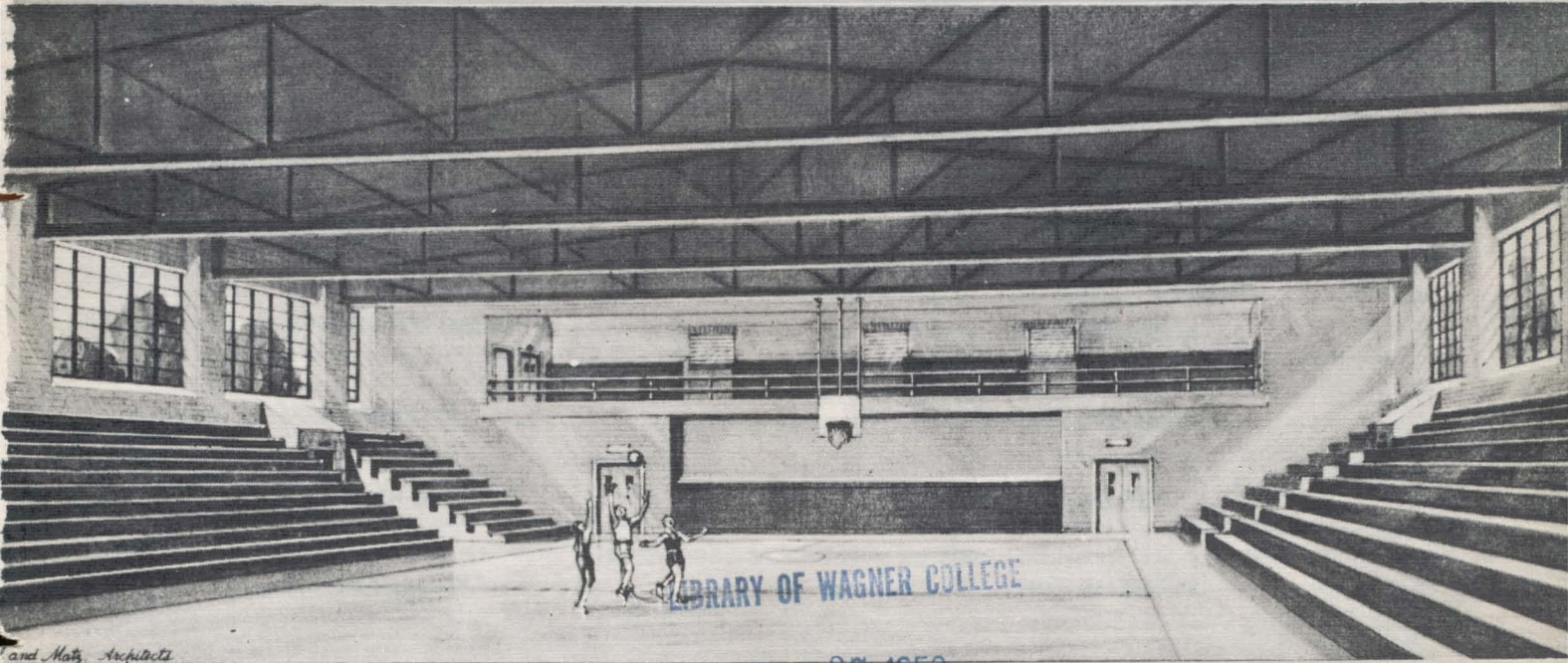


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THE COVER PICTURE

The cover shows the artist's idea of what the interior of that new gym will look like. It's a dream that will soon come true with your help.

WE TAKE THEIR HANDS

by Evelyn E. Schafer, '45

One cold and blustery Minnesota day (a rare thing) I brought little Kenneth, age six, to our Children's Receiving Home in St. Paul. He was a pugnacious little fellow, but underneath his tough exterior crouched a hurt and bewildered Kenneth -- the product of a broken home.

As we were approaching his new "home," two dogs began to bark furiously at us. Quickly Kenneth rushed to my side. "What are they barkin' at us for?" he demanded.

"Why, that's just their way of greeting us," I assured him.

Somewhat mollified, he trudged on, but kept close to me.

By the time we had reached the steps of the Home, Kenneth had decided to stay outside and play in the snow for awhile. I had been inside for only a short time when the doorbell rang frantically. As I opened the door, Kenneth stood before me, every inch of him bristling indignation.

"I thought you said those dogs liked me," he said accusingly. "They been barkin' at me ever since I got here."

Quickly, I took his hand and said, "Come on, let's go down together and make friends with those dogs." With slow steps we walked towards the menacing animals. Suddenly the bigger dog, seeming to understand the little fellow's fear, lowered his bark to a gentle growl and advanced to meet us. Cautiously, my little bully stretched out his hand and tentatively gave big Rover a gentle pat. The dog, silent by now, began to wag his tail.

With shining eyes, Kenny looked up at me. "I guess they like me after all."

What better way to illustrate my work! Taking youngsters who have been hurt and frightened, we say to them, "Yes, we know you feel bitter and bewildered, but there are people who like you, who want to be your friends." And just as I took Kenny's hand in mine and helped him to face the unknown, so we try to do with all of them.

Believe it or not, I now claim a family of thirty-two! (Ed. Note: This is Schaefer speaking!) I'm willing to wager there isn't a Wagner alumnus who can boast as large a number. Furthermore, most of my children are emotionally disturbed. Many are the children of un-

married parents; many come from broken homes. Seldom do we work with real orphans.

Several years ago many of these children were stamped, "UNSUITABLE FOR ADOPTION," and left to fend for themselves in temporary quarters. Within the past two years, however, the Minnesota State Division of Social Welfare has urged that permanent plans be made for all children, if humanly possible. For some that means adoption, for others long-time placement in one boarding home.

With some children it is a long and weary struggle before we feel they are ready to go to a new home. Let's take one of my eight-year-olds for example. We'll call him Olaf. When I first knew him, about a year ago, he was so upset that he couldn't even go to school. The last day he was in school, for instance, he chased his sweet young teacher into the principal's office and had to be forcibly restrained from hitting her.

Before going on vacation this summer, I had to spend some time preparing Olaf for my absence. I explained that I would only be visiting and that I would return. We pored over several maps to find out where the state of Connecticut was and where I would be staying. One afternoon, this dyed-in-the-wool Minnesotan looked up at me and queried, "Do they speak the same language in Connecticut that we do here?" He also wondered if I'd bring back some Connecticut money! (I couldn't help thinking, through all this, of college classmates' jibes about my home state.)

Recently I had to miss an interview with Olaf. Though I knew he was upset about it, he was obviously determined, at our next meeting, not to show his anger. But at the last minute, he sauntered to the play table and picked out a stuffed cat. "This cat hates you," he said. "He'll chew your arm to pieces." And he proceeded to illustrate. After a time, I casually suggested, "Perhaps the cat's angry because I didn't come to see him the other day." A pause. Then Olaf, in his imitatively gruff voice, said, "Yeah, I was kinda mad about that." And that was all

After months of storm and stress you can imagine my joy when I recently overheard Olaf explain to a new member of my "family": "Oh, you'll like Miss Schaefer. She's dependable!"

Since I'm working for a Lutheran agency -- the Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota (I must get in a plug) -- we are also doing work with children of Displaced Persons in cooperation with the National Lutheran Council.

Last spring six of these children arrived to make their homes in Minnesota. They were all boys and ranged in age from six to ten. Since they were part of my case load, I was one of the group who greeted them at the airport in Minneapolis. They were something to behold! All six were dressed alike in navy pea jackets and every one was carrying a little overnight bag. They were tired and bewildered.

The children arrived about six in the evening and were quickly shepherded into a small room where several news reporters and photographers were waiting to talk with them.

The poor youngsters could speak little English, and more than once I regretted my appallingly slim knowledge of German which the good Dr. DeWalsh had so patiently but futilely attempted to inject into my brain. Be that as it may, the Kinder were still mine to care for, whether we shared a common language or not.

As the reporters gesticulated wildly to the boys, the photographers set up their machinery, and the youngsters were arranged in various poses. Meanwhile, we grown-ups proceeded to act our silliest, trying to make the weary, lonely ones laugh. Only sober faces gazed back at us.

Finally, one man remarked, "Come now, smile. Aren't you happy to be in America?" I turned away, feeling sick at heart, as I thought, "Why should they be happy? Have any of their past experiences given them hope for happiness? Or do they even know what it is?"

That is another of our heavy responsibilities. We must make people aware of this opportunity to serve, to take these children into their homes and offer them the love and security they have missed.



A production of "Biography" (S. N. Behrman). Left to right: Frank Kaiser, Florence Kallidin, Koge Linderoth, Roy Mabrey, Ed Megerian.

A NEW GLORY

by Robert E. Carey, '49

It is with pardonable pride that I glance back at the not too distant past. Bringing back to life a dormant stage was no slight task. By 1946, when our group took over, there was nothing left of backstage life at Wagner but a glorious tradition. It is far from my intention to disparage that tradition -- we are grateful for it -- but it was a poor substitute in '46 for an organized, functioning group.

Yesterday has gone the way of dusty death, but there is now a revitalized Varsity Players group to carry on the fine tradition handed down to us. Varsity Players with the specified number of points are now eligible to become members of a national honorary dramatics fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega. The points are awarded on the basis of individual participation in the club's activities, and a constitution has been drawn up to determine club policies.

It was hard work to sweep away the dust accumulation of about six years. When re-organization came in 1946, a stage committee was set up to drag in volunteers to help with the dusting, sweeping, and mopping backstage and

somehow or other a group was always there. But it was not all work. A radio often blared in one corner of the stage with the dance crowd gathered around it, while the coffee and coke circle formed in another corner. Others found amusement in balancing wet mops on the tips of their index fingers. But the stage was cleaned.

Nothing can equal the experience of walking out on that stage on opening night. The glare of the lights stuns you momentarily, the heat of the lamps makes your head whirl. Then comes the test -- your first line. You hear some vaguely familiar words; you take a deep breath and stammer an answer. You've done it! Your first line is over with and the rest comes easily. If it doesn't, you wander over to the wings and gently tap the prompter on the head with your foot.

Then someone comes over and offers you a drink. You hold the glass and sip slowly because the script calls for an empty glass. You ask yourself, "What witch's brew is this?" Still you must drink and smile as you do, even if it gives you heartburn. I can still see Ronnie Hammond, a past director of the group,

leaping up and down and shouting for everybody to drink up and smile. As a point of information, the Varsity Players' present director, Nicholas A. Moss, has switched to -- tea for prop beverages.

One of the most vivid situations to occur while I was on stage was when the leading lady was about to sit down on a sofa already occupied by a derby hat. It was wonderful to watch the change of expression on her face when she and the derby made contact.

Mid the dust and gloom of backstage there was always much activity. Everybody was not interested in acting, for many enjoyed staging, set design, set building, lighting, prompting, costuming, or props. No matter how small or large the effort, the expression of willingness was always there. I wouldn't give up for anything in the world my stage experience at Wagner.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

Your little piece on the origin of the nickname, "Seahawks," for Wagner teams was interesting, but I beg to differ with Ronald Reynier, whom you quote in your December issue. Reynier may have been the originator of the sobriquet, but he doesn't know whereof he speaks when he says there is no such bird as a seahawk.

My authority? The Webster Unabridged Dictionary.

Reynier (I'm hedging now!) is partly right. There is no bird called seahawk (one word) but there is a bird called sea hawk (two words). It is described as a skua (or skua gull) or jaeger. I gather from the dictionary that it inhabits the northern coasts of Europe.

And I'm afraid that Reynier, who liked the analogy of the brave little English "Seahawks" who attacked the mighty ships of the Spanish main, won't like the dictionary's definition of the jaeger:

"Any of several rapacious, gull-like birds of the family Stercorariidae, . . . called also skua. They are strong flyers, large and spirited, and noted for harassing weaker birds until they drop or disgorge their prey."

Now that doesn't sound like little Wagner!

Incidentally, the sea hawk is not to be confused with the osprey, or fish hawk, which is a nice critter which bothers nothing but fish. The osprey has been seen on Staten Island.

ROBERT A. OLWIG '35

(Editor's Note: Olwig insists that he really doesn't dislike the nickname, "Seahawks," even if it did supplant the name, "Hilltoppers," which he devised when he was a sports writer to take the place of "the Green Wave," which he did not like.)

AND HOW IT GREW

by Alfred Beck '38

(This is the second of three articles about Wagner College and how it grew. At the end of the last article, which appeared in the May 1949 issue, the new school had just been located in the house of Christian Seel, whose son was appointed as the first housefather.)

It was an inauspicious beginning to say the least. The board recognized the generosity of Mr. Christian Seel in offering the use of his house without cost, but it also recognized that such an arrangement was neither permanent nor altogether satisfactory. The board recognized the fact that the expenses were exceedingly small, yet they also realized that ten dollars was not much of a working capital.

The board was anxious to increase the student body, but when applications arrived in November, they found that they were not yet adequately equipped. Pastor Berkemeier applied on behalf of a young man of eighteen, who had recently come from Germany without the means for an education. Although he was considerably advanced in learning and brought with him a confirmation certificate and character references, the board felt that it could not provide for the support of the young man. So President Richter notified Pastor Berkemeier that the young man could not be received.

Meanwhile expenses were slowly beginning to mount. Six desks and chairs were needed at once. A maid was engaged at two dollars per week; books, carpets, and other necessities were purchased and the board faced the Christmas holiday of the new institution with a certain degree of consternation. Nevertheless, on December 27 at seven o'clock they met with the boys to celebrate Christmas. After brief addresses by the president and the housefather, each boy was given a copy of Luther's *Geistliche Lieder*, a box of candy and nuts, and two oranges. Then the announcement was made that a two weeks' vacation would be given to the pupils beginning the following day.

As far as the board members were concerned, there was little time for a holiday. Funds had to be raised at once. In addition to money received from St. Paul's congregation, Pittsford, and promised from another congregation, another plan of securing funds was under way. One hundred and fifty small savings banks had been donated by Mr. John G. Wagner of Zion Church, for the purpose of gathering contributions. These were being distributed to individuals and it was hoped

that this would be an important source of revenue.

At another meeting it was decided to increase the number of trustees to thirteen, and a stipulation was included in the motion that no two members of the same family could be elected to serve on the board at the same time.

Once the immediate problems of organization and finance were temporarily taken care of, two more problems appeared. One was the question of securing a permanent housefather, and the other was the problem of securing a permanent location for the proseminary.

It seemed apparent that everyone was in favor of securing a housefather at once. It was agreed that the new housefather should receive rent, wood fuel, and light (kerosene) free. The salary was to be six hundred dollars per year. In return for this the housefather was expected to be a combination of president, parent, and institutional caretaker.

One choice was the Rev. Snyder of Canada. President Richter and Mr. William Vicinus, a new member of the board, visited Pastor Snyder immediately, and three days after their departure reported that the visit had been successful and that he would come to Rochester to take up his new duties as soon as he was able to find a successor for his parish in Canada.

But the problem of finding a new housefather was far from being settled. The board saw that it would need someone to fill the position until Pastor Snyder would arrive. They telegraphed Pastor Koennemann of New York City asking him to become temporary housefather, and he replied at once that he would accept. The board's members, therefore, agreed that he should be provided with room, board, fuel, and laundry. In addition he was to be paid three dollars a week. Mrs. Emilie Fechner was also engaged as housemother, and J. S. Margraender, former treasurer, was added to the faculty.

Still the problem of securing a housefather was not settled, for although Pastor Snyder sent a written acceptance to the call on March 27, by June he had changed his mind and asked to be released.

As though this were not enough, Pastor Koennemann, who had recently come from Germany, was not getting along so well as housefather. His discipline with the students was severe, and President Richter felt constrained to speak to him about it. As this did not seem to help, the members of the board decided to send a letter to Pastor Koennemann asking him

to be more humane in his treatment of the students. But complaints kept coming in, and finally it became necessary in August, 1884, to call another housefather. The new housefather was the Rev. F. W. Kaemmerer.

The other problem of locating the new proseminary in a more permanent place was somewhat easier to solve. After comparing a couple of possibilities, the committee decided on a three-story house with eleven rooms, which could be rented for three hundred and sixty dollars a year. It was further decided that if the weather permitted, the date for moving the school's equipment into the new quarters would be Monday, March 24. Board Members Bantleon and Karweick offered to furnish the wagons for the transportation of the effects.

Thus the two problems were settled, but the ever-recurring matter of finances still faced the board. They decided, therefore, that all Lutheran congregations in Rochester and community should be asked by their pastors to make a special offering for the new school. This became the chief source of revenue until the school became an institution of the Ministerium and received funds from a wider circle of contributors.

When the Ministerium met in First Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 19-24, 1884, the president presented the matter of the proseminary before the new members of the group. This was the first time that the proseminary had been brought to the attention of the members of the New York Ministerium in convention assembled, and the idea was a happy one. Pastor Richter told the story of the new preparatory school and the result (not including the Rochester churches) was a collection of \$784.00. Hereafter, a yearly report was made at each meeting of the Ministerium.

While problems of incorporating the proseminary and insuring the property were being disposed of, the same old problem of housefather arose again. The new housefather, F. W. Kaemmerer, began to complain strongly about the inadequacy of his salary. He declared that it was impossible for him to engage a housekeeper on the present salary arrangement. His complaint was heeded at once, and the board agreed to pay for the services of a housekeeper. But this continued to be the vexing problem that it always was. "It is an evidence of God's wonderful mercy that, in spite of this, he did not permit the destruction of the institution," said

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

This is a big year for Wagner! This is the year we've been dreaming about and waiting for. This is the year in which we build our new gymnasium and women's dormitory.

I say "we build," because every last one of us will have a part in the building. We may not pound nails or saw wood or mix concrete, but what we can do is just as important. We can, by our gifts, insure that *someone* will pound nails.

This initial step in the building program -- raising the necessary funds -- will be taken in three directions at once. (1) The United Lutheran Church has chosen this year as Christian Higher Education Year (you've probably heard of it -- CHEY). The money which is raised will be divided among all the colleges of the United Lutheran Church, Wagner's share will be used for building. (2) The Wagner College Building Fund. (3) The Alumni Loyalty Fund.

If you are a member of the Lutheran Church and are approached by the CHEY campaigners, please give generously, remembering not only Wagner College but the whole cause of Christian higher education. We cannot remain true Wagner alumni and disregard the pleas of our Church to aid its schools.

If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church, make a direct contribution to the Wagner College Building Fund. Too long have we just *talked* about building. Now is the time to act!

Here is where the real sacrifice comes in. While I have asked you to give in either of the two ways mentioned above, I am still going to ask that you continue giving, even step up, your contributions to the Alumni Loyalty Fund. We have a growing Alumni Association; we *must* have a growing Alumni Fund. There is so much to be done! Through our own fund, we alumni can make a very real and specific contribution to Wagner's growth.

Let's quit talking and act. Let's show by our contributions that we love Wagner. Please: be generous, talk to your friends of Wagner's needs, contact other alumni. You have never let us down before. For the love of Wagner, don't let us down now.

REMEMBER THESE ---

CHEY

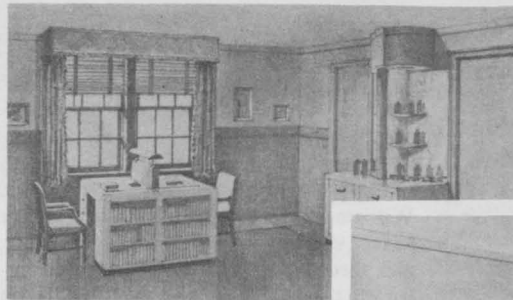
WAGNER BUILDING FUND
ALUMNI LOYALTY FUND



The New Girls' Dormitory



Gymnasium Exterior



A typical room



in the Girls' Dormitory

PLACEMENT SERVICE

The Wagner alumni program now has a new feature, a placement service for seniors. Ernest Kiefer, Director of Placement Service, will be in the alumni office and will work under the supervision of the Alumni Secretary in the development of his program. This is an important new development at the college and deserves the full support of every alumnus. If you know of job opportunities, think of the Wagner Placement Service.

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Johnny Devlin's article on "The Glory that Was Grease Paint" was universally praised by Link readers. One alumnus offered a valid criticism, however. He points out that the article fails to make sufficient mention of one of the best actors to tread the Wagner boards, Devlin himself.

WAGNER ALUMNI SERVE CHEY

Twelve Wagner alumni are serving on the committee of the United Lutheran Synod of New York which is directing the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal:

- The Rev. Frank L. Gollnick
- The Rev. Wilmer Zuehlke
- The Rev. Sylvester Bader
- The Rev. J. George F. Blaesi, D.D.
- The Rev. Joseph B. Flotten
- The Rev. Edward A. Sheldon
- * The Rev. Herbert Hrdlicka
- The Rev. Fred Teichmann
- * The Rev. Harold Haas
- The Rev. George R. Tamke, LL. D.
- The Rev. Joseph Klahn
- The Rev. Frederic Sutter, D.D.
- * Conference Chairmen

WAGNER'S NEWEST PLANS

Announcements came thick and fast from the college Public Relations Office as significant additions to the Wagner program were announced in the last month. The most significant was the announcement of a co-operative plan for students of engineering and nursing between Wagner and Valparaiso (Ind) University. Wagner's pre-engineering students may receive degrees in civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering by transferring to Valparaiso for their junior and senior years. Wagner in turn will accept pre-nursing students from the Indiana college for completion of the nursing course and of the work for the B.S. degree. This plan, which will begin to operate in the fall, promises to be most helpful to those students who have wanted engineering courses at Wagner.

The second new development was the announcement that Wagner will offer a two year certificate course in general studies, also beginning with the fall term. This plan of study is offered to meet the growing demand of students who want college training but who lack time and money for a full four year degree course. Students in this course must meet the same admission standards as any other entering group, and are regular members of the student association. At the end of the two year course, those who wish may apply for transfer to the regular four year program.

A third new program announced is the certificate course in Business Practice which will be offered in the Evening Session, beginning with the fall term. This plan offers alternate programs, one emphasizing accounting, the other secretarial science. A high school diploma is required for admission, and a certificate in Business Practice is issued at the completion of the work, which would normally take two years of full academic study.

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Alumni President Wally Bock has appointed the Rev. Carl Sutter '29 chairman of the Nominating Committee and has asked Jack Berglund '35 to act once more as chairman of the Alumni Day Committee. A committee to study the constitution and to suggest revisions that would bring it up to date was also named. Its suggested revisions will be found in the May issue of The Link along with the nominees for office and the Alumni Day program.

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Marie Norris '41 became a member of Wagner's staff on February 1. She is to be Recorder in the office of Registrar Marguerite Hess.

GLANCIN' BACK

Les Trautmann '40 came across this tidbit in a book on Howard Avenue and Serpentine Road written by Charles Gilbert Hine in 1914. It gives a glimpse of what Cunard Hall used to be like and reads thus:

"The Bellevue: Sir Edward Cunard, Jr. married a granddaughter of Thomas Addis Emmett; the latter purchased property in 1850 on this end of the hill from John Mell and the same year sold a portion to Sir Edward, who erected the present house. Presumably it was he who adopted the name 'Bellevue.' Mr. Cunard was American manager of the Cunard line and could readily see from his home the vessels of his line pass in and out.

"The next tenants were cousins of the owner, Allen by name, two or three bachelor brothers. They gathered other disciples of S. Anthony about them and the place for a time was known as the 'Bachelor's Club!' Either at this time or later Sir Oliver Northcut was a tenant. In the course of time the place fell into the hands of Amzi Barber, of asphalt fame, and still remains in the possession of his heirs."

(Of course, in time "the place fell into the hands" of Wagner -- more or less -- and still remains in our possession.)

The book also gives a brief biography of Gen. William G. Ward. . . says he called the place Oneata, "a Seminole word from the Dry Tortugas by a friend of the family," and which he translated to mean, "Missed by the dawn." All of which is just so much mumble-jumble from this reader's (the assistant editor's) viewpoint.

Interesting, though. . . what?

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"BEAUTIFUL UPON A HILL"

Wagner's new film, "Beautiful upon a Hill," was shown to the convention of District II and III of the American College Public Relations Association at the Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, on January 11. The presentation was made during a Forum on College Pictures, over which Wagner's Public Relations Director, Al Krahrmer, presided, and during which the film "Princeton" was also shown. BUAH was very well received and inquiries from other colleges have been many.

Al Krahrmer also attended the District II convention of the American Alumni Council at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, from January 18-21. If any new alumni activities and ideas are suddenly sprung upon you, you'll know where he got them. The Wagner Alumni Association has been a member of the American Alumni Council since last fall.

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President Richter, writing about it four years later.

Finally, a committee drew up what it felt ought to be included in a housefather's call. First of all, the housefather is to teach and have financial supervision of the school. He must be a Lutheran pastor who is in accord with the doctrines of the Ministerium. As the name implies, he must be a father to the boys, watching over their mental, physical, and spiritual growth and well-being. He is to supervise the general life of the school and be custodian of all the school's property. He is responsible only to members of the board and its president. Other requirements were also listed, but the above rule indicates the position which the housefather held.

Early in December of 1884, a special meeting was called and at this time David Bantleon reported that the treasury, which had contained \$10.00 one year prior, now had a balance of \$1076.03!

The first real constitution and by-laws appeared in 1885. It was largely the work of the president, and it reveals once again his unusual grasp of the entire situation and his gift for organization and careful planning.

The constitution declares that the purpose of the proseminary is to train young men for the Lutheran ministry among German-speaking people. And since that was the chief aim of the proseminary the principal language used was German. All the teachings of the classroom were to be based upon the teachings of the Bible and the confessions of the Lutheran Church.

On May 28, 1885, the constitution was unanimously accepted. Then, to fulfill a requirement of the constitution, President Richter read the confession of Faith, and each member of the board signified that he was in accord with its teachings. Those who signed the new constitution were: Alexander Richter, president; J. G. Wagner, vice-president; David Bantleon, treasurer; Robert Kuhn, secretary; F. Schlegel; J. Margraender; and J. Christ. One thousand copies of this document were printed and then distributed to pastors and interested laymen.

The new institution was taking its first steps alone.

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The decorations for last fall's Homecoming Day dance used up 2000 straight pins, 1500 feet of wire, and 3000 feet of crepe paper. They required a lot of imagination and effort, too.

Compare with present day

A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY ROBB

At long last there is a memorial for the late Jimmy Robb '35, Wagner athlete killed in a plane accident April 6, 1946, after a distinguished career as a naval aviator. Jimmy was a member of the famous football team of 1932 which still holds the best defensive record of any Wagner eleven, yielding only 34 points in 6 games. He was also a member of the basketball team which featured Tot Swartwout, Doc Lewin, Bob Sheie, Abe Kobren, and Eddie Leonard, and which piled up victories under Coaches Jim Collins and Bill Keegan.

Carl Langner was a team mate of Robb's on the '32 football team. It has bothered Carl for a long while that there was no memorial for Jimmy, and he decided to do something about it. His action took the form of donating a trophy to be awarded the most valuable player in the annual Homecoming game. The trophy was presented to the school as a gift from the 1932 team and several of them were present to see Chester Sellitto win the award for the first time.

A permanent trophy with Sellitto's name engraved now sits in Athletic Director Sutter's office, a smaller one is Sellitto's permanent possession. At the Homecoming dance, Mrs. Elizabeth McManus, Jimmy Robb's sister, made the presentation to Sellitto, while Harry Robb, a brother, presented the larger trophy to Bill Thompson, Student Association president, who accepted for the school.

Our hat is off to Carl Langner for his generosity and for his thoughtfulness. Wagner is proud to perpetuate the memory of Jimmy Robb, one of her distinguished alumni.

A WINNING YEAR

The 1949-50 school year gives every promise of being Wagner's most successful year in sports. Football is an old story by now, but alumni and students alike are still talking about the 7-1-1 record on the gridiron, and the high scoring records which were set. The basketball team started off where the grid- ders finished, winning their first six games. After an easy 68-34 win over Cooper Union in a Greater New York Conference game, the Hawks won three games on a trip, beating Dickinson 44-39, Johns Hopkins 50-45, and Western Maryland 63-46. Back home again, Stevens was beaten 64-49 and Baltimore 83-60. Two Christmas vacation games in Brooklyn brought the winning streak to a close as the Hawks lost to Brooklyn 71-51 and to St. Johns 70-52. The Brooklyn game was a heartbreaker as Wagner led 41-38 with 14 minutes to play when Jim Gilmartin fouled out. Since then Pratt has

been beaten 62-43 and Upsala 68-62 to bring the pre-exam record to 8-2.

Wagner is a member of the Greater New York Conference, with Hofstra, Pratt, Queens, Adelphi, Brooklyn Poly, Kings Point, and Cooper Union as the other members. Our record at this writing is 2-0 in the Conference. The team's leading scorer is Captain Jim Gilmartin, with Ray Doody close behind him. Gilmartin, Blomquist, Quintana, and Doremus, four members of the starting five are seniors, but Doody has another year to go and Larry Sweeney, a promising prospect, is a sophomore. Bob Bosley, a freshman, looks like a real potential star.

Wagner is getting better schedules every year. This year we play such teams as St. Johns, Manhattan, Fordham, Albright, Hamilton, St. Lawrence, Clarkson, and P.M.C., besides those already mentioned. Most of them will be back next year with Gettysburg and F. and M. added. Football next season adds P.M.C. and Swarthmore. Herb Sutter, Athletic Director, is doing a fine job in this respect. Another feather in his cap is our acceptance as a member of the Metropolitan Baseball Conference, starting in 1951. This nine team league includes NYU, Fordham, Manhattan, Brooklyn, CCNY, St. Johns, Hofstra, and Kings Point.

Meanwhile, Wagner girls are doing all right in basketball, too. They have defeated LIU, Brooklyn, and Drew, losing only to St. Josephs.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Two new alumni chapters have been organized since the last issue of The Link, and a third will probably be a reality by the time this one reaches you. On December 8 the alumni of the Washington (D.C.) area met at the Hotel Twenty Four Hundred to hear President Langsam address them on the latest events at the college. The touring Wagner basketball team were dinner guests. Charley Hellriegel '38 was elected president of the group, with Willard Grimes '40 secretary. A meeting in spring at which "Beautiful upon a Hill" will be shown is being planned.

On December 16 the Langsam-Krahmer team (this time, supplemented by Alumni President Wally Bock) was in Jersey City to organize the alumni of the Northern New Jersey section. Dave Smith '41 was elected president and Bill Niebanck '31 secretary.

The alumni of Connecticut will organize at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Elton, Waterbury, Conn., on Sunday evening March 5. Dr. Langsam will be the main speaker, with Alumni Secretary Al Krahmer also present. This date coincides with a Sunday morning appointment for Dr. Langsam at Bob Heydenreich's

church, First Lutheran. The President's address of the day will be broadcast over Station WWCO at 11:00 a.m.

Meanwhile the Rochester chapter has been busy sponsoring the Wagner Choir concert in that city on January 29. Ian Morrison, managing the choir, is enthusiastic over this group's co-operation and hopes that every chapter will be a concert-sponsor next year. The Long Island chapter will meet at Niederstein's restaurant, Rockville Centre, on Friday evening, February 17. Brooklyn plans to welcome the February graduates at an early meeting.

All chapter heads are reminded that the alumni office is anxious to have a representative of the college meet with each chapter once a year, and that the new Wagner movie and football films are available through the Alumni Secretary.

Wagner's varsity sports teams went from Sept. 25 to Dec. 23 without a defeat, piling up seven football victories and a tie and six basketball wins in the string. (See Sports for full details).

ALUMNI LOYALTY FUND

Contributions to the Alumni Loyalty Fund to date amount to \$1,113 in cash and \$95 more in pledges. Contributions to date include Charles Accettola, Albert Accettola, Dean Mary Burr, Ellsworth Buck, Walter Bock, Sylvester Bader, Thelma Biele Corey, Clarence Braun, Elsie Ball, John Berglund, Philip Becker, Walter Bielitz, Bernard Bohrer, Shirley Brodsky, Lenore Bajda, Donald Borth, Walter Boecher, Carl Betz, William Beveridge, Roy Cutter, Mary Carney, Bruce Carney, Louise Christiansen, Jack Cooper, Hope Coons Morrison, Salvatore D'Adamo, Joseph Di Cosmo, Robert Dole, Helmut Dietrich, Henry Endress, Werner Eberbach, Joseph Flotten, Ernest French, Edwin Grubb, Gloria Gilmour Dick, Frank Gollnick, David Gaise, Herbert Gibney, John Gross, Ted Gibson, Florence Grunow Gode, Dorothee Heins Holmstrup, Chris Holmstrup, Harold Haas, Gustave Huf, Miriam Herron, Gertrude Hustedt, Ruth Haas Roeper, William Hammann, Harold Hornberger, Louise Hartung, Harry Hustedt, Elmore Hoppe, Emil Hein, Elise Hamilton, Robert Hoffman.

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ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

1925-DR. GEORGE AUS was the Lutheran representative on a team of four clergymen who went to Hawaii late in January to conduct retreats for service chaplains stationed there. They returned February 12.

1926-THE REV. JOHN BAUCHMANN is the author of "They Still Need Our Help," an article in the current issue of the National Lutheran. John has just returned from a year's service as CRALOG representative in Germany and the article deals with his experiences.

1928-DR. SIEGWALT O. PALLESKE represented Wagner College at the inauguration in November of the new chancellor of Denver University. At the University Dr. Palleke is the sponsor of a newly organized International Coordinating Council which, among other things, will edit an international monthly publication. THE REV. FRANK HERR has taken a new parish in Lehighton, Penn. He was formerly at Gouldsboro. THE REV. EDWIN GRUBB reports on the highly successful evangelism program in his church in the January issue of The Lutheran. Ed is pastor of Redeemer church, Jersey City.

1929-THE REV. CARL J. SUTTER is Dean of an eleven week Labor School operated by the Staten Island Division of the Protestant Council.

1931-THE REV. ALBERT STAUDERMAN has reason to be proud. His church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Teaneck, N. J., was one of two Lutheran churches in Bergen County rated as



superior on the basis of growth, membership and program.

1935-THE REV. WILLIAM VILLAUME addressed the Southeastern Inter-Church Convocation on "Church Planning and Adjustment" in Atlanta, Ga., on December 7. A member of several important committees of the Federal Council's Home Missions Council of North America and others, "Bill" also finds time to instruct at the Boston University School of Theology. RUDY BROSSMAN is now with the Engine Builders Division of Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. in Dayton, Ohio.

1936-THE REV. EDWIN GUNDERSEN has become pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Flushing, Long Island. THE REV. FREDERICK NISSEN has left Pittsburgh to serve in Ruffsedale, Pa. He has two parishes: St. Matthews. Hunkers, and Zion, Ruffsedale.

1938-HARRIET SHAPIRO was married on October 25 to Dr. Gyula Halberg. CHAPLAIN OSCAR WEBER has been transferred to the Naval Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island. WALTER BOCK has been elected Dean of the Luther League Leadership School at Pinecrest Dunes, Long Island, for the 1950 season. THE REV. RALPH TELLEFSEN has moved to West Hempstead, L. I., where he is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

REMEMBER WHEN

The news release (written by Henry Endress) which accompanied this picture (taken by Justus Ahrend) read something like this:

"This is what milady will wear -- if the sophomores of Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., get after them -- during the period when the second-year men and women allow their imaginations to run wild in humiliating their academic inferiors. Burlesquing some of the latest styles in feminine hats, Wagner freshman co-eds are forced to march around the college's 53-acre campus in "hats" such as these. Miss Elsie Jonassen of Brooklyn, on the left, is wearing a lil' creation consisting of her dancing slipper (size 5½), a bandana, and a nosegay of paper flowers. Looking like a publicity stunt for a food market, the devastatingly "cute" crown on Miss Irma Gramm of Williamsville, N.Y., is constructed of a small lampshade, a cabbage leaf, a bunch of carrots, a kitchen fork, and -- you guessed it -- a hot dog."

(This is of 1938 vintage.)

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1938-THE REV. HAROLD HORNBERGER has opened his parish house as a schoolroom in which DP's in Red Bank, N. J., can learn English. While he does not teach the class himself, he is the instigator of the project.

1939-LUTHER KIRSCH is expanding his talents. He directed the senior play ("January Thaw") at East Rockaway High School and presented it on December 10. "It was an artistic and financial success!" declares the director. He is also head coach of the varsity basketball team at East Rockaway H. S.

1940-ADELHEID BAUM has been appointed Assistant Periodicals Librarian at Long Island University. EDWIN GLASER has a thrilling job as a pilot for the American Overseas Airlines.

1941-RAYMOND A. BROWN, Ph.D., has acquired a U. S. Public Health Fellowship in research chemistry. He and his wife, DOROTHY KNIGHT 46 are living in California. SILAS E. BERGSTAD represented Wagner College on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of St. Olaf College last November. THE REV. JOHN COOPER is not only pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Watervliet, but he is teaching a course in Philosophy of Religion at Russell Sage College in nearby Troy. MINNETTE L. WATERS is now Mrs. George Kundtz and lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

1942-PAUL SUKOVICH is attending New York Medical College. Along with the other "traitors" BILL WILEY was married on Homecoming Day, November 12. THE REV. WALDEMAR HINTZ has resigned from the Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council to become a field missionary for the Board of American Missions. He is organizing a congregation in the lumbering town of Willamina, Oregon. EDITH RAYNER MORISON announces the birth of a son, Keith Rayner, in Oakland, Calif., on December 24.

1943-Epiphany Lutheran Church of Laurelton, Queens, celebrated its 19th anniversary on January 8 by burning mortgages on church and parsonage. THE REV. RICHARD H. WEISKOTTEN is pastor. LENORE CARNEY TAYLOR is the mother of a new son, Steven Richard, born on November 19.

1944-MARY MARABITO writes that she married Indiana University graduate Robert Pavis in 1945 and that they now have two children. Mary spent two years in the Cornell University School of Nursing from which she graduated in 1945. They are living on Staten Island. THE REV. PAUL QUALBEN, whose engagement was announced in the last issue of The Link, was married on December 17. AGNES DEMPSEY QUINLAN now has a little girl whom they have named Mary Agnes. THE REV. ALVIN MES-

SERSMITH has turned author, having written and had published in the December 7 issue of The Lutheran an article entitled "The Gospel for the Bean Pickers." THE REV. PAUL ALBERTI became pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Rochester on December 12. His wife is the former DOTTY GROSS N46. THE REV. MATTHEW THEIS is no longer at Lancaster, Pa. He has moved to Newark, N. J., to become pastor of St. Stephen's Evangelical and Reformed Church, as of January 4. ARTHUR PENTZ visited Wagner recently hoping to recruit students for a reserve troop carrier unit in which he has the rank of captain. MILDRED ERNST, who is in Guntur, South India, as a missionary nurse, has become engaged to a fellow-missionary. He is a Britisher serving the Methodist church.

1946-The ROBERT MESSINA'S are parents of a boy born January 6. JEANNETTE CUTHBERT BALAGURCHIK has moved from Florida to New York City.

1947-SAMUEL JOHNSON announces the birth of his son, Stuart Lynn, on September 15. THE REV. CHARLES S. SCHMIDLING was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bayonne, N. J., on November 13.

1948-"IGGY" DARSON is proud papa of Glenn Thomas, born December 5. GEORGE TAMKE is Publishing Consultant and Designer with the Livingston Publishing Company in Narbeth, Pa. ELSIE BALL has a new occupation: merchandising. She is with Sibley, Lindsay and Curr of Rochester. The latest: her engagement to Truman G. Searle, Jr. has been announced. Mr. and Mrs. WARREN SCHIELE announce the birth of a daughter on January 18. DORIS COTTRELL BROCKMAN gave birth to a baby girl, Linda Carol, on January 9. Her husband is student Donald Brockman.

1949-EDWARD PELLICCIARO represented Wagner at the inauguration of Dr. Dennis Hargrove Cooke as president of High Point (N. C.) College. PHYLLIS MacDONALD is working as a commercial representative for the New York Telephone Company, Brooklyn office. The engagement of VICTOR G. WIGHTMAN to Miss Ursula Mooz, a Wagner student, has been announced. Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD DEBUS are happy about their new baby, Sandra Jean, who was born on November 21. The former MIRIAM SCHMIDLING is the baby's mother. Another baby girl, Suzanne, was born to the THEODORE ERIKSSON'S. DANIEL ANTONELLI is working for his M.A. degree in Educational and

Clinical Psychology at the N.Y.U. School of Education. ROY DEBUS has become engaged to Miss Constance Bennett Lane of Hartsdale, N. Y. WILLIAM REITZE and Marian Laustan were married December 3. THE REV. ROMAIN SWEDENBURG -- a son, born December 7. Another son, this one born to INGEBORG VONDRAN POST. He was born November 9. FRANK COLLURA is getting a bang-up start on his singing career. With the beginning of the new year he is recording with Gold-tone Record Co. He is also singing in New York clubs and on WHOM, a New York City radio station. He will begin further studies soon at the Aliene School of Dramatic Arts.

NURSING ALUMNAE-HELEN ELLIOT HARWELL N46 is working at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N. C. Meanwhile, her husband is working for his M.A. at North Carolina State College, and when he is through they will head for South America, where Helen will continue her nursing. CONSTANCE GARSIDE N46 married Dr. William T. Price of Philadelphia on December 18. They are living in Drexel Hill, Pa. HELENE NICKLE N46 was married to John Pawling February 10, 1949, in Caripito, Venezuela. She is working for the Standard Oil Company there. SANTA PATERNO MANN N46 plans to work in Jacksonville, Fla., where her husband is the anesthesiologist at the Medical Center. JANE PHILLIPS APPEL N47 has enrolled in Pennsylvania University as a candidate for the Certificate in Public Health Nursing. ELLA REISS N47 is engaged to Fred Biangardi of Bay Shore. She is now employed at the Southside Hospital in Bay Shore. WINIFRED DENYSE MUELLER N47 is also the mother of a girl, Nancy Louise, born December 4, 1949 at Englewood, N. J., Hospital. We were happy to hear from PHYLLIS RECHEL RUSSO N48 that she is in her first home after 21 months of married life in one room--and pleased as punch about it. Their home is on Staten Island. The marriage of MURIEL A. PADIEN N48 to Chauncey J. Haviland of Mamaroneck took place on November 11. They will make their home in the Bronx. RENA PISCOPO N48 is with the Veterans Administration at Lyon, Colorado. RUTH GREENWOOD N48 became the bride of Richard A. Koss, Wagner pre-med student on January 28. Florida must have looked very attractive to three Wagner nurses who have gone down there to work -- temporarily they say. The girls are ALICE PATTERSON 49N, MADELINE REIMERS 49N, and BARBARA HOGAN 50N.

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