

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Wagnerian

Wagner College

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Staten Island, NY



Harbor View Hall: Where most Wagner students live during their first year. Rooms on the sixth floor and up have the best views of the Manhattan skyline.



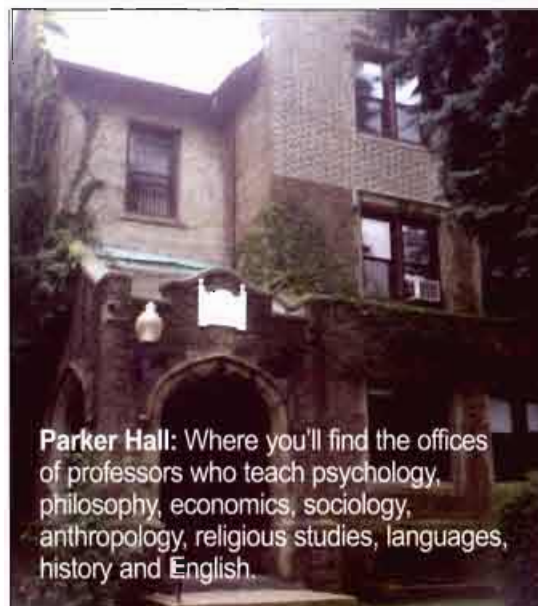
Guild Hall: Traditionally reserved for upperclassmen with at least a 3.3 GPA.



Parker Towers Hall: Where you'll find all the Greek organizations on campus, and a lot of upperclassmen.



Trautmann Square: Where you'll meet up with new friends before heading down to the dining hall for meals.



Parker Hall: Where you'll find the offices of professors who teach psychology, philosophy, economics, sociology, anthropology, religious studies, languages, history and English.



Tiers parking lot: Anyone can park here, but upperclassmen like to claim the spots first.



Spiro Sports Center: Work out in the gym from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

Who you gonna call?

If you think you might be failing a class: Academic Advisement 3146	If you fall and scrape your knee: Health Services 3158	If mommy or daddy sent you a package: Postal Center 3101
If you want to sell back your books at the end of the semester: The Bookstore 3331	If the sink on your floor gets stopped up: Housekeeping 3272	If you want to hob-nob with the administration: President's Office 3131
If you have a problem with your tuition bill: Business Office 3114/3112	If you get a computer virus: Information Technology 3193	If you get the 3.3 to move into Guild: Residence Life 3420
If you want an internship: Career Development 3181	If you want to see what your professor looked like in an old yearbook: Kallista yearbook office 3273	If you need to pay a Wagner parking ticket: Security 3165
If you need to make a copy: The Copy Center (duh!) 3101	If you have a book that's three weeks overdue: Hormann Library 3401	If you want to get buff: Spiro Sports Center 3209
If you're homesick: Counseling Services 3354	If you would like to be escorted to your dorm: Main Security Gate 3148	If you want to help plan Homecoming: Student Government 3148
If you're can't identify an item on the buffet line: Dining Services 3246	If you need to watch a video for class: Media Services 3428	If you're Lois Lane or Clark Kent: Wagnerian newspaper office 3110
If you want to find an on-campus job: Financial Aid 3183	If you need help studying for that impossible math test: Peer Tutoring Center 3430	If you need someone to proof-read the 20-page paper you just finished: Writing Center
If you lock yourself out of your room: Harbor View front desk 3442	If you need to drop that impossible math class: Registrar's Office 3173	

Numbers you might need

DEPARTMENT	EXTENSION	LOCATION
Academic Advisement	3146	Main floor of the Union
Admission	3411	Pape House
Arts Administration	3271	Main Hall
Bookstore	3331	Main floor of the Union
Business Administration	3447	Campus Hall
Business Office	3114 or 3112	Cunard Hall
Career Development	3181	Main floor of the Union
Copy Center	3101	Campus Hall
Counseling Services	3354	Campus Hall
Dining Service	3246	Union Dining Hall
Education	3464	Campus Hall
Financial Aid	3183	Third floor Curnard Hall
Harbor View Front Desk	3442	Harbor View Hall
Health Services	3158	Campus Hall
Housekeeping	3272	Behind Towers Hall
Information Technology	3193	Megerle Hall
Kallista Yearbook	3273	Union 205
Library Desk	3401	Hormann Library
Main Security Gate	3148	Tiers Parking Lot
Humanities	3256	Parker Hall
Media Services	3428	Union 202
Music	3392	Campus Hall
Nursing	3436	Campus Hall
Peer Tutoring Center	3430	Hormann Library
Postal Center	3101	Campus Hall
President's Office	3131	Third floor Union
Registrar	3173	Cunard Hall
Residence Life	3420	Towers and Harbor View
Science	3103	Megerle Hall
Security	3165	Public Safety Cottage
Spiro Sports Center	3209	Spiro building
Social Sciences	3253	Parker Hall
Student Goverment	3148	Union 225
Theater	3323	Main Hall
Visual Arts	3192	Main Hall
Towers Front Desk	3161	Towers Hall
Wagnerian	3110	Union 204
Writing Center	3298	Hormann Library

Academic department extensions

Humanities:
English Literature, Foreign Language, Philosophy and Religion, 3256

Performing and Visual Arts:
Music 3392; Theater 3323; Visual Arts 3192; Arts Administration 3271

Professional Programs:
Business Administration 3447; Education 3464; Nursing 3436

Sciences:
Biological Sciences, Biology, Microbiology, Physicians Assistant, 3103

Social Sciences:
History, Political Science and Economics, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, 3253

When are they open?

Wagner College Bookstore

Hours for back-to-school week:
Aug. 23: Noon to 6 p.m.
Aug. 24: Noon to 3 p.m.
Aug. 25-28: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rest of the semester:
Mon to Thurs 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. at 4 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spiro Computer Lab

Monday to Thursday:
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Union

Monday to Friday:
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday:
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
(The ATM is located in the Union between the Information Desk and the Bookstore)

The Postal Center

Monday to Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Wagnerian

Wagner's little paper that could since 1918

All stories in this issue were written by:

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Are you interested in:
Writing? Illustration?
Design? Photography?
Editing? Advertising?

If you answer YES!
to any of the above,
then you must

JOIN THE WAGNERIAN STAFF!

First meeting:
Wednesday,
Aug. 27
8 p.m.
Union 204

Oreos and soda will be served (Mmmm)

STATEN ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Coffee shops and cafes

Dunkin' Donuts 2425 Hylan Blvd. Open 24 hours	Java Den 3135 Victory Blvd. Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (718) 370-3444
Starbucks 2530 Hylan Blvd. Open Monday to Thursday 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday 6 a.m. to 11:30 Saturday 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sunday 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (718) 351 7348	Muddy Cup 388 Van Duzer St. Open Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 11p.m. (718) 818-8100
Barnes and Noble 2235 Richmond Ave. Open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. 9 p.m. (718) 982-6983	Royal Crown Bakery 1350 Hylan Blvd. Open Monday to Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 11p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m. to midnight Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (718) 668-0284

Get your popcorn here

MOVIE THEATERS	RENT IT INSTEAD
United Artists Stadium 16 2474 Forest Ave. (718) 273-4200	Blockbuster 2175 Hylan Blvd. Open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. (718) 979-1212
United Artists Hylan Plaza 107 Mill Road (718) 351-5880	Hollywood 1447 Richmond Ave. Open 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. (718) 494-0159
United Artists Staten Island 14 145 East Service Rd. (718) 273-4200	Monte's Video Warehouse 923 Manor Rd. (718) 494-0872

The bare necessities

Pathmark 1351 Forest Ave. Open 24 hours (718) 727-1861	Staten Island Mall 2655 Richmond Ave. Open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 9:30 pm. Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (718) 761-6800
CVS Pharmacy 1361 Hylan Blvd. 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (718) 979-2828	Clove Road Bagels 1300 Clove Rd. Open 24 hours (718) 727-6000
Home Depot 2501 Forest Ave. Open 6 a.m. to midnight (718) 273-5069	Avanti Hair Salon 2051 Hylan Blvd. Open Tues and Weds 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thurs and Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (718) 979-9500
Walgreens 1551 Richmond Ave. Open 24 hours (718) 698-8230	

They'll deliver right to your dorm

ITALIAN	PIZZA	CHINESE
Primo 1282 Richmond Rd. Open Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. 10 p.m. Friday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday Noon to 10 p.m. (718) 667-8882	Domino's 2550 Victory Blvd. Open Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 1a.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. (718) 668-3535	No.1 1250 Hylan Blvd. Open Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday Noon to 10 p.m. (718) 720-3838
Giuseppes 1060 Richmond Rd. Open Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (718) 979-7171	Rita's 487 Vanderbilt Ave. Open Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday to Friday 11a.m. to 2 a.m. (718) 876-7691	Fortune Garden 1771 Hylan Blvd. Open Monday to Thursday 11:30 to 11:30 Friday and Saturday 11:30 to 12:30 Sunday Noon to 11:30 p.m. (718) 979-6100
Goodfellas 1817 Victory Blvd. Open 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. (718) 815-8500	Classic Pizza 1264 Clove Rd. Open Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday Noon to 11 p.m. (718) 727-5353	Sun Hing House 316 Victory Blvd. Open Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (718) 447-2658

When you want to dine out

Chevy's 2690 Hylan Blvd. <i>Mexican restaurant, moderately priced</i> Open Monday to Thursday Noon to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday Noon to 12:30 a.m. Sunday Noon to 10 p.m. (718) 667-0600	Applebee's 1451 Richmond Ave. <i>Appetizers are half price after 11 p.m.!</i> After 11 appetizers are half price Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. (718) 477-1300	Iguana Café 1180 Victory Blvd. <i>Italian cuisine, a place to bring your parents</i> Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday 11 a.m. to after karaoke Thursday 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (718) 448-2623
Arirang Restaurant 23A Nelson Ave. <i>Hibachi Grill and steakhouse with a sushi bar for vegetarians</i> Open Monday to Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (718) 966-9600	Joe and Pat's Pizzeria 1758 Victory Blvd. Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10:30 Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11:30 Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (718) 981-0887	Burrito Bar 585 Forest Ave. <i>Great Spanish food, fun decorations</i> Open Monday to Friday 4 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. (kitchen closes at 11 p.m.) Saturday and Sunday Noon to 4 a.m. (718) 815-9200
Ralph's Ice Cream Store 501 Port Richmond Ave. <i>You've got to try their Jelly Roll Italian Ice!</i> Open 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (718) 273-3675	Colonnade Diner 2001 Hylan Blvd. Open 24 hours (718) 351-2900	Subway 1724 Victory Blvd. Open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. (718) 727-7444
	Unicorn Diner 2944 Victory Blvd. Open 24 hours (718) 494-2129	

When you want to drive through

Kentucky Fried Chicken 2471 Hylan Blvd. Open Sunday to Thursday 10:30 a.m. 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (718) 667-4882	McDonalds 1388 Hylan Blvd. Open 24 hours (718) 980-5028	Taco Bell 1308 Clove Rd. Open 24 hours (718) 815-1891
	Burger King 950 Jewett Ave. Open 7 a.m. to midnight (718) 720-8498	Wendy's 1661 Hylan Blvd. Open 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. (718) 966-0463

Living with a roommate: All you'll ever need to know

DON'T BE AFRAID OF YOUR NEW LIVING SITUATION

"Don't expect to be best friends with your roommate, just settle for not killing each other..."

"You would not believe how weird my roommate is..."

"My roommate from hell did it again..."

Yes, we've all heard the roommate stories. The majority of them are about how awful roommates are and how impossible it is to get along. Don't let this hearsay freak you out. If you have a case of major roommate phobia, take comfort that even if your roommate turns out to be a complete psychopath, you have the power to change your living situation so that you are paired with someone that you at least get along with. Sharing a room with someone does not require that the two of you become best friends, or even friends at all. You just need to practice common courtesy. Before you go to the extreme, moving out or forcing your new roommate out, consider a few helpful tips and guidelines:

Write a contract

1. The first thing you and your roommate should do is to sit down together and write a living contract. List rules for the room that the both of you agree to follow. For example, quiet hours, telephone calls, borrowing each other's things, having friends sleep over, etc. Writing the contract together ensures that both of you understand what is agreed upon. Also, when one of you

breaks one of the rules, there is written proof that the contract was violated, as opposed to the two of you arguing about what the rules were in the first place.

Follow through

2. After the contract is written, try your best to follow it. When you break one of the rules, acknowledge that you broke a rule and apologize. Don't pretend it didn't happen or hope that your roommate didn't notice. They probably did, and they will get upset with you if you pretend it didn't happen. Also, when your roommate breaks one of the rules, be forgiving, especially if you've broken a few rules yourself. Don't hold grudges and keep tabs of when your roommate broke the rules and bring it up every time you have a fight. This is extremely annoying and your roommate will end up doing the same.

Use consideration

3. Be considerate. If you spilled something, clean it up. Wash the dishes after you use them, especially if the dishes aren't yours. Don't take things without permission. If you see your roommate studying, even if it isn't quiet hours, turn down the volume. Being considerate is contagious and your roommate will do the same for you.

Communicate

4. And the most important tip of all, communicate with your roommate. If something is both-

ering you, don't expect your roommate to figure it out. Just tell him or her what it is and try to work out something so that it isn't bothering you anymore. It is so easy to just stop speaking to each other when something goes wrong, but it won't get resolved that way. Communication is the key!

Nothing to fear

Roommates are really nothing to be afraid of. They are people just like you. Chances are, even if you and your roommate are extremely different, you can still end up being friends. They are going to be a big part of your school experience, so make an effort to get along. And who knows? Maybe you will get lucky and you and your roommate will have a best friend for life-bridesmaid/best man at your wedding-name-your-children after-each-other kind of relationship. Good luck!

We know that there are some really bad roommates out there and these guidelines won't help everyone. For those people, we recommend that you talk to your RA as soon as possible and tell him/her your situation. Your RA's are there to help you, so don't hesitate to go to them for support. They will let you know if it is possible to change rooms and/or roommates and what the proper procedure is.



It's important to get along with your new roommate. Try to work out any problems that you may have. If you can't do it yourself get in touch with the Office of Residence Life and they can assist you in solving the problem or if necessary, switching roommates.

Now that you're roommates, how will you work things out?

Once you've found the Monica to your Rachel or the Joey to your Chandler, your living situation and life will undoubtedly improve. But before you can start your crazy antics, it's imperative that you finalize your deal properly so that no one gets shafted. It's better to figure out the details before anyone moves in their stuff.

So here's our list of things that should be cleared up *before* you and your future roommate commence living together:

What stuff will each of you bring?

You can save a considerable amount of money and space by combining possessions. You two can probably share such things as: stereo, TV, microwave, iron, ironing board, vacuum, and dishes.

Can you share a computer?

In this techno-age, one issue that may come up is sharing computers. If you each have your own computer, that's fine. If you just have one for the both of you, make sure this won't cause any conflicts.

How will you decorate?

You and your roommate will have to compromise in the area of decorating. If your styles clash, try to find some neutral posters and colors. Or each of you can take half of the room and decorate however you want. This will either spur some great conversations at your next party or stop you from ever throwing one.

Who will decide about quiet hours and cleaning?

Discuss when you think you want quiet time to sleep or work, and also times that guests are and aren't acceptable. Don't be unreasonable; just be clear so that neither of you get any surprises. As for the cleaning, set up a chore list and divide it up evenly. When it's your turn to clean, just do it. It's also good to get in the habit of cleaning up after yourself: clean your dishes after you use them, throw papers in the trash, keep your clothes confined to your own side etc.

Will you be able to share?

It sounds anal, but some people are touchy about others eating their food or borrowing their stuff. You can either agree to each buy your own food, or just take turns buying stuff and share everything. If you don't want your roommate to use your things when you're not around, politely but firmly tell him/her.

Will you be a good roommate?

Your final task is simply to be a good roommate, which is built around compromise and communication. If you think of your roommate as living in *your* room, you're dead in the water. You'll never compromise, and your roommate will snuff you in your sleep. The maxim to remember is "this is *our* room, and we both have an equal right to be here." If this concept of compromise doesn't agree with you, you may be more suited for a goldfish than a roommate.

OFFICIAL ROOMMATE CHANGE POLICY

Any conflicts between roommates are handled individually, with the help of the residence life staff. If a resolution to the conflict is not found through mediation, then a student may change rooms with the assistance of the residence life office.

If students want to change rooms or roommates for any

reason, they are required to fill out a "Room Switch Agreement Form."

Their request will be honored as space becomes available.

Each semester, Wagner implements a room freeze to allow students to settle into their housing assignment. Many times students jump to

erroneous, hasty decisions without giving time to become accustomed to a new environment and a new roommate.

We recognize that not all roommate pairings will work but try to work out problems before requesting a room switch.

- Office of Residence Life

Questions to ask a potential roommate

1. Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend or other friend who will be staying here frequently?

2. What is your schedule like? What are your work hours?

What time do you generally go to sleep and wake up on weekdays and weekends?

3. Do you consider yourself messy or neat? Are you willing to help clean common stuff, e.g. wash dishes, mop floor, clean the fridge? (If you're freakishly neat

and you pick a messy roommate, you'll either end up cleaning twice as much or breaking knecaps).

4. Are you a heavy or light sleeper? If we wake up at different times, will you be able to sleep through an alarm clock? Can you sleep with the light on?

5. Do you smoke? Drink? Do drugs? If yes to any, how often?

6. Do you have any major medical conditions?

7. What do you like to watch on

television? What music do you listen to?

8. Do you play any musical instruments? When do you usually practice?

9. Will you check my closet every night for the boogeyman?

10. How often do you have guests over? Are they liable to destroy our room?

11. Will you want to share costs for food? Are you the type that likes to share clothes, CDs, computers, and everything else?

Mom's not here to do your laundry: A step-by-step, do-it-yourself guide

Meet Tim, who didn't know what a washing machine looked like until he got to college

In front of Tim's tiny closet in his dorm room, which is filled with every piece of sporting equipment ever introduced to the Western World, lies an ever expanding pile of dirty clothes. When Tim can no longer see the floor due to his over-flowing closet, he knows that it's time to stuff what he can into a brown paper shopping bag (his makeshift laundry basket) and head to the laundry room.

In his "basket" are a mishmash of boxers, unmatched socks, t-shirts, jeans, khakis, and a sweater marked "dry clean only."

Shoving all of the clothes into a washing machine, Tim sprinkles on as much detergent as he can.



He then stuffs all of the "washed" clothes into a dryer, turns the dial to "high."

An hour later, he squishes his wrinkled steaming clothes into his "basket," takes it home, and leaves the clothes home to Momma. Sure, you could pay an arm and a leg for a laundry service, but then we'd call you a wuss. Don't make us call you names.

Let's make something crystal clear: an average, semi-active, college student should wash his/her clothes at least every two weeks. However, some Wagner College students have been known to try and hold out for months until they finish midterms and can take their clothes home to Momma. Sure, you could pay an arm and a leg for a laundry service, but then we'd call you a wuss. Don't make us call you names.

1. Gather your materials

Quarters: Yes, washing and drying costs money; \$0.75 per load for each machine. A change machine is located in the lobby of Harbor View Hall. Otherwise, feeding the vending or soda machines with singles will return quarters as well.

Detergent: News flash: Laundry detergent does not automatically spray out of the inner workings of the machine. Buy a bottle (liquid form) or box (powder form) of detergent. You'll probably be happiest with the brand that you're mom or dad used (you're used to the smell), but you should especially look out for detergents that may give you an allergic reaction.

Bleach: If you're doing a load of whites, you may want to add bleach to get your clothes as bright as possible. A note of caution: Bleach should only be added on whites (as you may have guessed, it tends to, uh, bleach). Luckily, because scientists work so hard, detergents are now available that have "color-safe bleaching action," meaning that you can mix your whites and non-whites.

Fabric softener: To help eliminate static cling and make your clothes feel softer and smell fresher, you should add fabric softener. Fabric softener is available in both liquid form which is added during the wash cycle and sheet form which is added during the dry cycle. Some consider fabric softener sheets a worthless indulgence while others find it a necessity. You be the judge. Some examples are Downey, Snuggles (with that cute little bear), and Bounce.

Laundry basket: We don't want to see your dirty underwear hanging over your arm. Purchase a heavy-duty laundry basket or a drawstring laundry bag. If you're cheap, you can go with a pillowcase.

2. Separate

Preparation is crucial in executing an effective wash. The most fundamental step to laundering clothes is to evaluate how many loads of laundry you will need to do and to separate your dirty clothes accordingly. The way to separate is by color. This is not racist, so don't send us angry letters.

Clothes with colors tend to bleed in the wash, and it'll make your whites dingy (or if you have red in the wash, pink). Mixing colors is the biggest screw-up that novice launderers make, so if you can manage to sort your clothes, you're already on the path to success.

The most basic and fool-proof formula to use for separating clothes is to sort into four distinct piles: Whites, lights, darks, and delicates.

Whites: Think basic t-shirts, white socks and undies,

sheets, pillowcases, and all the other plain white clothing or linens that you own.

Lights: These encompass everything from pastels to striped or patterned white garments. You really can't go wrong with the lights category: if an article of clothing is largely white but contains enough color (logos or writing) to make you doubt your sorting prowess, group it with the lights.

Darks: Dark socks, dark underwear (you sexy thang you!), and shirts, along with jeans and dark-colored pants.

Delicates: Wool garments, sweaters, satin, or any luxurious or foreign fabrics. While most machines have a "delicate" cycle, these items are best washed by hand or dry-cleaned.

When in doubt, look to the care labels inside your garments. Though many choose to ignore these friendly little warnings, phrases such as "Wash with like colors" may help you put things in perspective.

One last note: As you sort your clothes, be sure they're not inside out, that the pockets are empty (unless you want to wash a \$20 bill), and that the zippers are closed (to prevent snagging).

The actual act of washing clothes is simple. After you've gathered all of your materials and done the proper sorting, you're ready throw the clothes into the machine. Here are our tips:

First you must pre-treat any visible stains before washing for maximum effectiveness of removal. Before combining the stained garment with other clothing in the washing machine, add a dime-size amount of detergent or stain remover to the affected area and rub into the stain.

Next, simply insert your quarters, choose your cycle (more on that below), and pour the detergent into the basin as it starts to fill with water. Once the water begins to get nice and sudsy, add your nasty threads a little at a time (distributing the weight evenly) until your full load is inside.

Whites require a "hot" cycle in which there is a vigorous agitation cycle and hot water rinse. The hot water gets your whites nice and clean, because it doesn't have to worry about draining out colors

Lights and Darks require a "warm" or "permanent press" cycle which has a more mild agitation cycle and adds an extra cool water rinse. The cool water protects the colors.

Delicates require a "delicate" cycle with an extremely short and gentle agitation spin. This will be a "cold" cycle.

A washing cycle usually takes 25 to 40 minutes, so bring some reading material or entertainment if you are waiting in the laundry room. Since you are using communal washing machines, please be aware that an implied laundry room etiquette does exist.

3. Remove or not to remove

Leaving your clothes in the machine for hours after the cycle is over is inconsiderate, so please be present when your clothes are finished washing.

Then there is the age-old question of whether you should have the right to remove someone's already-washed clothing so that you can use the washer. To avoid any sort of confrontation, violation, or clothing robbery, give the washer about 10 minutes of grace time. After that, if the laundry room is incredibly crowded, you can consider self-removal.

Problems encountered:

The biggest problems that people encounter during the wash cycle are that they either

- 1) overload the washer or
- 2) use too much detergent.

You should never have to stuff clothes into a washer... if there's no room inside for more clothes, then there's no room inside for water to reach grimy places. So never fill a washer more than about fi - fl full. As for the detergent,



only use the "full" measurement if you have a real heavy load of towels, jeans, and other "thick" objects. If you're doing a light load of whites and t-shirts, a half a cup of detergent is fine. What's wrong with too much detergent? Not only will it ruin your clothes (it's like using too much soap on your skin), but it also encourages sitcom writers to write stupid scripts about kids making washing machines overflow with bubbles.

4. Dryer adventures

Gone are those romantic days when people would hang their freshly washed garments and linens on clotheslines to blow in the cool wind and be dried by the warm rays of the sun. We don't do this in college, you're going to need to learn how to use a dryer. We promise, it's not that hard. Here are our tips:

Before drying, you must prepare the dryer. Clean the lint filter before beginning your load. Using a paper towel, remove all the disgusting fuzz.

As mentioned before, you may want to add fabric softener dryer sheets to your load before beginning the cycle.

As you unload your clothes from the washer to the dryer, shake them out a bit to release any excess water and wrinkles.

Inspect any stains that you attempted to remove before washing. The heat from the dryer will only set stains further so you may want to put a little elbow grease into removing the stain again.

Don't overload the dryer. By shoving in all your clothes at once, the dryer process is greatly hindered and will require more money and time if you have filled the machine beyond capacity.

The drying cycle requires 60 minutes for complete drying.

If you leave your clothes in the dryer for too long, they will shrink. Check the labels on your garments for drying instructions. Your clothes will also shrink if you put a relatively new item made of cotton in the dryer on a high setting.

You're not done yet. As lame as it sounds, you must fold your laundry. Of course, you'll want to hang some of your clothes (e.g., dress shirts), while you'll want to put others in drawers. However, you may want to follow these tips:

Begin folding immediately, as it makes your clothes less wrinkled.

Never hang sweaters or any article of clothing that is form-fitting for fear that it take the shape of the hanger, not your shoulder.

To avoid wrinkling, always hang linen and synthetic fiber garments.

Jeans, t-shirts, and sweat-shirts can all be folded and stored away in drawers.

5. Wrinkle time

Unless you are an employee of the Gap and have mastered the seven-step crease fold, always hang button-down shirts. The chance for wrinkling is too great to stake for such a novice.

All this talk of wrinkles brings us to the dreaded topic of ironing. Nice pants, dress shirts, khakis and other wrinkle-prone items may require ironing.

The washing instructions on the label will tell you if something will need to be ironed. If you are afraid of leaving huge black burns on your favorite shirt, you can always take your dress shirts to the cleaner. It will cost you between \$1 and \$1.50 per shirt but you'll save time and look a lot tidier. If you hate to iron pants and don't want to wear jeans all the time, you might consider purchasing some wrinkle free or wrinkle resistant pants.

The sense of accomplishment after completing a load of laundry and stowing it away neatly in your closets and drawers is tremendous. Not only will you feel invigorated after finishing this timely, yet simple task, but your self-esteem and confidence is heightened when clad in clean clothes. And now, there will be no danger of being like Tim.



College lingo: New vocabulary,
slang and buzzwords from today's campuses

Parlez-vous Wagner-ais?

College lingo: "Like my totally melvin roommate dissed me after he mooched my munchies from the R2D2"

English translation: "My complete nerd roommate disrespected me after taking snacks from the fridge."

Every college has its own set of traditions, history, people and places. In such self-contained micro cultural universes, there arise unique words, slang and general sets of vernacular usage better known as "college lingo."

It's possible to hold an entire conversation between two fellow students where an outsider would be clueless.

Although dialect peculiarities occur from campus to campus, we have compiled a list of college tongue (pierced or otherwise) from institutions across the country, researched via internet.

We have also included some of our very own Wagner College words. The breath and span of this school speak can include: new words, strange combinations of clichés, and flavor of the month comedy skits from "Saturday Night Live."

Here is the list of the most popular words and phrases used on campuses today. Knowing them could make the difference between making you a "fab fresh" or a "freshasaurus."

86ed - to finish partying for the night

All over it - to have things under control e.g. "Are you going to pick up the pizza?" "Girl, I am all over it"

All that - superior, conceited, arrogant e.g. "That guy thinks he is all that"



Antler festival - parties where there are more men than women

As if - statement of disagreement

Ay Mierda! - an expression of sheer astonishment

Bag monsters - people who sleep all day or the creature that sneaks up on college students and pulls them to their bed against their will

Baggage - emotional issues e.g. "She has more baggage than an airport!"

Bam - an exclamation of good fortune

BDA - big dumb animal

Bio-hazard - any object in the dorm that has not been cleaned all semester

Cash Cow - automated teller machine e.g. "I need to milk the cash cow before we go out"

Copy jocks - people who hog the copier forever

Crushing - admiring a potential significant other

Digits - telephone number

Diss - to disrespect someone

Fab Fresh - fabulous and highly motivated freshmen

Fall Break - a long weekend in the fall

Fifteen Minute Rule - a rule that allows students to leave a class when professor is fifteen minutes late

Fives - claiming possession of a seat for five minutes after getting up

Freshasaurus - a clueless freshman

GOP - gods of plastic or people who play ultimate frisbee

Good times - nostalgia e.g. "Remember when we went naked ice fishing?" "Yeah, good times"

Hallcast - dating a person from your dorm or hall

Horizontal Engineering - napping

H.S.I. - has some issues

K - OK

Jigga what? - excuse me

Like - no meaning, conversation filler e.g. "He was like, I mean, like so super ticked off that I did not call."

Love Bus - the shuttle bus



Melvin - a nerdy person

Mouse potato - a person who spends too much time on the

computer

M.P.A. - mysterious party accident or unexplained events occurring while partying

Mooch - to take or beg for

Mucho - added to give any matter greater importance

Munchapoloozas - consuming

gross amounts of food

Munchies - to engage in munchapoolooza

My bad - implying fault while apologizing e.g. "Dude. Who broke the blender?" "Sorry, my bad"



Pizza pirating - failing to pitch in for pizza cost

Playing house - a dating couple that practically lives together

Praying to the Porcelain God - throwing up

Pre-game - to eat or drink before the actual meal or party

Prep snooze - the act of sleeping off a long night or in preparation for one

Prozac shot - cookie dough

Quack shack - college health facility

R2D2 - combination microwave/fridge

Rents - parents e.g. "So when are the rents sending you a check?"

Scamming - being on the hunt for the opposite sex

Sexiled - being kicked out of your room while your roommate has a "friend" over

Shacking - spending the night at your friend's room

Sloth - a person who does nothing but hang out

Throw me a bone - a plea for help

T.O.E. - the other education or learning that takes place outside of the classroom

Traying - the act of sledding with cafeteria trays

Umpteen - infinite or great in number

Wander - to roam the dorms in hopes of discovering social activity

Zombied - to pull an all-nighter

There you have it. The basic vocabulary that will get you started on the path of collegiate greatness.

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If all else fails when making new friends at Wagner, you can always turn to Friendship Bear.

Top 10 ways not to make friends

10. Talk on your cell phone in the elevator, library or dining hall
9. Bounce a basketball in the dorms
8. Tap dance or opera sing out of rehearsal
7. Park crooked or take up two spots
6. Take the elevator one floor (if you're going to five or less, you have to walk)
5. Trip, kick or cause bodily harm to classmates
4. Talk in a baby voice
3. Blast Abba at all hours of the night
2. Steal laundry from the dryers
1. Eat with your fingers

Top 10 ways to make friends

10. Lay in a puddle so that upperclassmen can walk over you without getting their feet wet
9. Attend campus events
8. Sit outside and play an instrument
7. Do weird things with your body, e.g. wiggle your ears
6. Give presents to all upperclassmen
5. Dance at parties
4. Take a trip to the city
3. Steal enough china from the dining hall so you can have a dinner party in your room
2. Wear a T-shirt with your phone number on it
1. Join the Wagnerian

Meet the Class of 2007

Fun facts about your fellow frosh

- ◆ Your application to Wagner was one of about 2,700 received
- ◆ About 540 of you made the cut and joined Wagner's Class of 2007
- ◆ There are slightly more females than males in your class
- ◆ About 85% of you have chosen to live on campus
- ◆ Most of you come from the Northeast region of the United States
- ◆ Your average in high school was 86
- ◆ Your average SAT score was: 1120
- ◆ As a class, you represent 38 states and 16 countries
- ◆ Most popular major: Undecided

It's quiz time

What's your true major?

**Disclaimer: All majors are not represented. We are not liable for any real life decisions that are made based on the results of this quiz.*

1. What side of the dining hall do you sit on?
A) The left side
B) The right side
C) I move around a lot because I can never decide where to sit
D) I didn't know we had a dining hall
E) I sit three columns south of the northeast corner with the ice cream bar at exactly 12 o'clock
F) I always sit at a far corner so I can observe the social phenomenon that takes place in the dining hall
G) I sit next to the windows so that I can look at the sky with my pocket telescope
H) I eat in the library

2. What do you do when you're bored in class?
A) Hum show tunes
B) Daydream about how rich I am going to be
C) Stare at the wall with a perplexed look
D) Sleep, if I even go to class
E) Diddle on my palm pilot
F) Write advice letters to friends in need
G) Associate people with the animals they most resemble
H) Write quotes from my favorite authors in the margins of my notes

3. What do you when the vending machine keeps your snack?
A) Recite a monologue depicting my hunger pains
B) Write a letter to the vending company
C) Think, "Oh well, I didn't really want those cookies anyway."
D) Knock the vending machine over and say in a loud burly voice "O'Doyle rules!"
E) Rewire the machine
F) Try to determine the vending machine's motive
G) Concoct a corrosive to melt the plastic window
H) Write a poem about it

4. What do you do if you can't sleep?
A) Tap dance
B) Look at my stock options online
C) Make a collage
D) Party
E) Hack into the computer system and change my grades
F) Read through my roommate's journal attempting to find signs of personality disorders

G) Study my ant farm
H) Find inspiration in bathroom graffiti

5. How do you keep in shape?
A) Take extensive ballet classes
B) I go to the gym religiously
C) I go to the gym sporadically
D) Do video games count?
E) I jog four miles in 15 minute intervals while calculating my heart rate at least three times a week
F) Ride my bike to the park
G) I'm researching the anti-fat pill
H) I'm on a fencing team

6. You lock yourself out of your dorm room. What do you do?
A) Skip merrily to the nearest piano to kill time
B) Go to a friend's room and order some hot wings
C) Pace up and down the hall indecisively for hours
D) Go home
E) Enter the matrix to find the Keymaker
F) Go to a self-help class to improve my organizational skills
G) Make a small bomb out of the contents of my wallet and proceed to blow open the lock
H) Leave notes on dry erase boards for my friends

7. You go to the parking lot and realize that you have a flat. What do you do?
A) Slash everyone else's tires in the parking lot in order to get even
B) Change the tire myself
C) Call my mom for a ride
D) Try to inflate the tire with my mouth
E) Take out my wireless laptop and order a new tire to be delivered
F) Ask myself, "Triple A, Triple A, where for art thou Triple A?"
G) I patch the hole in the tire
H) I realize that the flat tire is an ironic symbol

8. If a bum asks for change on the street in Manhattan you would:
A) Offer my service entertaining passersbys in an attempt to raise money
B) Tell him to get a job
C) Pretend like I didn't hear him
D) I am the bum

E) Help him try to find money making opportunities on the internet
F) Ask him about his past
G) Give him hygiene advice
H) I correct the spelling on his cardboard sign

9. What did you give your mom for her birthday?
A) A music box that plays "Send in the clowns"
B) A rolodex
C) A gift certificate
D) My dirty laundry
E) A voice activated spice rack
F) A stress ball
G) A metal detector
H) The new Harry Potter book

10. What was your favorite Halloween costume as a kid?
A) Madonna
B) The president
C) I don't have a favorite, I've liked them all
D) Beavis
E) An alien
F) Sigmund Freud
G) Dr. Frankenstein
H) Rhet Butler or Scarlet O'Hara

If you answered mostly As you are a:
Theater or Music major

If you answered mostly Bs you are a:
Business major

If you answered mostly Cs you are an:
Arts Administration major

If you answered mostly Ds you should:
DROP OUT!

If you answered mostly Es you are a:
Computer Science major

If you answered mostly Fs you are a:
Psychology major

If you answered mostly Gs you should:
study one of the sciences.

If you answered mostly Hs you are an:
English major

SCORE

Are you in the middle of a *major* dilemma?

If the question, "What's your major?" makes you cringe with tension, have no fear freshman, you are not alone. If every time someone asks the M-question, it seems like another ten bricks have been added onto your shoulders your probably having the same feelings many Wagner College students have had in years past.

You'll find yourself asking another difficult question, "Why am I forced to make such an important decision at such a young age?"

In this business-oriented world, we've come to believe that a major is related more to a career than to ourselves.

For those of you who don't have definite career paths, the best advice to this "major" dilemma is to simply take a deep breath, reflect and discover the passions you already have.

Not knowing where my own


interests would lead me, I decided that even though I was not exactly sure what I wanted to do, a Liberal Arts college would be a good place to start.

I began researching numerous career fields to no avail. I considered all of the things I enjoyed doing. I loved to write. I was also very involved in theater, music and art while in high school.

English was by far my favorite subject, but I was warned that choosing it as a major would only lead me back into the classroom as a teacher. Although, teaching at the high school level just didn't appeal to me.

I swore I would never be one of those people who changed their major five times (the average amount for college students today).

During the summer between my freshman and sophomore years, I felt the pressure to



declare a major building. I decided to take a random psychology class that seemed interesting.

I found myself in the library as it was closing flipping through the chapters of my textbook excitedly.

Psychology had sparked something and it felt good to have a direction.

I jumped on the psychology ban-wagon because I had a knack for it. It was most likely due to the fear that I would never be

able to make money doing what I loved. Instead, I decided to choose something I was good at.

I told myself and everyone that asked, that I was going to be a psychology major. It lasted for a little over a month.

I exhausted myself analyzing everything and everyone. I finally came to the realization that I am too naturally analytical to analyze for a living.

In the interim I became conscious of that fact that I was missing the artsy stuff much more than I thought I would.

Returning to my roots, a coffee house back home, I realized I was much more comfortable when I wasn't trying to be something.

I had been bitter that subjects I honestly did not care about consumed my limited time.

When I returned to my trusty course catalogue, I found a major called arts administration that seemed to suit me much better

than the Freudian alternative.

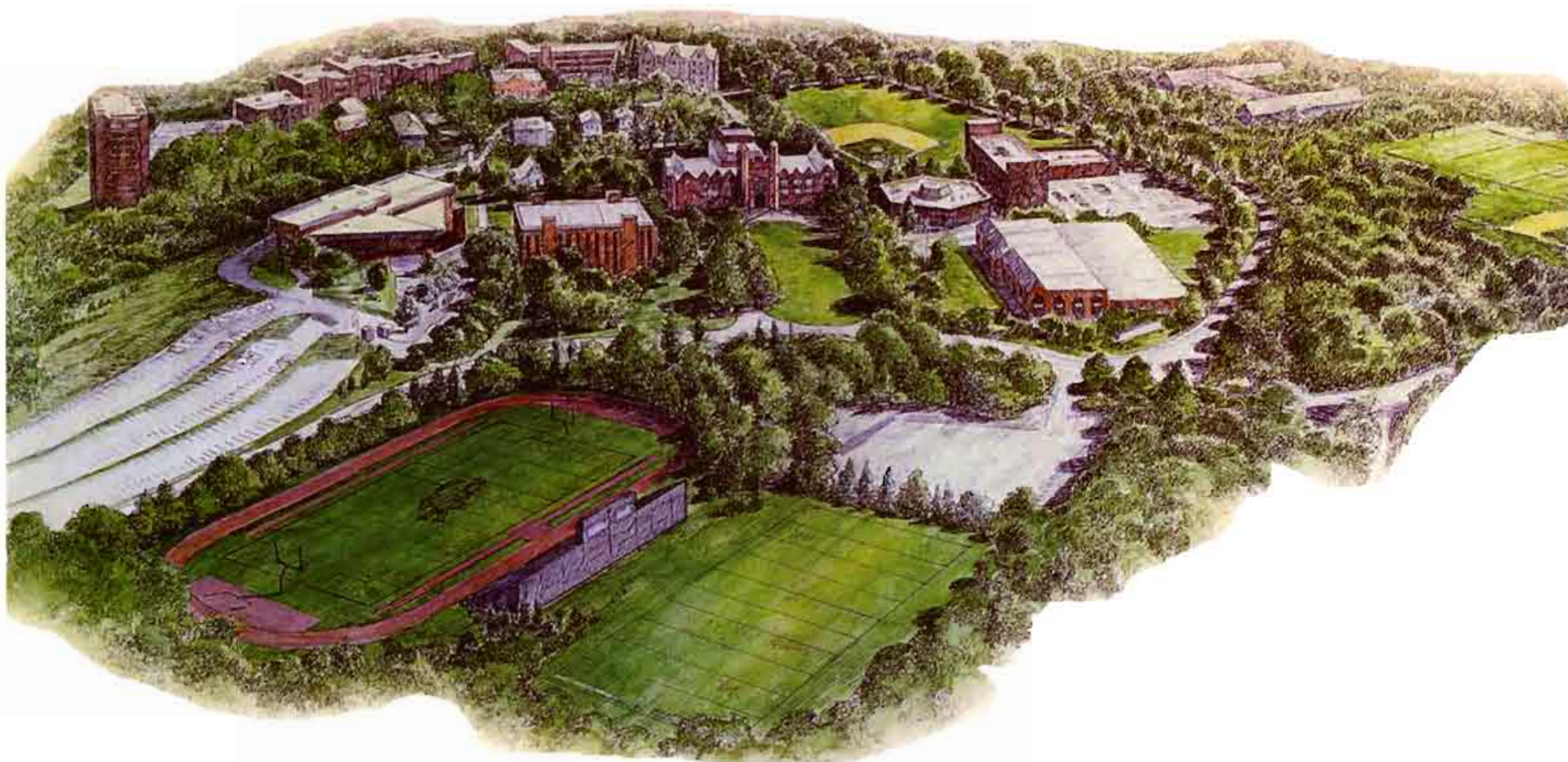
I could encompass all my interests into one major by choosing a combined concentration in theater, music and art.

After taking a journalism course I decided to minor in journalism which added my interest in English.

I was lucky in that all the courses I took along the way to discovering my chosen major would count towards my degree.

The moral of the story is to look inside yourself. Do not deny what your heart is telling you. Block out what others think best for you and focus inward. If you need more time to decide, take it. Being an undecided student is smarter than declaring one major, taking several courses, and realizing it's not what you want. Save yourself the stress and useless units by making time for some soul searching.

-Rose Muxer



So, you think *your* first week was traumatic ...

Two Wagner administrators remember their first days away from home

**David Martin:
Chief of Staff**

I was a freshman attending James Madison University in the fall, 1976.

I remember being dropped off at school on Saturday morning by my parents. I unpacked all of my belongings in my dorm room at Ikenberry Hall.

Then I walked around the campus and tried to find each of my classes so I wouldn't be "lost" on Monday morning when classes began.

After locating my classes I went into the Student Union to locate my mailbox.

I tried the combination and

it didn't work. I tried a second and third time and had no luck. Positive that I was given the wrong combination, I started to get flustered and cursed my luck.

All of a sudden an upper classmen came into the mail room and noticed I was visibly "stressed."

I explained to her that either I had received the wrong combination to my mail box or it was broken and could not be opened.

In her sweet southern drawl she asked me if she could give it a try.

Quick as a wink she dialed the numbers and opened the mailbox! I was truly embarrassed that I failed at this simple task.

She then explained the "secret" to opening the campus mail boxes and my next attempt was a sweeping success.

From that point on, any time I saw a student struggling with

a mailbox combination I instinctively knew it was a freshmen and offered him/her the same assistance that was provided to me.

**Lyle Guttu:
Special Assistant
to the President**

My first day at the college of my choice was not good. It was horrendous.

To make a long story bearable, let me cut to the first twelve hours my first day in college.

A little after midnight, I was dropped off by a taxi that had taken me from Logan Airport in Boston to Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA.

I had no luggage with me, as it had not made it to Boston.

Running through the Quonset hut halls of the old Idlewild Airport (now JFK), I managed to make the last flight out of New York to

Boston, my checked luggage did not.

Rain, including thunder and lightning, across the entire northern tier of the United States had delayed my arrival in Boston by almost nine hours.

It was still raining. It was pouring. I had no idea where the residence hall I had been assigned to was.

It was within the walls of the old campus, called The Yard, but I had no clue where in the yard Thayer Hall might be.

And, it being after midnight and a very rainy night as well, no one was around to give me directions.

How long it took me to find Thayer Hall I don't know.

But panic was beginning to seep into my mind, as surely as had the rain soaked me to the skin from head to toe, when I spied the sign Thayer Hall beside an entrance to a large building.

The door was open!

My room number was 621 and as I increasingly suspected, that meant the top floor of a residence hall without an elevator. (As I recall there were no elevators in any of the residence halls).

But then I had no luggage to carry, just my waterlogged self.

The real miracle of this sad saga is that the door to my assigned room was unlocked!

I opened it to see a desk, chair, dresser and bed.

There was also a fireplace, which gives you some idea how old this residence hall was.

How I would have loved to have been able to build a fire, wet and shivering as I was.

There was no blanket.

I had nothing dry to put on and was too cold to take off the soggy clothes I had on.

So I lay down on the dry mattress and warmed myself to sleep with my tears.

PUBLIC SAFETY IS READY TO HELP

Keeping Wagner safe

The Public Safety Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The emergency extension is 9111 and the office non-emergency extension is 3165.

The main gate on Howard Avenue is staffed 24 hours a day and can be reached at extension 3148.

The primary responsibilities of this department are campus law enforcement, parking and traffic administration, general welfare, and fire safety.

Officers can be dispatched to emergency situations at

any time of the day or night.

Crimes, fires, or injuries should be reported immediately.

ID cards and parking stickers may be obtained in the office.

The Public Safety Office provides 24-hour-a-day patrol protection to the campus.

This includes one patrol car and one officer at the Main Gate to the campus, and other officers on foot patrol.

All Public Safety Officers are certified by New York State. Some officers have prior police experience.

EXCERPTS FROM WAGNER'S 1936 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Freshmen didn't always have it so good

COURTESY

1. Freshmen will occupy the first three rows of seats in chapel and all other meetings.

2. Freshmen will not smoke on the campus except in their own rooms and on special occasions when permission is granted by the Traditions Committee and the sophomore class.

3. Freshmen will not use the front steps of the administration building.

4. Freshmen will not be seen in the company of co-eds on campus.

5. Freshmen will use only the east entrance to South Hall.

6. Freshmen will answer all

telephone calls in South Hall and bear messages if a request is made.

7. Freshmen will empty the waste-baskets of students, faculty members, and guests residing in the dormitories.

8. Freshmen will be responsible for the raising of the American and college flags before the first period each morning and the lowering of the flags at five o'clock each evening.

9. Freshmen will participate actively in at least one extra-curricular program of the college.

10. Freshmen will know from memory at the close of Freshman week the Alma Mater and all

other college songs and cheers.

11. Freshmen will erect the bleacher stands at the opening of the football season.

12. A Freshman mailman, chosen by the Traditions Committee, shall deliver all faculty and student mail.

ATTIRE

1. Freshmen will wear Wagner ties and bands until Christmas.

2. Freshmen will wear their special Wagner apparel to all athletic contests.

3. All special attire will be obtained at the College Bookstore during Freshman Week.