

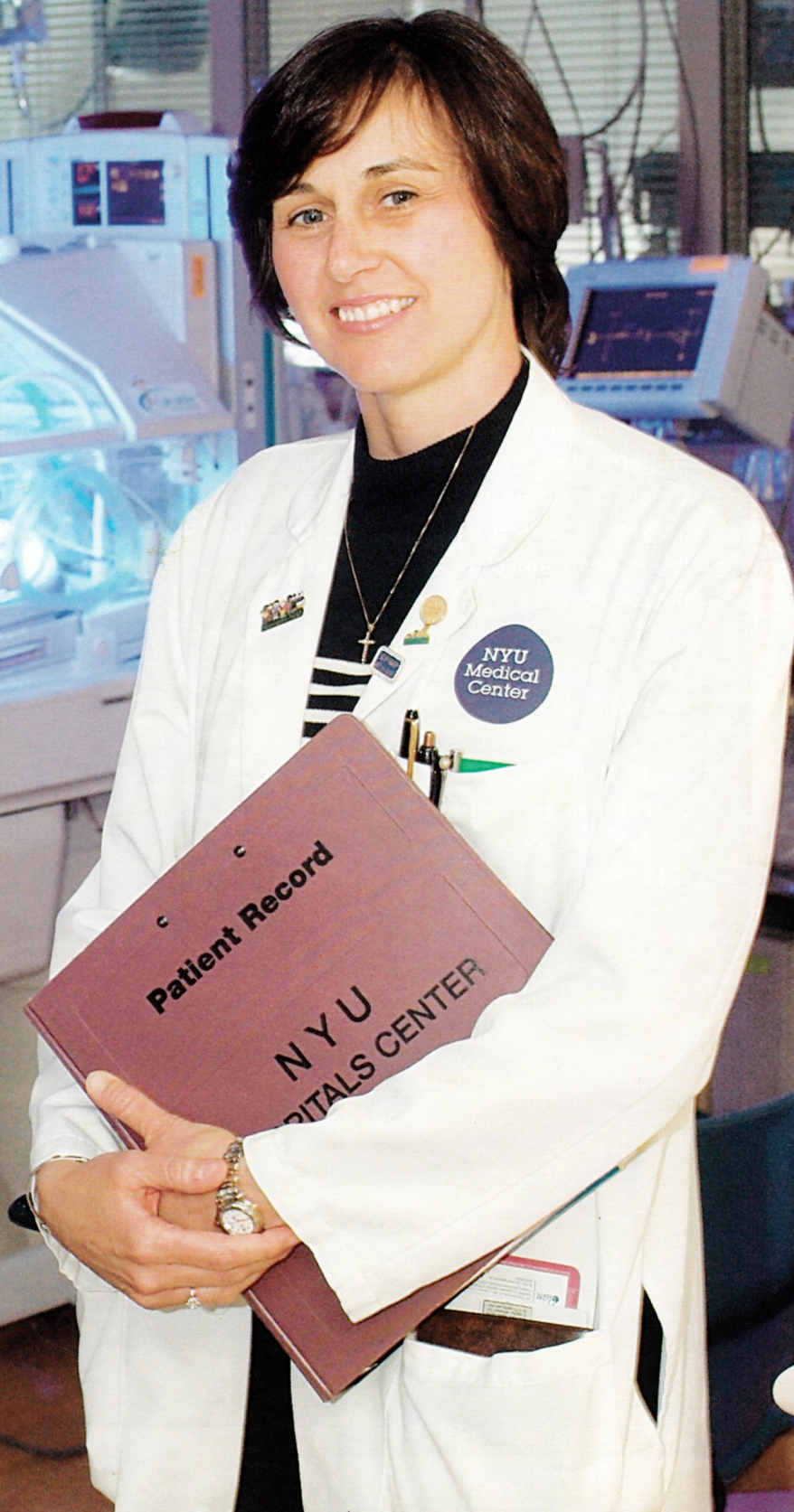
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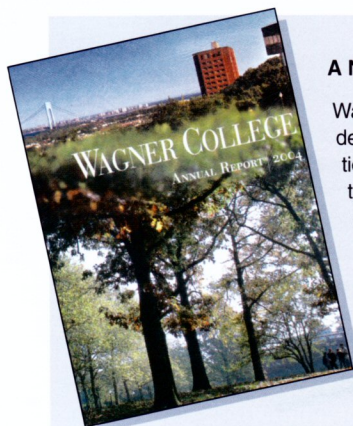
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A NEW PUBLICATION: THE ANNUAL REPORT

Wagner College has come of age, with recognition for academic programs and campus beauty. By now, a new publication, the Annual Report to Donors, should have found its way to your mailbox. Previously, the pages of this magazine served to provide you with the details of the generous and varied support from alumni, parents, friends, foundations and corporations. Wagner is proud to share the results of its fundraising programs over the past year. Your support has been, and continues to be, the foundation upon which the College builds and sustains its rich legacy. To receive a copy of the Annual Report, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (718) 390-3225.

FROM THE DESK
OF PRESIDENT
RICHARD GUARASCI

CELEBRATING

the beauty of our campus, the strength of our mission

As is its habit, spring has returned to campus in all its glory. It is impossible to turn in any direction and not be overwhelmed by the beauty of Wagner's landscape.

So much has happened and continues to happen through the year. First and foremost, as many of you know, the College was chosen as the 2005 recipient of one of academia's highest honors — the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award named in honor of Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame

As you will read in this issue of *The Link*, (see the facing page) the award was given in recognition of "The Wagner College First-Year Program." It recognizes exceptional faculty development programs that enhance undergraduate teaching and learning. We are in distinguished company. Previous recipients have been Barnard College in 2004, Indiana University in 2003, and Babson College in 2002, among others.

The Hesburgh Award seeks to strengthen the teaching tradition at America's colleges and universities. It does so by indicating that an energized faculty is the key to educational excellence. The College was presented with the award at the American Council on Education (ACE) Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. on Feb. 14.

The faculty, staff and students of Wagner in my view, are all recipients of the award because without their help, efforts and persistence, this award would not have been possible.

Wagner was also honored with a proclamation by Councilman Michael McMahon and New York City recognizing our achievement as the Princeton Review's "Most Beautiful Campus, 2005." We have proudly displayed

the proclamation directly opposite the entrance of the Hawk's Nest for all to view.

I am thrilled by the excitement leading up to commencement. As I write this, our speaker this year is scheduled to be none other than the mayor of New York City, Michael R. Bloomberg.

We are honored to have the mayor agree to address the Class of 2005. For those who know him, I think you will agree that his leadership as mayor in New York, post September 11th, and his entrepreneurship as CEO of Bloomberg Inc., provide inspiration to graduates and parents alike.

Our other commencement honorees and honorary degree recipients for 2005 are Dr. James Horton, distinguished professor of

American history at George Washington University and consultant on the recent PBS documentary, "Slavery;" the Reverend Terry Troia, director of Project Hospitality, a Staten Island interfaith agency that serves the hungry and the homeless, and Dr. Albert Accettola '41, recipient of the Wagner College Lifetime Achievement Award.

Each of these individuals has been invited to address our graduates, their families and our faculty because of their achievements and uniqueness in their respective fields.

My hope is that their words, their lives and their achievements will provide the inspiration for our students to see them successfully through this most critical juncture in their lives as they begin to set out in the world.

I hope this finds you well as we approach, what Nat King Cole called (and at great risk of revealing my age), the "lazy, hazy, crazy" days of summer. ♦



Councilman Mike McMahon joins Dr. Richard Guarasci and Wagner's chief of staff David Martin at City Hall in Manhattan.

National kudos for academic excellence

By KEVIN G. DAVITT

St. Valentine's Day was different for Wagner's president Dr. Richard Guarasci this year. In place of the usual chocolate heart and other sweets he usually receives from Mrs. Guarasci, Dr. Guarasci was given the coveted Hesburgh Award by the TIAA-CREF Foundation.

Established in 1993 to recognize faculty development programs that enhance undergraduate teaching and learning, the Hesburgh Award is named in honor of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame. The award recognizes outstanding "faculty development programs that enhance undergraduate teaching and learning." It acknowledges that "an energized faculty is the key to educational excellence."

Herb Allison, TIAA-CREF's CEO, presented the award and check for \$25,000 to Dr. Guarasci in front of a packed audience of educators and administrators on Feb. 14 at the American Council on Education Annual Meeting at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Wagner Board of Trustees Chairman Jay Hartig, Provost Deborah Lieberman and Associate Provost Don Stearns accompanied President and Mrs. Guarasci to the awards ceremony.

In his presentation speech, CEO Allison pointed out that students enrolled in Wagner's First Year Program "not only make connections through the very subjects they study, they also discover connections between ideas and real world problems. We are happy to honor the First Year Program for engaging students, promoting collaboration among faculty and linking Wagner closer to its community."

"We are honored to be recognized for the uniqueness and success of our First Year Program," Dr. Guarasci said. "The faculty at Wagner College work very, very hard to meet the expectations of their students and to meet the standards we set for them for graduation.

"This (The Wagner Plan) would not be possible without their full excitement about the program which is now eight years old.

"By giving students a personal reason to learn through involvement in community-based experiences we hope to facilitate critical thinking and communication skills that are necessary for responsible citizenry and

TIAA-CREF presents
the College with \$25,000
in recognition of its
First Year Program

civic engagement in the local and global community."

Wagner Trustees Chair Hartig added: "I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to our faculty who have been so integrally involved in the First Year Program than this award. It is a confirmation of the leadership of the college and the program's effectiveness in making higher education relevant to students. It gives them a personal reason to learn."

Dr. Lieberman said: "We look forward to deepening this program at Wagner and fur-

thering our students' connections to communities locally, nationally and globally."

With an undergraduate population of 1,930, Wagner has seen freshman enrollment increase by 25 percent, and freshman-sophomore retention grow from 68 to 90 percent. In 2005, the College's endowment has increased to \$24 million.

"This award shines a national light on the collective professionalism of the Wagner College faculty who have focused on student learning as participants in the First Year Program since its debut in fall 1998," said Associate Provost Stearns.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point's Master Teacher Program, the University of Nebraska's Peer Review of Teaching Project and the University of Wisconsin System's Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program were announced as winners of the 2005 TIAA-CREF Certificates of Excellence. ♦

The first-year faculty includes
Dr. Amy Eshleman, professor of
psychology.



New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

Michael R. Bloomberg, the 108th mayor of the City of New York, was Wagner's 2005 Commencement speaker on Friday, May 20.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1942 to middle-class parents in Medford, Mass., where his father was the bookkeeper at a local dairy.

Mayor Bloomberg's thirst for information and fascination with technology was evident at an early age, and led him to Johns Hopkins University, where he parked cars and took out loans to finance his education.

After his college graduation, he gained an M.B.A. from Harvard University and in the summer of 1966, he was hired by Salomon Brothers to work on Wall Street. He advanced through the ranks, and became a partner in 1972.

Soon after, he was supervising all of Salomon's stock trading, sales and later, its information systems.

He was fired in 1981 after another company acquired Salomon. Michael Bloomberg used his stake from the Salomon sale to start his own company. He created a financial information computer that would collect and analyze different combinations

of past and present securities data and deliver it immediately to the user.

In 1982, Bloomberg LP sold 20 subscriptions to its service; 20 years later, Bloomberg LP has over 165,000 subscribers worldwide. Bloomberg LP now employs more than 8,000 people — including 2,500 in New York City — in more than 100 offices worldwide.

In 1997, Michael Bloomberg published his autobiography, "Bloomberg by Bloomberg." All of the royalties from sales of the book are donated to the Committee to Protect Journalists.



Johns Hopkins is next for Janette Lebron '04

"Never in my wildest dreams would I have believed I would get the chance to study genetics at Johns Hopkins," said Janette Lebron '04.

"If I had never gone to Wagner, it never could have fallen into place."

The 23-year-old Staten Island native, an accomplished biology major, recently received her acceptance into the Johns Hopkins University Graduate Training Program in cellular and molecular medicine.

Janette's first interest in biology came in high school, and "it never really wavered," she said. As a freshman at Wagner, she was shy. "I first broke out of my shell when I met Dr. Moorthy," Janette said, speaking of Dr. Ammini Moorthy, the biology professor who would become her mentor.

Janette spent a lot of time in the biology

department, eating lunch with professors and catching a ride home with Dr. Moorthy. "I was so honored that they (the biology department) would treat me with respect."

Janette, who was president of Tri Beta biology honor society and a member of ODK national leadership honor society, studied zebrafish under Dr. Brian Palestis and presented the results at several conferences. "The amount of work she put in was amazing," Dr. Palestis said.

Under a grant made possible by Dr. Donald W. Spiro '49 H '92, chairman emeritus of Wagner's board of trustees, Janette entered the summer program last year at Johns Hopkins, studying under Dr. Nicholas Marsh-Armstrong, a research scientist and assistant professor in the department of neuroscience.

— ALEXANDRA JACOBS '07

Mapping

By TEVAH PLATT

What does the brain of a zebrafish look like, compiled from hundreds of photographs at 1,000 times magnification, into a giant map of its neuron landscape? Wagner students can tell you.

Undergraduate researchers who undertook this project this year were awarded for their poster this April after presenting their findings at the 59th Annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC) held at Central Connecticut State University.

The largest undergraduate research conference in the United States, the ECSC gives students the opportunity to showcase the results of their research and exchange ideas with colleagues in their respective fields within the natural and social sciences.

Denise Wong, a senior majoring in arts administration, is the first author of the poster presentation "Microscopic Imaging of the Adult Zebrafish Brain." But the project required the collaboration of the biology and art departments at Wagner College. Dr. Zoltan Fulop, professor of biology, and Andy Needle, who teaches computer graphics, were the faculty advisors of the mapping project. Their partnership began when they taught together in the college's interdisciplinary Learning Communities program. Christopher Corbo and Christopher Cortes, students of biology and microbiology, collaborated to surgically remove brains from the zebrafish, take slides of appropriate cross-sections and analyze the data. For their part, art students Denise Wong, Zoe Bandola and Gary Greenfeder worked with about 500 images in Adobe Photoshop to clarify their color and dimensionality and assemble the photo montages.

Zebrafish have recently become popular subjects in biological research, yet the science community at Wagner found insufficient data available on the normal zebrafish brain. The project represents the first step toward filling this lacuna with an interactive, neurological atlas, that will allow researchers

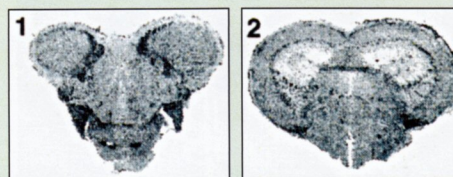
a zebrafish brain

to view multiple sections and perspectives of the fish brain. This semester, students created a composite of about 500 images; 3,000 images will be required to complete the map, which will then be presented on a CD-Rom or Web site, perhaps by next year.

Such a tool would not only be useful to educate students and researchers, but would be an asset to the study of the vertebral central nervous system. Research on that topic could yield further understanding of human medical problems.

Wagner's interests in the results are related to a larger study of hormesis, the theory that toxins, in small quantities, can benefit an organism. The science departments have been conducting research on this topic since last year, through the funding of an anonymous donor. The brain map will provide visual examples of unaffected neurons that can be used to compare against neurons affected by toxins.

Eight other Wagner College presentations at the ECSC dealt with various aspects of the question of hormesis, including studies of the effect of alcohol on plants and on the grooming behavior of fruitflies. Christopher Corbo, a junior biology student who was the second author of the brain imaging poster and a collaborator on multiple projects, discovered by looking at neurons and glial cells



under an electron microscope that alcohol affects mitochondria, the structures that provide energy to cells.

Dr. Fulop, who is the principal investigator of the hormesis project, said that there is convincing evidence of the phenomenon. "But I would caution that the theory can be used improperly, as by companies that are polluting the environment. We are still learning the complexities of hormesis and

results depend on various factors in the subject to which an agent is delivered, such as age, genetics, and the daily rhythms of the body. It's possible that the consequences are not beneficial."

Corbo appreciated what he learned in the research projects and the experience of collaborating with faculty and colleagues. "We needed to work together closely," he said. "I appreciate that we can do that at Wagner."

Dr. Fulop said the work of the students, the dedicated faculty and the administration's support of the science program make it "a rising star among similar colleges." Wagner students gave a total of 18 papers or presentations at this year's ECSC, including an award-winning sociology paper on the flaws in state mandatory sentencing laws, and an award-winning presentation on the psychology of beauty, which argued that attractive people are assumed to have socially desirable traits.

"The college has been a strong contributor to this event in recent years," said Professor Needle. In 2000, Wagner hosted the conference at its Grymes Hill campus, and students brought home three awards from the ECSC last year.

To raise funds for this year's ECSC, Wagner's provost, Dr. Devorah Lieberman, ran in the New York City Marathon in 2004. Thanks to the alumni and friends who supported her run, Wagner's students were able to travel to Connecticut to attend the conference, showcase their research, and share ideas with faculty and students from other colleges. ♦



Wagner's student researchers at ECSC on the Connecticut State College campus.

The generosity of a quintessential Wagner couple makes an expansion of the president's home a reality

Welcome to Nicolais

By CLAIRE REGAN '80

Margaret Christie Nicolais '49 and Michael Nicolais '49 at home in Manhattan.



From their elegant apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side, high above bustling Madison Avenue, Wagner's bucolic campus seems like a world away.

But for Michael and Margaret Christie Nicolais, Wagner continues to play an integral, even daily, role in their lives after more than half a century.

In fact, it was Wagner that first brought them together. They met as students — both business majors — in the mid-1940s, fixed up by mutual friends who had the right instincts. They remember their first date for its simplicity and success.

"We went bobbing for apples on a double date at a little Presbyterian church on the North Shore," said Mike, a semi-retired investment adviser with a dignified demeanor and a sharp memory for details. "Our friends had a brand new car, an Oldsmobile."

Staten Island was a different place back then, the Nicolais recalled wistfully.

Margaret was born in Manhattan. Her family lived in Kansas for a few years before they settled on Dudley Avenue in the Sunnyside section of Staten Island, just down the hill from Wagner.

Mike grew up a few miles north, on Crescent Avenue in New Brighton.

As co-eds, they developed a close relationship with Dr. Charles Kraemer, a professor of business administration and economics who started out as their mentor and grew into a lifelong friend until his death a few years ago.

"He forced you to learn. He was a very, very tough teacher," Mike said.

"He wouldn't let us use adding machines in accounting class," Margaret quickly added.

But he was fair, they both agreed. And he had a wonderful sense of humor.

Good thing. Because Dr. Kraemer was

House

sometimes the target of innocent, good-natured antics on campus.

A conservative dresser, he one day surprised his students by wearing a loud tie decorated with autumn leaves.

"We happened to know it was a mail-order tie," Mike explained. "So we bought 15 of them and passed the word the next time he wore that tie. We each put one on. When he walked into the classroom, he took one look at all of us and had tears of laughter rolling down his cheeks.

"He never wore that tie again," Mike chuckled.

As a student assistant, Mike graded papers for his favorite professor, and taught nighttime bookkeeping classes at the Merchants and Bankers Business School, which was operated by Dr. Kraemer and a colleague.

As commuters, Mike and Margaret often retreated to the Guild-en, the snack shop in the basement of Main Hall, for a cup coffee or to review for a test. Often, they would be invited to Dr. Kraemer's house for dinner.

They graduated in 1949.

Six weeks later, Mike was working for The Clark Estates Inc., a financial and business management company now located in Rockefeller Center and named for Edward C. Clark, founder of the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

"No doubt about it," Mike acknowledges today, Wagner prepared him well for the demands of the job.

Retired from Clark in 1991 after 42 years of service — 23 as company president — Mike continues to work on a consulting basis. ("I come and I go as I please ... I love it!").

Also retired, Margaret was a registered nurse whose first job after post-graduate study at Chicago's Rush Medical Center was at the former United States Public Health Service Hospital in the Clifton section of Staten Island.

She worked in the hospital's surgery and maternity units, and later as a private duty



A portion of the Nicolais gift will be used to expand the president's house at 141 Howard Ave. to accommodate alumni and community activities.

nurse for friends and relatives.

They raised four children — Lisa of Annandale, N.J.; Michael of Dallas, Tex.; Joan of Manhattan, and Susan of Darien, Conn. — and are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 7. Ten grandchildren complete a close-knit family circle.

Today the Nicolais are steady supporters of a variety of charities in New York City and Chatham, N.J., which is their home. Margaret sits on the boards of trustees of the Morris (N.J.) Museum and Partners in Philanthropy, and has been a savvy fund-raiser for the Girl Scouts, the Chatham Library and Rush Medical Center. She also served on the Chatham School Board.

Wagner stays at the top of their list. Mike was a longtime member of the College's board of trustees, and Margaret currently serves on the National Alumni Association, which brings her to campus regularly.

She worked tirelessly to earn the Class of 1949 the distinction of being the first to pledge more than \$200,000 as a 50th anniversary gift to the College.

Last year, the Nicolais announced a \$2.5 million donation to the College that will make possible a renovation and expansion of the president's house on Howard Avenue, a mile down the road from campus.

In December, the home was renamed Nicolais House by Wagner's board of trustees in acknowledgement of the couple's ongoing support. ♦



President and Carin Guarasci in the living room of Nicolais House.



The Nicolais family gathers for a family portrait in Green Pond, N.J.

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By TEVAH PLATT

As the Wagner staff member on the alumni trip to Bregenz, I toured both the past and the present, as former Bregenz students relived their experiences abroad. I saw how travel binds people together, and is bound to make people grow.

Alexandria Loveall, the daughter of Robin Greengrove '83, was 11 years old at the time she joined the Wagner alumni "Return to Bregenz" trip this fall. She was the only kid on the trip.

Newly hatched ducklings are known to form an immediate bond with the first moving object they encounter, and to follow this object devotedly.

This was the kind of relationship that was forged between Alex and me on the plane to Munich, and for much of the trip we were bound together—sometimes literally, by a long, shared, blue-knitted scarf. At the first meal of the trip, Alex was drooping from jet

lag, alienated by the German menu, poking at her beef, and wouldn't to speak with anyone but her mom and me. I knew she had broken through her shyness, though, when three days later she took the microphone on the bus to solicit candy from every person on the tour.

By the time we left, she was full of stories for her classmates, had adapted to European cuisine — gummi bears and Nutella, in particular — was thanking waiters in German, spoke maturely of cultural differences, and had lost a molar to boot. From duckling to swan.

On a small scale, this may have been the kind of transformation that Bregenzers from Wagner experienced when they chose to take a school year abroad during their college years.

Beth Sarkisian Doramajian '75 commented that she and her classmates had gone to Bregenz in 1973 as nineteen-year-old children, and returned as different people. Joanne Simone '76 felt a new appreciation for her own country and learned a respect for

other cultures during her year in Austria.

These comments were echoed by all the former Bregenz students on the trip, who agreed that the time they spent abroad not only changed the courses of their lives, but who they were as individuals.

In recollecting their experiences, these alumni spoke of newfound independence, boosted self-confidence, and expanded horizons. Among those who were returning to Bregenz on this adventure, there was an ongoing buzz of stories from the past and a bond of shared nostalgia.

Although the former Bregenzers traveled abroad during college for various reasons, they all shared the bravery of the decision to immerse themselves in a new world. Some planned to go well in advance. Rich Weber '72, attended Wagner because of the Bregenz program, and Joanne posted a "Bregenz or bust" sign on her Harbor View dormitory door (with toilet roll "busts" appended).

Erik Unhjem '72 went because of a last minute opening, and was able to return later

RETURN TO eigenz



33 Wagnerians go back to the land where they formed bonds, broadened horizons — and did a little hitchhiking.



to take photographs for the yearbook. Erik was the editor of the 1972 yearbook volume “The Place,” which was solely dedicated to the Bregenz student year abroad. That volume was what inspired fellow traveler Ellen Sterzenback Dierking ’74 to go to Bregenz the following year.

On the final page of “The Place,” Erik wrote, “To say that a semester in Bregenz has affected my life would be an understatement, but to try to explain would be an injustice.”

That being so, perhaps I cannot fully capture the impact the Bregenz experience had on these former Wagner students, but I was captivated by the vivid snapshot reveries I collected. Several of the early Bregenz “pioneers” of the 1960s traveled to Europe by ship — Louise Pickersgill ’66 weathered a QE2 hurricane in 1964, and Karen and Bill Hutcheson ’69 were among at least five couples who met their spouses-to-be on the ship of 1967. I heard stories of hitchhiking, of getting lost, of all of Europe beckoning, of feeling art “enveloping you.”

Miranda Johnson, Jane Waleski Unhjem ’72, Beth Sarkisan Doraamajian ’75 and Marjorie Reinhardt MacFarlane ’68 enjoy a horse-and-carriage ride in Germany. Top photo: Joan Southwood Young Caruso ’55 and husband, Conrad.

Many of the attendees of this trip had not been Bregenz students.

A number of former Bregenizers attended so that they could share the experience with their spouses. Jane Waleski Unhjem ’74, for example, opted not to go to Bregenz in college because she had met Erik, but the pair was able to attend this trip together while celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. Ginger Hogan ’67 and Robin Greengrove ’83 both shared the 2004 trip with their daugh-

ters. Still others were making their first visit to this region of Europe out of pure wanderlust.

And such was the group of 33 travelers, which also included Andreus, the bus driver who smiled frequently in the rear-view mirror, and Mary, the petite, informed, and time-vigilant American tour guide. Together we traveled from Munich, across Bavaria, dipping into Austria, and finally to Switzerland.

After initial days of dense fog, the Alps



At left: Erik Unhjem '72 and 11-year-old Alexandria Loveall take in the Alpine view from Grossglockner.

along with her husband established and directed the Bregenz program.

Before meeting her, I asked Erik whether she had been beloved. Erik, who spoke with subtlety, corrected me.

"No. Revered."

Meeting with Madame Pinette, who was found and contacted in Innsbrück, was the highlight of the trip for many of the Wagnerians in the group. Marjorie Reinhardt MacFarlane '68 recalled Madame Pinette pounding the blackboard as a protest against her French accent, and Madame Pinette winced laughing at the memory. Ginger remembered Dr. Gaspard Pinette, who passed away some years ago, teaching at 8 in the morning solely as a means of getting the students up earlier.

We spent a full evening with Madame Pinette, who said that we couldn't know how much it meant to her.

Later, similar reunions would also take place with former professors Herr Lingenhölle and Herr Auer, both living in Bregenz. As we drove into this much anticipated city, I jotted down a few phrases uttered from various parts of the bus: "The post office!" someone shouted. "This is unreal," came another voice. And a series of New York-accented "Oh my Gawwwd"s.

Bregenz has modernized significantly in the past 30 years, and huge swaths of the city were unrecognized. But while exploring the city by foot, visiting past drinking holes, the former school, and the old architectural spine of the city, former Bregenzers said they felt that they were seeing home.

During the stay in Bregenz, many alumni were able to find old friends. "Amazing friendships were formed [in Bregenz]," Joanne said, "friendships that have spanned thirty years."

All the former Bregenzers spoke of the camaraderie that students shared each year. Our recent tour lasted only two weeks, but each day the crowd grew rowdier and the laughter louder, so I know that friendships were formed on this journey abroad as well.

On the plane from JFK, Tom Rutkowski '89 was smiling broadly when he turned to me and said, "I always knew I would go back someday, and now I am living the someday." The someday was spectacular to watch unfolding. ♦



At the Hofbrau House: Erik Unhjem '72, Rich Weber '72, Janes Waleski Unhjem '74, Cheryl Weber, Janet and Fred Robinson '65 and Karen Hutcheson '69.

Continuing the tradition

Wagner has taken seriously its goal to internationalize the curricula by giving students opportunities for more international experiences with two specific programs, explained Dr. Deborah Lieberman, provost. Expanding Your Horizons will include courses designed by faculty offered during the winter intersession. This could include conducting the course elsewhere in the U.S. or the world. A second program will be available to all Wagner students beginning this fall. The Association of New American Colleges Study Abroad is a consortium of 20 colleges that have agreed to permit students to participate, at no additional cost other than a program fee, in any of their current study abroad programs. This opens up at least 20 more study abroad opportunities for Wagner students. For information, contact Dr. Marilyn Kiss, professor of modern languages, at mkiss@wagner.edu.

were all the more triumphant when they revealed themselves. "An Alp! An Alp!" someone cried from the back of the bus, and this became a chorus as we continued day by day along the Alpine roads. We also saw Mad Ludwig's palaces of the nineteenth century and Salzburg's ubiquitous tributes to Mozart's world of the preceding century. And timeless views of clouds brewing below the peak of Grossglockner, and of Rhine Falls gushing into clear, trout-splintered waters.

As majestic as any of these sights was Madame Denise Pinette, elegant and 89, who



Madame Pinette

By HEATHER WEINMAN '05

Leaning back in his swivel chair, looking very much at ease, Dr. Walter Kaelber reflects back upon his 34 years of teaching at Wagner College.

"All in all, the school is more impressive now than it has ever been. Certainly the campus is more beautiful than ever. But there's something much more important. National recognition and prestigious awards keep coming our way.

"As a faculty member in the First Year Program, I consider it exceptional in both content and approach," he affirms.

Since the fall of 1971, long before his current students were even born, Dr. Kaelber has been waxing eloquent about everything from Hinduism to Hermann Hesse.

"I now run into former students almost everywhere," he observes.

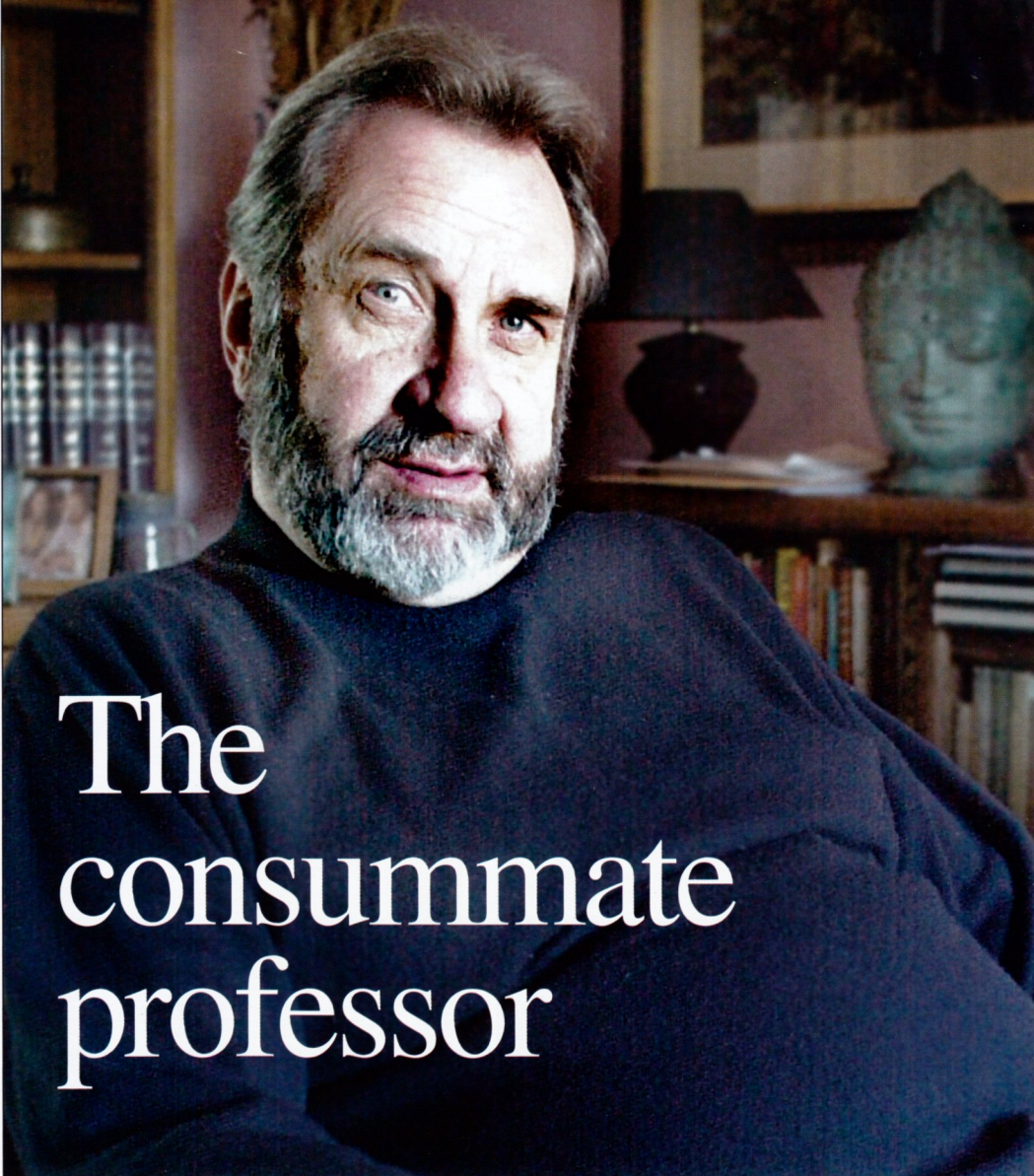
"From the streets of San Francisco to the gravel paths of Old Salem, N.C., I've heard students call to me from a distance: 'Dr. Kaelber, hi, remember me? I took your course on Asian Religions at Wagner way back when. It's great to see you.'"

Dr. Kaelber has traveled the globe from Bayonne to Bombay. But he was born and raised in northern New Jersey, not very far from Wagner's campus.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Bucknell University, he went on to study comparative religion with the distinguished scholar Mircea Eliade at the University of Chicago. After earning his Ph.D. in 1971, he accepted his first — and only — full-time teaching position at Wagner.

"Hinduism, Buddhism, in fact anything having to do with Eastern wisdom, was very 'hot' when I graduated back in '71, so I didn't have much difficulty on the job market. But I was drawn to Wagner during my very first visit. I loved its small size and intimate setting. I was given the freedom to teach my courses, my way. That would not really have been possible at a larger school."

Dr. Kaelber's "tell-it-like-it-is" approach to religion has always endeared him to students.



The consummate professor

His sense of humor
and tell-it-like-it-is
approach in the classroom
make Dr. Walter Kaelber
a favorite among students

That and his unfailing sense of humor.

But more than anything else, it has always been the uncompromising passion he brings to the classroom.

"Students and their parents are paying a lot for an education today," says Dr. Kaelber, "and they are entitled to a first-rate experience. A college classroom is no place for indifference or apathy. I'm sure that some students will always find me a bit intimidating, maybe even a little scary, but I'm still a long way from Donald Trump on 'The Apprentice.'"

Dr. Kaelber's wife, Sally Ann, was actually

one of his students many years ago, so it seems he couldn't have been all *that* scary.

Married in 1983, the couple was blessed with a daughter, Kristen, a few years later. Now 18, the beautiful teenager will pursue a career in music and theater at Muhlenberg College in the fall.

"She can be a handful," says Dr. Kaelber. "She's very independent and strong-willed—just like her father."

Kristen fell in love with the Wagner theater program about six years ago when her mother was performing in summer stock here. "She always talked about coming to Wagner," says Dr. Kaelber, "but it seems that her need for independence finally won out, so she'll be leaving the nest."

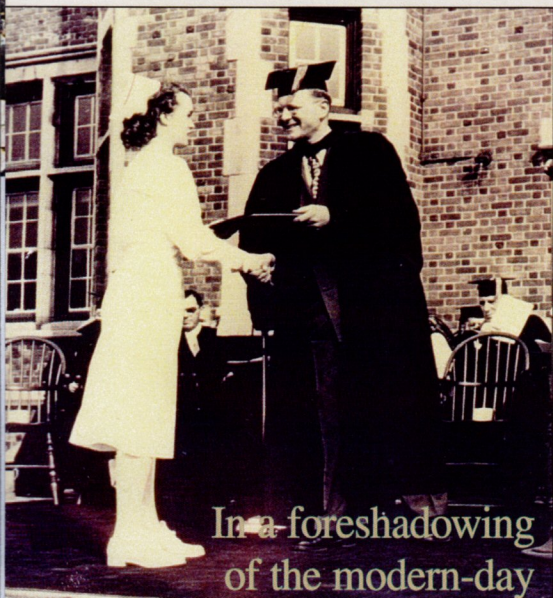
At 62, Dr. Kaelber has no plans to retire any time soon.

"As long as I'm able and feel needed, I'll just keep on doing my thing. As long as the students keep showing up for my classes, so will I!"

Given Dr. Kaelber's track record, that will probably be for quite some time to come. ♦

SINCE 1943, WAGNER COLLEGE NURSING GRADS HAVE BEEN ...

Healing



In a foreshadowing of the modern-day

Wagner Plan, the founder of Wagner's nursing program, Mary Delia Burr, fused theory and practice, sending her fledgling nurses into the community to learn the difference between know and know-how. To Burr, nursing, public health and service to the community were intrinsically intertwined.



Early nursing uniforms, with epaulets, white collar and cuffs, reflected the program's ties to the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. The white-winged stiff cap featured six buttons in the back, representing the six original students of Wagner College. The cap was eliminated in 1990 in response to changes within the nursing profession.



Nursing students,
in wool capes,
outside Parker Hall.

the world



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NURSING DEPARTMENT ARCHIVES

By ANNA POWERS
and TEVAH PLATT

Surprisingly, Wagner Nursing hasn't changed much in the last 62 years. To be sure, the program has grown significantly, adapted to changes in the profession, and expanded to offer advanced degrees in the field of nursing. And it looks different: the Nursing Resource Center in Campus Hall is equipped with computers and electronic "patient" mannequins, and the little white cap has disappeared from the student nurse uniform.

But its core commitments — to community involvement and public health, to comprehensive, hands-on education rooted in the art and science of caring — remain as they were when the program opened its doors to 56 students in September 1943.

Wagner's program was the first on Staten Island, and among the first in the world, to offer a four-year college program in the study of nursing. Founded in cooperation with the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, Wagner's early nursing students received a subsidized education during World War II when there was a critical need for nurses at home and abroad. Because of the exigencies of the war, students could enter the work force with a diploma after three years and return to the college at a later date to complete their bachelor of science degree.

A LEGEND IN THE DEPARTMENT

Dean Mary Delia Burr (1896-1986), who founded the program and was its dean for 20 years, strongly encouraged nursing students to complete their four-year degree, to be edu-

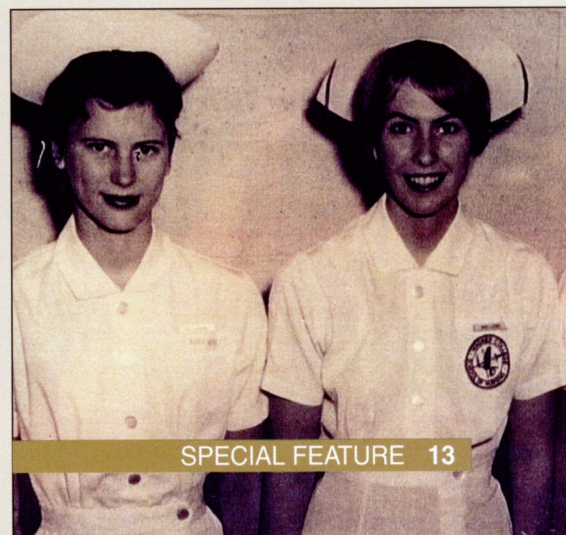
cated both as health workers and as citizens. Dr. Margo Governo '78 M'02, associate professor at Wagner, wrote her dissertation on Burr and describes her as a "spitfire" and a Baptist who wore bright red nail polish and drank nightly cocktails until her 90s. Dr. Governo recorded Dean Burr's pioneering mission as an educator: "What I want for students is not that they know how to do a particular procedure in a particular hospital. I want a nurse to know what she's doing, why she's doing it; to be able to improvise."

Long before The Wagner Plan, before experiential education became the touchstone of Wagner's curriculum, the nursing program was implementing the principle of "learning by doing."

For Dean Burr, the profession of nursing was inseparable from an investment in public health. Nurses learned within the community to serve the community.

"Dean Burr got acquainted with each student," recalls Ingeborg "Ing" Skarsten Hoffrenning '54. She reserved Sunday afternoons at her home for student gatherings. But beyond the personal interest she took in each Wagner student nurse, Dean Burr brought a focus on community health to Wagner's curriculum that was far ahead of its time.

In addition to knocking door-to-door in Staten Island neighborhoods, Wagner's early nursing students organized public health fairs



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— DEAN MARY BURR



addressing pressing community needs. One such program took place from 1954 to 1957; over the span of three years, nursing students, faculty, and health professionals screened for diseases such as diabetes and offered nutritional counseling.

According to Dr. Governo’s history of the program, over 2,000 participants were serviced through the project. The program’s emphasis on public health education was also present in a series of field trips to neighborhoods representing different cultures, named “Know Your Neighbor’s Pot.” By purchasing food from Puerto Rican, Italian, German, Scandinavian and Korean communities and cooking traditional meals from those cultures, students were better able, in Dr. Governo’s words, to “interpret nutrition from a public health and community point of view.”

Continuing this tradition, Wagner’s student nurses have worked in homeless shelters in recent years, held alcohol and tobacco lectures in Staten Island middle schools, and taught preschoolers at a “Teddy Bear Clinic” set up in the nursing laboratory.

According to Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta ’64 M’81, Wagner nursing graduate and dean of experiential learning, “today’s students not only learn the science and technical practices of medicine, they are educated in needs assessment, epidemiology and prevention, skills that empower them to creatively approach community health needs they will encounter in the field. What they are doing is providing a community service that is linked to the theories they are learning about.”

Today there are 115 students enrolled in the nursing program, pursuing first and second-degree bachelor’s, master’s in nursing, administration and education, or family nurse practitioner degrees.

The program has expanded gradually. Its mental health components were introduced in the late ’60s. In the 1970s, Wagner introduced the concept of preceptorship into its curriculum, becoming one of the first schools in the country to require students to work with an assigned nurse in a hospital.

Today’s students take courses in subjects more recently introduced, such as bioterrorism, holistic healing methods, or Spanish language for the health care profession.

The Dr. Evelyn Lindfors Spiro ’49 H’92 Nursing Resource Center on campus has expanded significantly in the past five years. Students come to the Resource Center not only for classes but to prepare for their fieldwork and state exams.

Thirty-six computer programs, some of which are integrated into their coursework, are available to students to learn interactively in different subject and testing areas, including preparation for the NCLEX, the national nursing licensure exam.

Milagros Ilea, who directs the Spiro Resource Center, works individually with each student, identifying the areas in which they can improve, guiding them to the appropriate resources, and advising them as they advance in their student careers.

But members of the nursing faculty and administration emphasize continuity in Wagner’s nursing program. While Wagner nursing has embraced innovation, it has remained true to its core methods and values. When Lauren O’Hare, Julia Barchitta, Margo Governo, Milagros Ilea and others tout the benefits of a four-year curriculum, community involvement, and individual attention for every student, they are carrying on Dean Burr’s vision and legacy.

NURSING ALUMNI

Through the past six decades, Wagner’s nursing program has been distinguished by inspirational faculty.

Margo Governo described seeing her first professor, Dr. Jane Bocker, on the first floor of Campus Hall. “She was tall, had short, pepper-and-salt hair, was very professional looking’ I said, Yes! I want to be her someday.” They developed a close working relationship, and Dr. Bocker encouraged Margo to get her doctorate. When Dr. Bocker died, she left Margo her cap and gown.

Wagner nursing alumni also have a special bond with one another.



The program’s first classroom and hospital practice area were located in the basement of Parker Hall.



Class of '54 nursing graduates gather for their 50th reunion: Judith Russell Deickler, Ingeborg Skarsten Hofrenning, Ruth Zinn Maleeny, Marie Sinibaldi Muller, Elizabeth Meyer Oberg, Mary O'Brien, Kathleen Gibbons-Heil Plourde, Elizabeth Hoft Scheck, Dorothy Miller Scholz, Anne Mullaly Stack, Joan Sheaffer Stiggelbout, Wilma Poit Van Holten and Beulah Wong.

At the 2004 Wagner Reunion, 13 of the 20 nursing alumni from the Class of '54 — a dynamic group — celebrated the golden anniversary of their graduation. What made this group so cohesive?

"In nursing you deal with life and death," said Ing Hofrenning '54. "It creates such an awesome bond."

Wagner's nursing alumni have chosen a variety of career paths.

"In addition to working in nursing homes, clinics and schools, we have placed graduates in almost all of the hospitals in the New York City Metropolitan area," says Dr. Lauren O'Hare, current chair of the nursing department. "Many of our alumni go on to pursue advanced degrees."

But it's not just the famous or exceptional graduates who bring honor and distinction to Wagner College.

Aptly, Margo Governo's dissertation on Dean Burr is dedicated "to nursing's unknown," honoring the "ordinary" nurses who make a difference in the lives of others. These everyday achievements attained by Wagner nursing graduates at hospitals and schools, clinics and nursing homes, are perhaps the program's most important legacy. ♦

Answering the call during WW II

Many of Wagner's nurses served in the armed forces medical corps during World War II. Because of Wagner's location at the top of Grymes Hill, nursing students were among those enlisted in the Volunteer Observers Program as aircraft warning personnel.

Lilyan Bennett Mulvaney '46 was among the first cadre of nursing students at Wagner College. She wrote a letter describing her experience to the St. Petersburg Times in 1995:

"In 1943, Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y., wanted women for the newly created U.S. Nurse Cadet Corps. Among my memories are the 70 who answered that call.

"There were 15 of us who were sent to Yonkers General Hospital where we learned, as student nurses, to give our patients that famous 'TLC.'

"As each week ended, we donned our smart-looking, government-issue blue-gray uniforms (especially tailored to our figures) and beret, sporting its distinctive U.S. logo, and our group would leave the hospital, take a New Haven-Hartford train to Grand Central Station, then subway to Battery Park for that wonderfully exciting ferry ride to Staten Island.

In the evening's gloom or early morning's fog, the Liberty ships looked like ghost ships as they lay at anchor, and I felt proud that if I were needed, someday I would be able to participate in the war effort.

"Our weekends were devoted to hours of well-planned lectures. There is no doubt in my mind of the importance of living with the principles of health that I learned through my participation."



Tracy Jackus McTiernan '84, at right, discusses surgical issues with a resident during her shift at NYU Medical Center.



Healing & HOPE

By TEVAH PLATT

The nursing station of NYU Medical Center's Acute Care Pediatric unit is crowded: nurses, residents, doctors, social workers and volunteers shuffle in and out, researching, conferring, and prescribing treatments for dozens of patients.

Only once in the course of a busy Friday in January did the activity in the room halt. For about a minute, every person in the room stood transfixed on a small boy's radiant smile. It was the kind of smile that communicated something beyond words, as only a young child can execute, but in rough translation it said, with dignity, "I am wonderful." This beaming boy was an exceptional case because he was on his way to hospice; the room was suffused with tragedy and human beauty.

Tracy Jackus McTiernan '84 is a nurse practitioner in the pediatric surgery division of the Medical Center's Tisch Hospital. Losing a patient, Tracy says, is the hardest part of her job, but it's rare. "Most patients I see have congenital problems that can be fixed, and they'll be set up for the rest of their lives," she said.

"Even the sad cases — like patients with cancer — they're really resilient kids." From the standpoint of how much good she can do for children and families in her job every day, Tracy's professional disposition is hopeful, energetic, and gratified. "I think I have the best job at the Medical Center," she says.

Tracy's alarm goes off at 4:50 a.m. She drives to the mid-town Manhattan hospital from her home in Staten Island to begin work at 6:30. Her day begins in her office, which overlooks the East River, where the

Pediatric Nurse

Practitioner

Tracy Jackus

McTiernan '84

measures success

by the difference

she makes in

children's lives

neighboring industrial rooftops emit unending clouds of sunrise pink. Tracy starts with "verbal rounds," in which she and her colleagues discuss each patient's case and status, and then has a small breakfast and coffee in the hospital cafeteria. She will work for twelve hours and see about a dozen patients. Making her rounds, she will walk 10,000 steps — about five miles — through the units, hallways and backways of the hospital.

The acute care unit is architecturally pediatric: wall-mounted toys and paintings hang at a two-to-three foot eye level, there are animal prints along the floor, and most of the rooms are decorated with art made by children. Tracy adapts too, according to the age of her patients, sometimes reminding the residents that they are not just treating small adults. With the infants, Tracy's voice is

soothing and higher pitched. She rubs the head of a four-month-old recovering from surgery:

"Ready to go home? Should we call grandma? Can I have another smile?" Tracy also gets smiles from Jessica (names are changed here to protect patients' privacy), perhaps 10, who came in with a stomach ache and was waiting to get an ultrasound. "Do you know what a sonogram is?" asks Tracy. "It won't hurt at all. They'll put some goopy jelly on your belly — if anything, it might tickle."

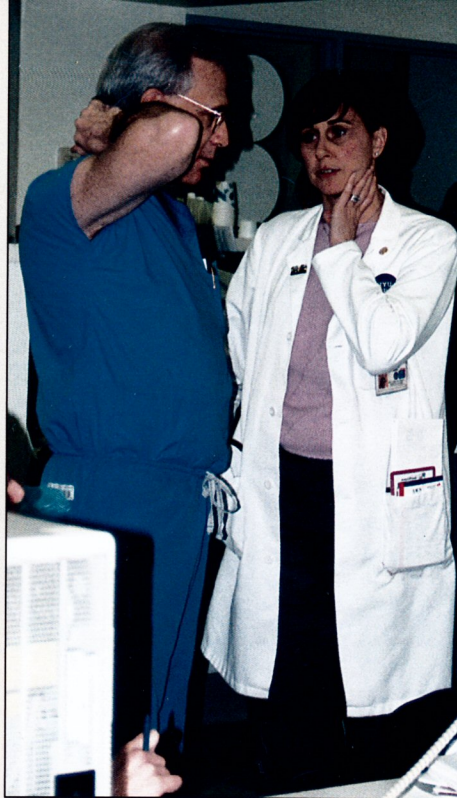
Tracy treats each patient with understanding and respect. James, 3, is lying in bed with his mother, nearly ready to go home after urologic surgery.

"Do you want your catheter to go bye bye?" The answer is a definitive and powerful "no," but Tracy proceeds anyway with words of explanation and encouragement while his mother holds him.

"Kids tend to resist when you have to do something to them," she says later. "Beds are also generally reserved for recovery — to create a safe haven. But in James's case the problem wasn't so bad and his mother could stay in the bed and cuddle him."

By the afternoon Tracy is discussing her cases with various colleagues. She consults with Dr. Howard Ginsburg, senior pediatric surgeon and her collaborating physician — they joke, clearly admiring one another.

She discusses patients' treatments with the senior resident, a social worker, and a nutritionist. At times, the treating parties disagree, but Tracy values this process of discussion for determining the best solutions



Tracy confers with Dr. Howard Ginsburg, director of pediatric surgery.

for caring. "It's a good group of people. We all want the kids to do well." A lot of Tracy's day is spent discussing and teaching, and talking with parents about what to expect.

The rest of the afternoon might take Tracy to the Neonatal ICU, the Pediatric ICU, or the Operating Room. Her patients have an array of ailments and conditions—general surgery covers everything but the bones, brain, and heart—so her work requires breadth of knowledge, ongoing learning, and flexibility.

Tracy is reserved and pleasant, with a wry mien. She smiles a lot like she's remembering something. She seems like an athlete: perseverant, energetic, untiring.

Tracy played basketball at Wagner while pursuing her BSN; the team was 25-5 for the season in her senior year.

Tracy says that intercollegiate sports helped her to grow up, and to learn to balance her time. Although Dr. MaryAnne

Kosiba, professor emerita, was never her teacher, she had a powerful influence on the course Tracy took.

Tracy was terrified when she was asked to speak at the pinning in 1984, but Dr. Kosiba convinced her that she could, and should, do it.

"Dr. Kosiba said a few things to me that really pushed me along. She seemed to know just what to say to people," said Tracy. "Wagner provided a very good base for starting as an RN. They encouraged leadership there, and even though I waited until the mid-90s, when I knew exactly what I wanted to do, Wagner led me to pursue my master's degree."

Tracy completed her preceptorship at NYU Medical Center, and has been there for twenty years. Tracy was previously, until 1999, assistant head nurse at the hospital. "I'm a lifer," she said.

Wagner also guided her personal future. Tracy met her husband, Brian '82, in a snow ball fight on campus.

"He smashed my face into a snow mound and then introduced himself," she recalls with characteristic good humor.

The McTiernans' son, Brian, is four. Tracy calls to check in on him after her lunch. On hard days at the hospital, Tracy says, she calls him more often. But Tracy's job, for her, isn't about the hard days. It's about healing and everyday hope.

Tracy says that her idea of success has nothing to do with material gain. It's the difference she can make in children's lives.

By that yardstick, Tracy's success is immeasurable. ♦

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of discussion for determining the
best solutions for caring.



Evelyn Lindfors Spiro '49 H'92 speaks at a ceremony dedicating a resource center in her name and in the memory of Dean Burr, at center in the photo at right.



A fitting tribute to a caring mentor

By CLAIRE REGAN '80

Evelyn Lindfors Spiro '49 H'92 remembers the day she was called into the dean's office.

"I knew it wasn't going to be accolades," she said. Distracted by a new beau whom she would later marry, Evelyn's grades were slipping and Mary Delia Burr, founder and dean of Wagner's nursing program, had noticed.

Evelyn feared the worst. But instead, she found compassion and concern from the woman who would become her lifelong mentor. Soon after, she was back at the top of her class.

On May 18, nearly 60 years after that day in the dean's office, Evelyn publicly expressed her appreciation for Dean Burr's guidance and training during a dedication ceremony in Campus Hall.

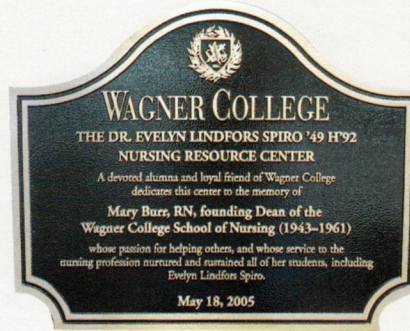
The Evelyn Lindfors Spiro Nursing Resource Center features state-of-the-art computer equipment and mannequins that simulate the responses of a patient.

The suite of rooms was dedicated in Evelyn's name and in memory of Dean Burr, who died in 1986 at the age of 90.

As Evelyn's family, Trustee Don Spiro '49 H'88, and daughter, Kimberly, looked on, Dr. Richard Guarasci unveiled a plaque and toasted Evelyn and her mentor.

"This room will be hallowed by the work of the faculty and by the students who learn here," said the Rev. Lyle Guttu, chaplain, in his invocation. "We honor our past as we look to the future."

"She was a person everyone should have



known," Evelyn said of Dean Burr. "She was a strong person and a caring person for her students. She loved all of us."

After graduating from the nursing program, Evelyn became the youngest operating room supervising nurse at Staten Island Hospital.

Armed with an outstanding knowledge of her field, the friendships of her fellow graduates, and the role models provided by the

nursing faculty, she excelled.

The dedication ceremony drew nursing alumni and students. Spiro Nursing Scholars Nicole Filippazzo and Francis Kontominas, both sophomores, were recognized.

Wagner's nursing program "has prepared me for the real world," acknowledged Jaclyn Mastromatteo '05, who used the Resource Center's new computers to study for her board exam and the mannequins to perfect her skills.

Kristin Mecocci '05 of Middletown, N.Y., and Jessica Cowell '05 of Staten Island, both of whom are starting their careers at NYU Medical Center, reflected on their four years in the Wagner nursing program.

"The faculty are so open, so available," Kristin said after the ceremony. "We go to their offices all the time and we are always welcome."

Dean Burr would be proud to hear that. ♦

Jessica Cowell and Kristin Mecocci, both members of the Class of '05, are beginning their nursing careers at NYU Medical Center.



A legend



Near his historic home in King William County, Va., retired R.N. Carl Fischer enjoys a little fly-fishing on the Paumonky River.

in his own time

By ANNA POWERS

Carl Fischer '64 is a man of many talents. He's a former hospital administrator, a historical scholar, a self-trained archaeological technician.

And a nurse.

As the first male graduate of Wagner's nursing program, Carl pursued a career path traditionally dominated by women, a striking gender reversal made by a strikingly modest man. For him, a career in nursing was the logical choice after three years as a medic in the Navy Hospital Corps.

During a visit to Wagner, he met with then-Dean of Nursing Daphne Rolfé. She told him: "Well, we've never had a man in our program, but there's no reason why we can't have a man in our program."

And so Carl entered Wagner's nursing program, raising a few eyebrows on campus.

Said Carl's classmate Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta '64: "When Carl sat down on the first day of classes, we whispered, 'Doesn't he realize he's in the wrong class?' We weren't as open to the idea of a male nurse as he was."

Those reactions soon changed when Carl's knowledge and compassion — owing, no doubt, to his experience as a medic — proved him capable. He was elected president of the Student Nursing Association a year later.

While Carl experienced acceptance from his peers, hospitals were not necessarily as accommodating. "My exposure to rotations like OB were certainly limited," a rule that has been discontinued in the wake of more equitable nursing education practices.

After graduation, Carl took a job working nights at Staten Island Hospital. He and a nurse's aide cared for 40 patients, all "fresh out of surgery," since there was no intensive

Carl Fischer '64:

The first male graduate
of Wagner's nursing
program

care unit at the time.

After post-graduate studies at SUNY Buffalo and the Yale School of Public Health, Carl adopted a decidedly empathetic approach to his career, choosing to work in university hospitals because of their large indigent populations.

"I felt that while I wasn't making a direct impact on one person, I was making an impact on many people," he explained.

In his most recent role as CEO of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Carl juggled the level-one trauma center's \$500 million budget, figuring out how to provide the "latest of everything" on funds no greater than those received by much smaller community hospitals.

In order to remove the hospital from this financial stranglehold, Carl pushed for its privatization, an action that ultimately prevented the health system's fiscal collapse.

Carl's brand of compassionate corporate savvy — he says matter-of-factly that it was impossible to create a solvent business that was an "agency of the state" — has contributed to his success as a hospital administrator, allowing him to turn his hospitals, all focused on indigent care, into self-sufficient organizations.

These days, Carl has retired from hospital life, enjoying "the freedom to do what I want, when I want to do it."

He and his wife, Lynn Ekstrand Fischer



'65, have restored a colonial home on the banks of the Paumonky River in King William County, Va. Built in 1745, the house known as Windsor Shades once served as a tavern for travelers, including George Washington and family.

Carl's research on the property has led to certification as an archaeological technician, and to his selection by the county historical society to transform the old county courthouse into a museum. Windsor Shades is also perfect for Carl's other passion, flyfishing.

He has established a regular routine, waking at 6 a.m. to enjoy a cup of coffee with his wife before she shuttles off to her job as an oncology nurse at VCU Health System, Carl's former hospital. He and Lynn started their careers together at Wagner — she was also a nursing graduate — and finished them together at VCU, further strengthening the bonds of their 40-year marriage.

While none of Carl's four daughters pursued nursing, he's not surprised that they all chose careers in public service. "There's a link between my daughters' professions and helping people" that stems from their family's investment in the lives of others," he said.

"I hope I performed in a way that made the path easier. I'd like to think that I've contributed something."

To the advancement of male nurses in the profession, and of nurses in hospital administration, there's no doubt he has. ♦





PROFILE OF SUCCESS
WAGNER OPENED DOORS
FOR STUART PLOTKIN '93 M'96

Confident and capable at Merrill Lynch

By ANNMARIE LAMBIASI '85
and KEVIN G. DAVITT

Walking into Stuart Plotkin's Merrill Lynch office on South Avenue in Staten Island, the driving forces behind this '93 alum's life are evident — the degrees, letters of recognition, family photos. And all combine to paint a picture of a confident and capable young man bestowing sound and informed financial wisdom to a client at the other end of the speaker phone.

But not far behind is evidence of other dynamics — the baseball memorabilia, the posters, the Mets bobble head figure — that have helped to shape an all-around supportive alum. Stuart enjoys giving back to his alma mater and prides himself as a pioneer for students and young alumni.

Born in Brooklyn and raised on Staten Island, he began playing baseball at the age of 5. He practiced and played incessantly and, in 1985, went on to become the first all-star pitcher of the New Springville Little League All-Star Team, winning a game at the ripe old age of 13. It was at Port Richmond High School where Stuart first began to consider Wagner as his college of choice. He established his priorities.

"Baseball wasn't exactly taking a back seat to things," Plotkin says, "but I knew that a career was only four years away and I wanted to make the best of that time."

Upon admission to Wagner, Stuart laid out a plan for himself that was equally ambitious in his quest to choose a career. He joined the Theta Chi fraternity as a "great way to meet new people and to build camaraderie among fellow students."

Striving to balance his studies and the love of the game, Stuart determinedly set goals

and priorities. He earned an undergraduate degree in accounting and a master's in business administration in finance. Upon graduation, Stuart secured a successful career in the financial services industry that includes his current position with Merrill Lynch as wealth management adviser and producing sales manager.

"My education at Wagner opened doors for me, no question," he says. "It prepared me to take on a leadership role."

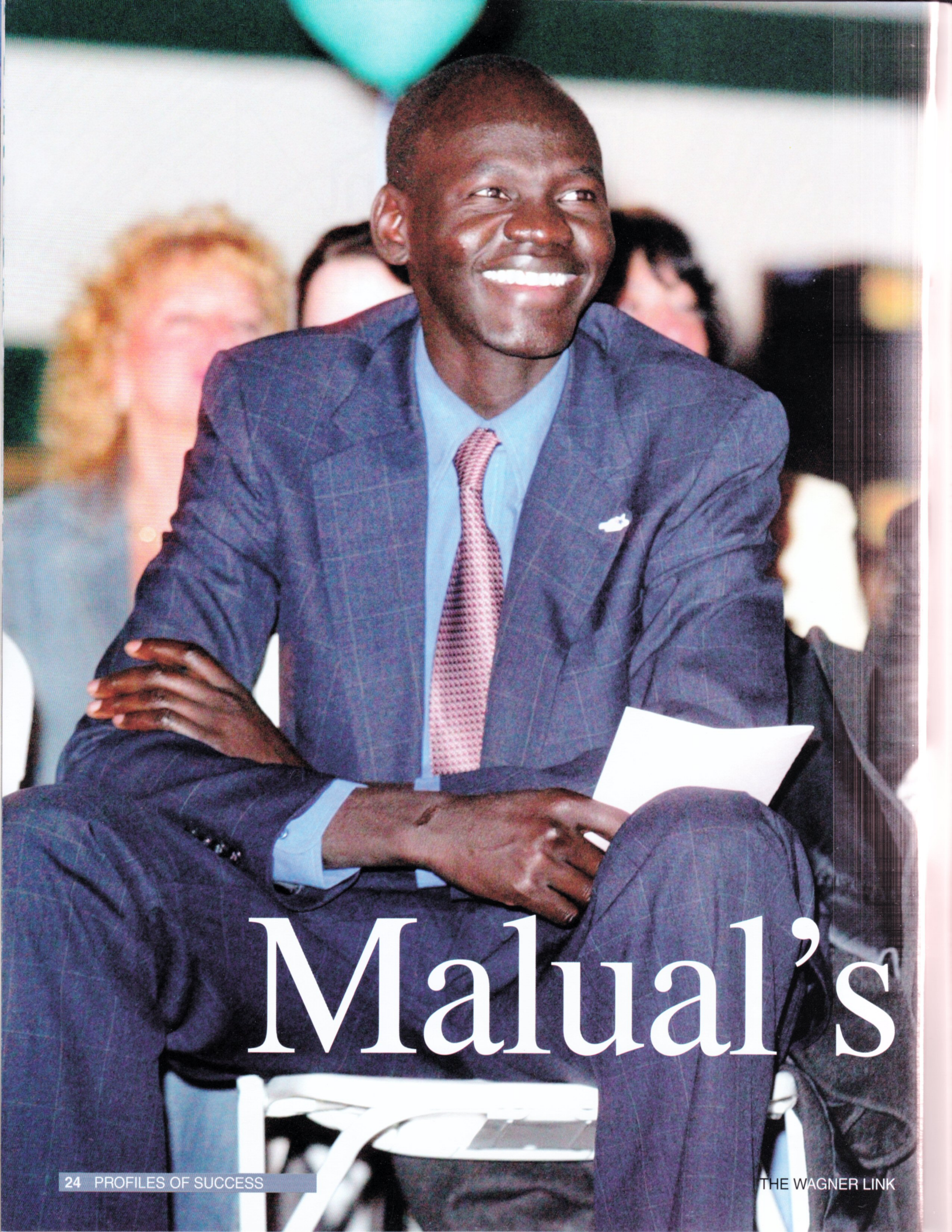
At Merrill Lynch, Stuart provides direction to more than 140 financial advisors at the company's flagship private client office. He provides comprehensive wealth management solutions to business owners, high net-worth families, corporate executives and individuals looking to plan for retirement.

He's also found the time for mentoring Wagner student interns, and working with other Wagner alumni.

"I've always wanted to give something back to my alma mater and by affording student interns the opportunity to learn about the world of finance, I can better prepare them for their careers," he says.

You might also catch Stuart playing at the alumni baseball game. He also has taken on leadership roles in the community as a member of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He continues his love affair with baseball as a player with the Sandlot Murphy League on Staten Island.

"Managing my academic studies while playing Division I baseball paved the way in honing leadership, communications and time management skills. Pride in my education at Wagner and the discipline I found within myself has made me the professional I am today." ♦



Malual's

A lost boy of the Sudan finds safety and comfort on campus

By ALEXANDRA JACOBS '07

To look at Joseph Malual Thuc, a junior international affairs major, you'd never know he had such strength and resolve to overcome the obstacles he has faced in his life—to fight to survive, despite all odds; to chase his dreams, regardless of all limitations.

If you look closer, you'll see that in Malual's eyes, there is determination. "If I want something, I will work to make it happen," Malual emphasizes. "I never relax."

Malual misses his homeland, the Sudan. "I want to work on my land for a while," he says, "I want to see my people."

Unfortunately, the Sudan has not been peaceful or safe for years, and the outlook is not good. But Malual isn't giving up; he never has.

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As Malual tells his childhood memories of his country, his face lights up with a smile. He recalls the generations-old stories told at night, raising the many herds of cattle his people depend on, cheering on his tribesmen in wrestling matches, the rites of passage to become a man, and the celebrations at the end of the year, filled with traditional dance.

Malual left all that behind when he was forced to flee his hometown of Wangulei in the Bor district, in southern Sudan, when he was about 10 years old.

The violence of civil war encroached, and he could do nothing but watch as his father was shot and killed. Of seeing such violence, Malual says, "It's not that easy. I felt like fighting, but I couldn't."

For Malual and many others, the only choice was flight. He became one of thousands of Sudanese children known as "the lost boys of Sudan," children with no choice but to escape the fighting by making their way out of the country.

He and his brother, Deng, joined the journey, which was to last months. They walked from Sudan to neighboring Ethiopia, and then crossed a desert, with no provisions, through Sudan again, and into Kenya.

Along the way, the boys had to eat and drink whatever they could find, and starvation, thirst, and disease took many lives, as homesickness preyed on their spirits. Others were killed by military attacks, even by lions and crocodiles. Still they pressed on, and Malual and Deng managed to survive.

In Kenya, Malual spent nine years in a refugee camp in Kakuma, where his schooling was underneath a tree, and his teachers could use only one piece of chalk per week. There he first began to learn English and Swahili, besides the Arabic and his native

dialect of Dinka that he already spoke.

The boys had to wait to obtain the legal documentation needed to get out of Africa. When Malual finally got it, his name was changed to Joseph, and his birthday was set as January 1.

Malual was sent to the United States, as one of 3,800 "lost boys" the U.S. took in. His brother Deng went to Australia.

Malual was frustrated when he first arrived in the U.S. "It was cold, people were strange, and I saw a lot of different things," he says. In the U.S., Malual was given a sponsor in Philadelphia, and he graduated two years later from a Lambertton, Pa. high school.

Malual explained he chose Wagner College because he was granted financial aid and he liked the intimate learning atmosphere. "I feel when I come to a small school like this, I get a lot accomplished," he says. In the end, when his choice was between Wagner or Penn State, it came down to location.

"New York City is the greatest city in the world," Malual says. "It is a big city with lots of opportunities and potential for jobs."

Malual aims to become part of the international political scene as a diplomat, and he has high hopes for the Sudan. "Peace will come, hopefully by the end of this year," he says.

"As soon as we stop the war, we will start developing," Malual believes in the strength and resiliency of his country and his people.

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Malual's mother, Kuir Dau, died on August 24, 2004, in a car accident in Kenya, leaving his two young brothers, Duot, 16, and Mabor, 17, with no one to support them.

"There was no one to cook for them, no one to pay for education, transportation, or apartment. They're starving without her," Malual says.

Malual sends his brothers \$100 every month from his work study job in the postal center, but it is still not enough.

plight

From track

By ANNMARIE LAMBIASI '85

Lieutenant Colonel Jorge E. Hernandez '85, whose service in the U.S. Army has earned him the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars, was recognized for his accomplishments as a student athlete this fall when he was inducted into Wagner's Hall of Fame.

Jorge, a civil affairs officer currently serving in Afghanistan, considers his Wagner education a solid foundation that prepared him for his 21-year career in the Army.

Jorge came to Wagner in 1981 as a biology

Lt. Col. Jorge Hernandez '85 is inducted into Wagner's Hall of Fame

major and participated in its track and field program. Jorge still holds seven of Wagner's indoor records and five outdoor records for track and field. His running days began in 1975 while attending Bishop Ford High School in Brooklyn, where he grew up.

"I remember that summer my father sent me on an errand and gave me money for the bus. Instead, I spent it on ice-cream. I knew my father would be waiting for my return at the bus stop, so I ran 1½ miles back to beat the bus. I did, by a block and a half.

"My father was so impressed with my time and running effort, he encouraged me to try out for the track team in high school. Bishop Ford had a great track programs."

While still at Wagner, Jorge enlisted in the ROTC Program where he spent summers training for his career in the military. Immediately after graduation, Jorge began his military career as an intelligence officer, traveling the U.S. and abroad on various missions.

Jorge's current position of civil affairs officer has led him to work with the government to build infrastructure in war-torn countries such as Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

While stationed in Iraq, Jorge served as the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Center West liaison officer, where he expedited the unloading and shipping of critical humanitarian assistance commodities that were needed to support displaced civilian

A more immediate danger threatens Duot and Mabiior. "If they don't sign a peace agreement between the south and the north, they may be drafted to fight against their own people," Malual says.

That is where student members of Amnesty International, an organization dedicated to struggling for human rights, has stepped in.

They are leading a campaign to raise money for Malual's two brothers, so that Duot and Mabiior can get the documents and transportation they need to escape the violence in Sudan to come to America, hopefully to attend Wagner, so the family can be reunited and so Duot and Mabiior can have the opportunities Malual has had.

Meanwhile, in the western region of Darfur in the Sudan, the government has sponsored a militia group, known as the Janjaweed, in their attacks on innocent civilians.

Two million people are now homeless, and thousands of others have been raped and killed, as the Janjaweed pillages and burns every village they encounter. Amnesty is working to increase campus awareness about Darfur and the genocide occurring there.

"It only seems fit to focus on Sudan because it may be the biggest human rights crisis that our generation will see," says Leslie McDermott, president of Amnesty International.

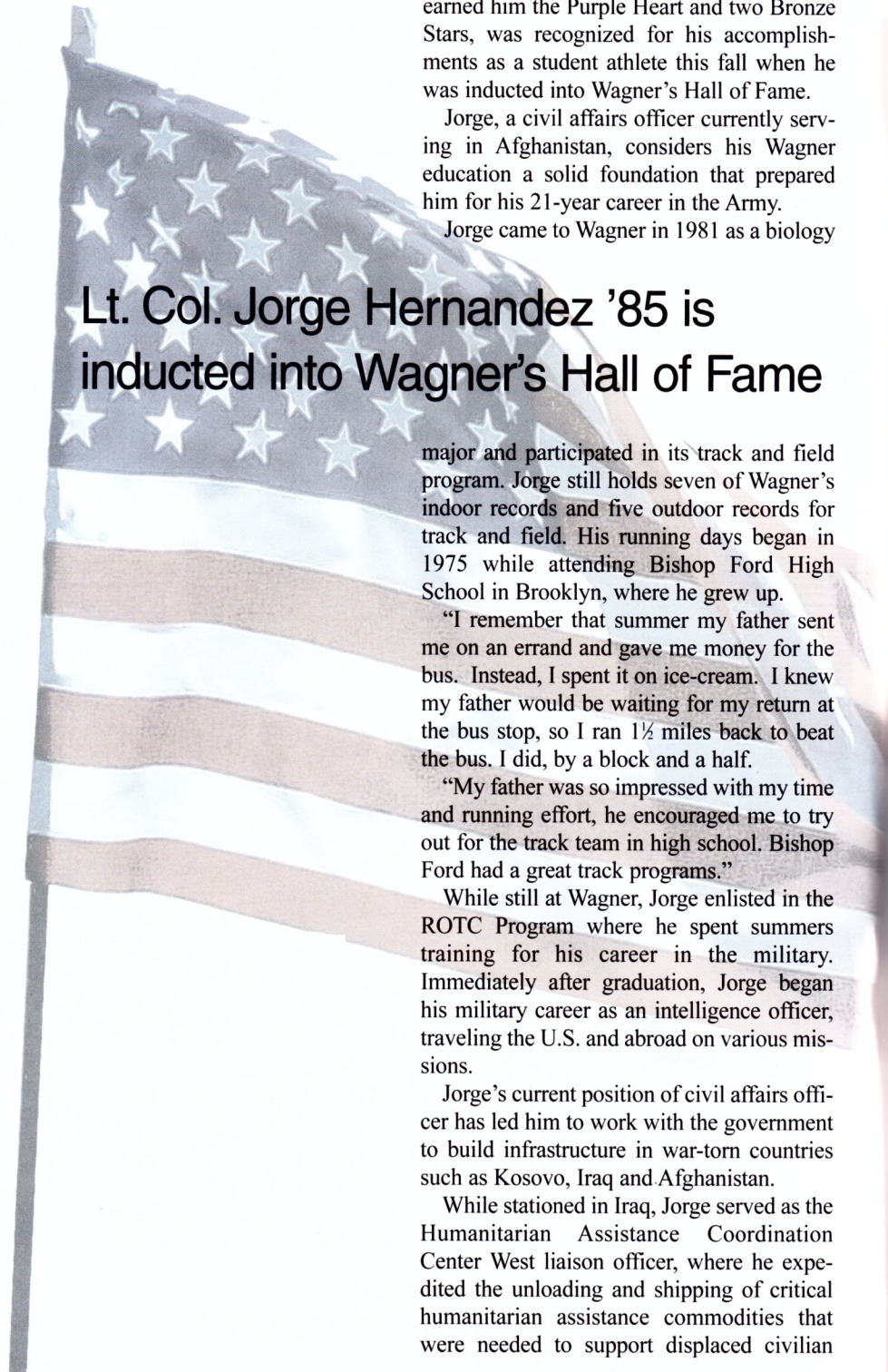
Proceeds from a recent fashion show went to the fund to bring Malual's brothers to the U.S., and Amnesty has raised money through fund-raisers of its own. More than \$2,500 has already been raised, and President Guarasci has offered his assistance in securing funds to pay for Duot and Mabiior's tuition and room and board, so they can attend Wagner.

"The College is proud of Mulual and everything he has survived in his life," Dr. Guarasci said. "He is a model student and citizen for the entire campus."

"This is a unique opportunity to help our friend be reunited with his brothers, and we're thankful for all the support the Wagner community has given us," McDermott says. The challenge now is to get the two student visas and to secure housing and funds for the brothers.

"We are researching what it takes to bring Malual's brothers here safely and legally," McDermott says. "We don't want any loose ends."

"The good thing about America is that you can find good people like you," Malual says, referring to Wagner students. "Before I felt like I was alone, but I'm not alone now." ♦



star to Bronze Star

camps and mitigate human suffering in the country immediately following combat operations.

He demonstrated outstanding diplomatic skills while negotiating with the World Food Program, and the United States Agency for International Development for the delivery of aid to key areas of need. He also coordinated with civic leaders to ensure the safety and security of all military personnel in his area.

A Purple Heart does not come easy. While he was leading a civilian police assessment/training team near Rawa, Al Anbar, Iraq, in February 2004, enemy forces detonated an artillery shell that was buried in the roadway. He suffered severe pain and loss of hearing to his right ear.

Nor does a Bronze Star. Jorge and his party of Airborne Marines were attacked by a improvised explosive device just south of the Daria oil refinery.

"I took appropriate actions to establish a perimeter, return fire, reported to higher headquarters, called for medical evacuation and controlled a crowd of over 500 Iraqi with non-lethal fires," Jorge said. And he was recently awarded a second Bronze Star for his work with the World for Food Program.

Jorge has been serving as a reconstruction and development director in Afghanistan since November of 2004. He is working with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan to not only rebuild after many years of war devastation, but to address the needs of chronic drought by enhancing the national forestation plan.

He is working directly with the Afghan Government Drought Response Steering Committee to monitor and improve the situation.

Jorge's mission is not limited to working in the field. He is also involved with Kubul University's intern program, which gives students exposure to their country's agriculture, engineering and medical efforts through first-hand experience as part of their country's reconstruction team.

"It gives a sense of ownership to help rebuild their own county," he explains.

Jorge is working with the U.S. Embassy on an alternative livelihood program where assistance is given to local farmers to find crops that can flourish in areas of drought.



Lt. Col. Jorge Hernandez '85 is stationed in Afghanistan.



Lt. Col. Hernandez was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Homecoming last fall. From the left are Paul Perret '65, football; Ralph DiLullo, '59, baseball/football; Rudy Fusco '62, football; Hernandez, track; Maureen Coughlin Hannafin '89, basketball and Bob Peirano '50, baseball/contributor.

When talking about his work, Jorge conveys pride and satisfaction. "It matters at the ground level to help people have a better quality of life ... Having basic needs, doing things for the community, being self-sustaining; these are things we take for granted."

In his spare time, Jorge is still committed to running and has visions of coaching a track team one day. He was happy to return to Wagner last November for his Hall of Fame

Induction on campus. He continues to be grateful for his education.

"The combination of training, competing, and academic studies has prepared me physically and mentally for the challenges I've had to face in the military.

"I have a strong affinity to my fellow alumni who contribute so much to their alma mater. And it still is a most beautiful campus." ♦

Water polo's dynamic duo

In the fall 2003 semester, a new era dawned at Wagner College as the Seahawks welcomed two towering athletes to the water polo team.

Twin 6'1" redheads, Corrine and Stacey Travous, made their way to Staten Island after growing up across the country in Illinois, Nebraska, central California, Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, and most recently New Ulm, Minn.

Last year in their first season at Wagner, the sisters helped the Seahawks to a regular season Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) title.

Stacey had a stellar season, which granted her the 2004 MAAC Rookie of the Year and a Second Team All Conference selection.

While Stacey led the team in points (117) and goals (50), Corrine was recognized for her work defensively, adding much needed depth to the team.

The twins have speculated that Stacey's age makes her more aggressive offensively; after all she is two minutes younger than her older sister.

This season the Travous twins, along with the rest of the water polo team, aimed to capture both the regular season and championship MAAC titles in the same year.

The stakes are higher with the champion of the MAAC Tournament receiving an auto-



Stacey Travous



Corrine Travous

matic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time ever.

One fan that will certainly be cheering the water polo team on is younger sister Holly Travous.

Holly, who is a year younger than the twins, transferred to Wagner in January.

Also a standout athlete, Holly competes for the Seahawk track and field team in various throwing events. Wagner fans can look for great things from her in the near future as she competes in the discus and hopefully places in the Northeast Conference Championships.

Whether water polo or track and field, Wagner can look forward to watching the Travous family continue their positive impact throughout the Seahawk athletic programs.

— PATRICK BEEMER





OUR TEAM MAKES A BIG SPLASH

Congratulations to the women's water polo team, which concluded a 10-0 MAAC regular season with their second MAAC Tournament Championship in three seasons! The team also earned their first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament.

First-year Head Coach Patrick Beemer, who earned MAAC Co-Coach of the Year honors, led the No. 1 seeded Seahawks to a 10-2 win over No. 4 seeded Marist in the MAAC Semis before a 17-14 win over No. 2 seeded Villanova in the Title Game.

Freshman Billy Hoelck earned the MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player Award while junior Courtney Crase and sophomore goalie Katie Hauck earned a spot on the MAAC All Tournament Team.

Also earning MAAC post-season honors, Hoelck was named MAAC Co-Rookie of the Year while Crase and Houck earned All MAAC First Team.

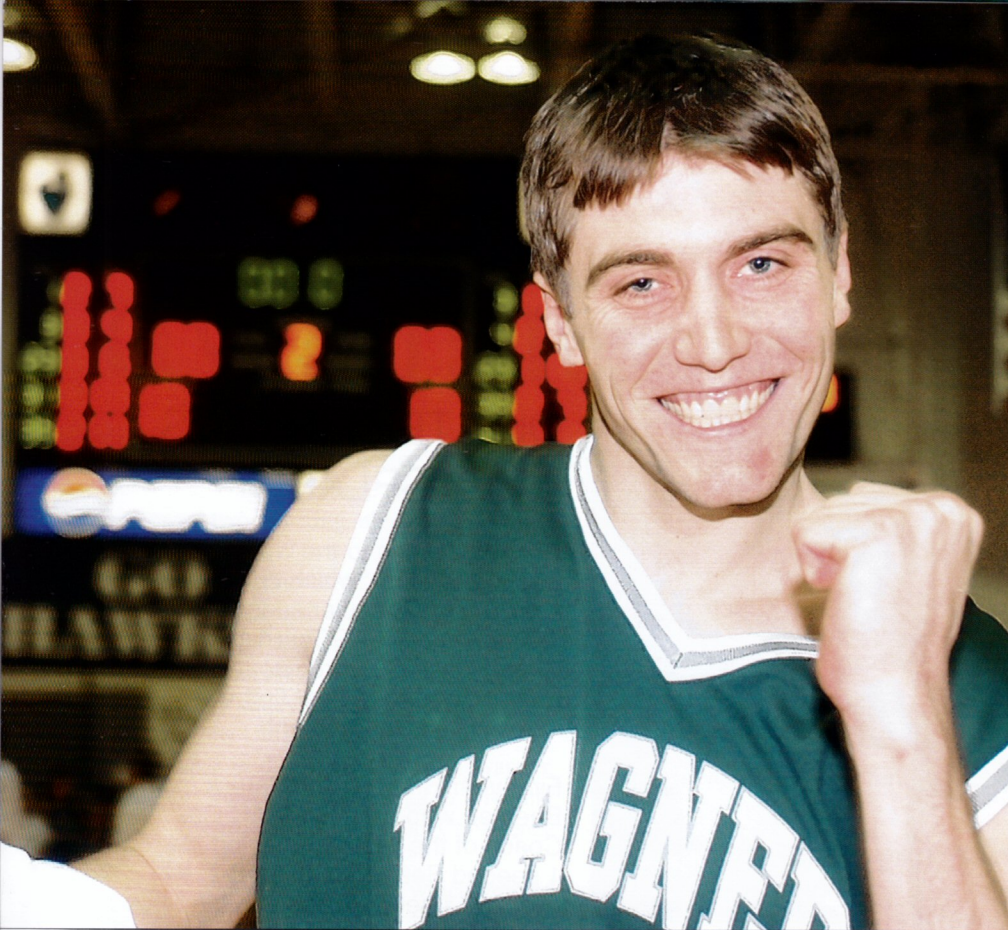
Junior Sara Kramer, sophomore Stacey Travous and senior Jamie Fullen were all named to the All-MAAC Second Team.

Above: The team embraces after a recent victory.

At right: Coach Patrick Beemer offers a pep talk to the girls.

PHOTOS BY DAVE SAFFRON





Women's swim team sets records at NEC, ECAC

The Wagner women's swim team finished its season with record setting performances at both the Northeast Conference (NEC) & Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships.

"This is definitely the most exciting year we've had here," said Katie Dolan, the only head coach in the program's seven-year history.

The Seahawks women's swim team finished third in the 2005 NEC Championships compiling 548 total points.

Individually for Wagner, freshman Jess Radka shared Co-Rookie of the Meet honors with CCSU's Lindsey Snyder. Radka won the 200 yard butterfly (2:04.72) on day three of the event and set a new NEC Championship record in the 100 yard butterfly (56.86) on day two. Seahawk junior Jen Lees also was outstanding as she smashed the NEC record in the 1,650 yard freestyle with a time of 16:56.48 to give Wagner their third first place finish.

Coming off the third place finish at the NECs, the team traveled to the ECAC Championship at the University of Pittsburgh. With a school-record 12 student athletes qualified for the tournament, the Seahawks took home a school-best fourth place finish with 298 points.

Leading the charge for Wagner was junior Jen Lees who placed second in the 500 freestyle (4:59.81) and fourth in the 1650 yard freestyle (17:11.55). Freshman Halley Allen also was a key contributor, placing third in the 50 yard freestyle (24.36) and fifth in the 100 yard freestyle (53.02), setting a new school record.

Overall, the Seahawks finished the year with seven individual and two relay school records.

He's an All American

Wagner senior men's basketball standout Sean Munson '05 has been named ESPN The Magazine District I Academic All American as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Munson, a computer science major, has earned a 3.5 GPA while leading the Seahawks and ranking 15th in the NEC in scoring (12.4 ppg). The Berryville, Va., native has led the NEC all season in rebounding (9.4 rpg) and ranks among the nation's top 25 rebounders. Congratulations, Sean.

NCAA recertification study under way

Beginning in January, Wagner College embarked on its yearlong National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Athletics Recertification Self-Study.

This is the second cycle of athletics certification for Wagner, after the NCAA completed its initial athletic certification study in 1998. Athletics certification is a mandatory comprehensive campus-wide effort to study all Division I athletics programs.

Specifically, the study is designed to evaluate the College's commitment to the NCAA's basic operating principles of academic integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance and equity as well

as student-athlete welfare.

This unique opportunity for the campus community to evaluate and ensure integrity in the institution's athletics department is being spearheaded by the leadership of co-chairs, Dr. Devorah Lieberman, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and David Martin, chief of staff.

Once the institution has concluded its own study, an external team of peer reviewers from other NCAA Division I institutions will conduct a two-day evaluation before recommending whether to issue a "certified," "certified with conditions" or "not certified" status.

Seahawk football 2005

SEPTEMBER

- 3 LaSalle 1 p.m.
- 10 Iona 1 p.m.
- 15 St. Peter's 7 p.m.
- 24 Marist 1 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Sacred Heart 1 p.m.
- 8 Robert Morris 1 p.m.
- 15 Monmouth 1 p.m.
- 22 Central Conn. State 1 p.m.
(Homecoming)
- 29 Albany 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 5 Stony Brook 1 p.m.
- 12 St. Francis-PA. 1 p.m.

Home games in bold



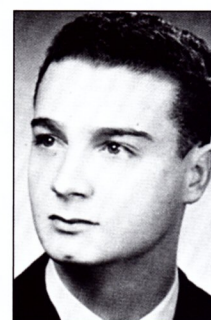
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Gall

Delta Nu announces MVP Awards

Three reinstated MVP awards were given out on May 4 at the Senior MVP Awards dinner in the Spiro Sports Center. These awards will be presented annually by Delta Nu fraternity.

Honoring the most valuable players in basketball, baseball and track, the awards are named for fallen war heroes and a former well-loved coach. They signify some of the very best that Wagner College has to offer.

With the support of many generous Delta Nu brothers these awards will serve as permanent memorials to their brothers. A fund has been established to buy and maintain permanent plaques that will be on display in the Spiro Sports Center.

For each of the three sports, the MVP will be presented with a trophy and their name will be engraved on their respective plaque.

The Roger T. Ling/Chester Sellitto trophy for basketball

The Roger T. Ling trophy was first awarded in the 1950s by alumni, but the tradition did not continue past the 1960s. Delta Nu has re-established this award which will now be named the Roger T. Ling/Chester Sellitto MVP award.

Chester Sellitto '50 was a Robb award

winner in football and later became a successful head basketball coach at Wagner following the legendary Herb Sutter. Chester Sellitto passed away in September 2004.

The Lieutenant Robert Gall '66 trophy for baseball

Bobby Gall was the captain of the baseball team and went on to serve his country in Vietnam. He was killed in action during the war.

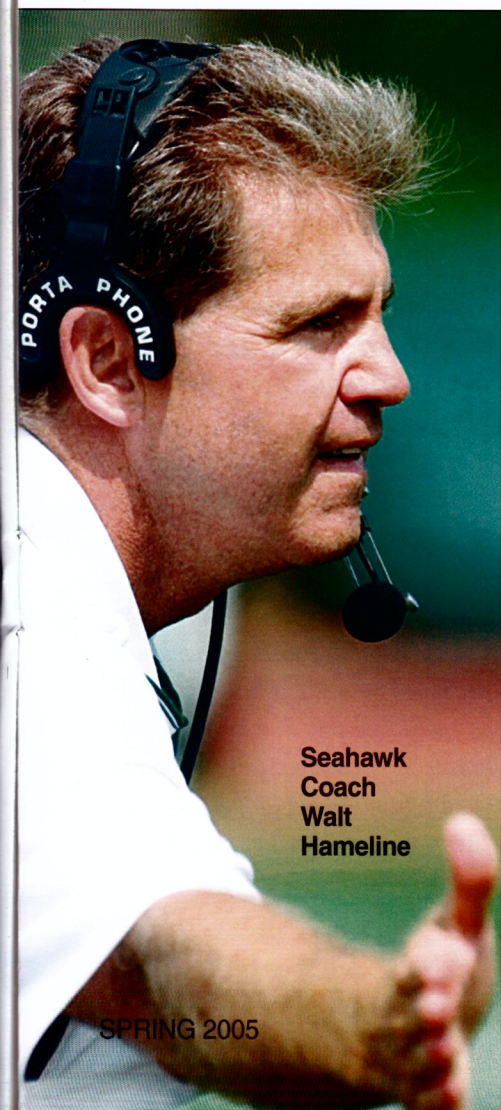
When originally presented, the first recipient of the MVP trophy in baseball was Curt Blefary '65 who went on to become the American League "Rookie of the Year" with the Baltimore Orioles.

The Walter Murphy trophy for track

Like Lt. Gall, Walter Murphy was also killed in action while serving his country in Vietnam. Walter was the captain of the track team and was the brother of two other Wagner alumni; Robert '60 and Henry "Hank" Murphy '63.

Hank serves on the board of the National Alumni Association and is proud to have this award named for his brother.

— GAIL KELLEY '97



Seahawk
Coach
Walt
Hameline

Save the date
Men's basketball plays at UCLA
Dec. 21, 2005



Winter on the Hill

There's no place like the Wagner campus after a snowfall. That's why alums gather each year for a special event that celebrates the campus in mid-winter. This year, on Jan. 15, 150 alumni and friends enjoyed yoga and swimming, flower arranging and theater. And even a little snow.

"Just want to take this opportunity to thank you for a great time at the alumni gathering. I'm proud to say I'm a Wagner graduate. I've been back to Wagner many, many times over the years. But there were so many guys there that day that hadn't been back since graduation, and it was great to see their positive reaction to all the changes."

Bob Piela '56
(via e-mail)

Alumni honored for their distinguished service

The Wagner College National Alumni Association (NAA) annually recognizes outstanding alumni, friends, faculty and staff who have given distinguished service to the College and the community at large. This year's recipients were honored at the Alumni Luncheon at Reunion Weekend on June 4.

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

The Wagner Alumni Laureate is presented to Wagner alumni who have given very long and distinguished service to the College:
Howard '50 and Ruth (Traeg) Braren '56.

Wagner Alumni Leadership Medal

The Wagner Alumni Leadership Medal is presented to those who have provided consistent leadership and service to the Wagner NAA for an extended period of time: **Ted Gibson '42, Louise Kaufman '75 M'78 and Ken Nilsen '88.**

Wagner Alumni Key

The Wagner Alumni Key is presented to those who have provided positive leadership and service to the Wagner NAA over several years: **Delta Nu Fraternity, Aletta Diamond '65,**

Walter Hameline, Carol Maniscalchi and Gary Sullivan.

Wagner Alumni Certificate of Appreciation

The Certificate of Appreciation is presented to an individual who has recently become active in the work of the NAA:
Lisa Di Rienzo '87, Jay '74 and Joyce '75 Guariglia, Brigitte Hermann '94, Ernie Jackson '87, Ann Johansmeyer '68, Stu Plotkin '93 M'96, and Helen Settles M'75.

Distinguished Graduate of Wagner

This award is presented to a graduate who has made unique career contributions to the community, state, or nation. The accomplishments of this individual bring honor to Wagner: **Mike Tadross '72.**

Wagner Alumni Fellows

Wagner Alumni Fellows are recognized for holding distinguished careers in a defined element of the college's academic program:
Jeffrey Forchelli '66, Business; Florence Certo '71, Chemistry; Anthony Capetola '67, Economics; Susan Golick '68, Education; Doug Petersen '70, History; Carl Fischer '64, Nursing; Lillian Burry '57, Political Science; Christine DiBona '71, Psychology; Emily Youssouf '73, Sociology, and Kathy Brier '97, Theatre.

So, what's new with you?

Use this form to bring your fellow alumni/ae up-to-date with weddings, promotions, births and accomplishments. Include a photo.
Use the enclosed envelope to mail to: Class Notes, Wagner College, One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301.
Or e-mail your news to: alumni@wagner.edu.

Name _____

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I've moved! Here's my new address:

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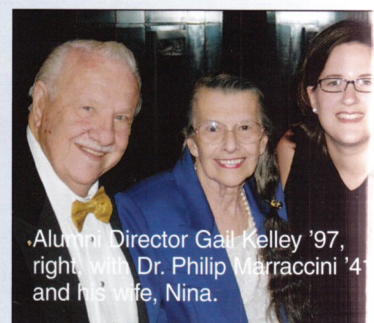
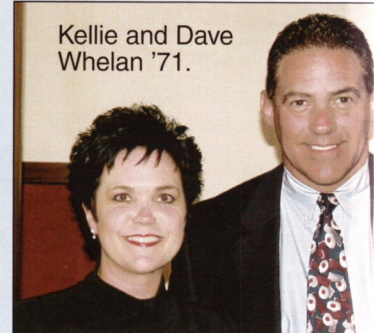
You can now send Class Notes directly to Wagner via the Web site. Type in the following to your Web browser to access the update form:
<http://www.wagner.edu/alumfrnd/classnews/update.cfm>

An alumni cruise to



The Queen Mary 2 travelers pose for a group portrait.

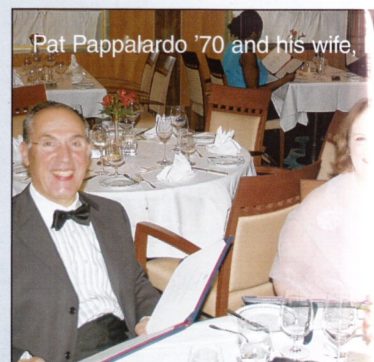
Kellie and Dave Whelan '71.



Alumni Director Gail Kelley '97, right, with Dr. Philip Marraccini '41 and his wife, Nina.



The Queen Mary 2 is 1,132 feet long — the equivalent of 41 double-decker London buses. It weighs 151,400 gross tons, requires a crew of 1,253 and can accommodate 2,620 passengers.



Pat Pappalardo '70 and his wife,

PARADISE

Nothing like a sail on the Queen Mary 2 for a little fun and sun

Twenty-two Wagner alumni and friends set sail from Manhattan on March 9 aboard the world's most famous ocean liner, the Queen Mary 2.

With histories linked by the Cunard family — Wagner sits on the Cunard estate and the QM2 is the crown jewel of Cunard Line's fleet of ships — alumni enjoyed the many luxuries of the historic oceanliner.

On days at sea, alums could be spotted enjoying treatments at the Canyon Ranch SpaClub, learning about the galaxy at a planetarium show, playing trivia at the Golden Lion Pub, sipping tea in the Queen's Lounge, practicing their swings at the virtual reality golf range, or simply losing themselves in a good book on the lido deck.

Alumni also participated in great shore excursions, including a trip to Magen's Bay Beach in St. Thomas, a ride aboard the Sugar Train in St. Kitts, snorkeling in St. Maarten and shopping — lots of shopping.

No matter how they spent their days, alumni always reunited at dinner in one of the ship's stunning dining rooms where they regaled each other with stories of their adventures.

When alumni and friends returned to New York City on March 17, they undoubtedly were enriched by the fantastic opportunities aboard the QM2 — but perhaps more so by the many lasting friendships that were formed on this voyage.

— NICOLE ANZUONI



The "Sea" hawks sit down together for an elegant Queen Mary 2 meal.



Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta '64 M'81, Louise Repage Kaufman '75 M'78; husband, Peter; Dr. Devorah Lieberman, provost, and husband, Roger Auerbach.



BLACK-TIE HOLIDAY PARTY



Beverly Pietracatella Garcia-Anderson '64 and Susan Pederson Lamberti '64.



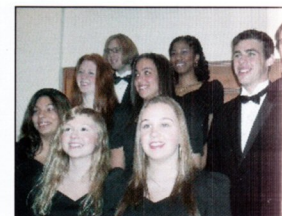
Elizabeth and Bruce '64 Liozzi with Ellen Gloistein.

Always a reason for Wagner



ALUMNI BRUNCH: Ann Johansmeyer '68 hosted a brunch on April 24 at her home in Pound Ridge, N.Y., for alumni and friends. President Richard Guarasci shared an update on the College and discussed the strategic plan for its future.

CHOIR FANS: "It's been a long time since my wife and I heard the Wagner Choir. We attended the concert in Cranford, NJ, with some of our friends and were truly impressed. Conductor Roger Wesby, with his energetic enthusiasm, proved to be the perfect match for the beautifully well balanced voices. We were proud to be Wagnerians and to show off the choir to our friends. Thank you for a delightful afternoon. — Donald C. Neu '59, Carol-Ann Wolff Neu



LOOK AROUND THE CAMPUS AND SEE THE SUPPORT OF DELTA NU

Only a few short years ago, several brothers from the Delta Nu fraternity got together to show Wagner College what they could do. It started out with the very best of intentions; to honor the man for whom their fraternity was created and in appreciation for the years of brotherhood it has inspired.

Roger T. Ling was a Staten Island native who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge on March 5, 1945. When six of his friends returned to Staten Island and attended Wagner College, they created a fraternity called Delta Nu in honor of their fallen friend.

Over half a century later, Delta Nu has initiated hundreds of brothers. In 2001, several Delta Nu alumni decided to resurrect the Delta Nu Scholarship which hadn't been given out

since the 1960s. They would rename it the Roger T. Ling Memorial Scholarship. A named endowed scholarship at Wagner College requires a minimum of \$100,000. In less than four years the brothers have exceeded their goal and are awarding the annual scholarship.

A Delta Nu war memorial was dedicated last year and memorializes all Wagnerians who have lost their lives or will lose their lives in the line of duty. It is located outside the Spiro Sports Center.

Spearheaded by Bruce Liozzi '64, Delta Nu has raised the money for these three funds — the Delta Nu/Roger T. Ling Scholarship Fund, the Delta Nu War Memorial Fund and the Delta Nu MVP Awards Fund. — GAIL KELLEY '97



DaVINCI SOCIETY: Ralph Lamberti, Robert Scamardella, John Fusco, James Molinaro, Frank Ferrante, Richard Guarasci, John Amodio, Fran Paulo Huber, Tomi Elliott and Eleanor Conforti.



friends to get together

Wagner College alumni have great affinity to the various groups they were a part of as students: Greek life, athletics, theater and choir. These groups serve as a wonderful way for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater. Newly formed groups often bring Wagner alumni and friends together for the first time. Affinity groups include the DaVinci Society, the Parents Committee and the MBA Business Advisory Committee.



MBA ALUMS GATHER: Graduates of the MBA and Executive MBA program gathered on April 14 to brainstorm ideas for the newly created Business Advisory Committee. Networking with fellow alumni, lecturing in a class, recruiting potential graduate students and offering internships are just several ways to get involved. For more information, contact Don Crooks '69 M'72 at (718) 390-3429 or dcrooks@wagner.edu, or Mary Lo Re at (718) 420-4127 or mlore@wagner.edu. Stuart Plotkin '93 M'96, committee chairman, hosted the event.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AT THE SKY CLUB

For three Tuesdays in April, alumni and friends gathered at the elite Sky Club above Grand Central Terminal to learn about the benefits of financial planning. The first session was for the novice investor, the second on retirement accounts and the third on wills and trusts. Hosted by Trustee Al Palladino '61, in photo at left, the events were very informative and served to gather alumni in a convenient and beautiful venue.



Class notes

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Staten Island, NY 10304
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Theodore Dowd's (Fort Meyers, FL) company, Industrietek AFI LTD, had a hand in the construction of the marina for the nautical venues for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

1954

Class agent: Manfred Lichtmann
4345 Landfall Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23185
757-258-9226
dutch1@erols.com

Lionel Rotelli (Staten Island) and his wife, Susan, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1956

Looking for Class Agent

Jeffrey Safford (Bozeman, MT) has published a book, "The Mechanics of Optimism: Mining Companies, Technology, and the Hot Spring Gold Rush, Montana Territory 1864-1868."

1957

Class agent: Ewald S. Forsbrey
3660 Recreation Lane
Naples, FL 34116
609-898-9098

Lillian Beneforti Burry (Colts Neck, NJ) was recently featured in Living Colts Neck magazine. A successful broker at Colts Neck Realty, Lillian is the mayor of Colts Neck and is



a candidate for Monmouth County freeholder. She is married to **Don Burry '56**, and is the grandmother of **Vito Manicoto '02**.

1958

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

Alfred C. Wagner (Cape Coral, FL) was appointed to the school board for the Christ Lutheran Church K-8 School in Cape Coral, where he has lived since 1996. He also serves the church as director of its drama ministry.

1959

Class agent: Phyllis Donahue
20 Pinebrook Drive, Apt 9D
Neptune, NJ 07753
732-922-2139

Louis DeLuca (Staten Island) was recently honored by the Staten Island chapter of the American Red Cross.

1962

Class agent: Robert A. Straniere
182 Rose Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10306-2900

John Fodera (Staten Island) and his wife, Josephine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1968

Class agent: Richard Ball
13 Jeffro Drive
Ridgefield, CT 06877-4646
203-431-6062
richard.ball@ubspw.com

Ronald F. Pekrul (Danbury, CT) has joined Union Savings Bank as assistant vice president, small business loan officer.

1969

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

Thomas Kovolka (Palmyra, VA) retired in 2003 to Virginia after 30 years as human resources director with All-State Insurance Company. His email address is tkovolka@aol.com.

1972

Looking for Class Agent

Anthony Ferreri (Staten Island) was recently honored by The Alzheimer's Foundation.

1974

Class agent: Diane Reico
11 Holly Place
Larchmont, NY 10538

Jane Waleski Unhjem (Goshen, NY) was appointed on Nov. 1 as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Goshen Central School District.

1976

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

Ellen Rosato-Keane (Rutherford, NJ) is a family nurse practitioner in private practice with Dr. Maryann Alessio in Nutley, N.J. She is on the board of directors for Hudson Hospice, co-chair of the Bergen County Asthma Initiative and a member of the Pediatric Asthma Coalition of New Jersey.

Donna Lupardo (Endwell, NY) was elected as Democratic representative to the New York State Assembly.

Barbara G. Nastro (Ridgewood, NJ) joined Revolution Air as vice president and director of marketing.

1977

Looking for Class Agent

Steve Rocco (Waterbury, CT) was appointed to the board of directors of the Will Santa Find Me Foundation. This organization grants wishes to terminally ill children in the Connecticut and New York areas during the Christmas season.

1981

Class agent: Rose Siciliano

6416 Bridgeport Lane
Lake Worth, FL 33463
rluckytown@aol.com
561-963-9240

Theodore Perednia (Aberdeen, NJ) was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Staten Island chapter of the American Red Cross.

David Petersen (Hazlet, NJ) has published a book, "Never Say Never."

1984

Looking For Class Agent

Donna Guglielmelli-Bak (Staten Island) founded Richmond Hill Children's Center, a Preschool/Daycare Center, in September

2004. It is located in New Springville, Staten Island.

Alan MacKenzie (Barrington, IL) was named president of TAP Pharmaceutical Products.

1985

Class agent: Andrew G. Williams

30G Roberta Street
Key West, FL 33040-3428
andy799062@aol.com

Lisa DeRespino Bennett (Staten Island) was recently named director of communications for the Corporate Technology Division at JP Morgan Chase.

Richard Curtin (Phoenix, AZ) married Lorenza Valencia in March 2004.

Christopher Maldari (Staten Island) married Susan Todd in August 2004. He is vice president with D. Maldari and Sons, Brooklyn.

1987

Class agent: Meredith Lynch Acacia

5 Aspen Court
Jackson, NJ 08527-4903
732-928-8452

Karen Kalriess Gilmartin (Staten Island) married Brendan in October 2004. She is a director of the English as a Second Language (ESL) center at Fairleigh Dickinson

University.

1991

Class agent: Jennifer A. Norton

1488 Green Grove Road
Brick, NJ 08724-2343
732-458-5149
skippytee1@aol.com

Maya Friscic-Geiger (Forest Hills, NY) married Michael in June 1999.

Mike Massimino (Edison, NJ) recently released two CDs, "Massimo" and "Now and Then." His Web site is www.massimomusic.net

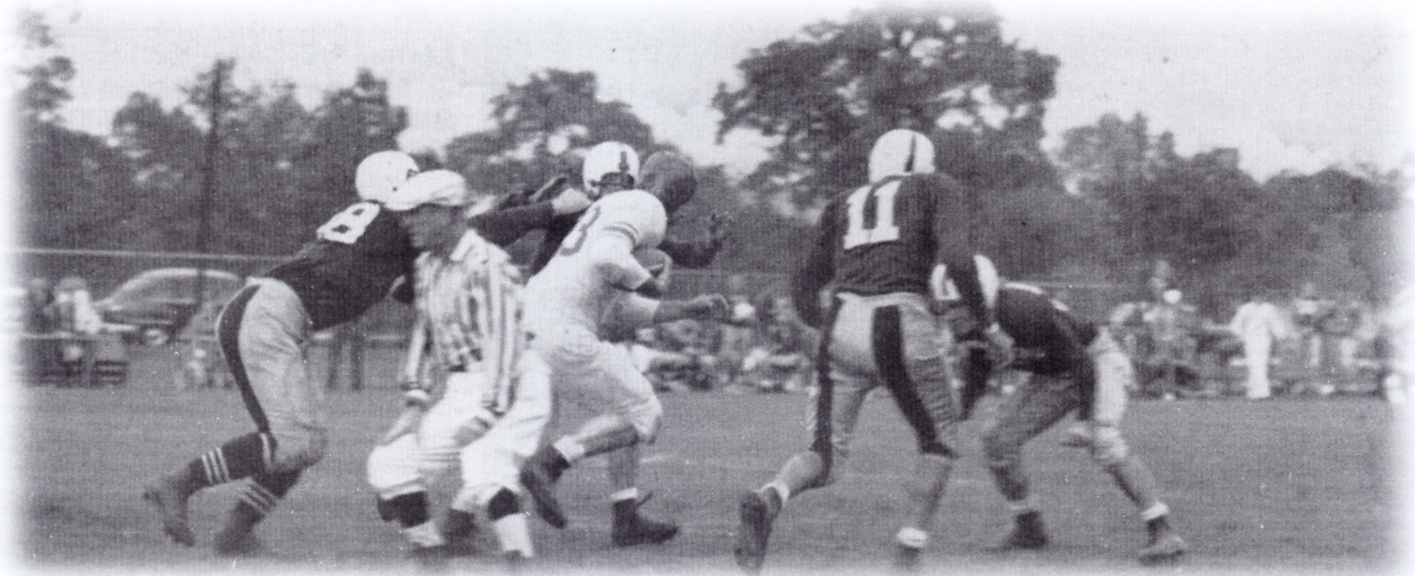
1996

Looking For Class Agent

Mark Pryce married **Allison Marrone '96** in September 2004. She is pursuing a master of science degree in speech pathology from Brooklyn College and is a speech therapist with Hamilton School, Union, NJ. He is a consultant with Lex Business Solutions, Manhattan.

Rebecca Wallo Rose (Clayton, NY) married 1st Lt. Kevin M. Rose on Dec. 20, 2003. Kevin recently returned from Iraq. Their daughter, Ashley Grace, was born on Aug. 6, 2004.

Rosemarie Stazzone (Staten Island) became the new vice president of nursing



Remember when: 1949 was a good year for the Seahawks

Save the date and celebrate a milestone — the 75th season of Seahawk football. On Sept. 3, the Seahawks will face LaSalle University for the Wagner College Kickoff Classic. Game time is 1 p.m. The 1949 team will be honored at half-time. For more information, go to www.wagner.edu/athletics.

and patient care at St. Vincent's Hospital.

1997

Class agent: Alison N. Boyd

14 Essex Drive
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-451-8220

Anthony Bavaro (Staten Island) married Christine Mangone in September 2004. He is a certified public accountant and controller with Sandall Asset Management in Manhattan.

Adrienne Marelli Bruccoleri (Staten Island) married Charles in October 2004. She is a family nurse practitioner with Planned Parenthood of New York City.

Cara Riccio Collins (Monroe Township, NJ) married Michael on Oct. 9, 2004.

Kari Catalli Dreher (Staten Island) married John in September 2004. She is a second grade teacher at PS 60, Graniteville (Staten Island).

Vincent Lenza (Staten Island) has been pro-

moted to deputy director of the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation.

Donna McLaughlin Marx (Staten Island) married Stephen in July 2004. She is a speech-language pathologist with Thursday's Child and TheraCare, Brooklyn.

Lauren Sandomierski Reilly (Staten Island) married Lawrence July 2004. She is a senior accountant with Shearman & Sterling, Manhattan.

William Smith (Staten Island), communications director for the Richmond County District Attorney, married Margaret Ventrudo in April.

1998

Class agent: Darren L. Greco
24 Daniella Court
Staten Island, NY 10314-7874
718-761-6069

Class agent: Tara L. Yeo Lagana
11465 Harlequin Lane, No. 504
Fishers, ID 46038

765-748-9088
TLLagana@hotmail.com

Peter Fopeano (Staten Island) married Denise DeRossi in October 2004. He is a police officer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey at the Staten Island bridges.

Danielle Melfi Nolan (Staten Island) married Thomas in July 2004. She is a library and computer teacher at PS 55, Eltingville (Staten Island).

1999

Class agent: Vinnie S. Potestivo
226 Shippen Street, 2nd Floor
Weehawken, NJ 07087
(201)-558-7922
Vinster19@aol.com

Nicole Denora D'Agostino (Staten Island) married Anthony in July 2004. She is a certified public accountant and an audit manager with AXA Financial, Manhattan.

Marissa Ginn (Atlanta, GA) became engaged to Ryan Clement, a 1998 graduate of Bucknell University. Both are studying to receive their doctorates in clinical psychology. A fall wedding is planned.

Edward Riepe married **Jessica Mulligan '00** (Staten Island) in December 2004. He is a broker with McLaughlin, Piven & Vogel Securities, Manhattan. She is a physician assistant with the office of Dr. Samala Swamy on Staten Island.

Kim Riso Ryan (Staten Island) married Charles in May 2004. She is pursuing a certificate in education, supervision and administration from the College of Staten Island, and is a second-grade teacher at PS 42, Eltingville (Staten Island).

2000

Class agent: Matthew J. Acanfora
VAW-115, Unit 25428
FPO AP 96601-6403 JAPAN
macanfora@juno.com

Erin K. Donahue
P.O. Box 6001
Newport News, VA 23606
(757)-643-8006
erinwc@aol.com

Elisa M. Borruso (Staten Island) is engaged to Michael Spitalieri. A June 2006 wedding is planned.

Steven Coppola married **Marissa Cappiello '03** (Staten Island) in November 2004.



Climbing every mountain

For Robert Hauptman '64, life is an adventure. At 63 years young, he's still an avid mountain climber, and has hitchhiked through the Negav near King Solomon's Mines, crossed a frozen Lake Constance from Austria to Germany, and set foot in all 50 states and almost 40 countries. He has studied 10 languages, built a house with hand tools and published dozens of articles about his passions and pursuits. He teaches at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

Scott Erickson (Staten Island) married Colleen Driscoll in May 2004. He is police officer with the Port Authority of New York and Newark Liberty International Airport.

Chrisine Foucher Chironna (Staten Island) married Daniel in July 2004. She is a fourth-grade teacher at PS 153, Brooklyn.

Melanie Lerner Chazanoff (Staten Island) married Adam in August 2004. She is a second-grade teacher at PS 4, Arden Heights (Staten Island).

Joanna Scamardella Mungo (Staten Island) married Nicola in October 2004. She is in operations associate with Prudential Financials, Iselin, NJ.

Theresa Forte Salerno (Staten Island) married Robert in July 2004. She is a first-grade teacher at PS 54, Willowbrook (Staten Island).

Robert Stanislaro (Staten Island) is engaged to Joanna Hicks. A summer 2007 wedding is planned.

2001

Class agent: Simone A. McBride
39 Hoffman Court, Apt. A 3
Wallingford, CT 06492-3838

Class agent: Michael E. Poole
405 Pinkster Lane
Slingerlands, NY 12159
(716) 764-2835
mrpoole79@hotmail.com

Anthony Canova married **Lauren Garetano '03** (Staten Island) on Oct. 8, 2004. She is a physician assistant in the ER of Staten Island University Hospital. He is a CPA with Mellon HNV Alternative Strategies.

AnneMarie Daiuto married **Dennis Bruck '03** in July of 2004. She is a teacher with the city Department of Education. He is an assistant football coach at Wagner.

Michael Davis (Staten Island) married Christine Entrieri in August of 2004. He is a science teacher at Barnes Intermediate School, Great Kills (Staten Island).

Carla Barletto Fellmann (Staten Island) married Frank in August 2004. She is a copy editor with the Staten Island Advance.

Laura LaRocca Cromwell (Staten Island) married Neal in October 2004. She is a senior benefits administrator with Emigrant Savings Bank, Manhattan.

Jill Shaw Passantino (Staten Island) married Michael in June 2004. She is a mathematics teacher at Rocco Laurie Intermediate School, New Springville.

2002

Class agent: Peter J. Herbst
24 Bethke Road
Killingworth, CT 06419
203-314-6465
Herbstpe@bc.edu

Class agent: Cindy Sforza
180 Thomas Street
Brentwood, NY 11717
631-231-9898
smallwonder12480@yahoo.com

Class agent: Renee M. Sudol
764 Constitution Drive
Brick, NJ 08724-1059
732-840-8837
nay537@yahoo.com

Allison Benner (Whitehall, PA) is a college relations associate at Ceder Crest College in Allentown, PA.

Anita Rosato DeMeo (Staten Island) married Angelo in July 2004. She is a teacher at William A. Morris Intermediate School, Brighton Heights (Staten Island).

Tina Desai (Old Bridge, NJ) was hired at Morgan Stanley in trade support.

Maryann Giammarco married **Thomas Reichel '03** in July 2004. She is a social studies teacher with Port Richmond High School (Staten Island). He is an information technology manager with Netversant Solutions, Manhattan.

Christine Halper (Oceanport, NJ) recently joined the staff of Amper, Politziner & Mattia, Edison, NJ, as a staff accountant.

Stephanie Hett (Staten Island) was hired at Morgan Stanley in client services.

Dana Marano (Staten Island) was promoted to the development office of "The David Letterman Show."

Dana Cacciatore Marinaro (Staten Island) married John in December 2004. She is a second-grade teacher with PS 6, Brooklyn.

2003

Looking for Class Agent

Anna Gretz (Bensalem, PA) is engaged to Adam Lawler. They will wed on Nov. 5.



Love blossoms for the Class of '01

Eddie D'Anna, an English major who was editor of the *Wagnerian* and played the drums, met Jennifer Genovese, a psychology major, when they were inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society. They invented a secret ODK handshake, became fast friends and the rest, as they say, is history. Today Eddie is the page one design editor at the *Staten Island Advance* and Jen is a teacher at St. Francis Cabrini School, Brooklyn. They're planning a July wedding and a honeymoon cruise to Florida and the Caribbean.

Nicole Levi Lark (Staten Island) married Brian in August 2004. She is a clerk in the radiology department of Staten Island University Hospital.

Nicole Santarpia Molinini (Staten Island) married Vincent in August 2004. She is a mathematics teacher at Moore Catholic High School, Graniteville (Staten Island).

Emily Tucker (Norwalk, CT) joined KPMG in Stamford, CT in the accounting department.

2004

Class agent: Alexis Hernandez
3810 12th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-871-6480
princesslex713@aol.com

Colleen Laffey Dutty (Mineola, NY) married Christopher in November 2004. She is a teacher in special education class for autism with Manhasset Public School District and a home-care therapist with All About Kids Evaluation and Therapy, Plainview, LI.

Jessica Pitre Pagano (Staten Island) married John in October 2004. She is a teacher at Paulo Intermediate School, Huguenot.

Mark Risi (Staten Island) married Marissa Nightingale in September 2004. He is a rating specialist with Standard & Poors, Manhattan.

Crib notes

The Wagner Family welcomes members of the Classes of 2025 and 2026

Abigail Pratt, daughter of **Ann Masnica Pickens '79** and husband Andrew, born December 2003.

Matthew David, son of **Eileen Holton Paluszek '85** and husband David, born Aug. 27, 2004. He joins Mikaela, John Henry and Alexandra.



BABY GEIGER

Steven Tyler Geiger, son of **Maya Friscic-Geiger '91** and husband Michael, born June 16, 2003.

Andrew, son of **Kristen Przelomski Haussman '92** and husband **Christopher Haussman '93**, born

Oct. 14, 2004. He joins big brother William.

Sean Michael, son of **Christine Anderson Franzreb '92** and husband Jeffrey, born July 2004. He joins sister Casey, 3.

Keri Lynn, daughter of **Pam McAndrew Mednick '92** and husband Kevin, born July 31, 2004. She joins her older brother Ryan Michael, who is 3.

Natalie Isabella, daughter of **Julie Rombola Sabatino '92** and **Anthony Sabatino '91**, born Dec. 29, 2003. She joins big sister Victoria Catherine.

Meredith Bray Maguire, daughter of **Kathryn Morse-Maguire '93** and husband Thomas, born Jan. 23, 2003.

Catherine Julia, daughter of **Kristen Kozma Grandmaison '94** and husband David, born Aug. 9, 2004.

Samantha Nicole, born on Jan. 18, 2002 and Joseph Louis, born on June 16, 2004 to **Regina Weimer-Sollitto '95** and husband Dominic.

Ashley Grace, daughter of **Rebecca Wallo Rose '96**, and husband Kevin, born Aug. 6, 2004.

Jack Thomas, son of **Gina Bianco Gandolfini '97** and husband Thomas, born March 19, 2004.

Colin Christopher, son of **Samantha Carrai Hill '97** and **Joshua Hill '97**, born May 12, 2004.

Gemma Victoria, daughter of **Korin Galgano Guglielmi '98** and husband Dave, born Nov. 1, 2004. She joins big sister Sofia age 4.

Nicholas Richard, son of **Laura Vignola Persichetti '98** and husband Richard, born June 4, 2003.

Dylan Alfred, son of **Laura DeYoung Scanlon '00** and husband Kevin, born Oct. 27, 2004.

Anthony Scotto III, son of **Jennifer Mellon Scotto '00** and husband Anthony, born April 6, 2004. He was welcomed with love by older sister Rebecca, who is 4.

Ryan James, son of **Karolyn Dunn Sliger '00** and husband Keith, born Dec. 30, 2004.



Giddyup!

Gerard Joseph Novello Jr., was born to **Allison Bennett Novello '01** and husband **Gerard '03** in May 2004. He joins big sister Morgan Jacqueline. Gerard is the grandson of Joseph Bennett Jr. M'87 and the grandson of Emelene Bennett-Burek '87.



He's a father again!

Ken Nilsen '88, with wife, Jennifer Solaas-Nilsen '89, Kirsten, 5, and Jack Kenneth, born on Feb. 21.

From the NAA president

The relationship between a College and its alumni is invaluable. As I pursue my doctoral degree, I value the foundation I received as an undergraduate, and appreciate the lifelong connections Wagner alumni offer each other.

If it wasn't for Wagner, I wouldn't be the dean of student life at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. When I interviewed for my first position at Stevens, the person that I would be working for was a Wagner graduate, **Richard Eversen '58**. I then met with the director of human resources who, like me, was a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

I encourage all of you to support Wagner College in any way that you can. It is up to us to give something back so that the future of the College remains bright.

As my term as president of the National Alumni Association (NAA) draws to a close, I reflect upon all the College has given me. On the Grymes Hill campus, I discovered a career and made friends — including my best friend, my wife of 6 years, **Jennifer Solaas-Nilsen '89**.

Wagner College has a very special place in my heart. I cherish and value all of the relationships I have built with members of the NAA. I thank all alumni and staff who have guided me during my presidency.

Ken Nilsen '88

In memoriam

ALUMNI

Godfrey Benedetto '36
 Edith Daniel Raisch '38
 Bessie Sadowsky Cooper '38
 Henry Raisch '39
 Ralph Rafello Francini '41
 Lillian Glock Nolte '43
 Harold J. Shahnazarian '43
 Frank Flisser '44
 Paul Qualben '44
 Louise Costa O'Hara '45
 Jane Phillips Appel '47
 Joseph F. Abissi '49
 Theodore Arthur '49
 Walter W. Erdmann '49
 Richard Paugh '49
 Daniel Teitelbaum '49
 Dr. Henry N. Wood '49
 John McKernan '50
 George Niederhauser '50
 Matthew Scaffa '50
 Chester Sellitto '50
 Thomas McCafferty '51
 Robert Schinkel '52
 Dr. Christopher Crowley '52
 Dr. Anthony Rosalie '52
 Gene Chu '53
 George Ford '53
 Joseph P. Sano '53
 Norman T. Gunderson '54
 Leona Yater Weinberg '54
 Elliot A. Amelkin '57
 Kay Welsing Werner '57
 Ruth Von Rusten Thumann '59
 Robert Dollard '62
 Christy J. Cugini '62
 Robert M. Dollard '62
 Arthur Robinson '65
 Ronald Dario '65
 Theresa E. Uster '66
 Margaret A. Hackett '68
 Joan McKenna '69
 Richard Smith '70
 Priscilla Beattie Wiggberg '71
 Gary S. Bradfield '73
 Denise I. LeVan Haggiag '78
 Patricia Ivani '85
 Victor Sindoni '88
 Michael J. Lonergan M'96
 Douglas M. Krueger '04

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Catalina Brown, Housekeeping
 Vito Cannavo, Campus Safety
 David Delo, former president
 Lillian Guttler, friend
 Eleanor Libutti, Maintenance
 Martha Pettersen Dobbin, friend
 Anthony Pfister, faculty
 Royal Radin, faculty
 John Satterfield, former president

JOANNA DeSILVA BERGGREN '96



Joanna DeSilva Berggren died on Jan. 31, 2004 from injuries sustained in a car accident. At Wagner, she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and the choir. An incorrect photo was published with her obituary in the fall 2004 issue of *The Link*.

OBITUARIES

John R. Satterfield, 82

Wagner's 15th president was a Renaissance Man

Dr. John R. Satterfield Jr., 82, of Chapel Hill, N.C., an accomplished author and former president of Wagner College, died Sept. 22, 2004 in North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill.

The 15th president of Wagner, Dr. Satterfield served the institution from 1975 until 1981, when he retired due to health problems. He came to Wagner when the college was in a state of financial trouble, almost going bankrupt in 1979 with an accumulated debt of more than \$2 million.

In just a few years, Dr. Satterfield managed not only to eradicate the college's operating deficit but left the college with a budget surplus of \$200,000.

Born on Dec. 4, 1921, in Danville, Va., Dr. Satterfield remembered going to work with his father, an engineer on the Southern Railway. He took piano lessons and, at the age of 14, began to play in dance bands.

Touring small southern towns, he saved his earnings to put himself through college. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Satterfield's musical interest grew to composition. While there, he also discovered his second love — writing — and graduate school opened the world of comparative literature to him.

Receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in music, Dr. Satterfield earned a second master's and a doctorate in musicology and comparative literature, all from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Prior to entering college administrative work, he taught at the University of North Carolina and Davidson (N.C.) College.

He also was a professor of humanities and music at the former Florida Presbyterian College, now Eckerd College, in St. Petersburg, Fla. In 1965, Dr. Satterfield was awarded the Danforth Harbison Award for Distinguished Teaching.

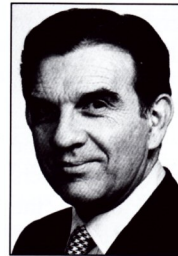
In 1968, he became vice president for academic affairs and professor of humanities and music at Elmira (N.Y.) College.

In September 1970, Dr. Satterfield became the assistant director and academic programs specialist for the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education.

Over the next two years, he was a founding director of the Center for Continuing Renewal of Higher Education and the Institute for Undergraduate Curricular

Reform. During the summer of 1972, Dr. Satterfield was the assistant vice president for academic affairs for the University of North Carolina General Administration.

He then accepted the position of provost and executive vice president at Kalamazoo (Mich.) College. During this time, Dr. Satterfield also worked as a consultant on administrative organization and educational innovation for the New York State Education Department and Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y.



He was also a consultant to the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., the University of Dayton in Ohio and Davidson College.

During his tenure at Wagner, Dr. Satterfield was a board member of the United Methodist City Society, the Empire State Foundation of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges and the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce.

His interest in writing led him to publish 21 book reviews in both newspapers and periodicals.

He wrote six short stories, nine periodical articles — on topics ranging from Bach to the structure of "Moby Dick" — and, in 1971, became the author of "Private Higher Education in North Carolina: Conditions and Prospects."

Following his retirement from Wagner in 1981, Dr. Satterfield and his wife relocated to Asheville, N.C. A few years later, they returned to Chapel Hill.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1945, Dr. Satterfield served in the Army Air Forces, stationed in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland and the United States. He earned a Bronze Star.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Carolyn Keith Talley; his two sons, Jack and Kenneth; his daughter, Jean Satterfield; a sister, Mary Taylor; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. His son, Keith Charles Satterfield, died in 1979. A memorial service was held in University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill.

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David Marion Delo, 98

12th president of Wagner was later president of the University of Tampa

Dr. David Marion Delo, former president of Wagner College and the University of Tampa, died Oct. 31, 2004, in Seminole, Fla., of congestive heart failure two months shy of his 99th birthday.

Born in Mount Morris, Ill., he had been a resident of the Tampa Bay Area since 1958.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Delo graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1926, earned an M.A. from the University of Kansas in 1928, and a Ph. D. from Harvard in 1935.

He was a founder and later president of the National Association of Geology Teachers and the first executive director of the American Geological Institute.

After teaching in several mid-West colleges and universities and holding administrative positions in Washington, D.C., during and after World War II, Dr. Delo became

president of Wagner in 1952.

Six years later, he took over the presidency of the University of Tampa, where he served 13 years.



After his retirement in 1971, he was the university chancellor for two years.

Dr. Delo relocated to Pinellas County and served for a time as charter executive director of the Executive Service Corps of Tampa and as a teacher, and adviser for the Tampa Preparatory School.

A 30-year Kiwanian, Dr. Delo served on the Board of the local Florida educational television channel WEDU for 32 years and while a resident of Tampa had, at various times, served on the boards of the Children's

Home, United Way, Red Cross, Tampa Symphony, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, and several educational organizations.

He was the author and co-author of three books, the last being a summary of his tenure at the university of Tampa ("The Last Rites Never Came").

Dr. Delo was awarded honorary degrees by five academic institutions, including an LL.D. from Miami of Ohio and the University of South Florida, and an L.H.D. from the University of Tampa and Rollins College, plus a D.Sc. From Hartwick College.

He is survived by his wife, Estelle, a son, David Michael of Fort Collins, Colo., and a daughter, Diana Marie Betts, of Superior, Mont.

Dr. Anthony Pfister, 60, Biology Department chair

Dr. Anthony Pfister, associate professor and chair of the Department of Biology, died on April 27. He was 60 years old.

He was born March 27, 1945 in Passaic, N.J. He earned a bachelor's degree from Montclair State College, and a Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Florida. He had taught at Wagner since 1981.

In respecting his wishes, a "gathering" to remember and celebrate Dr. Pfister's life was held on May 5.

From the Rev. Lyle Guttu's remarks:

"To honor Prof. Pfister, we begin by dishonoring his wishes — and let me make myself perfectly clear — we are gathered here because his students requested it.

"Tony used to be on campus before dawn and beyond dusk. Not this year. Ironically, he had recently been feeling better, had lost weight, and his spirits were up.

"But that good news was dashed when we

learned he had died.

"His instructions were that he be cremated and that there be no service — as if he wished to be forgotten as a dream dies at the break of day. We do not live unto ourselves alone, nor do we die unto ourselves alone. Tony's life, like any true teacher's reaches toward eternity. One cannot tell where the influence of a teacher ends.

"In the moment, suffice it to say Tony Pfister's demise leaves a hole in the tapestry that together we are. We will repair that hole but our tapestry will never again have in that spot the peculiar, particular combination of intelligence scientific and idiosyncratic, and passion for plants and parts of automobiles, especially MGs.

"Peculiar and particular indeed. And gone."

Douglas Krueger '04

Douglas Michael Krueger, 23, of Union Township, N.J., died Dec. 29 in a two-car accident on the Garden State Parkway in Atlantic City.

A 2004 graduate of Wagner, Doug earned a bachelor of arts degree in arts administration.



A natural leader, he was council president at Union High School and president of Wagner's chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Following graduation, he began working in the MTV production department for news and documentaries.

He had enjoyed acting since he was a child. "He just loved being on stage, the attention, the freedom," said his mother, Marie Krueger, in an interview with the Star-Ledger.

Doug was elected Second Prince for Songfest in his senior year.

He performed with his fraternity brothers in the program, helping TKE win awards for Best Overall and Best Representation of Theme.

In addition to his mother, survivors include an aunt, an uncle and several cousins. His father, Ernest, died in 1996.

Real estate and your legacy

If you have a home, farm, or other real estate that you are planning to sell, consider ways in which your property could allow you to make a substantial gift to Wagner College. Gifts of real estate can be a significant way to remember your alma mater. Your home, condo, duplex,

rental property, farm or undeveloped real estate can make a wonderful gift to benefit our work supporting students, programs or projects that are important to you. Wagner College accepts environmentally-clean, real property for outright gifts, life estate or charitable remainder unitrusts. For information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (718) 390-3221.

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Nov. 30-Dec. 4

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In the footsteps of Richard Gaffney

By NATALIE JOHNSON

"They told me that everything I did was just a copy; that I wouldn't be good until I could find myself in my art."

With those words, a timid student accepted the challenge to become an artist. And within a remarkably short period, she went from novice to the first recipient of the Richard Gaffney Memorial Project Grant, named for the longtime chairman of the department who died in September 1998.

Established in 1998, by the contributions of family, friends and alumni, the yearly prize supports student-based research, travel or the production of a piece of art or portfolio. Presented at the annual undergraduate awards dinner, Hiroe Yoshizawa '05 became the first recipient of the prize.

Hiroe's journey from Japan to Wagner began with a love of theater. While studying English as Second Language at Adelphi University, Hiroe learned of Wagner's performing arts program and set her sights on auditioning for the theater program.

"When I arrived, there were so many well trained students, that I didn't audition after all. Also, shortly after I arrived, September 11 happened and my family wanted me to return home for awhile."

Back on campus in January 2002, Hiroe enrolled

in an art class "just to see what I could do." She quickly learned from her professors, Bill Murphy and Jebbah Baum, that art was more than drawing.

"They both kept telling me: There was no personality. Nothing that said, 'That's mine!' Finally, I realized, I had to find something that was mine. I had to find myself."

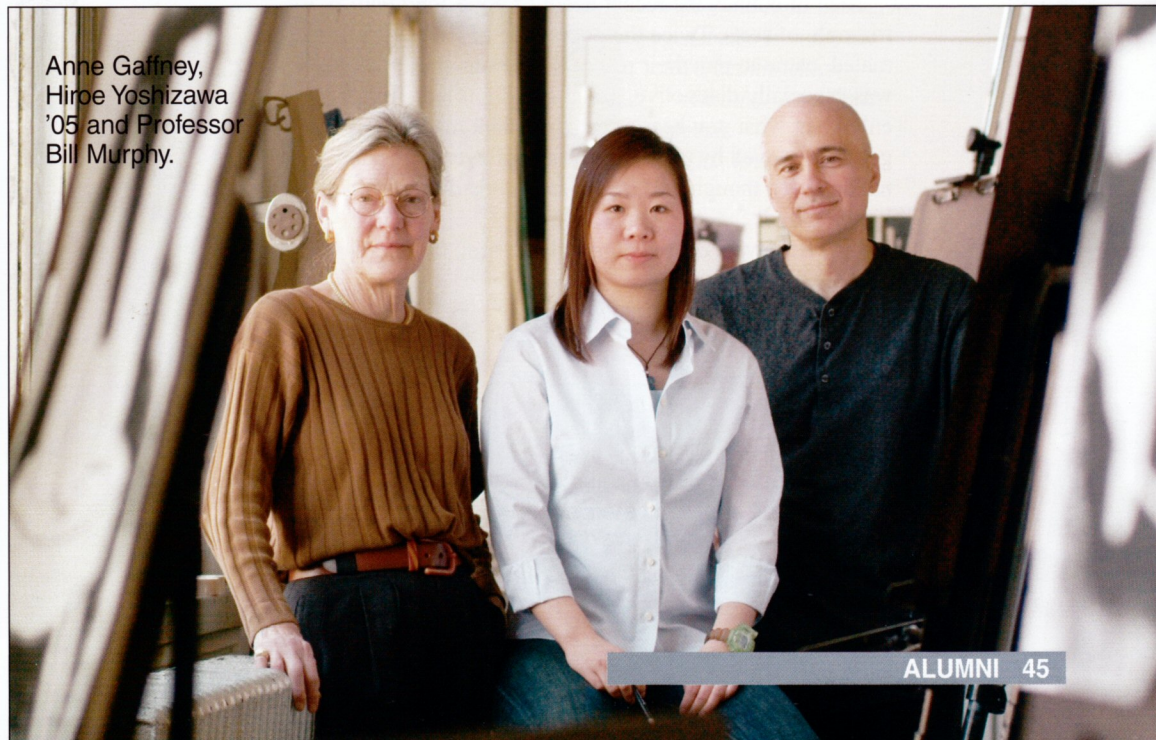
In February 2004, Professor Murphy encouraged Hiroe to apply for the Gaffney Project Grant.

"I was so honored when he asked me to apply. Professor Murphy finds the good skills of a student and helps them to do more. He doesn't change anything, he just helps you to make it better."

Hiroe, who is graduating with a major in art and a minor in anthropology, finds that art allows her to explore and present her cultural and religious traditions. Last summer, as she worked on her Gaffney funded project, Hiroe would read the Sutra, visit Buddhist Temples and meditate on how to have a kind heart. And yet, no art came forth.

"Here I had received this honor and could produce nothing. Every day I worked harder and harder to create something worthy of this prize."

With only four days before the start of the new semester, Hiroe woke one morning and knew what was waiting to be expressed. "I had to stop thinking about the prize and start thinking about what I wanted to say through my art," she explained. ♦



Anne Gaffney,
Hiroe Yoshizawa
'05 and Professor
Bill Murphy.

THAT'S Laughter and

This Easter my home was filled with more flowers than ever before; maybe because Easter was so early there were not yet any flowers coming up through the soil. I had Easter lilies (three of them) mums and tulips (two plants each) and one each of Azalea and Hyacinth. It crossed my mind that my living room looked like a funeral home and then, just as quickly, swept that thought from my mind or tried to.

Easter is, after all, a season without shadow; it is, as it were, all “good news,” tragedy turned into triumph, blazingly clear; but even the Gospel narratives make it apparent that the first Easter was filled with terror for some, was regarded by others as an “idle tale.” A hope beyond hope. In a word, the first Easter was unbelievable.

Mr. Barrett runs a small communications service called Red Lake Internet News. “Unbelievable” is how he described the shootings at Red Lake High School where a student, Jeff Wiese, had just killed a security guard, a teacher and seven fellow students before killing himself.

Two such disparate events, in time, in place and in nature: one about life and light, the other about death and darkness. Both described as unbelievable.

Then of course, the recent death of Pope John Paul II, a triumph, of sorts. Twice the population of Rome, it was estimated, came to pay their respects. The music at his funeral was especially distinctive, grand and dignified. Truly heavenly. Not what you hear at most requiem masses. He was genuinely loved by a vast multitude, of every tribe and nation even though half of that multitude disagreed with him on issues.

Terri Schiavo’s death couldn’t have been more different.

Apart from professional “camp followers” including Jesse Jackson and a Staten Island priest whose sole cause is condemning abortion – apart from such, the tragedy of Terri Schiavo was both more real and more ambiguous than the headlines describing it. What is the distinction between prolonging life and prolonging death?

In the midst of this jumble, I read an article by Calvin Trillin who is very often quite funny.

Driving to his daughter’s home in New Jersey, he was listening to a NPR morning program about a National Guardsman who’d been killed in Iraq, and sud-



WHAT LIFE OFFERS tears

By REV. LYLE GUTTU

denly, he found himself in tears. In retrospect, he thinks it was because he had just lost his wife – now don't take that literally – she had died, and he was also driving to his daughter's to babysit his grandson, Toby.

"So you could say," he wrote, "that my emotional defenses were not fully in place."

I was moved by that confession.

The loss of a loved one and the gift of a new little loved one had penetrated his emotional defenses. Loss and gain both generated by love, and then tears upon hearing that a man he had never met before died.

At about the same time I was sent a short story, crudely ripped out of the Atlantic Monthly January issue. (I hope he didn't steal it from a library.)
It

was about an old man, a widower, a farmer still living on the property his grandfather had homesteaded in Minnesota.

There was a modest lake on the property, a life-long source of much fun — swimming, hunting, and fishing. It was fishing he was doing on the chilly spring morning of the story. He hooks one and flips it into his boat. As he reaches to grab it and remove the hook, he sees, as if for the first time, the gills, indeed the whole fish, flapping furiously.

Tears come to his eyes, as involuntary as his runny nose and then laughter as he detaches the fish from his line and throws it back to life.

A fish had confronted him with the nearness of his own death, with the preciousness, the gift, the miracle of every-breath, not just his own; he was comforted by the thought that life goes on, if we are willing to let it, to husband it, to care.

Laughter and tears, that's what life promises. Feelings and emotions, no words necessary.

And then I came across this (via a book review by John Updike):

*There's no vocabulary
for love within a family,
love that's lived in
But not looked at, love
within the light of which
All else is seen, the
love within which
All other love finds
speech.
This love is silent.*

— T.S. Elliot



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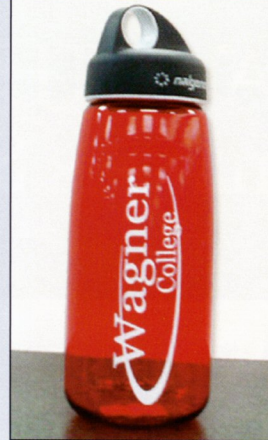
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