



The Wagner Link

News from the Wagner College Alumni Association, Staten Island, N.Y.

Spring 1989

Homecoming was something to cheer about

Homecoming '88 was a day for fun, friendship and festivity.

More than 7,000 Wagner students, alumni, their families and friends participated in the weekend activities that began Friday night, Oct. 14, with the Freshman Show and the coronation of Joseph Watson and Cathy Guerriero as Homecoming king and queen, introduced by Alumni Association president Mildred Olsen.

The Big Day began with a coffee-and-danish reception on the Student Union Plaza, followed by a series of informal faculty-alumni seminars highlighting the Bregenz program and the departments of nursing, music, applied science, sociology and anthropology and athletics.

Many alumni met the college's new president, Dr. Norman Smith, during a reception in his Student Union office overlooking the Narrows, and enjoyed a box luncheon afterward on the sunny Union plaza.

As guests admired the brilliant colors of the Homecoming floats adorning the Oval before the start of the football game, the judges worked hard to determine the scores. At half-time, students screamed with joy as the winners were announced: Alpha Omicron Pi for the sorority category, Theta Chi for fraternities and Alpha Sigma Omega for mixed.

But the loudest cheers of the day came when the sign on Fischer Field proclaimed, "Home 30; Visitors 24."

As Hofstra University's Flying Dutchmen retreated in defeat, many Wagner fans retreated to the new Music Performance Center in Campus Hall (formerly the New Administration building), where they heard the Wagner College Choir sing.

Other Homecoming highlights included the traditional reunion buffet served in the main dining hall, and performances of "My Fair Lady" in the Main Hall theater.

The full program gave all participants something to cheer about.

Homecoming '89 is set for Oct. 28. The Seahawks will face the Pioneers from Long Island University, C.W. Post campus. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to visit the campus.



Wagner fans cheer the Seahawks on to victory at Homecoming '88.

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Nominations sought for awards dinner

The Alumni Association is looking for a few good men and women to be honored at the annual Reunion and Awards Dinner, to be held during commencement weekend on May 27. Nominations are currently being accepted.

The dinner serves a dual purpose of celebrating the noteworthy class reunions (25th, 40th and 50th) and honoring alumni, faculty and administrators of Wagner who have served the college selflessly.

Service Awards are presented to alumni for continued and outstanding work in the Alumni Association or outstanding service to Wagner College.

Achievement Awards are presented to alumni for unusual and outstanding achievement in the graduate's field of endeavor.

Merit Awards are presented to faculty members or administrators who have made an outstanding contribution to the Wagner campus in the areas of teaching, understanding or research.

Three alumni and two faculty members were recognized for their service at last year's dinner. Achievement Awards were

presented to Randy Graff '76, who starred in Broadway's "Les Miserables," and Dr. Ronald Cross, a professor of music for the last 20 years.

Howard G. Meyers Jr. '63 and Dr. Robert J. O'Connor '41, both members of the Board of Trustees, were recognized with Alumni Service Awards.

Joe Jilts, a special assistant coach in football and a Wagner fixture since the early '70s, received the Alumni Merit Award.

Student awards were presented to Ankur Desai and Paul Ricca for academic achievement, Arthur DiMella for ath-

letic achievement and Kenneth Nilsen for leadership. All are members of the Class of '88.

Nominations for 1989 awards are due by May 15 and can be sent to Michele Tellefsen '71, Wagner College Alumni Office, 631 Howard Ave., Staten Island N.Y. 10301. Please include your name and address and biographical information about the candidate(s).

Celebrating special anniversaries at this year's dinner will be the Classes of '39, '49 and '64. Members of those classes will receive further details about their reunions in the mail.

Greetings!

It's been a while since you received an alumni newsletter from Wagner College. Too long, the Alumni Association decided. And so, with this issue, we are re-introducing the Wagner Link.

We hope to make it a regular correspondence, twice a year at the very least. It's important to keep in touch.

There's plenty of news to report about Wagner, and we're sure there's plenty of news to report about you. So please drop us a note with class briefs, comments about this issue, or story suggestions for the next. We've provided a coupon on the back for your convenience.

A message from Dr. Norman Smith, college president

Dear Wagner alumni,

This newsletter is being prepared by Staten Island alumni as a means for them to report news from fellow alumni and announce some upcoming programs. It was written, edited, published and posted by them from funds raised by their alumni association.

I hope that you've also been receiving briefings from me about developments at the College. The last one was mailed in November. You should be receiving my spring briefing sometime in March. I'll also be sending you an annual report around commencement time.

Next year, under the direction of Dr. David Long, our new vice president for development, we will be publishing an official college alumni newsletter. Shortly, we'll be organizing a class agent structure that will be the editing core of this new publication program.



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Dr. Norman Smith

Much is happening and we want you to know about it and feel good about developments at Wagner. Keep in touch.

Campus news

● Donald W. Spiro and his wife, Evelyn, both members of the Class of '49, have donated \$250,000 toward a state-of-the-art computer facility. Featuring IBM PS2 personal computers, the system will be equipped for word processing, financial spread sheet analysis, data base management and research methods. It could be linked to a mainframe computer in the future. Targeted for a spring completion, the facility will be located in two classrooms in the Communications Center. "My wife and I hope this (gift) will give other graduates the incentive to donate," said Spiro, who is chairman of Oppenheimer Management Corp. and a member of Wagner's Board of Trustees.

● Plans are under way for the annual Scholarship Sail through New York Harbor on July 4th. The five-hour boat ride will include dinner and entertainment, and a bird's-eye view of the fireworks show. Proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association's scholarship fund. Kevin Sheehy '67 M'70 is chairing the event.

● The Alumni Association recently donated \$1,000 to the Department of Speech and Theater. The money will help refurbish equipment in the Main Hall theater.

● Funds for furniture in the Towers dormitory parents lounge has been donated through the efforts of the executive committee of the Alumni Association.

● Students are enjoying three newly refurbished arts spaces on campus this year. Kade Gallery in the Student Union now features a glass wall so exhibits can be viewed 24 hours a day. Two classrooms on the second floor of Main Hall have been remodeled into a dance studio. And in Campus Hall (formerly the New Administration Building), the old cafeteria has been converted into an elegant performance space for concerts.

Dean of admissions seeks help from alums

Last fall, the Wagner College Admissions Office began new recruitment initiatives in some areas of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In addition, prospective students with higher academic potential are being given more attention through our efforts.

Another goal of the Admissions Office is to revive the alumni role in recruitment. Some years ago, Wagner alumni were much more active. There are three programs which have strong promise for alumni involvement:

1. telephoning prospective students in local alumni areas
2. assisting with college nights and college days in local high schools
3. area receptions for prospective students and parents

Telephoning students has been a standard alumni contact program for many colleges. Some of the well-known colleges have also been very successful utilizing alumni in covering college programs at local high schools.

The Admissions Office would like to develop a group of alumni who would come back to Wagner College for a training workshop and attend some college programs with our admissions counselors.

If 15 to 20 alumni could eventually cover 3 or 4 high school programs in their areas, we would be able to cover 60 to 80 additional programs each year.

Area receptions will probably take a couple of years to develop.

Alumni interested in participating in these programs should contact Mike Walsh, Associate Dean of Admissions, at 718-390-3411, or (out of state) 1-800-221-1010.

— DR. JOSEPH D. SMITH JR.
Dean of Admissions

Alumni Association 1989 Calendar of Events

Telefund	April 3-6, 10-12
Guild Theater dinner party	May 6
Mansion tour	May 14
Reunion and Awards Dinner	May 27
Commencement	May 28
Scholarship sail	July 4
Annual meeting	Sept. 30
Flea market	Oct. 1
Homecoming	Oct. 28

Senior reflects on Wagner experience

(Editor's note: Lisa Sanzone is a senior majoring in business administration.

She is president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, treasurer of Delta Mu Delta national business honor society and a member of Alethea senior women's honor society. Lisa is also cheerleading captain of the basketball squad, and a founding sister and vice president of Epsilon Delta Omicron local sorority.)

I remember my first day at Wagner College almost four years ago. It was a sunny day in early September and I met my friend Laura at her house so we could drive to school together. I suppose we were trying to hang on to a last shred of our high school days before we were cast off into the unknown world of college. In fact, that day is still so vivid in my mind that I even remember what I was wearing!

I can also recall my feelings on that first day of school. I was nervous because I wanted to do well. I wanted to find my niche where I could grow as a student as well as a person. I wanted to be challenged, I wanted to have fun, I wanted a total college experience. In short, I wanted it all.

I have not been disappointed. The people at Wagner, the students, faculty, administrators and staff were so friendly that I felt welcome right from the start and it was easy for me to dive right

in and become involved as a true member of the Wagner community.

Now, as a senior facing another unknown — the world of work — I feel confident and self-assured knowing that the top-notch education I received at Wagner College will enable me to find my niche in society.

Looking at the freshmen now, I'm a little envious. They'll be at Wagner for three more years and this is a great time for the school with its renewed faith and optimism due largely to the guidance of the new president, Dr. Norman R. Smith.

Aside from the obvious changes such as renovating the dorms and improving the school's physical appearance, Dr. Smith has boosted morale and I've noticed an overall change in attitude on Wagner's campus. Dr. Smith is out there, working hard to make Wagner the best it can be. He knows it's worth it and by his example alone, he has inspired all of us to work just as hard.

I know I'll miss Wagner. I've often said that I'm having too much fun and I don't want to graduate. But graduation is the next step in my life. I'll take a piece of Wagner with me through lifelong friendships and fond memories.

And you can be sure I'll be back on campus next year as an alum!

— LISA SANZONE

Updates

1933

Dr. Paul J. Kirsch of Hollywood, Fla., a former chaplain and professor of religious studies at Wagner, is serving as secretary of the Southeastern Florida Holocaust Memorial Center.

1934

Rev. Rudolf Ludwig of Durham, N.C., was recently honored for 50 years in the ministry during a service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

1955

John G. Wrede of Ridgewood, N.J., has been named president of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. He is responsible for education, international, consumer and professional book operations, *Business Week* magazine and four television stations. He and his wife, the former Joan Maria Klee, have two children, Suzanne and Jonathan.

1960

Robert W. Smith has been director of public relations at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., since 1984. Prior to that, he served 10 years in sports and general public relations at Lafayette College and 13 years in similar capacities at Cornell University.

1961

Howard Reiss of Fairfield, Conn., is volunteer director of the Bridgeport (Conn.) Foreign Trade Institute at the University of Bridgeport's Department of Marketing/Law and International Business. He was recently honored by the Congregation Beth El for his commitment to the morning Minyan.

1965

Richard Greff of Mission Viejo, Calif., has been promoted to vice president of research and development for Baxter Travenol in its Irvine, Calif., division.

1965

Kathy Block Rock of Ardsley, N.Y., recently completed a two-year post-master's certificate program at Adelphi University. She is a clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing.

Rev. Robert W. Busch has accepted a call to be pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tamaqua, Pa. He previously served 9½ years as pastor of St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vinton, Va. He holds a master of divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

1967

George A. Rhoads of Westboro, Mass., recently retired from Westchester (N.Y.) County Medical Center where he worked in the alcoholism program for 13 years while completing a doctoral degree in psychology. He now has a private practice in psychotherapy near Worcester, Mass.

1969

Linda Barbes Stein of Sunrise, Fla., has been promoted to manager of dealer supply for the telemarketing department of Visual Graphics Co. She also holds a master of arts degree from Wagner.

1972

Leslie M. Thurston of Bedminster, N.J., has been elected vice president of the Crum & Forster Corporation in Morristown, N.J. She will coordinate company-wide operation/strategic planning and serve as planning liaison between CFC and the entire Crum & Forster insurance organization.

1975

Betsey Joslyn recently starred as The Witch in Stephen Sondheim's Broadway hit, "Into the Woods" at the Martin Beck Theater.

Class Briefs

Dr. Mary Eve Thompson Boyd of Riverhead, L.I., has received a terminal degree in speech pathology, therapy and audiology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Nancy Lynne Gross of Manhattan has received a master of arts degree in nursing executive training from Columbia University Teachers College. She is a supervisor of patient care coordinators at Lenox Hill Hospital, Manhattan.

1978

Nick Kvasic of Staten Island received an award from ASCAP musicians' union for publishing several songs in his native country of Yugoslavia. He is girls' soccer coach at New Dorp High School on Staten Island.

1980

Eric Olsen was recently ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church on Staten Island, and is presently serving as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Saranac Lake, N.Y. He is the son of *Mildred Olsen '50*, Alumni Association president.

Edward Burke of Staten Island is press secretary for Congressman Guy V. Molinari. He taught English Composition 101 during the fall semester at Wagner.

Debra Q. Bennett of Queens is a copy editor in the medical textbook department at Scientific American magazine. She teaches a writing workshop at the Children's Art Carnival, Manhattan.

Marriages

1969

Nancy D. Myers married Christopher Benbow on Nov. 19, 1988. She holds a master's degree in special education from the College of Staten Island and is a special education teacher for the New York City Board of Education in the Manhattan Occupational Training Center. Her husband is an attorney with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, Manhattan. They reside on Staten Island.

1976

Manuel S. Betanzos and Teresita Castillo were married on Nov. 26, 1988. He holds a juris doctor degree from California State University, San Diego, and is assistant to the Bronx Borough President. Mrs. Betanzos is an assistant principal intern at PS 60, Staten Island. They live on Staten Island.

1978

Gerard LaRocca and Sandra Oellerich were married on May 22, 1988. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Pace University, Manhattan, and is a vice president for Salomon Brothers, Manhattan. Mrs. LaRocca is a manager for the National Australia Bank, Manhattan. They reside on Staten Island.

1980

Liza Luchterhand of Rochester, N.Y., married Roger C. Otto on Sept. 24, 1988. She is teaching art in nursery through eighth grade for the Catholic Diocese of Rochester. Her husband owns Otto Garage Doors in Brockport, N.Y.

Dominick Mitarotondo married Theresa Compolongo on Nov. 11, 1988. He is an assistant trader for D.H. Blair and Co., Manhattan. Mrs. Mitarotondo is a money market broker for Fundamental Brokers, Manhattan. They live in Hazlet, N.J.

Linda Caccavo married William Frey on Nov. 6, 1988. She is a nursing care coordinator at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn. Her husband is an

investigator for the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, in Tenton, N.J. They reside in Plainsboro, N.J.

1984

Donna Carnegie married John Esposito Nov. 5, 1988. She is a marketing representative for Republic Financial Services, Iselin, N.J. Her husband is a broker for Gow and Hanna, Manhattan. They reside on Staten Island.

Angela Blanco married James Mangia on June 5, 1988. She is an advertising sales assistant for Kingworld Productions, Manhattan. Her husband is a driver for A&P Carting, Manhattan. They live on Staten Island.

1985

Denise Napoli married Robert Wagstaff on May 22, 1988. She holds a master's degree in speech language pathology from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and is a speech pathologist for York County Hospital in Newmarket, Ontario. Her husband is an operations manager for Heat Sealing Equipment Company Limited in Toronto, where they reside.

1986

AnnMarie Romano married Vincent Colandrea on Nov. 6, 1988. She is employed in the department of endocrinology and chemistry in the Institute of Basic Research, Staten Island, and in the Inter-Science Diagnostic Laboratories, Brooklyn. Her husband is co-owner of New Corner Restaurant, Brooklyn. They live in Brooklyn.

Edward Botti '86 married Francine Mattina '88 on Jan. 21, 1989. He is an investment accountant for Irving Trust, Manhattan. They live on Staten Island.

Corinne Leopardi married Brian Britt on May 22, 1988. She is employed by Dr. Mark P. Jarrett, Staten Island. Her husband is a principal division manager of the First Investors Corp., Middlesex, N.J. They live in Bridgewater, N.J.

1987

Lauren Sparnroft married Paul Ferrara on June 18, 1988. She is a registered nurse for Clove Lakes Nursing Home, Staten Island. Her husband is a New York City Transit Police officer assigned to Brooklyn. They live on Staten Island.

Births

1973

To **Gabriel and Eileen Katowich** Arout of Staten Island, a daughter, Meredith Denise, on Dec. 8, 1987. She joins two sisters, Elizabeth and Caroline.

Paul and Christine Maiorano McCabe of North Salem, N.Y., have adopted a son, Mark, who was born on Oct. 10, 1988. He joins a sister, Laura.

1975

To **Robert and Elizabeth Sarkisian Doramajlan** of Dumont, N.J., a daughter, Kristen Rena, on June 16, 1988.

1978

To **William and Colleen Meinelschmidt McGulgan** '81 of Staten Island, a daughter, Lindsay, on June 19, 1988.

To **Patricia and William L. Smith** of Phoenix, Ariz., a son, Michael Lewis, on Jan. 22, 1988.

1979

To **Robert and Lynne Balsamo Cohen** of Suffern, N.J., a son, Michael Ross, on Nov. 5, 1988. He joins a brother, Scott James.

To **Rev. Curtis and JoAnn Hermann Deterding** of Claremont, N.C., a daughter,

Katherine Elizabeth, on Sept. 15, 1988. She joins a sister, Eva Marie, born on July 21, 1985.

1980

To **Robert and Maureen McGulgan Soos** of Staten Island, a son, Robert William Jr., on June 12, 1988.

To **Steve and Susan Venezia Rebholz** of Stanhope, N.J., twins, Jason Steven and Stefanie Kristine, on July 31, 1988. They join a brother, Scott.

1981

To **George and Pamela Kettle Tietjen** of Floram Park, N.Y., a son, Nicholas, on May 11, 1988. He joins a sister, Kaitlin, born March 9, 1986.

To **Ronald and Jean DeRenzo** of East Brunswick, N.J., a daughter, Victoria, on Sept. 1, 1988.

1982

To **Richard '80 and Roselyn Pavone Sanchez '82** of Staten Island, a daughter, Kristin Marie, on April 16, 1988.

Deaths

1950

Ira S. Taub of Staten Island, on Nov. 21, 1987. Mr. Taub was an attorney and retired colonel of the U.S. Army Reserve. He held a law degree from the University of Miami at Coral Gables and was engaged in his own private law practice on Staten Island from 1953 to 1965. Subsequently, he was a partner in the law firm of Russo, Dworkin and Taub, and in 1981, became associated with the law offices of John G. Hall, both on Staten Island. Survivors include his wife, Enid, and two sons, Michael and Steven.

1953

Louis R. Masella of Bordentown, N.Y., on Feb. 25, 1989. He was a history teacher at Peekskill (N.Y.) Military Academy, the Bordentown Military Institute and the Hun School in Princeton, N.J. He retired last year. A graduate of Curtis High School, Mr. Masella held a master's degree from New York University. Survivors include his wife, the former Margaret Gargano, and a son.

1958

George H. Hily of New Providence, N.J., on Dec. 13, 1988. A district manager for AT&T for 29 years, he held a master's degree in marketing from New York University. Survivors include his wife, the former Elaine K. Kaufman, and two sons, Eric and Mark.

1959

Anthony M. Merola of Staten Island, on Feb. 24, 1989. He was a medical technologist at Bayley Seton Hospital for 35 years, before retiring in 1979. Survivors include a brother, Michael, and two sisters, Mary Panico and Marian Navarro.

Alumni Association Officers 1988-1989

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Please use this form to notify the Alumni Office of your new job, marriage, baby, promotion, advanced degree or new address. Deadline for the next issue is July 15, 1989.

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Dear alums,

Many of you have mentioned the lack of news from Wagner. The Wagner College Alumni Association has finally achieved this year's goal and so, we present our report of the doings of fellow alums and campus happenings.

Visiting the campus is rewarding, for we are able to watch the newest developments and growth of our beloved alma mater.

Under the new president, Dr. Smith, we are witnessing the building renovations and grounds beautification that Wagner so badly needed. Programs are being instituted to enhance Wagner's reputation in all respects. It's a wonderful time to be on campus.

We have been establishing close ties with the present student body so, as tomorrow's alumni, they will become strong supporters of Wagner. With the pending appointment of a new alumni director, we will strengthen these bonds.

As alums of a small, private college, we have all been fortunate in establishing lasting friendships. Presently, the Alumni Association is planning the spring reunions and wish, at this time, to invite all of you to join us in honoring the anniversary classes on May 27.

I look forward to greeting you then!

— MILDRED OLSEN '50

- Sept. 2 — Springfield College (scrimmage), home TBA
- Sept. 9 — Delaware Valley College, home 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 — Newport News Apprentice School, away 1 p.m.
- Sept. 23 — Davidson College (Pride Bowl in Newark Schools Stadium), 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 — Alfred University, home 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 — University of the District of Columbia, away 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 — Hofstra University, away 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 — Open date
- Oct. 28 — LIU-C.W. Post campus, home 2 p.m.
- Nov. 4 — University of Wisconsin-Plattville, home 1 p.m.
- Nov. 11 — William Paterson College, home 1 p.m.

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