Wagner College

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Staten Island, N.Y.

# The faces of Homecoming 2016

Introducing the candidates for Homecoming court. Students will vote online beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 through 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 to decide who will be crowned king and queen. During halftime of the football game, when the Seahawks take on Sacred Heart University, the Homecoming court will be presented and king and queen will be officially announced. The game kicks off at 6 p.m.



Trevor Williamson is a senior marketing major who is representing Cause For A Cure with the theme of the presidential election.



Marisa Petrarca is a senior English major who is representing Alpha Sigma Alpha with the theme of The Lttle Mermaid.



Mark Rucci is a senior arts admin major who is representing Kappa Sigma Alpha with the theme of Kappa Spaces Out.



Sarah Riley is a senior psychology major who is representing Alpha Phi Omega with the theme of social media.



Tayla Dominguez Richards is a senior arts admin major who is representing Tau Kappa Sigma with the theme of Great Gatsby.



Hayley Richards is a senior music major who is representing Kappa Sigma Alpha with the theme of Kappa Spaces Out.



Kaitlyn Stines is a senior nursing major who is representing Alpha Delta Pi with the theme of flower power.



Liz Polizzotti is a senior majoring in special ed and theater who is representing Alpha Omicron Pi with the theme of Cinderella.



Dillon Quinn is a senior business admin major who is representing Theta Chi with the theme of The Olympics.



William Berntsen is a junior finance major who is representing Alpha Pi Omega with the theme of social media.

# \$20 million down, \$40 million to go

### By ANTHONY ARPAIA Staff Writer

Five years since the 2005-2011 fund, "Putting Wagner First," concluded, and over \$50 million later, Vice President of Enrollment Angelo G. Araimo feels it is time for another campaign to address the needs of the campus and its members. The "Capital Campaign" is the second major multimillion dollar fundraiser in Wagner College's history. The Capital Campaign began in summer 2015 and has an achievable goal pegged at \$60 million by the year 2020.

The campaign is urrently in what is called "the quiet phase". The quiet phase is the initial outreach to the selected donor list where feedback screenings are held, dats is accumulated, and ititial donoations are placed. In this phase, the Capital Campaign has raised \$20 million so far. With the first year complete, it is one third of the way towards the overall goal of \$60 million goal.

At this rate there is possibility of raising more than \$60 million by the time the campaign is finished. By 2017, or when \$30 million has

been raised, the Wagner marketing team will begin a public phase and extend its reach to outside donors. When deciding how to use the sum of the money, interviews are conducted in the beginning of the quiet phase. The donors found three main areas of focus: deferred maintenance, and a new building.

### Endowment

The goal is to raise at least \$15-\$20 million for endowment, which will create more scholarships for students. It will also help fund faculty research and contribute to other investments in faculty and campus operations.

### Deferred maintenance

Deferred maintenance is concerned with any building or ground renovations, both short and long term for campus. It will allow the school to complete repairs on campus facilities that have been put off due to budget restrictions.

### The new building

The new building will be a "hub" for student learning. The building will mainly hold nursing and business classes but will include a common area and state of the art amenities enjoyed by all majors. Announced in recent years, it will be designed by architect, Peter

Bohlin, who worked alongside Steve Jobs to design the layout for Apple Stores across the nation.

Araimo acknowledges the fact that many of the benefits associated with this campaign will be received by classes in the future and not initially by current students. He highlights that the value of this campaigns investment in the college will raise the value of all student degrees after graduation. The most important behind the scenes operation, arguably at this and any institution including universities, is investment.

If the money raised in this campaign is left uninvested, the target amount will remain at \$60 million. Plans to invest the \$60 million so that it may grow to equal even more have been discussed by members of the campaigns team. They believe the goal of \$60 million will be reached, so the plan to grow the total amount beyond this is also reachable.

With a year under its belt, and \$20 million already in the bank, the campaign is growing rapidly. The team behind the campaign is motivated by the end vision, a Wagner campus and experience that is \$60 million better.



Photo by Alex Stanco

### STRATEGIZE WITH THE CHESS CLUB

Senior Anthony Tucker-Bartley, senior Rashad Young and junior Pedro Meza contemplate their next moves at a recent meeting of the brand new Chess Club. For more photos and information, flip to the back page.

## Garden highlights leadership and unity

### By ARLINDA REYES Staff Writer

The two centers that are involved in The Nelson Mandela Leadership Garden are the Center for Intercultural Advancement and the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement. The garden, found outside of Foundation Hall, was a project from a former ILC about leadership. It was based on the garden that Nelson Mandela tended while in prison. The garden is modeled after five continents, featuring plants from each. Plaques placed by each "continent" featured quotes by leaders from that continent.

Over the last year, some of the original plaques were stolen or damaged. A new team decided to take over the garden and replace the stolen plaques. During the summer, history professor, Lori Weintrob, and associate professor of government and politics, Patricia Moynagh, taught a leadership program with students who are a part of the Port Richmond Partnership Leadership Academy. During their class they chose to incorporated the Nelson Mandela Leadership Garden into their curriculum.

Director for the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, Arlette Cepeda, participated in the artistic creation of the tiles to "Use art to empower others." The new tiles are not called plaques because they are made of ceramic. A professional ceramist named Ezequiel Taveras, was hired to come to the program and show the students how to utilize the clay.

Throughout the process, they discussed leadership and displayed different ways to be engaged in the community. The students each chose a quote from a leader they admire and decorated the tiles to fit their style. The quotes ranged from former presidents to rappers. Each tile is a component of a whole and a form of civic mindfulness.

"We really hope that this will be a place where students will be con-



Outside of Foundation Hall the inspirational tiles are on view for students walking by.





Photos by Arlinda Reyes

The tiles feature quotes from different leaders including Vince Lombardi and J. Cole.

nected to and empowered by," says Weintrob. These tiles were meant to display that anyone can be a leader and make a difference for the better in society.

While these students were making the tiles, they were afraid that people were going to steal them like the originals. Cepeda eased their worry by saying, "You have to care for it and contemplate it and make it your own."

"Art represents unity," says Cepeda. The garden is where, "differences come together at a single place." The tiles are the beginning to what this garden will be.

The purpose is to continue to in-

corporate different symbols in the garden that mean and celebrate diversity, growth, unity, peace, and leadership. The colorful appearance of the tiles makes people notice

"We want people to see them and read the text and reflect. We want them to understand that there was a purpose, there was a student that put effort into creating them," said Cepeda. The tiles are just one piece of the story. Cepeda says, "In an ideal world the leadership garden is an instrument to celebrate our diversity and to celebrate the many ways you can be a leader because there is not one single way."



Photo by Kevin Farrell

Bonner leaders join director Kevin Farrell.

## 'Bonner what? Bonner love'

There are many clubs that promote leadership, friendship, social awareness and community service, but there is one organization on campus that stands out from the rest, the Bonner Leaders Program.

With the program going into its fourth year, 48 students who are driven, passionate and community minded are currently a part of it. The program, which first year students can apply for during the fall, uses Federal Work Study funds to support student's extensive 300 plus hour commitment to community service. Included among these 48 students are the group from the Class of 2017, who will be the first class to complete four years of the program.

Brandon Hart, a senior in the program, had only good things to say about it. When asked what the Bonner Leaders Program had done for him over the past four years, he stated, "The Bonner Program has been a support, family, and a professional network that has been civically engaging." About the assigned work with the Bonner Program, Hart said, "They have placements that are different each year, that are given out through seminars which involve leadership, community service, and 300 hours of civic engagement."

Kevin Farrell, the director of the program, says "student development through the lense of civic engagement." The program teaches students through six core commitments, which are civic engagement, diversity, community building, international perspective, spirituality, and democracy.

Olivia Pea, spent her time combining photography and her service work in after-school elementary care. She helped to improve the art education within the North Shore community of Staten Island by working with elementary students in an after-school photography and art program.

Though it has been developed and successful here, the Bonner Program did not start at Wagner College. The first Bonner Scholars Program was founded at Berea College in 1990. The goal of the program, as Olivia Bishop states, "It is to create long lasting change in communities focusing on nutrition and educational opportunity. It is designed to provide students with access to education and an opportunity to serve." This goal made the program one of the largest privately-funded scholarship programs in the country and is now present at over 60 colleges.

Overall, with the help of this program, the Class of 2017 will graduate as civic professionals and have the relationship and leadership skills that will help them in the job market. As Kevin Farrell stated in the end of the interview, "If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough and no matter what, they will be successful."

Reported by: Dominique Landew

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# Mentorship program celebrates diversity on campus

Leadership, Empowering, Activism and Development. LEAD is a leadership and mentorship program that celebrates the racial and cultural diversity present on campus. The program aims to cultivate and nurture Wagner's minority student population by creating safe and inclusive spaces.

The program matches a first-year student with an upperclassman to assist the freshman with his or her transition into college. Mentors and mentees meet weekly for one hour and participate in various programs, trainings and workshops that will enhance their academic and professional skills. Participants are invited to go on various field trips and museum visits. In the past, LEAD members partnered with groups such as the Black Student Union and the Student Government

This fall marks the second year Association to provide suggestions is from Venezuela, which is perfect of Wagner College's LEAD pro- to Wagner's administration about since they can communicate with gram. LEAD is an acronym for how to foster more diversity on each other in Spanish. The months campus. There are currently ten upperclassmen who are mentors for the LEAD program. These mentors must apply to be part of the program. The application is available on Wagner's website.

The 63 freshmen involved in the program have very diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. Karen Gutierrez is a freshman involved in the LEAD program. About her transition from Guatemala to Wagner, Karen said she initially struggled with the stereotypes and misconceptions that people had about Guatemala.

She feels as though the LEAD program is "a great way to bring everyone together from different backgrounds," and that the program enabled her to "get to know a lot of people as diverse" as she is. She also mentioned that her mentor

of September and October are dedicated to celebrating the Latino community. The LEAD program recently hosted a reception for Latino students and discussed migration issues.

Overall, the program is dedicated to celebrating the rich heritage of marginalized communities and to seeking social justice. According to the LEAD program's assistant director, Sidiq Soulemana, the amount of diversity at Wagner is increasing. Currently, students of color comprise nearly 20 percent of the undergraduate population. LEAD is a response to this trend and it aims to build stronger, more inclusive communities that reflect the myriad of ethnicities, backgrounds, and experiences present here on Wagner's campus.

Reported by Olivia George

# W RLD NEWS



Candidate Hillary Clinton is escorted to her car after an apparent medical episode at the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony.

## Hillary Clinton collapses from pneumonia

Hillary Clinton collapsed at a memorial ceremony the morning of Sept. 11. She had to be physically carried back to her vehicle by which she was transported to her daughter's Manhattan apartment.

Soon after, Clinton said she was "feeling great" before she returned to her home in Chappaqua, New York, where she was diagnosed with pneumonia by her personal physician.

She was advised to rest and subsequently cancelled a three-day campaign trip to California.

This event has forced both presidential candidates to face questions regarding how little of their personal health records they have shared. Clinton's campaign has been accused of not being transparent enough with her medical records, while Donald Trump's campaign has only released a limited summary of his history.

Clinton made light of the incident and her diagnosis by saying "...[it] finally got some Republicans interested in women's health."

When asked about Clinton's collapse, Trump expressed his hope for her speedy recovery so she could be ready for their upcoming debate.

Reported by Ryan Monaghan



FARC guerillas are brought into the war at ages as young as 13-years-old.

## Child soldiers released in Colombia

Child soldiers were finally released Saturday, Sept. 10 by Marxist rebels in Colombia, as a part of a potential peace deal with the government. FARC rebels freed thirteen minors as a part of a deal that could see the end of the 52-year civil war that has claimed over 200,000 lives.

The International Committee of the Red Cross was responsible for receiving the children. They have already turned over 8 of the children in good health to UNICEF Colombia and the 5 remaining minors will be handed over, as well.

"The girls and boys were received in establishments suitable for the process of reestablishment of their rights," the organization said, "so that they are able to develop in the best conditions possible."

Neither UNICEF nor the ICRC

identified the children in order to protect their privacy, especially under these conditions.

The children's release follows Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos' announcement last month that he will sign a historic peace deal with the rebels on September 26 in the colonial city of Cartagena.

Reported by Sabrina Bogen



Geraldine Roman makes history as the first transgender woman elected to the congress in the Philippines.

# The Philippines elect its first transgender congresswoman

This past May, the Philippines made history by electing their first transgender woman to congress. Geraldine Roman, representative for the liberal party in the Philippines, won 62 percent of the unofficial vote for her district. This is a very monumental moment because of the country's very religious population. Earlier this year, a Filipino boxer, Manny Pacquiao, was criticized for making a public comment saying that gay people are "worse

than animals."

Geraldine Roman is currently 49-years-old, and has been living as a woman with her male partner for the past 20 years. The daughter of two politicians, Roman will fill this position previously held by her mother, and promises to keep their commitment to public service. Many people in the Philippines are rejoicing with the hope that this is the first step towards a more inclusive Philippines.

Reported by William Berntsen

## Remembering an American symbol

Greta Friedman, the nurse identified in Alfred Eisenstaedt's V-J Day in Times Square, passed away at the age of 86 on Sept. 8 in a home for assisted living. Eisenstaedt's imfamous photo, taken in the Pacific Ocean theater, shows an overjoyed sailor engaging in a spontaneous kiss with Friedman to celebrate the end of the war.

The sailor, later found out to be George Mendonsa, was on leave after surviving battle in the Pacific. For quite some time, the identities of the two remained a mystery, until it was later determined in 1980.

The photograph has become one



of the most iconic symbols of the war, demonstrating the joy the masses felt upon its end. Though Friedman has left us, she remains immortalized as a symbol in the annals of American history.

Reported by John Badagliacca



Syrian men evacuate a victim from the rubble in Idlib after the deadly airstrike on Sept. 10..

### 90 killed in deadly airstrikes in Syria

It is estimated that 90 people were killed, including 28 children, by a series of airstrikes on Saturday, Sept. 10. The attacks occurred right after the U.S. and Russian cease-fire. The worst of the strikes took place in Idlib, where 61 people were killed, and an estimated 100 people were wounded in this specific strike. An activist who was in the country to observe Eid, and who remains anonymous, said the airstrikes occurred around 12:30

p.m. local time. The activist said the local hospitals were overwhelmed with people. Amid the chaos, civilians were carrying the injured to the nearest hospital while they waited for the civil defense rescue team to arrive and help the injured out of rubble. Those who survived the attacks are currently being helped by the White Helmet Rescuers.

Reported by Wennifer Almonte

# the OPINIONS

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# Focus on Kaepernick's message, not his method

### By CASSIDY MILLER Opinions Editor

"To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people are getting paid leave and getting away with murder." After making headlines by sitting down during the national anthem at the beginning of the third preseason game, Colin Kaepernick, of the San Francisco 49ers, spoke about the reasons for his protest.

He continued, saying "When there's significant change and I feel that the flag represents what it's supposed to represent, and this country is representing the people the way it's supposed to, I'll stand."

In a press conference, Kaepernick stated that the purpose behind his action was to use his position of power to create a conversation around racial inequality in our country. He also announced that he was donating \$1 million to charities focusing on racial issues. Kaepernick's protest has gotten him a lot of heat in the media and from fans, saying that his method of protest is disrespectful to the flag and unpatriotic, but I would argue otherwise.

Other NFL players and athletes have shown signs of their support for Kaepernick in various ways. Among these sympathizers is Brandon Marshall of the Denver Broncos, who took a knee during the national anthem to show his solidarity for Kaepernick's cause. He stated, "I'm not against the military. I'm not against the police or America. I'm against social injustice."

During the first regular season games, players on the Seahawks, Dolphins, Chiefs, and Patriots made statements about the protest. Both the Seahawks and the Chiefs locked arms in solidarity and many players on all teams raised fists in the air. Arian Foster, one of the Dolphins who took a knee during the national anthem later tweeted, "Don't let your love for a symbol overrule your love for your fellow humans."

Starting with the hashtag "VeteransforKaepernick", 35 veterans penned an open letter in his defense. They urged the American people to find a way to advocate and fight for what they believe is right. They continued that even if the method of protest comes into conflict with certain traditions surrounding national symbols, such as standing for the national anthem, that that is the type of freedom they sacrificed so much for. In the letter, they stated, "You have the same right as Colin Kaepernick to choose whether and how to advocate, a right we support and serve for. Indeed, we see no higher form of pa-

I believe that at the base of this debate is a misunderstanding and disagreement about how to view the American flag and what it stands for. It is a symbol for the freedoms that our military has fought for, but it is not the actual freedoms. When



Kaepernick remains seated during the national anthem to protest the oppression of people of color in the United States.

Kaepernick and other athletes choose to sit down in protest for the treatment of people of color in America, they are exercising their freedom of expression. That is what our veterans and active military personnel fight for. They do not fight for the flag, but rather for what the flag represents: the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy, including Kaepernick's right to free expression.

Kelly Scaletta, a reporter for the Huffington Post and Air Force Veteran, compared this debate to one about making desecrating the flag illegal. He says, "The flag is a symbol of our freedoms. However, it is not the actual freedom. To strip away the freedom by suppressing that kind of speech is far more devastating. If someone burns a flag, they're destroying a piece of cloth symbolic of an idea. If someone makes that illegal, they're destroying the actual idea it represents. And I'd rather have a flag in ashes than one void of meaning."

I urge people jumping into this de-

bate to take a closer look at Kaepernick's reasoning, and pay attention to his message and not his method. Despite his best efforts, Kaepernick's original message against racial injustice has not been the conversation at the height of this debate. It is a tragedy that many people in America care more about how he is protesting, rather than focusing on the root of his protest. It should not matter that Colin Kaepernick is sitting down when there are bodies in the streets.

# Should the dining hall be grab-and-go?

No, I am not going to make a profit from a dining hall banana.

Many college students rely on their food plan as their only source of food throughout the day and on many occasions it is not enough. As an athlete and even just as a hungry college student, I would be much happier, less hungry and a whole lot more satisfied with my "Dining experience" at Wagner if I was able to take food from the dining hall.

As we all know, we go to a small school which makes our few dining options difficult to order from at peak times. With a busy schedule, it is imperative that students have enough food throughout the day.

If students were able to take food from the dining hall, they would be more satisfied throughout the day and less stressed about how they will get enough food in time. It is incredibly difficult to "grab and go" from the Hawk's Nest, especially when you are in a rush.

There are not many students who have the time to sit down in the dining hall to eat a meal. I believe that there should be a system in which students can take a to-go-box of food from the dining hall, with some exceptions about how much of one food item can be taken to assure that there is enough for everyone. This way, students are not able to take as much food as they possibly can, but it will ensure that students have extra food to get through the day.

The majority of athletes need more than two or three meals a day in order to perform to the best of their ability and stay healthy. Practice times often conflict with "swipe" times, with some athletes completely missing the window to swipe for breakfast or lunch.

To make up for missing meals,



Many students, especially athletes, need a grab-and-go option from the dining hall.

people often try to stock up on fruits or bagels from the dining hall, but this is not a nutritious meal or a long term solution.

I am guilty of "stealing" a fruit or two from the dining hall and I do not feel as though I should have to secretly put a banana in my backpack so I am not caught and embarrassingly be told to put it back.

Even if it is not possible to implement a system in which students can take a to-go-box, then students should at least be able to take a fruit

and not have to feel shameful about it. Let us address this situation to make Wagner even better and to benefit the needs of all students.

Reported by Marisa Petrarca and Katja Claesson

# 3 short months for a lifetime of pain

# By MEAGHAN DARWISH Entertainment Editor

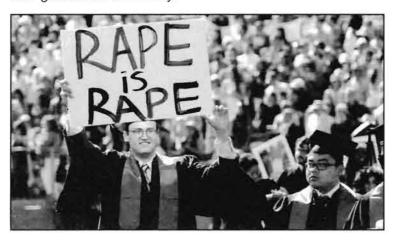
You may have heard his name: Brock Turner. If you are a female college student then you definitely know his name. For those of you who do not, Brock Turner is a 21-year-old Stanford University student who sexually assaulted an unconscious and non-consenting woman last year.

Turner was caught assaulting the woman behind a dumpster by two young men who reported him to officials, and although every legal procedure was followed, the results yielded cannot be considered as justice.

Turner was only given a six month sentence for rape, a crime that typically carries a sentence of up to 14 years. One of the biggest reasons he received such a short sentence, was due in part of Turner's father who wrote a letter to the judge presiding over the case. The lengthy letter, which attempts to paint a relatable picture of an all American



Above: Turner's mug shot. Below: Stanford students protest Turner's short sentence at their graduation ceremony.



boy, seeks sympathy.

The letter includes this horrifying statement; "His life will never be the one that he dreamed about and worked so hard to achieve... That is a steep price to pay for 20 minutes of action out of his 20 plus years of life."

To write off rape as "action," like Turner's father does, makes me physically ill.

To make matters worse, his six month sentence was reduced to just three months, for a crime that most people serve years for. Brock Turner was just released from prison earlier this month, and as a woman it feels like a slap in the face and a punch to the gut.

His brief punishment only perpetuates the ideals that we are trying to change, like that a powerful white man can pretty much do as he pleases.

If Brock Turner was not an all-star athlete, he would have been served a longer sentence. It is not right, nor is it comforting as a female college student to know that Brock Turner essentially got away with rape, because if he can do it, so can other men in

similar circumstances. Brock Turner did have it all, he had a promising future, and decided to test the limits.

He was relatively unscathed, at least more so than his victim, who has to walk around knowing that the man who assaulted her is free to roam the same streets as her.

There is no reason for this to happen, yes we can equate it to an incompetent judge, a disillusioned father, and an immature young man, but we would be kidding ourselves.

The system failed here, pure and simple, and even with its self-awareness Brock Turner still got out of prison early for "good" behavior, when six months should have been considered early.

His case should be a lesson, that we should not allow sympathy for qualities that look "good" on paper like in his father's letter, but rather focus on the actions Turner committed, because the saying "actions speak louder than words," never lies.

Remember the name Brock Turner, an example of everything that is wrong and unjust. Rape is rape, and it should never be treated as callously as it was in the case of

# Pipeline project contaminates Native American culture

### By MAHINA TAGLIES Staff Writer

### The good

The Dakota Access pipeline will connect the oil fields of North Dakota and the oil distribution center in Illinois creating multiple jobs for citizens. The pipeline will straddle the North and South Dakota border, and cut through Iowa and Illinois, allowing better access to oil for residents

Once it is completed, the pipeline will carry upwards of 470,000 barrels a day, approximately 6 percent of the daily domestic crude production in the US. The pipeline will be approximately 1,172 miles long and

30 inches in diameter and was approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state agencies in all four states that would be affected.

The pipeline would be completely legal and highly vital in the movement of oil in the U.S. While this is still an ongoing issue, the pipeline was approved again by Federal Judge James Boasberg, and the temporary stop work ended.

### The bad

Many Native American tribes are up in arms because the pipeline, once completed, would run through the Native American Sioux tribe's sacred burial ground. The objection to the pipeline comes from a diverse group.

For example, landowners argue eminent domain was used to im-

properly buy land for the pipeline. Farmers believe that the production of the land is leaving crop land virtually unusable.

Environmental experts believe the pipeline is incredibly risky. If the pipe were to leak, water underground would be completely contaminated as well as contribute to global warming.

The Sioux reservation that rests not far from the pipeline would be one of the first affected if the pipe were to leak, leaving them with virtually no drinking water.

Other notable objectors include clebrities such as Susan Sarandon, Shaileen Woodley, Leonardo Di-Caprio, Jason Mamoa, Ezra Miller, Pharrell Williams, Jane O'Mara, Bernie Sanders and Ray Fisher.

### The ugly

Aggressive protests from the Sioux and other Native American tribes only began once workers of the pipeline began bulldozing across sacred Sioux land. From there, more than 60 American Indian tribes have banded together to aid the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in their protests. Protests began at the tribe's reservation and continued to where construction was taking place. While protests were at first peaceful, it soon became violent and injuries were reported on both sides on Sept. 3rd. Protesters were attacked by dogs and pepper-sprayed, including pregnant women and children. A company spokeswoman reported that there were multiple injuries to personnel and dogs on their side as well.

### My opinion

While there are many benefits to the pipeline and its construction, I cannot help but side with the Sioux tribe and the environmental experts since I cannot allow for the possibility of a pipeline completely contaminating drinking water and the sacred livelihood of the Native American

I am of Cherokee ancestry and grew up on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, which casts a cloud on my judgment as I will always side with the native people. As far as where this protest is going, I unfortunately only see American greed succeeding in this fight since the only opportunity for the Sioux to win was completely eradicated when the judge voted in favor of the pipeline.



Over 4000 protestors have now gathered to protest the pipeline. It could contaminate both the land and the water in the Sioux tribe area.



Protestors chant in unison against the pipeline.

# LIFE & STYLE



# Confessions of a commuter student

### By EMAN METWALLY Copy Editor

As a freshman, it is normal to be excited about all your school will have to offer. As an incoming commuter, I believed I was at a disadvantage compared to students who lived on campus.

A lot of people believe that dorming gives you the full college experience, not to mention you have continuous access to all that the college has to offer. I was disappointed, thinking that I would be excluded simply because I do not live on campus.

I quickly found though that my fears were unwarranted.

Getting involved starts with the right mindset, no matter where you live. Students could easily be dorming and decline to become involved in what the school has to offer. I made sure I utilized the right resources to become an active member of the community.

Getting involved starts on the first day of orientation. Whether it is discussions with your learning community class, or social activities with your yet-to-be friends, you are introduced with "college life", and you can become so engrossed that you will likely forget it might be time to return home.

Reminders and notifications from "Lee Manchester" constantly connected me to what was happening on campus. Emails became my savior: they are a constant reminder from countless students/faculty about the events held. The club fair, a crowd favorite (for good reason), is an event that kicks off the year, so that each student whether it be a commuter or one already rooming, can stop by and visit with each student organization. I used this event as an opportunity to get more information on how to get more involved on campus.

The organizations range from sororities/fraternities, Honor Societies and various clubs/teams. There will be at least one club that will be bound to catch your attention. The fact that this event is hosted during a barbecue made it a perfect opportunity for me to socialize and relax after a long day of classes, and integrate myself within the wagner community.

As vice president of the Education Honors Society, copy editor for the Wagnerian, and member of the Muslim Student Association, I can say that I did not let my of lack of living accommodations on campus affect me. I wanted to be a leader, and I was determined to stay interconnected.

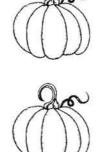
Yes, it is feasible to live at home, and yet be involved in all that Wagner has to offer. This becomes viable because of all the support from the incredible staff and dedicated student body. My advice would be to get out there and get involved. You are bound to make life-long friends and fun memories.

You can start by heading over to "Campus Life" on Wagner.edu. Before you know it you'll be a part of many things you will come to cherish, because with little effort Wagner makes it happen!

# 6 pumpkin spice products to get excited about

The original Starbucks beverage, \$5.25







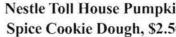
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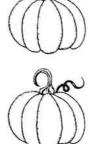
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Lindt Lindor Pumpkin Spice Truffles, \$17.99

Nestle Coffee-mate Pumpkin Spice Creamer, \$16.11





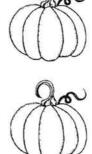




**Nestle Toll House Pumpkin** Spice Cookie Dough, \$2.50

Bath and Body Works White Barn Pumpkin Spice Candle, \$22.50







Reported by Olivia George

# What do you listen to at the gym?

The gym often serves as a place for students to rid themselves of daily stressors. For many of us, it is hard to stay motivated while we run on the treadmill, climb on the eliptical or pursue a hard lift set, and the best way to keep going is through music. I spoke with five students to find out what's on their gym playlist. Whether it's listening to country music, pop, or my personal favorite, Linkin Park, the only thing that matters is that we get "in the zone."



Sanjita Dham, GA, microbiology major

"I listen to the work-out station on Spotify. It's called 'Hip Hop and Work Out'."



Daniel Smith, sophomore, public policy major

"Anything from the Musical Theatre Catalogue—Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is a current favorite!"



DJ Paul, senior, business and marketing

"Usually, I like rock. It sometimes calms me down and gets me into the zone."



Erica Krumbine, sophomore, business administration/ accounting major

"When I work out, I usually like to listen to different Spotify and Pandora stations like The Script."



Rebecca Vaughan, sophomore, nursing major

"I don't play any sports, but I love to listen to country music at the gym!"

# New York Fashion Week recap

Each September, the annual event takes over New York's downtown with high profile fashion shows, decadent after-parties, and celebrities plus burgeoning fashionistas alike showing up en masse for the chance to see and be seen. Events took place from Sept. 8 to 15 at The Manhattan Center Hammerstein Ballroom at 311 W 34th St. New York, 10001. Here is a roundup of the top shows and events at this year's New York Fashion Week.

### Jeremy Scott



Designer of the pop stars, Jeremy Scott, also debuted his latest line during the week. Inspired by the once-again-trendy 80's, the well-received collection pays tribute to New York's sleazy, grittier past with references to peep shows and bondage. While stars

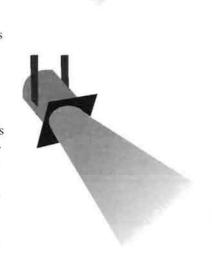
like Katy, Miley, and Rihanna did not show up this year, Jeremy Scott kept true to his reputation as a megastar favorite by attracting pop newcomers like Bebe Rexha and Travis Scott to his raucous after-party at Flash Factory.

### ....... Gypsy Sport



One of the more innovative shows at this year's fashion week came courtesy of newcomer Gypsy Sport. Held at Samsung's headquarters in the Meatpacking District, the show was less serious than a typical runaway event. Highlighting the brand's playful, gender-neutral club meets sportaesthetic, MCs Oscar 1992 and Jay Boogie provided sassy, humorous commentary on the outfits at hand. The Rio Uribe led collection attracted the likes of up-andcoming pop star Tinashe and entertainment icon Whoopi Goldberg. Fascinatingly, the show ended with the models parading Uribe's creations down Washington Street, raising awareness of the ever-evolving face of the contemporary fashion show.





### Kanye West's Yeezy 4 Collection



Kanye West further solidified

his status as pop culture's wild-

fashion, he kept both attendees

and models at the Roosevelt Is-

intense September heat. By the

time he showed up, a model had

already fainted, according to eye-

card with the unveil of his Yeezy

Season 4 collection. In true Kanye

land event waiting for hours in the





witnesses. However, once the show began, things did not fare much better for the much maligned event. Models appeared untrained in their runway skills and the line itself drawing inspiration from the baggy, body-suit heavy, dystopian trend has received generally negative reactions from contemporary critics thus far.

### Gigi Hadid and Tommy Hilfiger



Gigi Hadid and Tommy Hilfiger unveiled their Nautical-inspired collaboration with a carnival-esque takeover of Pier 16 in the South Street Seaport. Hadid's best friend, Taylor Swift, was seen front row taking in the collection. While the clothes debuted may have been an afterthought of the arcade games and Ferris wheel, the collection has received generally positive reviews since being unveiled.

Reported by Shawn Westcott

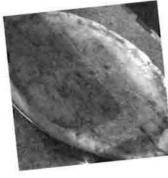
# Staten Island's best food delivery options

Some nights you just can not be bothered with walking all the way to the dining hall or Hawk's to get dinner. Those are the nights you just want the food delivered to you so you can eat in your bed while you binge watch that show on Netflix that you have seen six times already. Here are some of our favorite spots to order from when we are in the mood for breakfast in bed or just a midnight snack:



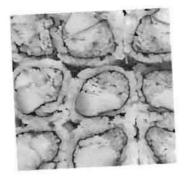
### East New Sing Bo

East New Sing Bo is a Chinese restaurant located on Victory Boulevard. It offers an inexpensive and wide variety of chinese favorites such as sweet and sour chicken, fried rice and chicken and broccoli. It does not charge to deliver and is conveniently on grubhub (food delivery website). However, if you order through the website you can get an extra 10 percent off of your order.



### Brooklyn's Finest Pizza

Yes, even though this restaurant is called Brooklyn's Finest it is located on the Island. Menu options include food items such as white pizza, personal sized pizza (with any toppings), mozzarella sticks and penne ala vodka. They do not charge to deliver and you can order from them through grubhub or by phone.



### Nakata Sushi

The ultimate place to order sushi from on Staten Island is Nakata. Offering an extensive menu of affordable sushi and other Japanese favorites, it is hard to go wrong. The best thing about ordering here is that you get the best bang for your buck. Various rolls such as salmon rolls, tempura rolls, alaksan rolls and avocado rolls, which usually average at about \$7-10, are priced at \$2.95.



### Bagel Bistro

Bagel Bistrio is unique because you can order anything ranging from breakfast to a quick snack. Including their lunch and dinner options, their menu items are priced to fit a college student's budget. Some popular choices to keep in mind are the egg and cheese wrap and extensive omelette selection.



### Amor A La Mexicana

The name of this restaurant is all too accurate - we all love the Mexican food. Some of the most popular items to order are the giant quesadilla, burrito, guacamole with chips and the pork and pineapple tacos.

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# Whose baby is it anyway?

### By MEAGHAN DARWISH Entertainment Editor

She's back. The relatable, British accent wielding, awkward moment having, diary keeper, Bridget Jones is back for a third installment. We were originally introduced to this character played by Renée Zellweger in "Bridget Jones's Diary" all the way back in 2001 – 15 years ago, and as much as we would like to say things have changed, many have not.

Jones still works in news, is hung up on Mark Darcy (played by Colin Firth) and wants a baby. If the title is of any indication, she finally gets something she has wanted for a while, a baby. But there is a catch, she does not know who the father is. It could be Mark who is essentially the love of her life, or Jack (played by Patrick Dempsey) who is a mathematical genius running a successful dating site.

Hilarity ensues, with some old jokes scattered throughout a film that feels far different from the past two installments. This may be because Daniel Cleaver (played by Hugh Grant) is absent the entire film. Yes, there is mention of him, but we never get that type of comedic relief that his character seems to bring. Despite these ab-

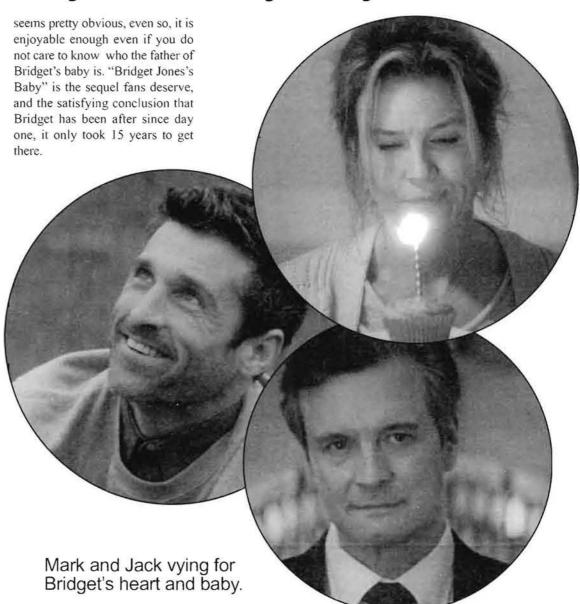
sent qualities, this film is funny, honest, and perfect for all Bridget Jones fans

Between Bridget's complicated love life, the confusion surrounding her baby, and the efforts made to fit in with millennials, there are plenty of anecdotes to enjoy.

Along with the return of Bridget, are her friends and family, all grown up since the last installment "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" in 2004. There are new friends as well, such as Miranda (played by Sarah Solemani), one of Bridget's work colleagues who convinces her to go to a music festival, which is where she meets Jack, and also Ed Sheeran who makes a sizable cameo in the film.

One theme that is consistent through this film is that times are changing - and that is what makes this film relatable, times have changed immensely since we were first introduced to this story. Bridget Jones has changed, as have we and so it is exciting to see a film that fits into the times, rather than trying to hold on to the past.

It would not be too bold to admit that this film is surprisingly not cheesy, for there are moments when it becomes borderline repetitive, but the film makes up for those moments in the new elements that are brought to the table. It is primarily aimed towards women, though that



# Is Lady Gaga's new song based on her own 'Bad Romance?'

### By JENNA ZERINO Staff Writer

It seems as though the reign of iconic figure Lady Gaga has ceased over the course of the past few years but her return is bigger than ever before. Fans of the pop music icon have patiently waited for the latest release of her single "Perfect Illusion," which debuted on Thursday, Sept. 8th, 2016. According to her producers, the single will be included in her fourth album, which

This newest single seems to encompass a diverse side of Gaga as it is "soul rooted, [but] pop at heart" according to co-producer, Blood-

Many are wondering what the pop artist has resorted to while absent from the stage and it appears as though her acting career has taken the spotlight. Her acting talent was expressed in the last season of "American Horror Story: Hotel," in which she received a Golden Globe Award. Gaga is also expected to return for the following season, which leaves many wona return to her musical background. According to devoted fans, her new release, "Perfect Illusion," details the act of falling in love with someone who turns out to be very different than they appear.

As stated in the chorus "It wasn't love...It was a perfect illusion." After its release, many media outlets have assumed that the tune refers to the bitter relationship between Gaga and recent ex-fiancé, Taylor Kinney.

While the relationship turned out to be one of Gaga's own "Bad Romance's," it seems as though her

light on the controversy.

Lady Gaga was sure to strike down such beliefs in an interview on Monday, Sept. 12, during which she stated "This song is not a hit out against Taylor. He's my best friend. This song is just about, I'm sure, not only feelings I've had but feelings he's had, that my friends have had, that my sister has in her rela-

The excitement for Gaga fans, however, does not end here.

Despite various rumors that her album is to be released in Feb. 2017, Gaga has confirmed that it is is to be released in the near future. dering what inspired Gaga to make new hit may certainly be shedding planned for the end of this year. It is charts.

quite obvious that she did not forget about her musical career while in the mix of acting as she announced the release of this upcoming album after her win at the Golden Globes.

According to media sources, the star is excited to regain the spotlight as she shares her experiences through this new hit single.

There is no doubt that Gaga's fans, known as "Little Monsters," have remained loyal as the single has already gained 3,736 ratings, and been ranked a four and a half stars out of five on the iTunes



New cover art for "Perfect Illusion."



Lady Gaga and Taylor Kinney attend an awards ceremony.

# Coming to a Wagner theater near you

# Main Stage

'Avenue Q'

Running Sept. 29 to Oct. 9



The comedy "Avenue Q" follows a group of puppets, who are in their 20's, seeking purpose in the big-city. The show involves Princeton, a recent college graduate, who moves into a New York apartment on "Avenue Q." He soon discovers, that the residents might be nice, but the neighborhood is not quite ordinary.

## 'Anything Goes'

Running Nov. 17 to Dec. 4



Set sail on ocean liner S.S American in the show "Anything Goes." In this production, there is a nightclub singer Reno Sweeney who is going from New York to England. During her time on the liner, she is joined by her pal Billy Crocker, Moonface Martin and Martin's sidekick Erma, who are all part of Public Enemy #13.



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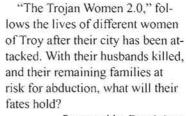
# 'The Trojan Women 2.0'

Stage One

'Proof'

Running Oct. 4 to 9

Running Nov. 29 to Dec. 4



Proof concerns itself with

Catherine, the daughter of a re-

nius, Robert. It follows her

cently deceased mathematical ge-

struggle to understand his genius,

and its connection to mental ill-

Reported by Dominique Landew





# 'This is Us' is a drama you can relate to

You may have seen the advertisements for the show, 'This is Us,' for the past few months, if you haven't then you may as well have been living under a rock.

The wait is finally over though, the new NBC "dramedy" is a show about family, self-discovery, and the moments that make up life.

The pilot episode aired just this past week, Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 9 p.m. and if you haven't checked it out you may want to. The show follows different characters who all happen to share a birthday. In the first episode they are all turning 36.

In these different story lines there is the couple, Jack and Rebecca. They welcome triplets into the world, but after a tragic situation occurs during the delivery, they are forced to reevaluate the positive aspects of their lives.

Despite unfortunate circumstances, the two characters are resilient in a way that is wholly human.

Then there is Kate and Kevin, twins who are both questioning how they are where they are in life. Kate wants to change her unhealthy lifestyle, and begins to attend overeaters' anonymous meetings where she makes an unexpected connection with a guy named Toby.

Kevin on the other hand is a sitcom actor, who is struggling with the work that he is producing. At this point in his life, he feels like he is capable of better, but is unsure how to break free of the confines society has set for him.

Then there is Randall, a successful business and family man, who was abandoned as a child in a fire-house. On his birthday he decides to connect with his estranged father, unsure of how the reunion will pan out.

It is the thread that connects these characters though, that makes the show worth your while.

It is undoubtedly one of the best twists in television history, but there is no need to ruin it, if you want to tune in, head to NBC, Tuesdays at 9 n.m.

Reported by Meaghan Darwish

# For anyone who missed the 'Emmys'

If you weren't among the millions watching the Emmys on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m., then have no fear, we have all you need to know about winners and the most talked about moments of the biggest night in television. This year Jimmy Kimmel hosted the ceremony with many surprise wins, and some controversial jokes. As the evening kicked off, Kimmel ribbed nominee Sarah Paulson and her guest, Marcia Clark, the attorney that she portrayed in "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story."

He joked with the women asking if they were rooting for O.J. to win this time, but it was his joke about Bill Cosby that had heads turning at unsafe rates. Initially, an announcer introduced Bill Cosby and much to the audience's shock and relief, the whole scenario intended to be funny, but reactions said otherwise, such as Tina Fey's face. He ultimately redeemed himself when he sent the kids from "Stranger Things" to pass out his mom's homemade peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on bikes

The big winners of the evening include first time recipients; Rami Malek for "Mr. Robot", Tatiana Maslany for "Orpahan Black," Kate McKinnon for "Saturday Night Live," as well as Sterling K. Brown and Sarah Paulson for "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story." Other big acting awards went to Jeffrey Tambor for "Transparent," Maggie Smith for "Downton Abbey," and Ben Mendelsohn for "Bloodline."

It was Julia Louis-Dreyfus's acceptance speech for "Veep," that reduced the audience to tears when she dedicated her award to her father who had just passed away that past Friday. Aziz Ansari and his "Master of None" cowriter, Alan Yang received the outstanding comedy writing Emmy for the episode "Parents, of the hit show. "Game of Thrones," "Veep," and "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" took top show honors by winning awards for outstanding drama, comedy, and limited series.

Reported by Meaghan Darwish











# SEAHAWK SPMRTS

# Colin Kaepernick makes a statement by taking a knee

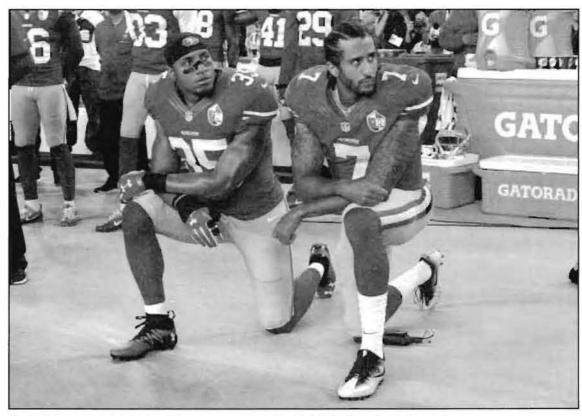
### By RYAN MONAGHAN Sports Editor

It has been about a month since Colin Kaepernick first made head-lines for sitting during the national anthem on Aug. 26 before a preseason game against the Green Bay Packers. His decision to sit was intended to be a silent protest against the social injustices occurring in the United States. When asked about the protest in the postgame press conference, he told NFL Media, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color."

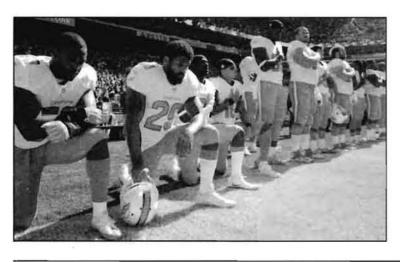
Two days later, Kaepernick further explained that his action was intended to give a voice to people who were not in a position to have one themselves, and that the flag represented something that the country is not embodying. He continued on to say that he hoped his actions would start conversations that are uncomfortable for a lot of people and that he felt even people who have fought for this country have been treated unfairly upon return to U.S. soil. He has also reiterated that his actions were not meant to be disrespectful toward America or the military.

Since his initial protest, "uncomfortable" conversations have definitely come to light, and while Kaepernick has received a lot of negative reactions, he has also gained a lot of supporters. Before a game on Sept. I, Kaepernick was joined by teammate, Eric Reid, when both players took a knee during the anthem, a decision that came shortly after a meeting with former Green Beret and NFL long snapper, Nate Boyer.

Kaepernick has also gained supporters from around the NFL such as Jeremy Lane of the Seattle



Colin Kaepernick is joined by teammate, Eric Reid, before their Sept. 1 game.



Seahawks, Brandon Marshall of the Denver Broncos, and Arian Foster of the Miami Dolphins. Since then, entire teams have locked arms during the anthem while individuals have raised fists, all with the intention of honoring the flag while still continuing Kaepernick's cause.

Similar actions have even spread outside of the NFL. U.S. Women's National Soccer players have kneeled during the anthem along with WNBA players and the cheer-

leaders for the Howard University football team.

More recently, Colin Kaepernick has reportedly received death threats as a result of his actions regarding the national anthem. When asked about the threats, Kaepernick stated that they have come in many different ways and that the movement would be advanced quickly if he was killed for the cause. A youth football team from Beaumont, Texas has reportedly also received

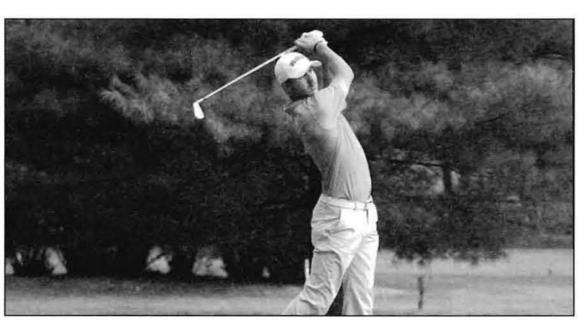
death threats as of protests similar to Kaepernick's.

In the meantime, Kaepernick's jersey has become the best-selling jersey in the NFL despite the fact that he is a backup quarterback on a below average team. He has also promised to donate proceeds from those jersey sales to organizations dedicated to stopping social injustice. He also plans to create a website to provide transparency in the ways this money is being spent.

# Men's and women's golf swing their way to a strong weekend

The men's golf team continued to crush their competition, coming off the previous year as the Northeast Conference Champions. As a team, the Seahawks placed second in the Ryan T. Lee Memorial Collegiate tournament at the Hop Meadow Country Club on Sept. 11. With a score of 296-296-592, the Seahawks were beaten only by the Bryant University Bulldogs. Sophomore Lucas Moreno, the 2016 NEC Rookie of the Year, tied in 6th with two other players, delivering a score of 73-73-146.

Oskar Sundberg and Nicholas Musshafen, a sophomore and junior, delivered career-best scores with 74-73-146 and 75-75-150 respectively. Sundberg tied with three other players for 9th place, where as Musshafen placed in a four-way tie for 20th. Junior Erik Tedfelt, the 2015 NEC Rookie of the Year, placed 14th in a six-way tie with a score of 74-75-149. Senior, Anton Frondelius, placed in a five-way tie



Senior Anton Frondelius finished opening weekend at Rutgers with a score of 151.

for 24th with a score of 76-75-151.

In women's golf, two of Wagner's own came in the top-10 in the Navy Fall Invitational in Annapolis, MD on Sept. 11. Sophomore Pascalle Tego (with a score of 71-79-150) tied

for second with Jenny Buchanan of Towson University in Maryland. Tego achieved the top finish thus far in her career. Junior, Ariana Furrie (75-79-154) placed 8th, sharing her ranking with three other players. Elizabeth Parsons (87-83-170) and Lexie LeClair (88-88-176), a freshman and senior, placed 72nd and 76th respectively. The Seahawks team as a whole came in 11th with a score of 650. In first was Harvard



Ariana Furrie shot a 154 at RU.

University (615), followed by Towson University in second (621), and University of Pennsylvania in third (623).

Reported by John Badagliacca



Madison Pautsch earns her 20th career singles victory against Saint Peter's on Sept. 10.



Ilya Knepplehout has an impressive showing at Villanova.

# Strong start on opening weekend for men's, women's tennis

### By RYAN MONAGHAN Sports Editor

The men's tennis team started their 2016-17 campaign at the 6th Annual Villanova University Invitational. Villanova, LaSalle, Saint Joseph's, Delaware, Chestnut Hill, Lafayette and Rider all competed at the event as well.

The tournament format called for one doubles set and two single sets per match. The winner of at least two of those three sets won the matchup. The Seahawks first official win of the weekend came when sophomore doubles partners Dale Sandy and Anatoliy Lashkul beat a Saint Joseph's pair 2-1 and later in the day, freshman, Siddharth Anand and junior, Allen Wang earned a 2-0 sweep over another Saint Joseph's pair. Anand and Wang earned their second victory of the day when they defeated a Villanova pair.

Sandy and Lashkul advanced to the semifinals when they beat a Villanova pair 2-1 on Lashkul's singles victory. In the semifinals, they lost their doubles match to Delaware but they were able to recover by each winning their singles matches. In the final round, Villanova triumphed when they beat Sandy and Lushkul 2-1.

The Wagner pair of sophomores Ilya Knepplehout and Eric Poland finished 11th in the Champions Draw while junior, Charlton Boyd and freshman, Hans Ohrner finished 13th. Anand and Wang concluded the weekend in eighth place of the lue Draw.

Since opening weekend, the Sea-

hawks have won all four of their matchups including their first Northeast Conference contest against St. Francis Brooklyn on Sept. 14.

Their next tournament will take place at Fordham University against the host Rams, Hofstra, and Saint Peter's.

The women's tennis team

The women's tennis team opened up 2016-17 with a 6-1 team win over Saint Peter's University on Grymes Hill on Sept. 10. It was the first victory under new head coach Aida Castany.

The pair of juniors Brenda

Cumpa and Carolyn Gibson kicked the day off with a shutout of a Saint Peter's pair and shortly after junior, Samantha Hodges and senior, Madison Pautsch won 6-2 over another Saint Peter's pair giving Wagner the first point of the match.

In singles play, senior, Avika Sagwal earned her first win of the day in straight sets and sophomore, Rina Baynes collected a 6-2, 6-0 win to put Wagner up 3-0.

The team clinched the win when Anand won her first career singles set. Pautsch and Cumpa also earned singles victories on the day.



Former Seahawks Julian Stanford (left) and Dominique Williams (right).

## Once Seahawks, now Jets

Seahawk supporters just gained a big reason to be New York Jets fans. Actually, make that two big reasons. Former Wagner football players, Dominique Williams and Julian Stanford, are both a part of the Jets 53 man 2016 roster.

Stanford, a 2012 graduate from Bloomfield, Conn., was an offensive linebacker for his four years at Wagner. He began his career as a free agent with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2012. With Jacksonville, Stanford competed in 16 games, totaling 23 tackles and a fumble recovery for the season.

He then spent his next two seasons with the Detroit Lions. In the 2013 and 2014 seasons, Stanford played in 18 games (4 games in 2013, 14 games in 2014) and completed five tackles.

After not competing during the 2015 season, Stanford joined the Jets in January 2016. So far in three games, Stanford has played in two games with one tackle assist.

Williams, from Bridgeton, New Jersey, graduated in 2014 from Wagner where he played running back. After graduating, Williams spent time on the Minnesota Vikings and Arizona Cardinals practice teams. He moved to the Jets' practice roster in early 2016.

The two spent time together on the field as Seahawks during the 2009 and 2011 seasons. While they were both a part of the program for three years, they only played together two years as a result of a knee injury that benched Williams during the 2010 season. In the 2011 season they were 4-7, 4-4 in conference.

Stanford saw extensive play time starting his sophomore year, carrying through to his senior year. Initially recruited as a defensive end, during his sophomore year the 6-2 player was converted to a linebacker. In his junior season, Stanford led the team in tackles with 12.5 and in sacks with 7. Recording at least 3 tackles a game, he received All-NEC Second Team honors.

His senior year brought more accolades as he finished seventh in the NEC for tackles and ninth for sacks. He was named the NEC Defensive Player of the Week twice and NEC Special Teams Player of the Week once. Stanford was named to the All-NEC First team after the season ended.

Williams was a impact player for the Seahawks during his years. He finished his career at Wagner ranked third-all time for rushing yards with 4,435 yards, and scoring with a total of 276 points. He also ranks fourth all-time for the NEC in career rushing and all purpose yardage with 5,444 yards.

Williams and a part of the 2012 roster as the Seahawks captured the NEC title and lead the team to a first-ever appearance in the NCAA FCS Playoffs. The team captured a first round victory over Colgate, which was the first time an NEC team had ever captured a victory in an NCAA Playoff game. During that successful season Williams was named to the All-NEC First Team.

Reported by Megan Fritz

# Wagner sports update

**Football:** 2-1 on the season with wins over Saint Anselm and Concordia. Start conference play on Oct. 1 vs. Sacred Heart at home.

**Soccer:** 1-8 on the season with a win over Saint Peter's. Start conference play on Sept. 30 vs. LIU Brooklyn.

Men's Golf: Won Navy Classic Championship on Sept. 19 and finished second at the CCSU Ryan T. Lee Memorial.

Women's Golf: Finished ninth at Rutgers Fall Invitational on Sept. 17 and eighth at the Navy Fall Classic on Sept. 11.

Men's Tennis: 4-0 on the season and 1-0 in conference play. That win was against St. Francis Brooklyn on Sept. 14.

**Women's Tennis:** 2-1 on the season. Their most recent win was a 6-1 victory against Monmouth University on Sept. 22.

**Men's Water Polo:** 3-7 on the season. Went 2-2 at the Bison Invitation with wins over St. Francis Brooklyn and University of Toronto.

Men's Cross Country: Finished second and third in both competitions so far.

Women's Cross Country: Finished fifth and sixth in races this year both hosted by Monmouth.

# CHECK MATE

## NEWEST CLUB OFFERS CAMARADERIE ... AND LIFE LESSONS



Senior President, Anthony Tucker-Bartley, makes his move at the meeting.





Seniors Anthony Tucker-Bartely and Rashad Young decided to create a Chess Club when they realized Wagner didn't have one. "Freshman year, I went to the club fair; there was no Chess Club, and I was coming off a chess high. A year went by and Anthony saw me playing one day and we kind of got into it," says Young.

Club members held their first official meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13. "The only way to get better [at playing chess], is to better yourself," Young says. "I think that translates to life as well."

"Try to apply that in your daily life. Thinking before you make decisions, and predicting the outcomes of your decision before you make them," says Tucker-Bartley.

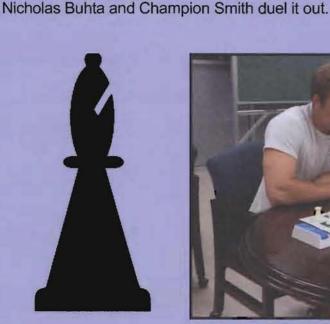
> Big plans for the new club include reaching out to the community by establishing clubs at Port Richmond High School.

> The Chess Club will participate in Light the Night on Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m., Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct. 8 at 9 a.m., and the Breast Cancer Walk on Oct. 16 at 9 a.m.

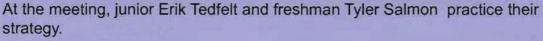
Meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the study room of the library.



Senior Kenneth Okereke plays his knight.











Members John Acquaviva, PaulAn'drey Pierre-Louis,

Senior Mathieu Loiselle goes in for the check mate.



Reported by Meaghan Darwish Photos by Kelly Joule, Harry St. Cloud, and Christina Sangiorgi.



Graduate student Rashon Pleasants contemplates his next move.