 0 0
Quarben, c	2 0 4	Darson, g	1 2 4
Blomquist, c	2 0 4	Schipani, g	0 0 0
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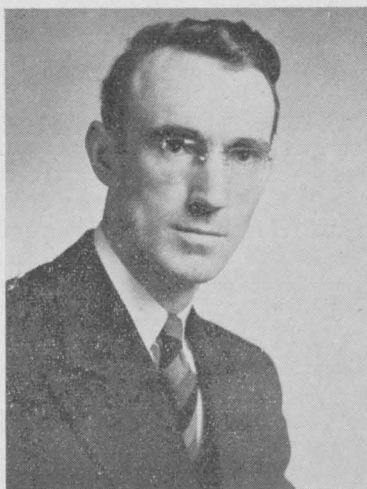
HOMO MULTARUM LITERARUM

By IAN MORRISON '48

As I sat at his desk, attempting to make him talk about himself, I thought of that day almost three years before, when as a veteran returning from the wars I first entered one of his History classes. Leaning over a table in the front of the room was a tall, gaunt, Lincolnish appearing man . . . a man having the distinctive stoop of the scholar . . . a man hesitant in his approach to a subject . . . a man forever adjusting his glasses and interpolating his lectures with, "yes indeedy," "most interesting," and, "the basees for this study"—etc. In the months and courses to follow I discovered many comparisons between Francis F. Wayland and Abraham Lincoln. I discovered that the distinctive stoop was most certainly acquired in scholarly pursuits, that the hesitant approach was not caused by doubt or lack of knowledge but by a constant striving to keep objective, to impart a full measure to the partakers. In my few years at Wagner I sat at the feet of teachers who were perhaps, more interesting, flashier, more effusive and voluble but not many who were as prepared, as painstakingly correct with facts and material, or as courteous to rash and unthinking students as was Dr. Wayland.

To the student not familiar with his methods or his classroom technique, it seems that "the good Doctor" (as he is commonly known to various and sundry alumni), is bound and tied to the notes in front of him, but the same student is often surprised by the vast wealth of knowledge that the Professor has at his fingertips. His notes serve a good purpose, for his course is clearly charted, and without such a guide the well of knowledge would overflow leaving the students floundering in the vast river of material that every now and then seeps through to the thirsty minds.

Dr. Wayland, as head of the Department of History and Political Science, has much more to do than prepare lectures. As of this date the Department consists of at least six members, a far cry from the day in 1944 when Dr. Wayland entered the Wagner family to bolster the department which then consisted of one. Wagner College has grown since then, and with that growth Wayland has seen the growth of intellectual yearning



among the students. Professor Wayland expresses the opinion that so many of the men who in the recent past were fighting for their country and their lives are now really anxious to discover actually why they were fighting and what they were fighting. Many, appreciating for the first time all that this country has to offer, want to learn more about their native land and how it got to be what it is today. Thus the classes in History and Political Science are filled to overflowing and the discussions are enlivened by men who "have been there." Today when some isolated geographical region is mentioned in a class in Western Civilization, it is not unlikely that some meek freshman will claim first hand knowledge of the place in question. Keeps a teacher on his toes . . . yes indeedy.

Professor Wayland is well equipped to cope with the problems of the small liberal arts college. As an undergraduate he attended Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. He can sympathize with the campus "big-wheel" who is always late for class and who uses all his "cuts" because of "very important Student Association business," or, "the Wagnerian had to go to the printer," because at one time in his college career Wayland was President of the Student Government Association of Bridgewater College and was also editor of its campus newspaper. Not being satisfied with these duties he managed the varsity basketball team and also became an intercollegiate debater. During his college career he was awarded several

prizes for essays he had written, one of which was entitled, *The Shenandoah Valley in American Literature*.

Receiving his Master's degree in History from the University of Virginia in 1931, Wayland displayed his versatility by accepting a position as teacher of Mathematics and French in a high school in Front Royal, Va. In the Fall of 1933 he entered the University of Pennsylvania and enrolled for his doctorate. Not being satisfied with just one job he soon became an Assistant Instructor of History at the University, and to add to the work load he commenced drying dishes, etc., for the woman he married in 1935.

Receiving his Ph.D. in 1938, he moved across Philadelphia to the faculty of Drexel Institute of Technology, and then in 1939, heeding the words of Horace Greeley, he joined the faculty of McPherson College, Kansas, as Professor of History. The year 1944 saw Dr. Wayland established as Associate Professor of History at Wagner College, and in 1948 he became Chairman of the Department.

Dr. Wayland, enjoying the atmosphere of this Island community, purchased a home on a site that overlooks the Manhattan skyline, and on many a summer afternoon he can be found tilling the sloping side of his garden in the hope that his home-grown vegetables will compare favorably with those of the Shenandoah Valley, which harbours his home-stead.

Professor Wayland seems to fill the bill for a "typical college professor," at least from the layman's point of view. A man of learning, whose whole life has been that of a scholar, who looks like a scholar, acts like a scholar, and is a scholar. A family man, concerned with raising two lively children in this uncertain world, he has time to consider the problems of the many students who seek his advice. A man, proud to see his former students becoming teachers, college professors, and graduate students. A man, cultured, shy, and perhaps just a little absent-minded at times working on THE book. A man who, to use his favorite expression, is "crackerjack."

Homecoming Review

You should have been here! Or were you? Homecoming Day (November 6) was all we could ask. The weather was beautiful—crisp, sunny, sparkling. The game—well, it was a thriller. Once over the hump of the first half, our team surged forward to a 19-7 victory over Susquehanna, its first win in five meetings with the Pennsylvania university and the Crusaders worst defeat of the year. The largest crowd of the season—more than 3,600—were on hand to witness the duel.

There was plenty to see at halftime too. Seven members of Wagner's first football team in 1927 were introduced. They were Herb Sutter '31, Carl Sutter '29, Tom Carey '32, Ernie Meyer '32, Gus Kiefer '29, Gus Weber '26 and Bill Niebank '31. Herb remembered when he played against Susquehanna and ran 85 yards for a TD against them. Amos Alonzo Stagg, Sr., the grand old man of football, now with his son as coach of the Susquehanna team, was given a fine ovation by the crowd when he was introduced.

The band gave a splendid account of itself between the halves, turning in a performance to make your heart throb. Many alumni saw them for the first time, handsome in their natty green and white uniforms. Ably guided by Henry Jackson, drum major, they drilled and formed an impressive "W". Enhancing the scene were the cheerleaders, who marched with the band, then held up cards reading "Homecoming," "Hello, Grads," and "Welcome." Very nice,

indeed. (See picture at bottom of page.)

Fraternities and sororities had arranged off-hill dinners for their alumni brothers and sisters, while other alumni got together in Cunard. (Ed. note: What do you think of that set-up? Let us know.)

A crowd of over 400 students, alumni and faculty members came out for the dance, the music for which was provided by the School Dance Orchestra. In point of numbers and spirit, the dance was a success, but we promise an even better one next year.

As an Alumni Department, this was our first Homecoming Day. We want to make succeeding ones better. You can help us. Please feel free to make with the ideas, suggestions, criticisms and comments. We're open to them.

From One Who Was There

In our last issue, we listed those who had represented Wagner at inaugural ceremonies for presidents of other colleges. The Rev. Alfred Schroeder '38, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Rochester, was one of those representatives, and from him we have an eye-witness account of the experience. He says:

"It was certainly a thrilling privilege to represent Wagner College at the inauguration of Dr. Allan Willard Brown as President of Hobart and William Smith Colleges on Saturday, October 23. The entire program was so very well planned and executed, and the number of representatives from the various institutions of learning and learned societies seemed to

me to be exceptionally large and colorful. Hobart and William Smith Colleges did everything to make their visitors' stay a memorable one (in spite of the fact that Hobart lost the football game to Union College in the afternoon). . . . One little touch of color was in that colorful inaugural procession which made a Wagner College graduate glow with pride. In that procession Dean Harry J. Carman, of Columbia College, Columbia University, wore the Doctor's hood bearing the colors of Wagner College. It was Dean Carman who gave the Induction Address in which he ably championed the cause of liberal education and was later honored with another degree from Hobart College. . . . I want to express my thanks to Wagner College for this privilege. . . ."

The day was far from happy, from standpoint of weather or score, but it was good to see so many alumni in the stands at Oneonta for the Hartwick game. In between the wind and the rain, we spotted Ed Bosch '22, Kay Messersmith '45, Al Messersmith '44, Harry Gibbs '32, Barney Pfeil '48, Ernie Meyer '32, Carl Sutter '29, Joe Flotten '26, Herb Sutter '31, Les and Virginia Trautman '40, Paul Reisch '44, Dave Jensen '42, Lois Dickert '46, Al Krahmer '27, and of course, Dr. and Mrs. Walter C. Langsam.

Do You Know?

Maybe you do. We hope so, anyway. For the records, we'd like to know the origin of Wagner's colors. They're beautiful, of course, but *why* green and white? Can you tell us?



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wagner College as an institution is built upon four great pillars. These pillars are the Church, the student body, the teaching and administrative staffs, and the alumni. If Wagner is to make its greatest possible contribution to our Christian civilization, then these sustaining pillars must be of equal strength, each providing as much support as does its neighbor. Let only one of these pillars be weaker than the rest, and the whole structure becomes endangered.

Currently the Church is giving Wagner more direct support than at any previous time in our history. The student body is stronger than ever before and is generally imbued with a wonderful college spirit. Of our faculty we are proud, and some of our departments compare favorably with those of the best small, liberal arts colleges in the country. Our alumni are being welded into a splendid corps of supporters—interested, proud, loyal, and helpful.

Wagner need have no fear of the future, only optimistic hope. Our pillars are firm and strong. They are linked for even greater strength by a spiritual bond which is peculiarly Wagnerian, a bond which embraces all who have contact with our Alma Mater. So may it ever be, to the greater glory of the Father of Mankind.

WALTER CONSUELO LANGSAM.

Dorothy Githens '48 was married to William Trost, Jr. of Hammond, Ind., on October 24. The newlyweds are living on Staten Island.

The Nursing Alumnae chapter meets every three months—in September, December, March and June. Informal round table discussions about nursing problems are featured at the meetings. Don't miss these meetings.

1903—Dr. Otto Schrieber has resigned as pastor of St. Pauls, Kingston to accept a call to Calvary Lutheran Church, Jersey City.

1921—The Wagner College Library has just received a copy of "God's Unlimited Forgiveness," which is Unit 1 in Audio-Visual Studies in the Life and Teachings of Jesus by Dr. Harry J. Kreider, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Ozone Park.



(U.S. Army Photograph)
Dr. Langsam is here lecturing before the Troop Information School, New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn.

1949 Alumni Loyalty Fund

Like almost everything else your new alumni office staff has worked on, the appeal for the 1948-49 Loyalty Fund was late in reaching you. Printing delays have given the Alumni Secretary grey hair. By the time this issue of THE LINK reaches you, however, the first letter will be in your hands. We are hoping for a splendid, early response.

We have reversed the process this year. Instead of raising the Fund and then voting on what should be done with it, we have set a goal for ourselves at the beginning of the year. It is a goal considerably higher than in any other previous year, but it is certainly not unattainable. Twenty-five hundred dollars from more than a thousand alumni! It seems almost too small.

Before the real campaign began, the alumni on the Board of Trustees, the faculty and the officers of the Association were asked to start the ball rolling. Response from 31 in this group has brought us \$313 in cash, with an additional \$145 in pledges. We gratefully acknowledge contributions and pledges from the following alumni:

Theodore E. Paleske '98
Dr. George R. Tamke '18

Conrad Reisch	'20
Milton Kleintop	'23
Joseph Flotten	'26
Al Krahmer	'27
Gunnar Knudsen	'28
Donald Race	'30
Herb Sutter	'31
Paul Kirsch	'33
Sylvester Bader	'35
Bob Olwig	'35
Walter Bock	'38
Henry Endress	'38
Harold Haas	'39
Chris Holmstrup	'39
Eleanor Jensen Willecke	'39
Marjorie Rieb Seguine	'40
Lester Trautman	'40
Virginia Mackoy Trautman	'40
Fred Willecke	'40
In memory of Lt. Orlando Buck	
Roy Cutter	'41
Dorothee Heins Holmstrup	'41
Susette Meyer	'41
Evelyn Johnson Haas	'42
Marguerite Hess	'43
Trygve Jensen	'43
Dr. and Mrs. Langsam	hon-'45
Lois Dickert	'46
Dean Mary Burr	hon-'48

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

1930—The Rev. Austin Bosch is the author of an article which appeared in the November 3 issue of "The Lutheran." It is entitled "Now This Woman Can See." In the same issue appeared an article by Paul W. Dieckman, administrative assistant at Wagner.

The Rev. William J. Voss has accepted a call to First Redeemer Lutheran Church, Buffalo. He resigned as pastor of Holy Cross Church, Farnham, on December 1.

1931—The Rev. Albert P. Stauderman is editor of the Intermediate-Senior lessons of the Augsburg Sunday School Lesson Series for the first half of 1949. The series is based on the life of Christ.

1936—The Rev. Gunther Stippich was the officiating clergyman at the funeral of stage and screen star, Elissa Landi on October 23. Pastor Stippich had also officiated at Miss Landi's marriage to Curtis Thomas, and baptized her daughter, Caroline.

Arthur Friedel is purchasing agent for Rich Department Stores in Atlanta, Ga., one of the largest department stores in the country. He is active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the drive to raise funds for toys for poor children for Christmas. He is also active in the local Community Chest Drive and in the B'nai Brith, America's oldest and largest Jewish service organization.

1937—The first educational unit of Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgefield, N. J., was dedicated Sunday afternoon, December 5. The Rev. G. E. Alberti is pastor.

1939—Siegfried Dietrich, the dentist member of the Dietrich family (three other alumni brothers are ministers) has moved from Upper Darby, Pa., to Honeybrook, Pa.

The Rev. Harold Haas, of Linden, N. J., has accepted a call to become pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Jersey City.

1940—Peggy Bambach Buck was married to William Reynolds in Paris on October 19. She and her husband expect to return to America in December.

Dr. Sidney Leeds is practicing dentistry in Manhattan.

The Rev. Edward A. Sheldon was installed as pastor of St. Matthew-Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, on November 28. This

church was formed by the merger of St. Matthews, of which Sheldon has been pastor since 1943, and Emmanuel, served until this spring by The Rev. Norman E. Sutterlin '29. Arnold J. Cerasola, M.D. has opened an office for the general practice of medicine at 1604 Williamsbridge Road, New York. He lives in Mount Vernon.

The Rev. Everett Jensen has recently landed in the Hawaiian Islands where he will do work for the Board of American Missions. Mrs. Jensen is Beatrice Werner '41.

1942—The Rev. Walter Morten has left the naval chaplaincy to accept a call to Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N. J.

1943—Shari Eleanor Lewis was born November 11. Her mother is Florence Jicha '43. The Lewises have a two and a half year old son.

1944—Ruth Eidt is teaching in Farmingdale, Long Island.

Bradford O. Smith has opened an office for the general practice of optometry on Staten Island.

The Rev. Frank Flisser has resigned as pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy, to accept a call to Christ Church, Trenton, N. J.

The Rev. James E. Morecraft is assistant pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

The Rev. Eugene Roth has received a call from the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church to go to Japan as a missionary. He will begin language studies at Yale on February 1. In order to take up this new work, he has resigned his pastorate of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Potter, N. Y.

1945—Mrs. Adah Scheehl Vosburgh is the proud mother of Amy Rosemary, born August 1 in Coopers-town. The Vosburghs live in Fort Plain.

Dorothy Kuusela was married to John J. Tarrant, editor, on Staten Island, November 7. We would like their new address.

1946—John Mentha was married to Gerda Pahnke '45 on Thanksgiving Day in Trinity Church, Stapleton.

1947—Margaret Kilthau is teaching school in Bethpage, Long Island.

LaMar J. Smith has become proprietor of the famed restaurant, "The Log Cabin," in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Bam Reisch is a part time teacher of trigonometry in a San Francisco high school. Meanwhile, he continues his law studies at the University of San Francisco.

1948—Robert Salvesen is studying for his master's degree at Buffalo University.

Arthur Krida is teaching history and English at Greer School, Hope Farm, Dutchess County, N. Y.

Gladys Lammond was married to Gerard Hill on November 27 at Staten Island.

Alphonse J. Innacone has been awarded a New York state war service scholarship, which he will use to enter a professional school. The scholarship was won in competitive examination at Cooper Union last August.

NURSING ALUMNAE NEWS

FRIEDA STOERZINGER, Reporter

Eileen Jackman O'Leary '48 became the mother of a baby boy on October 28 in Cambridge, Mass. Baby James weighed 8 lbs., 9¼ ounces. The doctor says that papa will pull through.

Another new mother is Elizabeth Longair Rose '47, whose son was born on Staten Island in October.

Estelle Sussman '46 (Frenchie), formerly an air line stewardess on a flight between Ireland and Egypt, was married to a Mr. Schwarzfeld and is now living in Tel Aviv, Palestine.

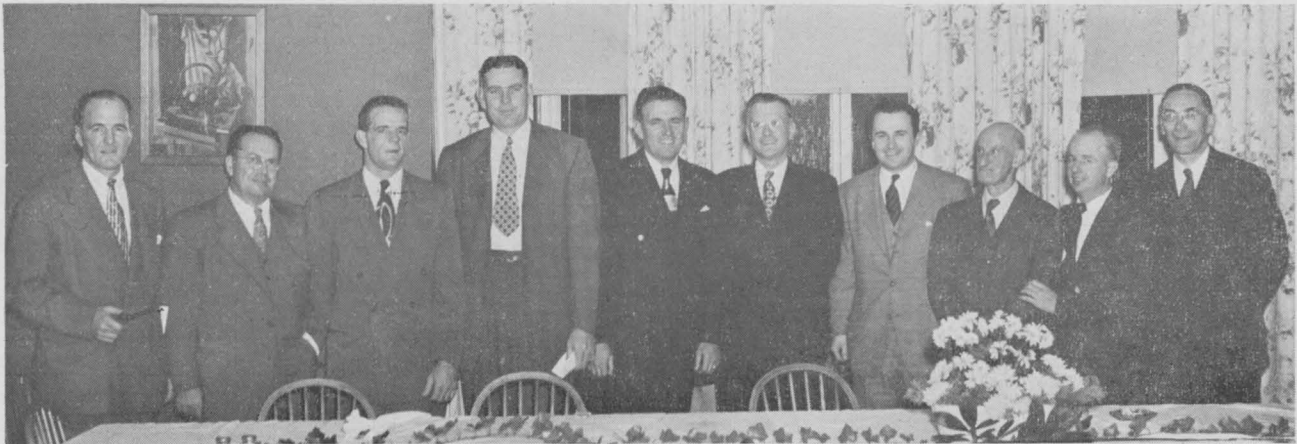
Ann Gaines '48 has recently returned to Elizabeth, New Jersey from McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, Va. She expects to add the title of Mrs. to her R.N. before the New Year rolls around.

It is said that the walls of a certain house on Grand Avenue were re-sounding recently with merriment occasioned by a house warming given by Rhoda Lee Davidson '47 and Sylvia Goldberg '48, who have just moved from Sea View Hospital to 42 Grand Avenue. Their friends are invited to drop in and see them some time.

Nursing alumnae are proud of the fact that their president, Lillian Intemann, now an evening session candidate for the B.S. degree, was one of twelve Wagner students chosen for recognition in the 1949 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

STAR DUST

By LES TRAUTMAN '40



Many of the great coaches Trautman writes of are pictured above. Taken at the Black "W" dinner, left to right you see Ray Kirchmeyer, Joe Grosjean, Frank Reagan, Jim Lee Howell, Jim Collins, Dr. Langsam, Art Smith, Chief Barclay, Herb Sutter, and Dean John R. Bacher.

If any Wagner coaches, past or present, are ever heard humming, "Give me ten men who are stout-hearted men," you'll have to excuse them. In the quarter-century or so of athletics atop Grymes Hill, they've had to field teams—even in football—with that many or less. But all the coaches, or players for that matter, are like old grads at Homecoming Day; they "remember the time..." with fondness. Won and lost records through the years have too often made for dismal reading, but always a tremendous spirit existed, the kind that brought out players even when they had to buy their own equipment.

Athletics at Wagner are still young in comparison with those at other colleges, but Wagner has had its share of outstanding coaches, some of whom came for nothing (or just about) in those early days, for the Green and White's stout-hearted teams.

One of the earliest coaches at Wagner was Elmer Ripley, who is still termed "Staten Island's most prominent professional basketball player" and who is coach at Georgetown. Old-timers will remember him as a rugged player who starred with the Original Celtics and shone in the old New York-Penn State League and with the Washington Palace Club and Fort Wayne.

Basketball also drew Jack Morris, who is now dean of boys at Curtis High School on Staten Island, and that seemingly inseparable pair—Jimmy Collins and Bill Keegan. Jimmy and Bill are both in the New York City school system now, Jimmy as elementary school principal and Rich-

mond Borough recreation center director and Bill as a physical education instructor in Far Rockaway, L. I. Who can fail to recall how Jimmy inaugurated the pivot shot while he was a student at St. John's University? The story behind that is that Collins, while a boy, had watched "Dutch" Dehnert of the Original Celtics maneuver in the pivot—always passing, never shooting. And when Jim started shooting in college, he shot—just about every existing scoring record to pieces. Bill, meanwhile, was gaining a reputation at Manhattan College.

Track has brought Abel Kiviat, the great Olympic miler; Clarence "Chief" Barclay, the now-retired businessman, of whom it is said that "a race on Staten Island wouldn't be official unless he were the starter"; Dr. Lee Y. Davidheiser, head of the chemistry department, who, too, volunteered many an hour, and John "Bun" Barbes, the lean and lanky incumbent.

For the pre-war alumni, the name of Ray Kirchmeyer is usually associated with football. A former great back at Columbia, Ray was the first coach in 1928 and except for three years in the 1930's (when Frank Spotts, the ex-Muhlenberg star tackle took over) he served through 1946.

An All-American was succeeded by an All-American when Jim Lee Howell, the Arkansas and New York Football Giants great end, was signed in 1947. He brought with him Ken "Kayo" Lunday, of the Giants, last year and two more All-Americans, Frank Reagan (Penn) and Jim White (Notre Dame) from the Giants this year.

Kirchmeyer and Howell, incidentally, have something else in common. They both developed excellent "second-half" teams, in 1928 and 1948.

In baseball, there has been Kirchmeyer, as well as in basketball; Joe Grosjean, who was going places in professional baseball until a broken ankle stopped him while he was with Jersey City and who is now director of Staten Island Catholic Youth Organization center, and Herb Sutter.

Herb Sutter has played a real role in Wagner sports, as a three-letter student and now as director of athletics and coach of basketball and baseball. Herb may not be able to out-race his players today, but he wouldn't be far behind...not for 30 yards anyway!

There are a lot of names there, names that have meaning to sports-lovers whether they are Wagner rooters or not. And if one questions the former coaches today, their answers will show that they have not forgotten the old school ties.

They have a lot to remember, of teams that made poor seasons great ones by routing stronger opponents, of players wanting to go back into games despite injured legs that were later discovered to be broken, of players who played without fanfare and then became heroes during the war (the late Jimmy Robb, for one) and of college shenanigans—like the basketball manager who wanted to arm student police for a game crowd with chalk-filled socks.

We said athletics at Wagner are still young, but no longer do all the players who go out for a team make the squad. That's a trend at least.

And here's another. Two of the coaches, Herb Sutter and "Bun" Barbes, learned their sports at Wagner. "Bun" can remember his days as a raw-boned freshman, learning how to take his position in the line. As for Herb, he's still a mighty mite.

Just in case you missed some of the scores, here is the final Wagner football record for 1948. We beat Panzer 14-12, Ursinus 23-6, Susquehanna 19-7, tied Hofstra 13-13 and City College 19-19, and lost to Upsala 12-7, Brooklyn 20-0, and Hartwick 25-12.

Next year's schedule calls for home games against Moravian, Panzer, Hartwick, Upsala, City College, and one other school, and games at Ursinus, Hofstra, and Susquehanna.

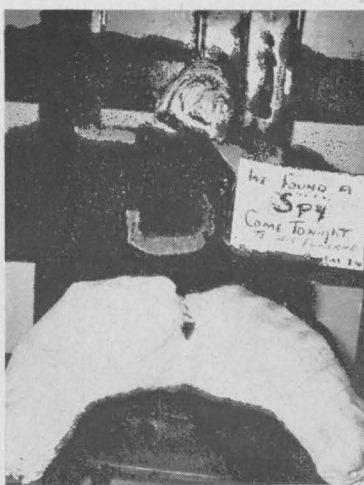
Incidentally, Harry Pfunke wrote to say that our football history in the October LINK was wrong in listing 1927 as the first season. Harry is correct in pointing out that an unrecognized team operated in 1926, but your Alumni Secretary is a law-abiding soul. He dated his football history from the first official college team.

The Grymes Hill Steamrollers of 1926 who represented the college unofficially in games against Port Richmond (we won 14-7) and Augustinian Academy (we were "overwhelmingly defeated" says the Kallista, listing no score) were Ted Hoffmeister, Malcolm Jackson, Bob Heydenreich, Carl Prasse, Bill Heil, Bill Haegert, Harry Pfunke, Paul Clemen, Dick Kaminska, Ted Erdman, Elmore Hoppe, Carl Prater, Dick Kern, Frank Gollnick, Ernie Meyer, and Al Schilke. George Dunekack was manager.

Welcome

We turned the emoclew tam right side up for our alumni friends who came to visit us in room 7, Ad Building. They were Margaret Kilthau '47, Roy Cutter '41, Harold (Bunny) Haas '39, Carl Sutter '29, Oscar Bakke '41, and Remi Baechtold '48.

Margaret's teaching at Bethpage, L. I., Roy is in the real estate and insurance business on Staten Island, Pastor Haas and Pastor Carl both teach at Wagner besides handling their ministerial duties, Oscar is with the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., and Remi sails this month for his home in Switzerland—at least for a while.



Student Spirit

The handsome brute in the picture met an early, tragic end when he was cremated at the pep rally preceding the Susquehanna-Wagner game. He put in a sudden, mysterious appearance in the late morning of the day of his death and sat, subdued and humble, in front of the auditorium doors. That evening, at seven, Wagner students showed up, sang and cheered in the auditorium, then snake-danced to South Hall. There the ill-fated spy met death in a huge bonfire, around which his captors sang and war-whooped. All of which turned out to be symbolic of the next day's game.

Wagnerians Get Around

It's a long way from Staten Island to Egypt by way of Sweden. But Natalie Runyon, formerly an evening sessions student at Wagner College, has traveled the road—and part of it on bicycle! While she was a WAC stationed at Halloran Hospital, Natalie took advantage of night classes at Wagner. Then came the opportunity of a GI scholarship, which sent Natalie to the University of Stockholm in January, 1947, in the first contingent of GI's to be sent abroad as students. For six months she studied at the University, then spent the summer bicycling through Finland, Holland, France, Norway, and Denmark. When the GI's returned to the University in the fall, they learned that all studying was to be done in Swedish. But the language proved to be so difficult for the "foreigners" that only 4 or 5 of the original 75 remained. Natalie, meanwhile, had applied to the American School in Athens, and there she studied archeology and architecture. While traveling

through Greece, she visited the Excavation House at Corinth in the interests of her archeological training. It was in Athens that Natalie met "a perfectly charming young Englishman" (her mother's words), Arthur John Seltman, whom she married last July. Now they are living in Cyprus, Egypt, where Seltman is on a special mission for the British Foreign Office. Wagner students sometimes do fascinating things.

Lost Alumni

The Alumni office is doing its best to keep an up-to-date file of alumni addresses, but it is not an easy task. Alumni move and forget to tell us. Alumnae marry and fail to notify us of their change in name, etc. On the chance that some of you who read THE LINK may be able to give us late addresses, we are listing the names of some of our "lost" alumni. If you can "find" any of them for us, please notify the Alumni office:

Dr. Kenneth Axelsen	'43
George Bain	'45
Hazel Baron	'42
Donald (Cohen) Carter	'38
Ethel Carter	'45
E. Chapman	'42
Niels Christensen	'23
George Christopher	'36
Benjamin Cohen	'35
George Cordner	'35
Chas. DeGroat	'38
George Dunekack	'30
Clifford Flanders	'33
Ernest Graewe	'40
Edwin Gunderson	'36
Richard Hope	'40
R. Hutton	'41
Richard Kaminska	'30
Arthur Klein	'36
Dorothy Knight Brown	'46
Abraham Kobren	'37
John (Striffler) Kotteman	'36
Joseph LaGambina	'32
Thomas Levy	'39
Robert Lewin	'36
John McDermott	'39
Catherine Newton McDermott	'39
Virginia Marble Magill	'44
Andrew Mahler	'25
George Miller	'33
J. E. Petersen	'32
George Rapport	'39
Charles Graham-Rogers	'33
William Salinger	'45
Louis Schenck	'32
Louis Schmidtkonz	'14
Eleanore Schmidt Scheweppe	'41
Robert Swartwout	'35
Ferdinand Weidner	'34