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## Hundreds Of Singers, Air Force Band To Perform Here

### Musical Festival Set For Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening, May 4, Wagner College will be host to the First Air Force Band from Mitchell Field and several hundred singers from the Metropolitan New York area. These groups plus the Wagner College choir will combine forces for a festival of music in the gym. The program will be presented free of charge.

An open invitation to all students and faculty members to join in the chorus has been issued by the program chairman. A rehearsal of the members of the chorus will be held at three o'clock, at five o'clock fifty-cent box lunches will be available. At six o'clock the chorus and band will have a combined rehearsal, and the concert will be given at eight. All the above meetings will take place in the college gymnasium.

The members of the chorus are from choirs of churches in New Jersey, New York City, Westchester, and Long Island. Choirs will also travel from Kingston, Newburgh, and Middletown to take part in the concert.

The large chorus of several hundred singers will be heard in a group of eight numbers under the direction of Dr. Sigvart J. Steen, Chairman of the Music Department and director of the College choir.

The Air Force Band will appear on the Wagner campus after its highly successful appearance at the Christmas festival. They will present two groups of numbers in addition to accompanying the large chorus in three numbers.

The band will be heard in the first movement of Tchaikowski's well-known piano concerto, the waltzes from Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" and other classical pieces. They will also play some contemporary works including Anderson's "Blue Tango."

The Wagner College Choir will appear in a group of numbers that it is preparing for its forthcoming European tour.

Marjory Mayer Steen, who is noted for her appearances with the City Opera Company and NBC Television opera, will also appear to sing arias from two operas with the Air Force band as her accompanist.

The large chorus and the Air Force Band under the direction of Dr. Steen will combine to present the climax of the program when they will sing three numbers for chorus and symphonic band.

The program for the day will be as follows:

- 3:00—Chorus Rehearsal
- 5:00—Lunch
- 6:00—Combined Chorus and Band rehearsal
- 8:00—Wagner College Music Festival

### Key Credits Due

Miss Lucile Sloan, Dean of Women, has advised all students who are planning to graduate in June 1952 to stop in her office and check their extra-curricular points. The last date for checking these points is May 14th, at 3:00 P. M. The dean's office is room 6 at the end of the first floor corridor in the administration building.

Extra-curricular points are given to students for participation in various extra-curricular activities at Wagner, such as *Kallista*, *Wagnerian*, Student Association, Club officers, and Varsity Players.

At the annual Student Association Banquet, to be held this year on Friday, May 23, the students with the most points will be awarded keys in honor of all their extra-curricular work.

### Production Of Macbeth Planned By Varsity Players

When the Varsity Players present their production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 8, 9 and 10, the costumes used will be the same ones used by the Columbia Broadcasting System when it presented the three-act tragedy on television recently. The play will be presented at 8:30 P. M. in the College Auditorium during its three-night run.

The cast of this production includes 15 characters. They are: Macbeth, George Sander; Lady Macbeth, Joan Campion; Banquo, Ted Klemens; Duncan, Chris Crowley; Malcolm, Charles Hubner; Macduff, Ed Bosch; Lady Macduff, Nancy Rague; Porter, Royce Watson; Ross, Bob Belknap; Lennox, Bob Rogan; witches, Elleneva Kamp, Rosita Soler, and Ann Pierce; Doctor, George Guba; Nurse, Arlene Adcock.

The students working behind the scenes will be Marilyn Hemminger, in charge of prompting and wardrobe; Ed Diaz, stage manager; Caroline Reisch, in charge of makeup; and Carl Nuermberger as electrician.

The original plan for presenting Macbeth on the steps of the administration building to accomplish the effect of an Elizabethan theatre has been abandoned. The problem of unsuitable weather might render this idea impossible in a three night run.

The admission price for Macbeth will be \$.75 for Wagner students, and \$1.20 for other spectators. Since the play will be presented at the time of Pre-freshman Day, a special price will be determined for high school visitors to the campus.

## Test For Draft Deferments Will Be Given May 22

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, announced an additional selective service college qualification test to be held May 22 at 1,000 testing centers for the benefit of students prevented by illness, emergencies or some other reason from taking the test on December 13, 1951, or April 24 of this year. Wagner will again be one of these testing centers.

Officers at national headquarters emphasized that students who have an admission ticket for either the December 13, or April 24 test which they failed to use on the assigned date must submit a new application if they wish to take the May 22 test. The old admission ticket, they pointed out, will not admit a student to the May 22 test; he must apply for and receive a new admission ticket.

Application blanks for the May 22 test may be obtained by students from the nearest local board. They do not have to return home to the local board which has jurisdiction over them. Applicants for the May 22 test should be mailed to the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, and must be postmarked before midnight May 10.

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### JACOBSEN TO ATTEND WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Mr. Frank Jacobsen, business manager, will represent Wagner at an annual convention of more than seven hundred colleges which have banded together to utilize mass purchasing.

This convention, which will be held by the National Association of College Purchasing Agents and Business Officers, will take place in Washington, D. C. at the Shore Hotel from May 6-9.

A discussion of efficiency in procurement of materials, personnel and general operations for colleges will be included.

### Summer Sessions Schedule Corrected

In the last issue of the *Wagnerian* some errors were recorded in the story on the Summer Term 1952. The story should have read: "The second session will run from July 21 to August 29."

Also in regard to the registration for the summer term, the story should have stated that all other payments must be paid on June 9, the final day for registration.

We regret any inconvenience these errors might have caused any students or administrative officers. The summer term is changed, however, inasmuch as students will be allowed to earn only fourteen points toward graduation, instead of sixteen points as allowed last summer.

## New President To Speak At Convocation Today



Dr. David Marion Delo, President-elect, who speaks today in the chapel.

### Address To Start Traditional May Day Ceremonies

Dr. David Marion Delo, the president-elect of Wagner College, and currently executive director of the American Geological Institute, will address the students and faculty for the first time when he speaks this morning at the special May Day Convocation in the College Chapel. Dr. Delo succeeds Dr. Walter Consuelo Langsam to the Wagner presidency when Dr. Langsam leaves on July 1 to assume the presidency of Gettysburg (Pa.) College.

The Convocation, to be held at 9:50, will be the official opening of the May Day festivities, which will include inter-class athletic contests, the coronation of the queen, the May Pole dance, and an informal May dance in the evening.

Also appearing at the convocation will be the Wagner College Choir. This is the first public appearance of the choir since its Town Hall concert on March 22. The choir will present two selections which it is preparing for its European tour this summer, as a regular part of the Convocation ceremonies.

After the Convocation, Inter-Class Olympics will be held on the Athletic fields, followed by a Picnic Lunch for students and faculty. Students who reside on the campus will receive box lunches from the Cunard Dining Hall. Off-Hill students are invited to bring their own box lunches from home, although the Guilden will be open during the afternoon and evening.

After lunch, the Traditions Committee, which is in charge of the May Day ceremonies, will conduct inter-class softball elimination contests. The finals, or championship contests will be held later in the afternoon, after the coronation.

At three o'clock, the coronation of the queen will be held, presided over by Dean John R. Bacher, dean of the College. The queen, elected by the student body in elections held last week, will not be proclaimed until the hour of the coronation.

After the queen has been crowned, several girls will dance the traditional May Pole dance, which will be followed by the softball final matches.

At 8:30 P. M. the traditional informal May Dance will be held in the new gym, closing the events of the annual celebration. The dance will end at 11:00 P. M. A band has been engaged for the evening dance.

May Day is a tradition of the College held every spring at the beginning of May, and does not have any political significance.

### Church Officials Praise Dr. Delo

Church dignitaries and college officials have expressed their pleasure at the election of Dr. David Marion Delo as president of the college. All have expressed confidence of continued cooperation between college and church, and have praised Dr. Delo as educator and layman.

Dr. Frederick R. Knobel, president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, which founded the college and continued to support Wagner as one of its Colleges, said of Dr. Delo:

"The Synod extends its hearty welcome to Dr. David Delo as president of its college, and looks forward to the most intimate fellowship and cooperation toward the end of Christian education for our youth."

Dr. Edwin H. Knudten, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, which recently adopted Wagner as its only Church College, stated regarding the election of Dr. Delo:

"It has been a thrilling experience to witness the growing together of churches which were formerly members of three constituent synods of the United Lutheran Church in America. These churches are now gloriously united and happily engaged in strengthening the Church in New Jersey."

"The Synod is pleased with the choice of the Board of Trustees of Wagner College in the election of the new president, Dr. David Marion Delo, and anticipates working together with him in the great task of educating the youth of the Church."

Dr. Frederic Sutter, President of the Board and Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stapleton issued the following statement concerning the election of the president:

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## "Gettin' Culture"

by Richard Pankow

On a recent somewhat rainy Saturday afternoon I left Wagner and headed for the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue and 83rd Street. I had been hearing rumours that aside from its regular vast collection the Museum had assembled something special. The trip was well worth the afternoon because I discovered that the "Met" has a large showing of the works of Paul Cezanne and smaller but equally interesting collection of some of the inventions of da Vinci.

**CÉZANNE—**  
*"Every painting of Cézanne reveals an exploration of some problem connected with putting nature in order, forms, their mass and solidity, their place in deep space in relation to other forms expressed accordingly to his own visualization and method of using color—to get upon the canvas his perception of these forms constituted his objective."* —Gardner

Cézanne was a post-impressionist and a member of the school that also includes Van Gogh and Gauguin. He was a bridge between the old masters from whom he took a great deal of inspiration and the later Picasso and Matisse. He said "I want to make impressionism something solid and permanent like the old masters."

He painted people, landscapes and still lifes much like any other artist but there the similarity ends. His primary interest was in the essential structure of the natural form and in his work he tried to bring this out by using planes of color and by painting humans with massive limbs and torsos. His paintings are compositions of peace and order.

The exhibit itself is a collection of 128 paintings that have been brought from many parts of the world. Of utmost importance to an understanding of Cézanne is his relation with Van Gogh and Gauguin. Here the Museum has done itself proud and arranged a preview of the whole show. In this preview the relation between each of the painters is clearly shown and a better understanding of them all is possible.

Of the paintings in the main body of the show be sure to see "Mont Sainte-Victoire" and the Museum's own "L'Estaque." The former is perhaps the best of the numerous versions of this painting.

### Da VINCI—

*"Here was the splendid, majestic impassioned man of the Renaissance, the restless, impatient unfathomable genius of a magnificent, surging vital age."*—New York Times

Running concurrently with the Cézanne exhibition is a small showing of some reconstructed models showing the inventive genius of this Renaissance *Uomo universale*. There are small scale models of his attempts at building an airplane and many other things that were the results of his brilliant mind.

May I suggest to you two professors aside from those in the Art department to whom you can go for a better insight into the works of these men. For Paul Cézanne I suggest Dr. George A. Cook and for Leonardo Da Vinci I suggest Dr. David B. Tyler.

The Cézanne exhibit is running until May 18, 1952 and has an admission charge of fifty cents on all days except Monday. The Da Vinci showing will run until May 11, 1952 and is free to the public at all times. The hours of the museum are from one to five on Sundays and from ten to five on all other days.

## Side Show

by Neil Leonard

Heard in a freshman chemistry class: Here is an interesting experiment to try with sulphuric acid. Pour some into a saucer. Now stir it with your finger. Notice how much shorter your finger is? This is due to the chemical action of the acid.

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Cry and you sell two million records.

A point of information for Mr. Wiesner: Your friend, Jerky Pete, is one of the small time bookies in the neighborhood. In fact he is one of the small timest of all bookies. In doubly fact he is so small time that when he gets a quarter bet from one of his grammar school clients, he races right down to the bookie on the next block and lays off fifteen cents of it.

Who was it that hid the wire recorder in the girls' lounge? The boys in Luther Hall play it over and over before going to bed. The one about the traveling salesman and Marilyn Monroe was the funniest!

Will Birnam Wood come to Dunsinane? Is there a man not born of woman? Are there such creatures as witches? Is that a dagger which he sees before him? Don't fail to find out the answers to these questions! Go see the Varsity Players' production of Macbeth next week and watch Shakespe . . . , pardon me, Duncan murdered!

Interesting If True Department: The bus shelter being built by the boys from Alpha Phi Omega will be completed in June, 1961.

Right here let me squelch the rumor that it was four boys from Wagner who cleaned out that joint in that free-for-all the other night. It's not true! It was four girls.

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I was asked the other day why there are always screams coming from the Wagnerian office. Sir, let me say that these shrieks are merely our writers being pierced with inspiration. And anyway, it's none of your business. Go find your own secluded rendezvous!

Athletic director Herb Sutter would like to find the wise guy that goes to all the dances in the new gymnasium with holes in his shoes and long toenails. He's ruining the basketball court.

A critic of mine recently attacked me as being verbose. He called me polysyllabic (pol-i-sil-ab-ic, five, count 'em, five). People that live in glass houses shouldn't!

Horsemeat is definitely not being served in the Dining Hall. It was just coincidental that when some joker hollered, "Whoe," all but the vegetarians almost choked to death.

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Continuing our policy of public service, we present "So You Wanna Know?", the vehicle in which students and faculty ask questions about pertinent subjects and we secure the answers from the proper source. This week's questions:

1—Joe Yehudi wants to know "why da bottom slice a bred ain't never cut on da sandwiches in da Gniltden?"

Mr. Viohl: I'm not as young as I used to be!

2—Amelia J. Vampire wants to know "why boys don't ask me out, not even to S.C.A. movies."

Whitey Horai: you're no bargain!

3—Dean L. Stone wants to know "what the weather will be on Dec. 25?" (Asked in connection with the social calendar.)

The Paystee Weatherman: snow, followed by little boys with sleds.

4—Dr. Breen wants to know "how Margaret Truman is allowed to sing on the radio with her voice as it is?"

Harry Truman: #!!#@\*@\*

5—Wellington Backward wants to know "what I can do to help mend my broken neck?"

Bunny Barbes: Run it off!

6—Science Major wants to know "if Biology and Anatomy shouldn't be presented in a more interesting manner?"

Dagmar: Sure!

7—Indignant Student wants to know "who's the idiotic, stupid, pea-headed jerk that keeps setting up road blocks on campus roads at the beginning of day and night sessions?"

Dean Morrison: I think we'd better have a little talk, sonny.

Don't hesitate in failing to send us your personal questions. Names withheld until somebody asks us. Address all questions to "So You Wanna Know?", Willowbrook State Hospital.

## At Least We Hope So...

As editors of the Wagnerian, we feel that any comments regarding the chapel would be a little outside our line. As Christians, and students at a Christian college, we cannot feel the chapel is outside our line. Therefore, we feel justified in printing this editorial.

When a fraternity or sorority is promised a place at which meetings may be held at a regular location at a regular time each week, the fraternity or sorority comes to expect that their right to meet at the specified time and place will be respected by the Administration of the College.

When a college organization is given the right to hold meetings at a regular schedule, and then that right is disregarded, it is natural that the organization should object to the outside interference with the program of the group. So, we express now our indignation, or perhaps we should say our displeasure, at the practice of the Administration of allowing non-religious activities to displace the regular worship service.

Chapel services, it has been announced, are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning in the College chapel. The chapel congregation has come to expect to be able to worship the Redeemer of the world at these specified times. There have been, for many years now, many activities and ceremonies which have been scheduled to take the place of the regular religious service for that day. Many of these activities, though worthy enough in their way, are not worthy enough to interfere with the devotional life of the students, or take the place of the teaching of the Word of God.

We feel sure that if the powers that be would say "no" to those who request chapel hours for non-religious activities, the students would support these other activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays as actively as they do at present. We feel obligated to protest against this usurpation of hours usually set aside for religious services, and feel confident that in the future the Administration will make a sincere attempt to keep chapel hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays reserved for one of the primary purposes of the Christian College, to develop the spiritual life of the students.

At least we hope so . . .

## SCA Apathy

At the last meeting of the SCA new officers were elected and a retreat was planned to organize the activities for next year. Considering the fact that this is a Lutheran College and that there are about 800 day students we were a little surprised to discover about 40 members attending an election meeting. We feel that the SCA should be the most vital and the most active club on the campus. Obviously it is one of the most inactive. Why? Perhaps the program is inadequate; perhaps it is the disinterested attitude toward new and potential members or the lack of an interesting agenda?

Whatever the answer is we sincerely hope that the new officers will take their jobs seriously and give their utmost to the cause of rebuilding the SCA. The Wagnerian therefore, on behalf of this organization sends out a plea for new members with new ideas, to offer their suggestions and labor toward activating the Christian faith at Wagner.

# Facts And Figures

WAGNER COLLEGE FACTS AND FIGURES, 1945-1952  
**The Administration of President Walter C. Langsam**

Enrolment (Day, Evening Graduate)  
 December 1, 1945—397  
 December 1, 1951—1358

Faculty and Administrative Staff—increased from 20 to 60 between 1945 and 1952 plus 32 lecturers in the Evening Session.

Maintenance Crew—increased from 3 to 18 between 1945 and 1952.

Total assets: June 1, 1945—\$1,500,000.  
 June 1, 1952—\$3,500,000.

Average base salary for Faculty increased by 75% from 1946 to 1952.

Debt of \$177,000 paid off between 1945 and 1947.

Introduction for first time in College's history of an excellent pension system, supplemented recently by participation in the Social Security System.

Increase in scholarship help to students from \$5,200 in 1945 to \$48,000 in 1951.

Increase in contributions from the Lutheran Church bodies from \$21,000 per year in 1945 to \$36,500 per year in 1952.

Total income: 1945—\$196,800.  
 1952—\$223,800.

Library budget increased from \$6,800 in 1944/1945 to \$29,000 in 1951/1952.

Endowment Fund increased from \$340,730 in June 1945 to \$454,552 in June 1952.

Financial Campaign of 1950-51 brought in \$100,000 from Staten Island plus \$300,000 through the Lutheran Church.

Adoption of Wagner as its only supported college by the new Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey.

Every single fiscal year under this Administration closed with an operating surplus.

New services to students:

Board of Religious Activities.	Fulltime Chaplain.
Director of the Evening Session.	Dean of Men.
Director of the Summer Session.	Dean of Women.
Director of Civil Defense.	Guidance office.
Reference Librarian.	Director of Public Relations.
Laboratory School.	Alumni Secretary.
Improved Health Service.	Director of the Placement Bureau.

Wagner became a member of the College Entrance Examination Board and the National Commission on Accrediting

The Wagner College School of Nursing became one of only 39 collegiate schools of nursing in the entire U.S. who are on the approved lists of both the National Nursing Accrediting Service and the National Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing

Membership achieved for first time in all leading national, regional, and local athletic associations and conferences

The two local sororities have been absorbed into two of the best national sororities; two of the five fraternities have "gone national"

Establishment of two annual scholarships to assist promising Wagner graduates in meeting the expenses of the first year in certain leading graduate schools

Small Extension Division converted into large degree-conferring Evening Session

Additions to Physical Plant since November 1945:

Ward Estate	Storage Building
Music Building	Three Faculty Houses
Gymnasium	Luther Hall
Women's Dormitory	Parking lot

Publication by the College of:

<i>Faculty Handbook</i>	<i>Markham Bibliography</i>
<i>Preparation for What?</i>	<i>The Link</i>

Authority received from New York State Board of Regents to grant (besides the A.B. and B.S.) the following degrees:

Associate in Arts	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Associate in Applied Science	Master of Science in Education
Bachelor of Science in Education	Doctor of Humane Letters
Bachelor of Religious Education	Doctor of Science

Physical improvements (approximately \$200,000) including:

- Paved and curbed roads
- Incinerator
- New Physical Chemistry laboratory
- Conversion of all buildings from coal to oil
- New dining room in Cunard Hall through enclosure of porch
- New dishwashing room in Cunard Hall
- New lighting in Library and classrooms
- Grading and sodding of athletic field
- Preparation of practice field on West Campus
- Complete waterproofing job on Administration Building
- Improved tennis courts
- Improved Faculty garages
- Landscaping (under direction of Mrs. Langsam)

Encouragement of Staff and Faculty membership in professional societies

Preparation of distinguished color-sound film of life at Wagner College

Advancement of academic reputation of Wagner to point at which, for the first time, several of its Staff and Faculty members have been asked to serve on Inspection Committees of the Commission on Accreditation of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Introduction of a unique required course in Religion, entitled Religion in Life, for which the Religion-Philosophy Department has written a special textbook

## Letters:

April 25, 1952

Editor  
 The Wagnerian  
 Dear Miss Mansemer:  
 When Mrs. Langsam and I officially leave the Wagner College campus on July 1st, we shall take with us many warm and pleasant memories. Among the most beautiful of these memories will be that of the farewell dance given in our honor by the student body of the College. We were deeply touched by this wonderful occasion and we shall cherish throughout our lifetime the handsome scholl which was presented to us. Many, many thanks to you all from  
 Walter and Julia Langsam.

Wagner College  
 April 26, 1952

The Editor  
 The Wagnerian  
 Wagner College  
 Staten Island 1, N. Y.  
 Dear Miss Bansemer:

The shameful support given the Student Association by the Wagner student body was evidenced by the last two meetings at which there were less than 15% of the student body. No business was transacted because there was no quorum.

Perhaps the students do not realize that a disorganized student body will NEVER accomplish anything. Perhaps they would prefer that the association be disbanded because it is too much of a bother to attend meetings. Perhaps they are willing to accept without complaint whatever the administration wishes to impose in the way of regulation. Perhaps they just don't care for the responsibility which goes along with the privilege of free expression of opinion. It would seem so from the recent showing they made at Student Association meetings.

I am submitting for publication in this issue of the Wagnerian an editorial entitled "The Student Association and You." I hope that it might be effective in jolting somewhat the complacency now shown on this campus toward student self-government. If you so desire, you may also publish this letter of submission with the editorial.

Sincerely yours,  
 Herb Messner  
 Junior Councilman

## S C A ELECTS

Staten Island District Attorney Sidney O. Simonson was the speaker at the regular S.C.A. program meeting last Monday, April 28th. Mr. Simonson spoke on the topic: "What is the Christian's Attitude Toward Gambling and Political Corruption in Government."

Mr. Simonson outlined what he believed to be the history of the present situation of politics in our country. The authors of the so-called "American principles" were Christian men through and through. But, gradually, men and women with Christian principles left government service and shunned political responsibility. Men who were concerned with only their own personal gain took their places, particularly on the local level. But there is a way out of this tragic situation. And this solution, Mr. Simonson defined, is that each Christian becomes a "seed of thought" in his community.

## THE S A AND YOU

Disgruntled and disappointed citizens who feel an election outcome is not for the best interest of the government can often be heard to complain that the organization of the opposition was too strong to be overcome. Questioning usually elicits the fact that the complainer did not trouble to go to the polls to cast his vote for the party for which he was in favor. The typical comment is "What good would my one vote do in an election of this kind? There was too much opposition." This latter is not quite true. In the 1944 presidential elections only 68.75% of the potential voters in forty states which have no artificial control of suffrage took advantage of their privilege. In the eight southern states where poll tax limited the number of voters able to cast ballots, only 18.31% of the voters participated. If each voter who could vote but did not had taken advantage of the opportunity, the results might very well have been different.

In our own Wagner College there is a similar situation existing. When students are accepted for registration it is on the basis of an agreement to abide by the present and future rules and regulations set up by the college administration. Changes in policy are made from time to time which may seem to be against the interests of the student body. In order that students may have a means of expressing their opinions regarding policy affecting them, the college has granted a measure of self-government through the student Association. How effective is this means? It can be extremely influential in the determination of college policy IF IT IS SUPPORTED by every student who is matriculated at Wagner. A cohesive student body will be as effective in school affairs as a cohesive electorate can be in national affairs. Policy determination can be swayed by concerted action of those who are directly concerned. I submit to you today that the Student Association has not been as effective as it could be because of the attitude of the students themselves. It is because of YOUR laxity, YOUR indifference, YOUR attitude that your vote will not count, that the students complain about injustices. The enrollment at Wagner College approximates 775 in the day session. The attendance at the last two Student Association meetings did not approximate 15% of that figure. Last year, in order that business might be conducted and official action taken as an organized body, it was necessary for me to offer an amendment to the constitution reducing the quorum requirement from 20% to 15% of the student body. This was a further compromise from the requirement of 50% which existed until shortly after the war.

This is a sad state of affairs when the students themselves are ignoring the opportunity to make themselves an effective voice in matters which directly concern them. In particular, there have been issues close to the hearts of all members of the student body, such as limitation of cuts and reduction of funds allocated to student activities. Although the matters concerned all, less than one-third of the students were alert enough to realize that something could be done. This small percentage was able to institute changes or obtain from the college full explanations of actions proposed or taken.

Think what could be done with a united student body. It would make its voice heard in matters concerning college policy. The purpose of the Student Association is to cooperate with the college and at the same time guard the privileges which are at present granted to the student body. On the basis of obvious indifference these privileges may be curtailed. It is through the Association that grievances can be heard and solutions offered. The Student Association cannot work without YOU. Don't become a part of the 80% who say their presence and vote will not count. That is NOT TRUE. It is YOUR voice you are muffling; it is YOUR strength which is being sapped; it is YOUR right to be heard which is being undermined.

Attend student body meetings and become a part of an organized group which is seeking the protection of its own interests, and the promotion of its own welfare. A slogan seen on billboards in France at the time of a recent election read: "Si vous ne votez pas, taisez vous!" which means: "If you don't vote, shut up!"

See you at the NEXT Student Association meeting!  
 HERB MESSNER,  
 Junior Councilman.

## MARKHAM HONORED BY COLLEGE AT SPECIAL CEROMONY

Last week the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the famous poet, Edwin Markham, was celebrated across the country. A special program was planned in Oregon City where the poet was born. In San Jose, California, where he lived for some time, the Poetry Society also recognized the centenary with a memorial celebration. It is believed that Markham started composing his most famous poem, "The Man with a Hoe," in San Jose.

When Mr. Markham died in 1940, he left his library to Wagner. This collection of books now resides in the Markham Memorial Room on the second floor of the Administration Building.

The annual memorial service commemorating the poet's centenary was held on April 23rd, the actual day of his birth in place of the regular religious service. The responsive readings, hymn, and prayer incorporated into the service were all taken from Edwin Markham's poetry. The address was delivered by Professor Virgil Markham, Chairman of the Department of English and son of the poet.

The memorial celebrations were further enhanced last week by the release of a bibliography of the poet's works compiled by Mrs. Sophie K. Shields, curator of the Markham Room. The Bibliography includes all of the separate publications of both his poetic and prose works, and the various editions and reprints of them.

The celebrations of the week were brought to a close on Friday, April 25th, with a tea in the Markham Room during the hours 3-5 P. M. Special invitations were sent. The several exhibits of the poets personal papers and the original draft of "The Man with a Hoe" were displayed. These exhibits are always available to interested students.

## Volunteers Needed To Survey Island

The Staten Island division of the Protestant Council of the City of New York is currently making a religious census of the Borough of Richmond, for which at least one hundred Wagner students are needed as volunteers to help conduct this survey.

The Rev. Dr. David Berry, along with the National Churches of Christ in America, is cooperating with the Protestant Council, and is taking charge of the surveying.

Each volunteer will be asked to make about forty calls in a specified area of the Island, to be completed at the volunteer's convenience before final examinations. The results of the survey will be made available to all denominations, and will be useful in planning new congregations and evangelistic campaigns for the various church bodies in the city.

All students who would like to assist the Protestant Council are asked to contact Chaplain Paul J. Kirsch in his office, room 10, any morning. The Chaplain has pointed out that this would be invaluable experience to students for the ministry or for any kind of social work.

## Dance Held To Honor Langsams

On Saturday, April 19, the new gym was the scene of a farewell dance held in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Walter C. Langsam who are leaving on the first of June for Gettysburg, Pa., where Dr. Langsam will assume the position of president of Gettysburg College.

The arrangements for the affair were made by the officers of the Student Association, in co-operation with the Inter Fraternity Council.

During the evening Ralph Carloni, president of the Student Association, presented the Langsams with a scroll signed by many students, faculty members, and alumni, expressing appreciation for the many contributions made by Dr. and Mrs. Langsam to the college since coming to Wagner.

Dr. Langsam then made a few remarks thanking the students and faculty for arranging the dance, and expressed confidence in the future progress of Wagner. He also explained his regret at leaving and gave his best wishes to everyone at the college.

The ceremony was concluded with the playing of "Beautiful Upon A Hill" by Ardie Brown and his orchestra, who also played for the dancing.

Mrs. Langsam, at an interview in her home, expressed her appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the students in holding this farewell occasion, especially since both she and her husband "love to dance."

"With so little time left here, I'm treasuring every day," she said. While looking forward to living in Pennsylvania, as a new experience, since she and Dr. Langsam have lived most of their lives in New York State, she will miss the familiar spots on Wagner's campus, "especially the beautiful view of the harbor from in front of Cunard," she added.

## Draft Test Set

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To be eligible to take the test, an applicant must, on the testing date, be a selective service registrant intending to request deferment as a student, be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time college course leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree and must not have previously taken the test.

The present criteria for consideration for a deferment is either a score of 70 or better on the qualification test, or class standing among the upper half of the male members of the freshman class, upper two thirds of the sophomore class or upper three fourths of the junior class.

Seniors accepted for admission to a graduate school satisfy the criteria if they are among the upper half of the male members of their class, or make a score of 75 or better on the test. Students already enrolled in graduate schools may be considered for deferment as long as they remain in good standing.

These criteria are guides for the local boards. The local boards are under no compulsion to follow them, but any local board classification is subject to appeal. The appeal must be filed in writing with the local board within 10 days from the date the local board mails a notice of classification.

## IRC Conference Hears Schaul, Bebek, Bhandari

Causes of the growth of Communism and proposed remedies were discussed by Rev. Richard Schaul, Dr. Tibor Bebek, R. Bhandari and E. A. Burke at the International Relations Club's conference on "Communism in the World Today," held last Saturday.

Mr. Schaul, who has recently made a nation-wide speaking tour following ten years of work for the Presbyterian Church in South America, declared, "I've lived where five out of ten children die before reaching the age of ten."

He condemned the tendency to indiscriminately endorse the status quo, and attempts to stop Communism by allying with the forces of reaction.

Dr. Tibor Bebek, formerly professor of political philosophy and international relations at Pecs University, Hungary, listed apathy and ignorance as dangerous factors.

The Indian vice-consul in New York City, R. Bhandari, said poverty was an important cause, but that his nation was undertaking tremendous programs to deal with this problem.

E. A. Burke, chairman of the national issues division of the Richmond County Republican Committee condemned the apathy of the American people. He called for greater education, intelligence, and re-dedication to spiritual values.

## Church and College Officers Laud Delo

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"I am happy to announce to the students of Wagner College the election of Dr. Delo as our new president. I'm certain that he will prove to be an able successor to Dr. Walter C. Langsam. Dr. Delo comes to Wagner with a wide experience in the field of higher education. He has also proved himself to be an able churchman."

"In making this announcement I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Langsam for the splendid contribution he has made to the college and the community during his administration. The college has received the highest recognition possible academically. The faculty has been increased and strengthened, the student body has had its peak enrollment, and a gymnasium and dormitory have been constructed."

"We regret his going but wish him God's richest blessing in his new position."

Dr. Walter C. Langsam, who is leaving Wagner on July 1, to assume the presidency of Gettysburg College, praised Dr. Delo as teacher and administrator. Dr. Langsam said:

"Dr. Delo has achieved an enviable record as teacher and administrator. Deeply interested in an education that will directly prepare young men and women for a Christian approach to the problems of life, he will be an inspiring leader for faculty, students, and alumni. Mrs. Delo will be a charming first lady of the campus."

"I am happy that the leadership of Wagner will fall to Dr. Delo, and I speak for him the same wonderful cooperation and freindship which came to me from the Wagner College family."

The editors of the Wagnerian express the opinion of the student body, assuring Dr. Delo of friendship and loyalty to our College.

## Sorority Chartered

Delta Lambda sorority, now chartered and approved by the college administration, is currently functioning to fullest capacity. National affiliation is planned for the near future.

Delta Lambda's "Button Booth" at the C.C.C. Carnival proved successful, receiving the award of third prize in sales.

Another project of Delta Lambda was the acceptance of Alpha Phi Omega's invitation to join with them in an Easter party given April 10 for the children of Bethlehem Lutheran Orphanage. Other social functions are being planned for next semester.

Since the sorority is newly organized girls are not being pledged this semester. Pledging will, however, take place in the fall.

Officers of Delta Lambda are: president, Dora Geissler; vice-president, Shirley Hornafius; recording secretary, Marilyn Cherry; corresponding secretary, Connie Berta; treasurer, Lenore Ahalt; historian, Eleanor Ehrhardt; sergeant at arms, Doris Bidlack, and Chaplain, Joan Schmitt.

## New Nursing Awards

Dr. Walter C. Langsam, president of the College, has announced the establishment of two awards by the Nursing Alumnae Chapter of the Wagner College Alumni Association.

The awards will be made to two outstanding seniors and will consist of paid-up memberships in the American Nurses' Association for one year. The Wagner College extra-curricular point system will be the basis for determining to whom they will be awarded. The first awards will be made at the Student Body Banquet on May 23, Friday.

Miss Betty Seifman is the president and Miss Ruth Tellefsen is the secretary of the chapter, which is composed of graduates of the Wagner College School of Nursing.

The annual Student Body banquet will be held this year on Friday evening, May 23, at which the keys for extra curricular activities will be awarded.

## Goal Surpassed In College Appeal

The Campus Community Chest Appeal, the sole charity drive held on the Wagner Campus every year, went over its goal of \$1500.00 after the carnival, which was held on Friday evening April 18.

To date contributions have been received totaling \$1560.00, with some faculty contributions still to be turned in.

The Carnival added \$283.00 to the appeal treasury, which is divided between many of the large charities.

Sigma Delta Phi fraternity won the prize at the carnival for the organization which turned in the most money. Delta Nu won the prize for the most original booth, with Delta Lambda, new sorority, receiving honorable mention.

Gloria Bauman and Edward Weiskotten were co-chairmen of the 1952 appeal. The drive is run by the Student Christian Association.

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## *New President Named By Board of Trustees*

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Dr. DAVID MARION DELO was elected president of Wagner College at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, yesterday afternoon (April 24). He will succeed Dr. Walter C. Langsam, who leaves Wagner on July 1 to become president of Gettysburg College.

The president-elect is currently the executive director of the American Geological Institute and executive secretary of the Geological and Geographical Division of the National Research Council, Washington, D.C. He will assume his new post early this summer.

Dr. Delo was born in Mt. Morris, Ill., in December, 1905, just a few weeks before Dr. Langsam. He is a graduate of Miami (Ohio) University, class of 1926, with a degree of Master of Arts from the University of Kansas in 1928, and the Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard University in 1935.

He began a college teaching career as an instructor at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. In 1934, he became chairman of the department of geology at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin. Three years later he was appointed chairman of the department of geology and geography at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., a post he held until 1946. While at Knox, he was certificated instructor in the civilian pilot training program (1939-43) and technical aide, Office of Scientific Research and Development, 1944-46.

From 1946-49 he served as chief of the scientific manpower branch, Research and Development Division, General Staff, Department of the Army. He has occupied his present position since 1949.

Dr. Delo is co-author of "Years of This Land" (1943) and "Scientists in Uniform" (1948). He is a fellow of the Geological Society of America and of the Paleontology Society, and a trustee of the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

He is married to the former Elsie M. Crocker and the couple has three children -- Diana, 17, David, 14, and Virginia, 9. Mrs. Delo is presently the director of a special school for children afflicted with cerebral palsy in Washington.

The president-elect is the son of a Lutheran minister, the late Rev. Frank S. Delo and a member of the Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.