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## Community continues efforts to improve traffic safety

By **ALYSSA BROWN**  
Co-Editor

When a hit-and-run accident caused the death of nursing student Ronald J. Tillman last February, Wagner and the surrounding community took action to improve safety on Grymes Hill roads like Howard Avenue and Campus Road.

Shortly after the accident, a sidewalk along Howard Avenue was cleared of plants and debris. Yellow signs were also placed along the streets to caution drivers of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Recently, the speed limit was reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph along Howard Avenue.

Associate Director of Communications and Marketing Laura Barlament often opts to ride her bike on workdays to Wager. Barlament has been involved with the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists for a significant amount of time. She consistently attends meetings in Staten Island with the hopes of further improving the safety conditions on the surrounding roads of campus.

Barlament has received help from four students in the freshmen learning community, LC 6: Emerging Global Health Concerns. The group recently attended a Trans-



Photo: Bryan Grandison

A new sign has been placed along Howard Avenue near Wagner's main entrance to enforce traffic safety and the new 25 mph speed limit.

portation Alternatives meeting, where they met with about 20 other volunteers. Transportation Alternatives offers alternatives to vehicle transportation in New York City.

Barlament and the students are teaming up to ultimately propose a traffic monitoring project. They will be using a neighborhood traf-

fic monitoring tool kit, to survey the neighborhood. They will speak to neighbors near the corner of Hillside and Howard Avenues about traffic safety in the area.

The study will be the first of its kind on Staten Island, and will require many volunteers. It may also lead to further studies, including

pedestrians and those who take public transportation.

Additionally, there will be a new traffic light installed near the corner of Hillside and Howard Avenues.

Other changes have also been made to make the Grymes Hill area

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## Late night shuttle causes concerns

By **HAYLEY SEMO**  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Students fear being left behind at the ferry terminal on the weekends, and having to find their own way back to campus late at night.

"We had 20 people waiting one night," states freshman Shane Indegliia, "and only one showed up."

The late night shuttle service is an ongoing concern for students.

Senior Mike Theophano says, "I have found that the late night shuttle service is unreliable. The low number of vans routinely leaves behind the high volume of theater-goers, bargoers, and internship students. Once, when I asked public safety to send a second van, I was snapped at and hung up on. This personally discourages me from going into the city late, unless I am absolutely prepared to take a taxi."

The late night shuttle is a service paid for by the Student Government Association (SGA). "It is run by graduate student-drivers," states SGA President Gregory Balaes, who explains that a graduate student who worked on Fridays and Saturdays recently quit without notice.

Balaes reports that the driver quit due to students overcrowding the van, often intoxicated and disregarding all orders of the driver.

"SGA and public safety urge students to respect the drivers at all times," he explains, stating that the late night shuttle is a service that is offered as a convenience to students.

Those students who behave unruly in the van risk not only their lives, but the life of the driver. SGA reports that students who take advantage of the driver and display strong misbehavior risk permanent cancellation of the late night shuttle service.

Starting this semester, SGA has expanded its late night shuttle service. Shuttles will run from 10:40 p.m. to 2:10 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at the 10 and 40 minutes of every hour.

"Our plan is to have two shuttles running simultaneously," states Balaes as he explains SGA's plans to improve the efficiency of the late night shuttle service. One shuttle will run as scheduled from Wagner and the Staten Island Ferry at the 10 and 40 of every hour. A second shuttle will wait at the ferry terminal in case the first shuttle fills and pick up students who are left behind.

SGA reports that new drivers have been hired for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays so the shuttle will continue to run as scheduled.

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## Campus mourns the loss of biology professor Mosher



Photo: Emily Rekstis

Ruta Shah-Gordon, assistant vice president for campus life; Myra Garcia, vice president for institutional advancement, and Dr. Brian Palestis, Biology Department chair, pay tribute to Dr. Mosher.

By **EMILY REKSTIS**  
Managing Editor

Students and faculty began to pour into Spiro 2 to commemorate their loss of loved mentor, advisor, colleague, professor and friend, Roy Mosher, on Thursday Sept. 20.

The hall began to fill almost entirely around 4 p.m. It only took a short time to understand why.

The service opened with a reading from The Book of Psalm and Epistle to the Romans from Rev. James Smith.

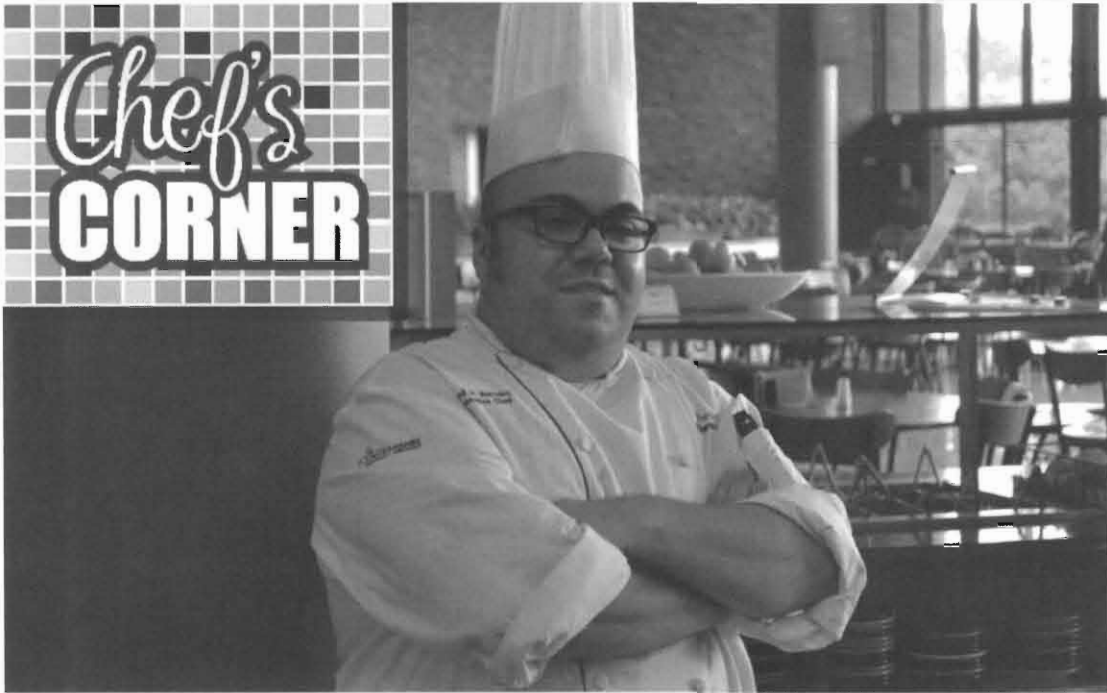
The first of Mosher's colleagues to speak was President Richard Guarasci. Guarasci was the first to initiate a long list of adjectives to describe Mosher that would continue to come up in other speaker's descriptions as well, such as graceful, thoughtful, patient, calm, dignified and many more.

"His legacy lives through each of us," said Guarasci.

Provost Lily McNair also had car-

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**Hello Students, Faculty, and Staff**

Welcome back to school! My name is Raul M. Barreiro and I am your Wagner College Executive Chef. I have been on campus as part of the Lackmann Culinary Services Team for two years and I have been with Compass Group for eight years. I am easy to spot when you are in the Main Dining Hall, Hawk's Nest, WAG, or Foundation Hall, just look for the guy in the white chef jacket and chef hat.

One of my roles on campus is to help you with your dining needs. The best way to reach me is to call my office at 718-390-3319, or you can email me at Raul.Barreiro@compass-usa.com. I am here as a resource, and you will find I am always excited to speak to you about our dining program, any ideas or suggestions you may have, or to be available for any questions. Please feel free to stop me if you find me in any of our dining outlets and introduce yourself. I love talking about food and giving cooking advice and I look forward to meeting you all!

We have a great semester planned out for you with a lot of changes and new additions to the menu which I hope you enjoy.

# Are you *The Biggest Loser*?

By JESSICA OLIVERI  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

A program that promotes both exercise and healthy eating habits will encourage many students through a competitive challenge.

The Biggest Loser Challenge will be an eight week program that will extend through the week of Nov. 10.

Graduate assistant Jakki Guenther is in charge of organizing this event. The idea originally came about last semester when the staff of campus life participated in a similar event.

The opportunity to become a part of this challenge was also available to students last semester, but there was not enough student interest to excel the program forward.

With the beginning of a new semester, the office of campus life decided to give it another try.

There are roughly 26 Wagner students participating in this event. Participants were broken down into four teams of four, with one team of five.

Each team was then assigned coaches that are all Wagner student athletes. Each coach is responsible to host an hour weekly workout in the gym. During this time, coaches don't necessarily create workouts for the participants, but rather provide insightful tips on how to improve their workout habits.

The main point of this event is to get students to step outside of their comfort zone when exercising and learn beneficial workouts for them. Many students fret going to the gym because they feel inferior to student athletes working out and lifting throughout.

However, this program is designed to make students feel comfortable with their workouts and promote a healthy lifestyle with an understanding how the workout benefit them.

Students will engage in many workouts, both alone and with their group. The team with the highest percentage of weight loss at the end of the eight weeks will be declared the winner.

Each winner and coach will be presented with a \$50 Visa gift card. The \$5 start-up fee is put towards the prizes.

A future for The Biggest Loser program is in high hopes to continue successful. "The hope is that it will grow and be continuous and have a bigger student interest," said Patricia Lemmerman, the assistant director of co-curricular programs.

Exercising and healthy eating isn't always the top priority for college students, but The Biggest Loser Challenge is created to show students how important these two things really are in their college lifestyle.

# Daily newspapers cut from residence halls

By ALEXANDRIA GRECO  
Co-Editor

Over the summer, the Student Government Association (SGA) began inciting budget changes, and the daily newspapers located in residence halls was one of them.

SGA pulled the NY Times and USA Today newspapers from all residence halls leaving only two racks titled, "The Collegiate Readership Program" in Union. The first rack is found near the entrance of the Hawk's Nest, while the second is located at the entrance of the Main Dining Hall.

"We kept the newspapers in these locations because students and faculty took from there the most," said SGA Vice President of Finance Frank Gallinaro. "They were not being taken as much from the halls, and it was a waste. We were looking for another centralized location but it didn't work out. So, we ended up just cutting them from residence halls and gaining a new way for Wagner to access the New York Times for free online. It evens out."

A certain amount of each newspaper is dropped off at Wagner on a daily basis. SGA is only charged for the papers that are taken by students and faculty. The remaining papers are taken back to their original publishers.

"It's going to run us at least \$8,500 right now, depending on how many newspapers are taken," said Gallinaro.

"Since we are spending less money this year, it is now being put to the clubs for their budgets. And in addition, due to over budgeting and excess club spending last year, SGA owes money that was borrowed to cover those costs."

**Online newspaper**

With their new plan well into effect, SGA is directing its NY Times readers to a second option, a free subscription online.

On the Wagner homepage, under 'Campus Life' and then 'SGA Home' a link is posted. Under the link are specific instructions to follow to get your free read.

The NY Times can be activated on your computer, iPhone, iPad, smart phone or tablet.

**Why these papers?**

Each newspaper represents a certain political stance.

"We looked into the Wall Street Journal and other options since business is big here," said SGA President Gregory Balaes. "They ended up being too much money or the contractors said no."

The idea of supplying free newspapers for college students and faculty is common amongst colleges. SGA followed suite about six years ago, and is still making space for it in their budget.

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# Students and staff cherish memories of Mosher

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ing words to say about her colleague, “When student’s think of Roy, it will bring a smile across their face and their hearts will be joyful.” Even just in that moment, you could see student’s faces across the room light up. Brian Palestis shared about Mosher’s accomplishments in his field of biology explaining about the five year BSMS program. In honor of Mosher, they will award a student in the BSMS. “It will be a great tribute to Roy,” said Palestis.

Stephanie Rollizo had to wipe away tears before she presented a plaque that will be hung outside the General Assistance office on the third floor in Megerle Science Hall. The plaque dedicates the room to Mosher. One of Mosher’s very close colleagues, Lisamaria Alba, had a lot to say about her late friend. She brought up a blue Mets baseball cap. Alba told a short anecdote about how she got the cap for his 50th birthday on the Met’s 50th anniversary. No one, not even Mosher, knew his hat size; he just said, “I have a big head.” After

putting in an order and receiving the hat, Mosher tried it on. Alba asked how it fit, and he said it was good. When she came back, he told her it was “a little snug.” After this happened about three times, she finally got the right size. He said, “Well I told you I had a big head.” Alba went on to say that although Mosher may have had a big head physically, he was very humble. Alba was supposed to team teach with Mosher this semester. She had trouble creating the syllabus and came in without one because Mosher was supposed to create it. She said every time she went to start it, she couldn’t do it without crying. She concluded, urging everyone to hold onto their great memories they have with him like she has done. Mosher’s last colleague to speak was Xiaoming Wang. The story she told about her memories with Mosher caused tears to well in many of the attendants eyes, including her own. She mentioned how on the first day at Wagner, she went in to Mosher’s office and saw a mini antique microscope that really caught her interest. He told her how it was his father’s to examine textiles. He told her on his first day with her that he would put it

in the will to give to her. Before his last survey, he told her that he really did put it in his will for her to have and she told him that she didn’t even want the microscope; she just wanted him to get better. Wang spoke of how he reminded her of a book. That he is casual and low key from the outside, but once you pick it up and get to know him he is lively, animated, and very rich. “It is a pity that this book is half empty and missing so much,” said Wang. The last to speak was one of Mosher’s students in the BSMS program. “This is going to be very hard, bear with me,” fifth year Julia Mullins said. She spoke on how he was such an inspiration to her and so many other students and that she promises to carry on the program in his honor. She went on to say, “The real loss lies within the students who won’t sit in his classroom. They won’t even feel a difference walking down the hallway.” “He would yell at us right now for not researching or working or doing something productive,” Mullins joked.

Interested in **volunteering**?  
Want to be involved with the **traffic safety** initiative in Grymes Hill?  
Contact Laura Barlament at **[laura.barlament@wagner.edu](mailto:laura.barlament@wagner.edu)**

# Efforts continue to improve traffic safety

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safer, since the accident in February. President Guarasci paid for new yellow signs to put along the streets surrounding Wagner. The large square-shaped signs include the logos of both Wagner College and Transportation Alternatives in the bottom right hand corner. They cost just under \$500 for 125 new signs and stands. Signs were placed along Howard Avenue and Campus Road by Barlament and three students from the

LC, Danielle Iacampo, Zelfie Demhasaj, and Karina Roinestad. Barlament also gave 20 signs to Notre Dame Academy, where students will be posting the signs around their campus, as well as 30 signs to neighbors in the Grymes Hill area. In regards to keeping up with clearing the debris on the sidewalk along Howard Avenue, Barlament asks everyone to call 311 to lodge complaints with the city, as it is a huge problem. Barlament hopes that everyone gets the message to “Slow Down and Save Lives.”

## #DecadeofG

He brags about his students and alumni all the time, and now it's your turn! You can join in on Dr. Guarasci's 10th anniversary festivities by posting congratulations, well wishes, a photo or video to @decadeofG on Twitter, Instagram or on Wagner's Facebook page. The winner will receive an invitation to his black tie 10th Anniversary Gala on October 12 or a meal with the man himself. Feel free to be creative in your tribute; if you need some inspiration, use “10” as your theme. If you're feeling dramatic or extra creative, send in a video message shoutout, a rehearsal or a performance dedication. Or you can also dedicate a workout, practice or game to Dr. G. Get involved and leave your mark on one of the biggest events in Wagner's history.



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notes from a novice

## Saying goodbye to student mailin

*New club digest to ruin extra curricular life*



By **STEPHANIE HINKES**  
Opinions Editor

As the presidential election draws near and we decide who to vote for to represent our country nationally, I believe we should all take a moment and see how much our votes matter on a smaller scale: Student Government at Wagner.

From disorganization to poor communication at the meetings, this year's SGA seems to be struggling. The reports I hear during my clubs from our SGA reps have become my favorite part of our meetings. Hearing everything that went wrong at SGA always leaves me laughing. Pretending they are offering new and exciting things, when these things already exist (i.e. late night shuttles and coffee in the morning) just makes me smile. How silly. My biggest complaint, with all mocking aside, is the completely absurd and ridiculous idea of the "Club Digest."

The "Club Digest" essentially means that you cannot send campus-wide emails anymore, but rather, send your emails in to SGA and allow them to compile your information into one email. The best part is, the email notifying students of this change, was sent to student mailin!

In my opinion, the problem with this "brilliant" idea is that no one will take the time to read this email. The wonderful thing about before, was that you could see who sent it, what it was for, and quickly delete what you do not need.

For example, I see an email for biology club, I delete it. An email from Greek life, I delete it. But an email from S.A.A.S or PSS or even a CSP production I will keep and read because I am interested in them. If all these are piled into one email, I will not think to look because why would I want to scroll through things on pre-dental society or nursing or TKE just so I can find my club. This idea is useless and will be detrimental to co-curricular life on campus.

I am involved in many organizations on campus. When we plan an event that we think the campus will enjoy, we cannot wait to tell them about it. We spend months planning, and advertising, and getting details together so we can have a success-

ful event. In order for the event to be successful, we would like to notify the campus once and for all that our wonderful event will be happening tonight! If they are not interested, they can delete our email and carry on their life within seconds. However, if they have nothing to do that night, they might just venture out and have a good time. With this new "Club Digest" students will most likely miss out on opportunities to attend club events.

I am aware that flyers on campus are still an option, but even this has its downfalls. Forget the residence halls, it is simply not worth it and cannot be guaranteed. As for other buildings, posters get ripped down and trampled on far too quickly and only results in a waste of paper. Emails are simply more efficient and definitely more effective for our generation, so limiting or restricting this form of communication is just upsetting.

I understand that we get bombarded with emails every day, but it is really not a big deal! As long as you check your email every day, it is completely manageable. As college students, we should be checking our email every day.

I actually enjoyed seeing all the mail. Receiving all these emails showed how much is happening on campus. Seeing clubs inviting others to join an event, support them in a fundraiser, or watch them display their many talents is what college life is all about. I do not support or appreciate co-curricular taking this away and tucking it all into one tiny email that next to no students will open.

Additionally, this "Club Digest" will be compiled by a student; a student that has plenty of other concerns and will not give your information any extra tender loving care. It will be plopped on the page right there with everyone else's that looks identical to yours.

I can only hope that SGA will realize their faults and resolve this issue. It is only creating more work for them. Please allow students to carry on how things were; extra-curricular life was flourishing and clubs were growing and connecting to one another. With this communication burden I am concerned to see what will happen to our clubs.

It was up to us as students to vote in this SGA. How were we supposed to know they would come up with such silly ideas? I will now pay much more attention to student elections and ask them questions on how they will improve, and not screw up, our college life.

## Read up: Don't let media biases warp your political view

By **NICHOLAS WOODMAN**  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The presidential campaign is a hot topic that comes once every four years and everyone is eager to share their opinion on it. This sudden political fervor is hilarious to me because in my opinion, the average American is rather politically ignorant. They ignore politics until it is thrown at them; some recent examples include 9/11, the Iraq War, and Obamacare.

To compensate for this shortfall of knowledge, they turn to the mainstream media, absorbing 30 second news clips with out-of-context quotes and intentionally sensational imagery.

This approach is problematic. In my opinion, there is a strong liberal bias in the mainstream media. Of the four major network stations, only FOX News is conservative. CNN, Newsweek, and The New York Times (arguably three of the most influential media outlets in the United States) are overwhelmingly liberal.

On its own, this isn't a particularly bad thing - many unbiased and moderate sources exist if you know where to look. Unfortunately, during an election year, mainstream media bias is. This year is no exception to that rule, as nearly every news outlet continues to bash and scorn candidate Mitt Romney, while showing nothing but praise for President Obama.

Let me preface the rest of this editorial by saying that I am not personally a fan of either candidate. In particular, I think Romney is too opportunistic to be an effective leader, and that Obama has poorly followed through on most of his campaign promises. However, it concerns me that so many political discussions boil down to "Obama good, Romney bad." By focusing on these extremes,

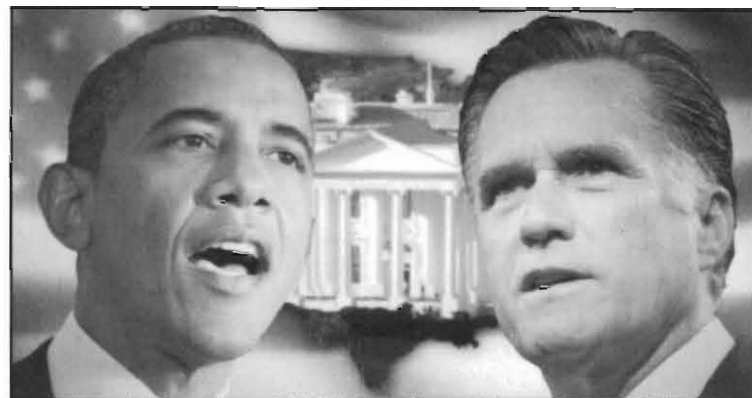


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President Obama and candidate Mitt Romney each have their pros and cons. Become educated for the coming election and cast your vote on Nov. 6.

we forget that both candidates are complex individuals. They are strong in different areas - Romney is a very effective economist, while Obama is a practiced diplomat and social leader. Throughout the course of their political careers, both candidates have made innumerable decisions, some good and some bad.

Let's not forget that Romney implemented numerous fiscal reforms that greatly reduced Massachusetts's government deficit. Also, remember that he only served one term as governor and his approval rating by the end was a measly 30 percent, partly due to extended stays out of state and unpopular legislation.

In the same vein, Obama should be lauded for his commitment towards social justice, but criticized for following Bush's timetable for troop withdrawal from Iraq. This is not a battle of good versus evil; we should be judging candidates on both their successes and failures.

Can the media be blamed for our political ignorance? Partly. They treat the presidential race as a sporting event, rooting for their favorite "team." They focus their attention on bashing the opposing candidate with-

out discussing the merits of their choice. Worst of all, they convince their viewers to join their side. The race then turns into something akin to the World Series, where one team is seen negatively and the other team positive, and anyone who disagrees is seen as wrong.

As educated Americans, we can remedy this issue. It doesn't take long to research both sides. Reuters and The Huffington Post provide insight from both Democratic and Republican sources, and work to minimize bias in their own news coverage. A simple Google search will bring up a myriad of blogs, articles, and editorials, all discussing the candidates' policies, successes, and failures.

Take an hour. Read a few articles. Watch the debates. Don't blindly vote for Obama because it's the cool thing to do. Don't blindly vote for Romney because "Obama has done nothing." Most importantly, don't stay home on Election Day because "you don't know who to vote for." A wasted vote is a terrible thing. Look at the facts. Assess which candidate is better suited for the presidency. Inform yourself, and you will lead this country into a better future.

## Stephen Siller's Tunnel to Towers: Running 5k for true heroes

By **MISTY ROSSO**  
Co-Copy Chief

Every year at the end of September, thousands of people from across the United States join together to run a 5k in honor of Stephen Siller and the firefighters who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. I have admired this event since I first heard of it my first year at Wagner, and this year I finally got to participate in it.

Stephen Siller was a New York firefighter who ran from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers, and lost his life trying to save those trapped inside.

On Sept. 11, Siller had just gotten off the late shift at Squad 1, Park Slope, Brooklyn. He was meeting his brothers to play golf when he heard about the first plane hitting the Twin Towers on his scanner. He called his wife, Sally, to let her know he would be late because he needed to help. He returned to Squad 1, picked up his gear, and then started the journey that led to his death, running through the tunnel with 60 pounds of gear strapped to his back.

The course of the 5k follows that of Stephen Siller. It also honors the 343 firefighters who perished, and all the first responders who sacrificed their lives in an attempt to save oth-

ers. The point of this annual run is so that we always remember these American heroes, which in my opinion is an incredibly worth cause.

Whether you want to run three miles, watch and cheer for the runners or donate money to this cause, you should get involved. These people were patriots in the truest sense of the word, and their memories and feats deserve to be honored and never forgotten.

Keep these heroes in your mind and heart, and never forget how amazing our country is. God bless America, and God bless those who died on Sept. 11, 2001.



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# Rock the vote and get your voice heard this election

By MISTY ROSSO  
Co-Copy Cheif

With the primary election just over a month away, the importance of casting your voice cannot be understated. As college students, the majority of us are eligible to vote in the presidential election this November. I remember my frustration at my inability to vote in 2008 primary election .

In my opinion, getting involved in the election is crucial. Our ability to verbalize our thoughts and beliefs is one of the most powerful things we possess as young adults. As the future CEOs, politicians, parents, etc. of this country’s future, our voices carry a lot of weight.

For those of you who cannot vote, you still have power -- you can speak up regardless of your eligibility to vote. Go to bat for your candidate, learn something new, and engage in stimulating conversations with your peers.

These elections are for the people of the United States. These candidates are striving to represent us and make our dreams into reality. Don’t let the pathetic campaign ads and millions donated for each campaign when our economy is in shambles convolute the purpose of the U.S. presidential election. Use your tool, your voice, to get this country and its future greatness back on track.

On Nov. 6th, the fate of our great nation for the next four years will be decided. If you have not chosen a

presidential candidate to pledge your allegiance to thus far, I suggest you stick your nose in a newspaper or at least a good online source such as CNN.com. To make a valid vote, you must be educated on the candidates’ policies. Once that is hashed out, you need to sign up to participate via voting.

If you are eligible to vote, you can register at [register.rockthevote.com](http://register.rockthevote.com).



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Rockthevote.com was created to engage young people in the election.

Register to vote now to get your voice heard.

If you have already registered, but are a student from out of state, you can vote by way of an absentee ballot. Every state has its own set of requirements for using this system, however, there is general information that can be applied to all states.

Apply to the County Board of Elections for your absentee valid. (Google your state to find the link for the County Board of Elections contact you need). Then, the County Board of Elections will send you a paper absentee ballot, and you return it them once you have filled it out.

States have specific time restraints. For example, in Pennsylvania (my home state), my form must be submitted by the Tuesday before the election.

I believe that if you don’t voice your opinions, others will speak up for you, and more likely than not, say something completely asinine and infuriating. You can’t rely on others to make your beliefs tangible. As college students, we are the next generation. Our ideologies matter, our vote matters. The only way to make the country better is to speak out about ways to conquer such an immense goal.

President Barack Obama said: “If you give up on the idea that your voice can make a difference, then other folks are going to fill the void--the lobbyists, the special interests, the people who are writing \$10 million checks, the folks who are trying to keep people from voting, the politicians who want to tell you who you can marry, tell women they can’t have control over their own health care choices. Only you can make sure that doesn’t happen.”

I couldn’t possibly agree with our president anymore. He wants our voices to be heard, I want our voices to be heard, and you need to want your voices to be heard in order to make a difference. Each and every one of us is responsible for the fate of this country we love. Take the future of our nation into your own hands.

Rock the vote and get your voice heard, Wagner.

# Wagner dining falls short on edible foods

BY MEGAN STIERITZ  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

When the school year starts at Wagner, I always hope for better food than the previous year. More often than not, I am disappointed. In my opinion, the dining on campus is slacking in suitable foods that can allow for a nutritional and well balanced meal.

While in the dining hall for lunch, my friends and I walk around scoping the area for food that looks appetizing. As always, the sandwich line is a mile long, the pizza looks like it may have been edible at one point, there is weird smelling and undistinguishable food in the tray area, and of course, the questionable salad bar where the lettuce is either wilted or gone.

I feel like every day finding edible food is a battle to be won.. Most of the time, I leave hungry or just completely unsatisfied, and that is if I made it to the dining hall at all, because it closes so early.

Normally, my friends and I end up eating a bagel with cream cheese or cereal. I cannot eat healthy in the dining hall. I am constantly questioning the meats that get served, and I end up carbo-loading on bagels, pasta, and french fries.

I read the signs in the tray section of the dining hall; rosemary chicken, meatballs, chicken wings, chicken fingers, salmon, fried fish sticks, hot dogs, hamburger, and some kind of ground meat concoction I cannot name. Let me be clear, I love meat; I am a meat eater, but not when I’m at Wagner.

As I examine the meat articles, I stray away from chicken on the bone. There have been one too many times where I’ve taken the meat off

the bone to find it pink and suspicious looking. I take a look at some enormous meatball that says it is ground beef, and I decide, since I haven’t eaten any meat today, I’ll try it. Of course, I take two bites, and decide it is not beef, maybe turkey or chicken, but I think the two bites are all I’m willing to take. There’s the end of my meat portion for the day. As I try to eat what’s left on my plate, I find out quickly that my only salvation is in the uncooked salad bar vegetables.

For dessert I search the dining hall for fresh fruits to go with the rest of my vegetarian meal. I hope you like melon because the majority of the time those are the only fresh cut fruits. I look around for other options only to find some old pears, or apples that have bruises all over them

On occasion I will find there is pineapple among the melon, and I get super excited! Could you imagine if one day I walked down to the dining hall and found strawberries, or blueberries during dinner time? I would not be able to control my happiness.

Wagner, not all meat has to be fried, some vegetables are good enough without 20 different herbs on them, and if you are going to use tater-tots left over from breakfast, don’t just toss them in liquid cheese, and call it a casserole.

Instead of cooking chicken on the bone, why not experiment with chicken breasts, and if you want to use the broccoli from lunch, please do not just sprinkle it over a pizza and decide that it is innovative enough. There is nothing wrong with using leftover food for another meal, I do it all the time at home, but I’m just a little bit more creative about it.

I am not asking for five star quality food here, I’m merely asking for food that I can actually eat.

# “Feng shui masters” of Wagner Wi-Fi leave students disappointed

By DARIA MAURER  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Nothing is more frustrating than finally sitting down to complete your homework that is due, and not being able to do so because you cannot connect to the Internet. I believe this is one of the biggest constant issues on our campus, and one that needs to be fixed a.s.a.p.! Internet connection is extremely important to our generation. Adults assume that we just play and waste our lives spending hours on the worldwide web-and they might be right. But at the same time a large portion of our education requires Internet to complete research and other homework. Having a fast connection is therefore very important for such time-sensitive matters, let alone having any connection at all!

Do you ever wonder *why* there is such a problem with our Internet? Well, I don’t know if you read all of the dozens of emails we get daily, but did you happen to notice the snarky one on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, from our Associate Provost for Integrated Planning (CIO), Dr. Dilawar Grewal? Well, if you haven’t read this campus-wide email, you should

go do so, and for those who have, I am sure you can sympathize with this article.

Dr. Grewal (who last month resigned from Wagner) attempted to explain to the student body why and how our Wagner Internet is so faulty.

He explained with much detail, the ins and outs of how Internet works and why now our technology on campus is extremely out of date and incapable of handling our many students. It is clear that he really tried to get his point across, but he went too far. The email was extremely lengthy (over seven paragraphs long) and had a lot of sarcastic remarks which don’t benefit anyone.

While this email was informative with facts having to do with the wired and wireless Internet connections, some of the highlights (and grammar mistakes) were:

“At any given time the maximum throughput any of these APs can have is about 50MBPS, abd that is ONLY IF you have been smiling all day, the sun is bright, the moon is in the third quadrant, the Feng Shui masters have been spot on regarding the location of the signal, and those

delicious walnut coconut macaroon cookies were still available in the dining hall when you went there for lunch.”

Now I don’t know about you, but I find this pretty sarcastic and rude. No, all those things do not and should not have to happen for any of us to get an Internet connection! I am paying a ton of money in order to go to this college, and I expect the school to be able to provide Internet for all of its students. It would also be nice if he were more serious about the subject, instead of insulting the intelligence of the students he is addressing. He continued with:

“Each AP is capable of connecting about 8 devices. So, if there are 4 people around you with a laptop and or a XBOX connected in their rooms, the max sustained you can hope for is about 6MBPS. Meaning, you are no longer on the autobahn with a Formula1 car, rather on the DMV parking lot hoping for a formula to get going.”

This isn’t as obnoxious as the first example, but please give students some respect! A short explanation would have sufficed. A simple bulleted plan as to how we as students could help the Internet run faster-

students may have taken time out of their busy days to read the email. We all would have understood, and I wouldn’t have to be writing this article. Yet instead, he continues:

“Please note that, on average, people have a PS3, Xbox, Wii, Laptop, Smartphone, and perhaps a Tablet attached to the wireless network, thus keeping others from connecting.”

Yes, and this is 2012. Every college deals with this. For example, my friends from Shenandoah University, Cabrini University, The County College of Morris have better internet quality than Wagner.

We have multiple devices that require Internet access. Even so, this should not come as a surprise to IT. Wagner IT has had a lot of time to observe this change in data and should have taken action for the inevitable technological future. Think about this; the first Apple iPhone was released in 2007. Now, in 2012, they have already released 6 iPhone versions. Our Internet CIO, Dr. Grewal, informed us that the last time our Internet system was updated was back in 2004. See the major issue here? I think Wagner needs to be more up to date about this type of

problem and be more proactive. It should be updated at least every other year, because technology is bound to change drastically.

While I relentlessly assess our Internet connection, do not fear because Wagner will be “replacing the current system with a new one [which] will take anywhere from 6-9 months.” How promising! How exciting! I fully expect this system to be completely up and running around.... the year 2014. That seems to fit the track record for finishing important campus changes.

I am thankful to know that Wagner has finally taken an interest in the matter, however, I would appreciate less demeaning emails and a more proactive and efficient IT department. I do see that the recently resigned Dr. Grewal was simply making light of the situation with his email, but I hope that with that out of his proposed system, *someone* can focus the rest of IT to solve this problem.

*\* I would like it to be noted that while attempting to send this article to my editors- the Internet was not functioning for a full 10 minutes, and I continued to experience problems throughout the whole writing process.\**



# LIFE & STYLE

## Designer jewelry, public relations and a run-in with the first lady

### Interning at Fragments Inc.

By ALYSSA AHERN  
Life & Style Editor

This small town senior is well versed when it comes to internships, so it's no surprise when she lands an internship at Fragments Inc., a designer jewelry store and showroom. Arts Administration major, Lauren Lowcher has interned since her sophomore year, beginning as an administrative intern at SPIN Magazine. Her internship there led to a full time job as an Administrative Assistant. The following year she interned in Dublin, Ireland at talent management agency, Lorraine Brennan Management as the agent's intern. Two wasn't enough; this super ambitious New Jersey native is now at Fragments Inc. as the Public Relations intern.

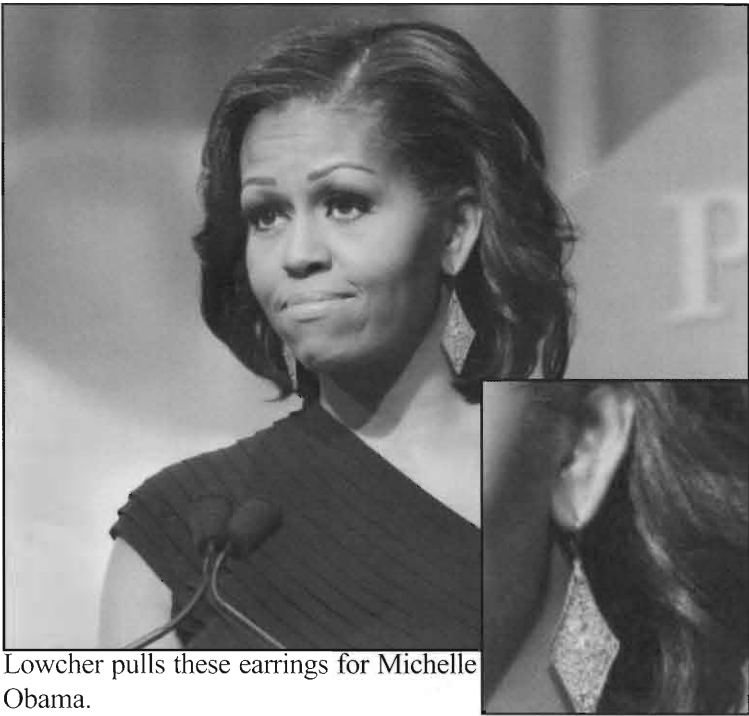
#### Landing the Internship

"This internship actually came to me out of the blue one day. I was driving home to New Jersey for the weekend when I got a phone call from a former student and a good friend of mine, Alexa Lyons [former Life & Style Editor]. She had asked me if I was looking for an internship and explained that her boss's intern had just left the company and she was in serious need of an intern. I expressed my interest to Alexa and she passed the info onto her boss who immediately called me. I went in for my interview the following Thursday and was hired on the spot. My first day was that Friday," Lowcher explains.

This PR intern is currently working part-time four days a week. Her crazy fall semester internship schedule includes, "Monday and Wednesday are just a few hours in the morning and Thursdays are a few hours in the afternoon. Fridays are full days for me, I work from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m." Lowcher describes.

#### A Typical Day at Fragments

Lowcher describes a typical day at



Lowcher pulls these earrings for Michelle Obama.

her internship, "... I specifically work in the showroom where we represent a lot of different designer's collections. More often than not I will have three or four appointments a day with either magazine editors or celebrity stylists that come in to look at the different collections to pick some jewelry for different photo shoots, events, etc. After the stylists and editors pick out the jewelry they want I have to write up a loan sheet with each piece of jewelry, the style numbers, the descriptions, the quantity and each wholesale price. We keep these records for insurance purposes because some of the jewelry is super expensive... Otherwise I do any other little things to help make my boss's day as stress free as possible!"

#### First Lady, Michelle Obama

Not only does Lowcher get to handle beautiful jewelry each day, that she might not get the opportunity to in any other situation, she also gets to experience the feeling of having big responsibilities. "Just the other day I was sent photos of three or four

Photo credit: huffingtonpost.com pieces of jewelry for "inspiration" and I had to pick out 15 pieces of jewelry on my own to send to the stylist of our First Lady. I actually got to pick out earrings and other jewelry for Michelle Obama to wear on TV," Lowcher explains [see story photo].

#### Dream Job/Goals

"My main goal after college is to work in the music business preferably in event planning or public relations, that is why I took this internship, to get experience in PR," Lowcher conveys of her dream goals.

#### Intern Advice 101

"If I were to give any advice to an intern it would be to simply roll with the punches. Internships can be tough, especially if you have a stressed out or aggressive boss, but it is important to remember EVERYTHING will turn out to be a good experience in the long run. Internships will teach you how to work with all different types of people and how not to take things too personally," the intern-pro explains.

## Campus Do's

For students around campus who have an impeccable sense of style.

**Mariah Klimowich**  
Sophomore

**Sam Lovell**  
Sophomore



**Cream buttoned cardigan:** Banana Republic \$45. **Blue blouse:** Banana Republic \$25. **Dark denim jeans:** Banana Republic \$70. **Gold colored flats:** Aldo \$80. **Silver toned watch:** Michael Kors \$225

**White oxford button-up:** Hollister \$50. **Cream cable knit sweater:** A&F \$170. **Blue denim jeans:** Hollister \$60. **Brown Belt:** A&F \$50. **Boat shoes:** Sperry Topsiders \$110

Reported by Antoinette McCarty  
Photographed by Bryan Grandison

## Best Dressed Celeb



Photo credit: sosueme.com

Blake Lively has always been considered a trendsetter, but this outfit truly proves that she is a fashion icon. The perfectly fitted Zuhair Murad mermaid gown is unique and edgy all on its own, yet Lively makes the outfit pop with her red lips and nails. She then softens the look with her over the shoulder loose curls, a combination that makes this look the perfect example of a fashion DO!

Reported by Alexa Smail

## Reality of long distance relationships

By ARJETA LAJKA  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

College has the potential to transform you as an individual; but also the potential to affect relationships. Theatre major Shane Ertter has been in a relationship with his girlfriend for three years. Shane's girlfriend attends USC, which he refers to as a "coast-to-coast relationship," however distance does not seem to pose any threats to his relationship. Distance has actually strengthened his relationship, Shane explains, "No, I just feel like I am desperate to talk to her, if we don't talk that day it feels strange."

According to the students interviewed, distance can only affect your relationship once you begin to lose contact with one another. Another

student, Emily Hadzi states, "You have to tell each other everything, no secrets, we promised to annoy each other."

#### Staying Optimistic

Long distance relationships in college can often take hard work and trust. Shane describes, quite romantically, that he would "Rather live my life with this current burden of being a part than not having her in my life at all." Of course, even those who are as optimistic as Shane have their doubts. Although Shane does admit to some feelings of mistrust, he was concerned about the sorority his girlfriend recently joined and all of the parties that she has been attending.

#### Relieving Tension

"I remind myself of who she is as a person, and of course she has her trust issues also, so we try to reassure

one another by discussing these concerns with one another," Shane explains. Marian Victoria DeAssis also experiences feelings of doubt, she explains, "You have to get over those feelings, you cannot allow them to interfere with your relationship, I told him to be honest with me and tell me if anything ever did happen."

#### Can It Last?

Distance can allow you to see the seriousness in your relationship, and it can prepare you for the obstacles distance often presents. "I think the only time you can see if your relationship will really work is through long distance, I believe in that phase, that if it's meant to be it will work out," Marian states. "Keep in mind that you must feel that it's worth it, if you have doubts in the beginning than maybe its time to move on."



# Fall trend report

*Integrate these trends into your transition from summer to fall easily and on a budget!*

By ANTOINETTE MCCARTY  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Denim

No longer will a simple dark skinny jean suffice. Coated, floral, polka dot and side panel denim are the leading trends to try. What is so great about this trend is that it can be found in a variety of patterns and colors, no two polka dots are the same!

Luxe Accessories

Bring on the baubles, jewels and fur! Fall is piling on the goodies with rich assortments of stones, metals and fur accessories. Try this trend with a chandelier earring or a chunky necklace. Look for rich dark tones like greens, oranges and blues in your accessories as a way to style any outfit.

Knee-High Boots

As always, boots are back and the variations for fall are equestrian channeled knee-high numbers. This trend is something that is harder to find on a budget but is most definitely some-

thing that will last all the way to spring. There are many variations on how to wear these boots and it is what makes styling this trend fun. With the limitless style opportunities, the money spent will pay itself off as the year continues.

Black & White Patterns

Black and white is in again for crisp dressing. Embracing this trend can be as simple as a white shirt and a black blazer or a polka dot blouse. While patterned black and white clothing can be bought to embrace this trend, it can also easily be addressed by pulling together black and white staples from your closet for simple and chic outfits.

Metallics

This trend has been seen in a variety of ways on the runway, especially paired with brocade and geometric patterns, whether it is used as part of the pattern or simply as an add-on accessory. It is a fun way to add rich textures, colors and tones to any evening or party outfit.



Designed by Alyssa Ahern  
Reported by Antoinette McCarty

## Q & A on European style

*Four students tell-all, from style to fashion icons to nationality*

**Name:** Lena Ayechei  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Arts Administration  
**Nationality:** American  
**Who is your fashion icon?**  
Kyary Pamyu  
**Does someone’s style represent their personality?**  
Yes definitely. How you dress reflects how you feel on the inside, at least it does for me.  
**Do you judge people by their appearance?**  
I think everyone does that to some extent but at the end of the day clothes doesn’t really matter.  
**It is date night, what is your go to outfit?**  
Lace dresses with a form-fitting silhouette and always a bow.  
**Do you think Europeans dress differently?**  
Yes, they dress more effortlessly but still chic at the same time.

**Name:** Cal Hoffman  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Major:** English  
**Nationality:** Irish Vietnamese  
**Who is your fashion icon?**  
Jim Morrison  
**Does someone’s style represent their personality?**  
Yes, I’d say it is there representation of what they think of themselves.  
**Do you judge people by their appearance?**  
Yes, everyone does. You can’t help it.  
**It is date night, what is your go-to outfit?**  
Black button up shirt, blue jeans, cow boy boots with a coat.

**What is your opinion on the sandal-sock look?**  
Do what you wanna do but it just doesn’t look comfortable.  
**Do you think Europeans dress differently?**  
Yes, but that might be a stereotype in my mind of Europeans being more fashionable and intelligent people.

**Name:** Christian Grotewold  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Arts Administration with a mixed concentration major  
**Nationality:** Guatemalan  
**Who is your fashion icon?**  
I don’t really have a fashion icon, I learned how to dress thanks to my family. Since my family is in the fashion business it really was something that grew with me. But, if I had to choose one person I would have to say Jared Leto, Justin Timberlake or Darren Criss, they all know how to dress really well.  
**Does someone’s style represent their personality?**  
I would say yes but you never really know. I mean, just because someone dresses all in black does not mean they necessarily have to have a very dark personality, they just might be one of the brightest personalities you might meet.  
**Do you judge people by their appearance?**  
No, I have never and will never judge someone by the way they dress.  
**It is date night what is your go to outfit?**  
It depends on what type of date it is. If it is something like a movie date

I like to wear something comfortable and fun but fashionable so I look nice for my date. If it is a formal dinner, then I will go for my black skinny jeans and either a nice shirt or a button down with a cool jacket. And no sneakers, I wear nice black shoes.  
**Do you think Europeans dress differently?**  
Yes, I think they have a higher sense of fashion than others and they do dress differently and more freely.

**Name:** Marian De Assis  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Major:** International Affairs  
**Nationality:** Brazilian  
**Who is your fashion icon?**  
Audrey Hepburn  
**Does someone’s style represent their personality?**  
Yes  
**Do you judge people by their appearance?**  
No  
**It is date night, what’s your go-to outfit?**  
A fancy skirt with a nice blouse, a nice bag and good shoes.  
**What is your opinion on the sandal-sock look?**  
I don’t like the look at all. It’s so ugly.  
**Do you think Europeans dress differently?**  
Yes all the way. They dress more fancy and dress according to the weather in a much more classy way.

Reported and photographed by  
Amanda Chidekel



Lena showing off her bow.



Christian riding the ferry in style.



Marian with some fun, funky frames.



Cowboy boots and Cal go hand-and-hand.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# Green Mile star Michael Clarke Duncan dies of heart attack

By LILAH SOUZA  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The Green Mile co-star, Michael Clarke Duncan, died of a myocardial infarction on Sept. 3, 2012. On July 13th, he had been hospitalized in Los Angeles for a heart attack, of which his fiancée Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth tried to stop by performing CPR. On Aug. 6th, his publicist, Joy Fehily, issued a statement reading that he was to remain hospitalized until further notice.

On Monday, Sept. 10th, a memorial was held for Duncan in the Hall of Liberty in Forest Lawn, Los Angeles, California from 9a.m. to 2p.m. The Green Mile co-star Tom Hanks, Holly Robinson Peete, Jay Leno, Bones creator Hart Hanson and Vivica A. Fox were among the large number of friends and fans that went to the memorial. At the memorial, Tom Hanks was seen cracking up at a hilarious childhood story Duncan once told him, and Jay Leno got teary eyed during his eulogy as he said, "Here's a guy in a cynical

business like Hollywood. Everybody's mad. 'Somebody got this instead of me.' 'Why didn't I get that part?' Here's a guy that was happy for every job he got."

Coming from humble beginnings, Michael Clarke Duncan was a very down-to-earth man. He was raised by a single mother in South side Chicago, resisting drugs and alcohol, and concentrating solely on school. In his early life, he started out his digging ditches at People's Gas Company because of his towering height and muscular build. He later quit his job and headed to Hollywood and landed small roles while also working as a bodyguard. In 1998 he got a role in the 1998 movie Armageddon, which led to his breakthrough performance in the 1999 movie, The Green Mile, as the convict with miraculous powers, John Coffey.

Before making it big in Hollywood, Duncan was a bodyguard for Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Jaime Fox, LL Cool J, and The Notorious B.I.G. He was prompted to quit that line of work after the shooting of The Notorious



Photo: zap2it.com

Fans and A-list celebrities mourn the death of Michael Clarke Duncan, famous for his role in The Green Mile.

B.I.G. Duncan had a multi talented childhood, revealing in an interview on Live with Kelly and Michael that he had considered becoming a police officer with the LAPD and that he played basketball at Kankakee Community College.

Michael Clarke Duncan was an amazing, down-to-earth actor. His movies will live on for generations and he will forever be in our hearts and prayers. Duncan will surely be greatly missed.

# NCIS meets the Grimm fairy tales in new NBC show

Grimm becomes one of NBCs biggest shows

By OLIVIA KATE MARTON  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

NCIS meets The Grimm fairytales in NBC's newest hit show, Grimm. The fairy tale show has been receiving a lot of attention these past few months. Its growing popularity has made the show a must-see. The storyline expresses the traditional tension between good vs. evil. David Giuntoli plays the charming Nick Burkhardt in this riveting story about a man with a very special gift. He has the power to see the supernatural, and possessing this gift makes him a "grimm." His adventures in Portland put him through emotional and physical hardships, trying his best to protect those that he cares about.

The best part of this show is the action. If you are faint of heart or sensitive to gore, perhaps this isn't the show for you. Multiple gruesome deaths in each episode make for an exciting and sometimes disgusting experience. These monsters attack innocent and sometimes not so innocent citizens of the town. The creatures in the town appear to be normal everyday people to the humans in Portland, making the hu-



Photo: wordpress.com

Nick Burkheart, played by David Giuntoli, and Monroe, played by Silas Wier Mitchell, team up in NBC's new series Grimm to solve the crimes in their town of Portland, Oregon.

mans easy targets for these monsters. As of last season, Nick's fiancée, Juliette, fell into a coma as a result of Nicks attempts at keeping her safe. This storyline adds to the tension and stress Nick feels going through life the way that he has. This makes his character both relatable, and likable.

The main focus of the show is overcoming the evil and saving the innocent, but no show can do well without likable characters. In the show, Nick has a few confidants, in-

cluding his friend Monroe (Silas Weir Mitchell), who happens to be a Blutboten ("big bad wolf" who's not so bad). Monroe's insight, as well as his hilarious sarcasm, helps Nick as he learns about the world he has just discovered, and his role adds comic relief to the otherwise dark storyline. His relationships with the fellow citizens of Portland are interesting and add to the shows appeal. Overall I would recommend Grimm to a friend, but with caution. The gore is not for everyone.

## Listen Up!



Go Radio – *Close the Distance*  
Label: Fearless Records  
Release Date: Sept. 18, 2012

Go Radio, the pop-punk band from Tallahassee, FL. has just released their fourth studio album after much anticipation from fans. In fact, dedicated listeners had the chance to unlock songs before the album was released. How? When the band's page views, shares, and newsletter sign-ups reached 20,000 the group released a single from their unreleased album. Delighted fans got a first-listen to *Close the Distance*, Go Radio's newest album that is full of incredibly unique and new sounds. Jason Lancaster, the lead vocalist and previous member of Mayday Parade, is the soul and leader of this band. His fabulously smooth, yet brusque voice is both catchy and distinctive. With the additional sounds of the piano, bass, and guitar, this group has an unforgettable sound that is always captivating, yet continuously evolving. While their previous albums were somewhat melancholic with more rock aspects, this album leans more towards the pop genre with an up-beat sound. Their progression as a band and their remarkable ability to constantly change their sound makes this a group worthy of listening to.

**You'll love it if you like:** Mayday Parade, This Providence, The Maine, All-Time Low

-Alexa Smail

## Check it out

### Check out themusical performance dates for the semester!

*Italian Idol Singing Contest* -  
Fri, Oct. 19, 5:00 pm at the MPC

*Viva Italia! Finale Concert* -  
Sun, Oct. 28, 4:00 pm at the MPC

Fall Choral Concert for all choirs - Sun, Nov. 4, 4:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church

Opera Scenes by Opera Workshop -  
Sun, Nov. 11, 7:00 pm at the MPC

Wine & Cheese Reception/Recital hosted by the Wagner College Choir Fund Raiser -  
Wed. Nov. 14, 4:20 pm at the MPC

Opera Scenes by the Opera Workshop - Sun, Nov. 18, 7:00 pm at the MPC

Holiday Concert for all choirs - Sun, Dec. 2, 4:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church

Vocal Jazz Set hosted by the Stretto/Espresso, et al choirs - Tue, Dec. 4, 8:00 pm at the MPC

## Don't Forget

Sondheim's *Putting it Together* - Oct. 3-6, 10-14

*Spring Awakening* - Oct. 9-14

SRMT's *[title of show]* - Oct. 19-20

CSP's *The Full Monty* - look out for dates!



# And the stage goes to the children?

By SAMANTHA KNOERZER  
Entertainment Editor

Bored and don't know what to do? Love Broadway? Don't worry there are plenty of shows to see in the city.

The musicals this season have a lot more age variety than year's past. Three new musicals this season will have children starring roles. According to Lonnie Firestone from backstage.com, "This year's new crop of child-centered musicals place particularly heavy demands on the little talents who take center stage. Their parts are tremendous, featuring numerous musical numbers, dance routines, comedic scenes, and dramatic arcs. That can be a tall order for young actors, and a great feat for the casting directors who have to choose from thousands of young hopefuls."

The three musicals consist of the following: *Annie*, which starts previews in October; a musical adaptation of *A Christmas Story*, slated to run during the holiday season from November through New Year's; and Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, with performances beginning in March 2013.

"All three draw inspiration and content from the respective works of literature and film (or in the case of 'Annie', a cartoon strip) that pre-



Photo by: backstage.com

Child stars take the stage for this season's newest rendition of *Annie*.

cede them," continues Firestone. "All three embrace an adults-just-don't-understand sensibility, with a child at the center who wins our hearts." The performances are fun, entertaining performances guaranteed to be enjoyed by the whole family.

Additionally to the Broadway plays opening up this semester is the classic performance of the New York City Ballet's *Sleeping Beauty*, opening for only two weeks in early March. This performance of *Sleeping Beauty*, is based on the famous fairy tale, *La belle au bois dormant* by French writer Charles Perrault. The performance will contain music by Tchaikovsky and choreography



Photo by: fiaf.org

The New York City Ballet promises an exciting season with its performance of Balanchine's infamous *Sleeping Beauty*.

by James Sutton. The company is also known for their usual including of children ballet dancers.

If that doesn't suit you, the New York City Ballet will also have their annual seasonal performance of *The Nutcracker* from Nov. 23 through Dec. 30, which is also known for its containment of many children dancers, including children stars. *The Nutcracker* contains music by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky and choreography by George Balanchine.

This season's performances all throughout the city seem to pose a promising excitement. The season is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family!



All you need to know about the latest celebrity gossip!

## Lively and Reynolds finally tie the knot; Bynes the new Lohan?!

By AMANDA HASTINGS  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

There is a new celebrity couple married in Hollywood! On Sunday Sept. 9, super couple **Blake Lively** and **Ryan Reynolds** secretly tied the knot. The duo, who has been dating almost a year, met in Oct. 2011 while co-starring in the film *Green Lantern*. The lovebirds exchanged vows at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, the location famously known for the filming of *The Notebook*!

The vows were exchanged in front of 60 family members and close friends. Among the guests at the family themed wedding was the actress' *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* costars **America Ferrera**, 28, **Amber Tamblyn**, 29, and **Alexis Bledel**, 30.

Before the newlyweds found each other, both were in serious relationships with other high profiled celebrities. From 2007-2010, the 25-year-old actress was linked to her *Gossip Girl* co-star **Penn Badgley**, who has stated he is "genuinely happy" for his ex. Shortly after that breakup, *The Town* star began a five month worldwide fling with actor **Leonardo DiCaprio**.

The 35-year-old Ryan has some history in the marriage department. Reynolds was married to *The Avengers* actress **Scarlett Johansson** for nearly three years before calling it quits. When asked for the motive behind the split, "not spending enough time together" was stated a reason by Scarlett herself.

Right before the duo said 'I do' Blake opened up about how she was very happy and how fond she is of her *The Town* co-star **Ben Affleck's** marriage to **Jennifer Garner**. She likes how they have a big family and wants one as well, most likely referencing her new hubby. Do you think Blake and Ryan can have a happily ever after marriage without the typical Hollywood trouble? Only time will tell!

**RIP Michael Clarke Duncan!** *The Green Mile* actor, at age 54, died on Sept. 3 of a heart attack. He had been sick in treatment for two months.

Michael's memorial service was filled with A-List celebrities, including TV talk show host **Jay Leno**, who was photographed in tears. **Tom Hanks** was not only at the ceremony, but also gave a heart-felt eulogy.

It seems actress **Amanda Bynes** is headed down a dangerous road! On Sept. 16, the former child star's car was impounded after she was caught by West Hollywood Police driving with a suspended license, which she lost on Aug. 25. Prior to



Photo: cbsnews.com

Reynolds and Lively finally tie the love knot five days after their official wedding ceremony.

having her BMW taken away, on Sept. 9 Bynes was pulled over for driving without a headlight and was given nothing but a warning.

The deferral of her license came after two separate incidents, one on April 10, where Bynes was involved in a minor car accident, and fled the scene. The victim recognized the actress and identified her. The 26-year-old star repeated the same actions on Aug. 4, but eventually had no choice but to exchange contact information with the other vehicle.

Her troubles don't end there! Even though these two arrests cost Bynes her license, they aren't the only times she has found herself in trouble with the law recently. After two separate incidents, one on April 6 and another on June 5, the Nickelodeon star arrested and charged with two DUIs.

If the name **Lindsay Lohan** rings a bell, the Bynes dilemma sounds all too familiar. Fans are worried that if the *She's the Man* star doesn't get her act together soon she will end up just like Lindsay. Lohan, who is famously known for her troubled lifestyle, notices the resemblance of situations. She has taken to the Social Networking Site *Twitter* to explain anger towards Hollywood's former good girl. The *Freaky Friday* star states that while she was put behind bars in 2010, she feels it is unfair that Bynes has not yet faced any consequences.

On Sept. 27, the *All That* actress is scheduled to be arraigned on two counts of misdemeanor for both hit and run accidents. She is also awaiting trial for the April 6 DUI arrest. It has been reported that the judge has scheduled a hearing for Sept. 21, due to "new circumstances" that have come to light since her original arrest. Can Amanda Bynes get her life back on track before she ends up like Lindsay?

Stay tuned for more *Hastings on Hollywood*, because Hollywood never sleeps!

## Nice work (if you can get a ticket)

By JORDAN BUNSHAFT  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

"S wonderful, 's marvelous, 's something you should definitely see." So goes the famous Gershwin tune, one of many included in the delightful new show, *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, crafted from the Gershwins' incredibly rich songbook.

Loosely based on the 1926 musical, *Oh, Kay!*, *Nice Work If You Can Get It* tells the story of the romance between playboy, Jimmy Winter and female bootlegger, Billie Bendix. The plot is paper-thin, but the diversionary entertainments of the 1920s (of which this is emulating) weren't concerned with telling great stories; they were merely showcases for fast punchlines, zany characters and of course, glorious music. The Gershwin brothers knew what they were doing because their songs are still unbeatable today, especially when sung by such a remarkable cast.

The regular leading man of this production is Matthew Broderick. The night I attended, however, you could have called "Bueller" for forever and he wouldn't have shown up, because he was sadly on his day (week) off. Stepping in for him was Broadway veteran and *Smash* star, Will Chase. Even on his first night and with limited rehearsal time, Mr. Chase did not disappoint. He had charm to spare, and sang and danced the role with great finesse. Mr. Broderick is now back in the role and though I cannot comment on his performance, the cast sur-



Photo by: EW.com

Matthew Broderick and Kelli O'Hara dance around the stage in a spectacular performance of *Nice Work If You Can Get It*.

rounding him is still well worth your time.

Broadway sweetheart, Kelli O'Hara is splendid as Billie the bootlegger, rapping her beautiful voice around such Gershwin classics as "Someone To Watch Over Me" and ably handling the comic bits as well. Michael McGrath as the gangster in disguise and Judy Kaye as the staunch prohibitionist, more than earned their Tonys this year, turning in brilliant comic portrayals and eliciting side-splitting laughter with their impeccable timing. The rest of the cast is uniformly excellent.

The play's current success is attributed to director and choreographer (Tony award winner), Kathleen Marshall. The dances never reach the inventive height of Susan Stroman's creations for *Crazy For You* (a similar and admittedly better Gershwin songbook show), but they are nevertheless fun and performed to perfection by a highly skilled ensemble.

The show is currently being performed at the Imperial. Student rush tickets are currently only \$36.50, so it will be a 'Nice show if you can get' a ticket.



# SEAHAWK SPORTS

## A day in the life of Dominique Williams

*Athletics come first in this running back's life forcing hobbies to be a weekend activity*

By COURTNEY DUNN  
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Have you ever wondered what a typical day in the life of a Division I student athlete is like? According to Dominique Williams, starting running back for the Seahawks, it's not easy balancing schoolwork and practice.

"Some days my schedule makes me feel like a machine," says Williams. On a typical day, Williams is up before the sun, at about 6 a.m. He heads to football meetings with his fellow teammates by 6:50 and forces himself to get focused. Immediately after meetings, they go for taping, which is a training room visit to check any possible injuries, heat up muscles, and tape ankles and wrists. Basically, this is where our Seahawks get their feathers fluffed.

After they're ready to go physically, the team goes to breakfast and a special teams meeting. Special teams consists of anything play-specific such as a field goal or receiving a kick off.

Once that meeting ends, Williams heads to the locker room to get dressed for pre-practice which ends at about 8:35 a.m. "That practice focuses on more positional drills that we don't get to during actual practice," explains Williams.

Practice ends about 11 a.m., but his day is far from over. He rushes back to the showers and gets ready for an 11:20 class. The remainder of his day is filled with class and extra meetings so everyone stays on the same page for the game plan of the week. Usually, he does not find a time for dinner



Photo: Wagner athletics

Junior Dominique Williams is the starting running back for the Seahawks

until about 7:40 p.m.

"By the time 9 p.m. hits, speaking for most athletes, we're drained," says Williams. He admits that he never sets aside specific time for homework and studying, but squeezes it in whenever he finds a second between stretches and practices. Some of his favorite classes include painting and criminology.

"Hobbies are usually a weekend thing because there's very little room to do anything extra, but me and my roommates do find some time to press play on that duty, Call of Duty that is," says Williams. With the stress of football and school, he feels that it is essential to take a step back and take time to just play video games and hang out with friends.

Before bed, he usually watches some film with his coaches or works on out of class assignments. "Try calculating some free time," challenges Williams.



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Replacement referee Lance Easley signals a controversial touchdown while ref Derek Rhone-Dunn signals an incomplete pass during Monday night's game.

## Controversial call motivates negotiations to end referee lockout

By AUDRIANA MEKULA  
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National Football League (NFL) fans everywhere reeled when on the night of Sept. 24, the Seattle Seahawks were awarded a touchdown, bringing them to a 14-12 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

### The Play

In the final seconds of the game, Seahawk's quarterback Russell Wilson scrambled from the pocket and threw to the corner of the end zone towards receiver Golden Tate. As the ball was in the air, Tate shoved Packers' defender Sam Shields out of the way with both hands, an act that the NFL ruled Tuesday, should have been a flag, signaling a penalty for the Seahawks and a win for the Packers. The lack of a call however, cannot be reviewed by replay.

After shoving Shields, Tate then struggled with safety M.D. Jennings for the ball. Jennings claimed he had clear possession of the ball, saying in a post-game interview with ESPN, "it was pinned to my chest the whole time." Even Tate was unsure of who had initial possession. When asked if he caught the ball first, Tate told CBS Sports, "I think so... Oh, well maybe he did. But I took it from him." On the field however, the officials ruled that the two had simultaneous possession, which counts as a reception. After review, referee Wayne Elliot announced, "the ruling on the field stands," because there was not indisputable visual evidence to overturn the touchdown call.

### The Lockout

"Don't ask me a question about the officials," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said in an interview with CBS Sports. "I've never seen anything like that in all my years in football. I know it's been a wild weekend

in the NFL and I guess we're part of it now," he said. What McCarthy is referring to is a direct result of the NFL officials' lockout that has been in effect since June.

The contracts of the NFL referees expired that month. At that time, the NFL and the NFL Referees Association (NFLRA) were unable to reach a new collective bargaining agreement after a disagreement over pension payments. Motivated by Monday night's game, the NFL and NFLRA reached an agreement around 2 a.m. Thursday morning providing referees with higher salaries and improved retirement benefits. The eight-year agreement states that beginning in 2017, all referees will receive retirement benefits through a defined contribution arrangement. An annual league contribution would be made on behalf of each game official that will begin with an average of more than \$18,000 per official and increase to more than \$23,000 per official in 2019. There will also be a partial match on any additional contribution that an official makes to his 401(k) account. Along with this, an official's salary would increase from \$149,000 a year in 2011 to \$173,000 in 2013, and rising to \$205,000 by 2019.

### Replacement Refs?

But while these referees were locked out, who was officiating the games? During the lockout, the NFL commissioned replacement referees to stand in for the first three regular season games. In previous years, the NFL has required that replacement refs have at least 10 years of experience, five coming from a major college football league. After Monday night's game, the NFL released statements saying that Elliot has, "21 years as a college and professional official in Division II, III and has other experience." They also said that back

judge Derrick Rhone-Dunn has nine years of experience in Division I, II and III, and that Lance Easley, the official who made the controversial call, has, "four years of officiating experience, none above the Division III level."

### Reactions

In light of Monday's disagreement, the NFL issued a statement on the labor dispute with the referees.

"There is broad agreement that the quality and consistency of officiating can and should be improved. How to accomplish that is a critical issue separating the two sides in this negotiation," the statement read. "While the officials' union would like to turn this into purely an economic dispute, we have told the union and the federal mediator that we are prepared to make reasonable economic compromises and that we will invest more money in officiating as long as it assures long-term improvement."

"Whatever it takes, it's just a total embarrassment to everybody watching the game, the players in the game, it's not fun to be part of something like that. ... If it keeps going on, it's going to get ugly," Lang said during a Tuesday afternoon interview on the "Valenti & Foster Show."

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said on his weekly radio show on Milwaukee's ESPN 540 AM on Tuesday afternoon, that the NFL's willingness to use replacement officials who aren't up to the task is, "a sign that the league cares more about money than it does about tarnishing the game." NFL field judge Boris Cheek said, "Our grandmoms sitting at home can probably make that call." Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman tweeted "These games are a joke," while NBA MVP LeBron James tweeted "I simply just LOVE the NFL too much to see these mistakes."

## Ciocci named to Good Works Team

By AUDRIANA MEKULA  
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Graduate student and starting offensive lineman Steve Ciocci was among an elite group of 22 college football players from across the country named to the 2012 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, on Sept. 18 by the Allstate Insurance Company and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

One of the sport's premier service honors, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team highlights the positive,

off-the-field impact that a select group of student-athletes has on their communities. Ciocci is the first Wagner student-athlete to receive this honor.

Kathy Mabe, president of Allstate's West regions and a member of the 2012 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team voting panel, said in a press release on Sept. 18, "These players have demonstrated the unique ability to balance academics with athletics while donating their limited free time and energy to serve others, and we at Allstate commend them for their commitment to volunteerism."



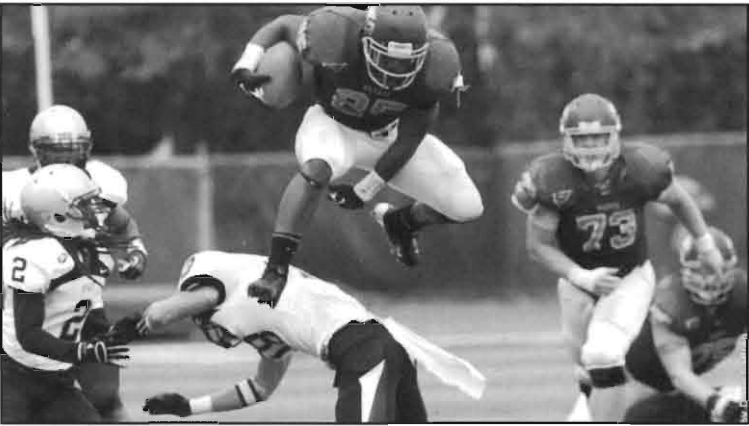


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# Football fights for second win

By **COURNTEY DUNN**  
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The crowd of 2,037 must have given the Seahawks some momentum for their second consecutive win this season, making them 2-1 in conference and 2-3 in the season. Wagner defeated Bryant University with a final score of 31-21.

Before the game, senior linebacker Mike Lombardo predicted, “We’re going to shut them down completely. It’s going to be a long day for their whole team.”

Wagner was leading 24-21 by the end of the fourth quarter when junior linebacker, Dominique Williams completed a 29-yard run, which ended with Williams leaping over the opposing defender and breaking another tackle. Two plays later, senior quarterback, Nick Doscher made a 19-yard touch down, putting the game at 31-21.

After a defensive-minded first half resulted in a 7-7 deadlock at intermission, things began heating up in the second half. A 39-yard field goal by senior kicker David Lopez put Wagner on top 10-7 at 10:38 of the third quarter. The Bulldogs, however, answered with a 45-yard kickoff return and then, on the first play of the drive, quarterback Mike Westerhaus found wide receiver Jordan Harris along the left sideline for a 54-yard touchdown with 10:37 remaining in the quarter to give Bryant a 14-10 lead.

After a Wagner three and out and ensuing punt, Bryant took over at its own 43. The Bulldogs moved the ball to the Seahawk 49 and appeared bent, at this point, on taking the game over. Seahawk sophomore cornerback Jarrett Dieudonne, however, had other ideas. He turned in a game-changing play, picking off a Westerhaus second-and-13 pass at the Wagner 34 and returning it 16 yards to midfield. Doscher hit sophomore tight end Bryant Watts over the middle for a 30-yard gain down to the Bulldog 19. Three plays later, Doscher found Watts again, this time in the left corner of the end zone for a 17-14 Wagner lead. The score marked the fourth lead change of the game and

gave the Seahawks the lead for good.

Bryant had no choice but to punt when Westhaus was hurried by red-shirt freshman defensive back, James Howell, and threw an incomplete on third-and-five. Directly following the punt, redshirt freshman running back, Ralph Greene completed a third-and-five from the Seahawk 30. Sophomore wide receiver, Anthony Carrington was waiting at the Bulldog 30 and after a pass from Doscher, completed an impressive 70-yard touchdown, giving Wagner a 24-14 lead in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs responded with a nine-play, 69-yard drive in 3:54 that was capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Jordan Brown which made it a 24-21 game. The scoring march was kick-started by a 23-yard strike from Westhaus to Harris on the drive’s first play.

Wagner then chewed off 6:42 on its next drive before stalling at the Bulldog 34. Lopez was blocked after trying to complete a 52-yard field goal, and the score, 24-21, was too close for comfort.

This quickly changed when senior defensive end, Jerome Williams, came through with an 11-yard sack from the Bryant 47. He finished with six tackles, three tackles for loss (minus 24 yards) and two sacks (minus 20 yards).

Wagner took over at its own 29 and on the third play of the drive Williams completed a 29-yard gain the Bryant 20. Two plays later, Doscher went for a 19-yard touchdown, to make it a two-score game 31-21 with just 1:29 left.

The Seahawk defense made a major impact on the game from then on, forcing Westhaus into three straight incompletions, the last one coming on a fourth-and-five from the 32. Redshirt freshman safety, Shan Berry hurried Westhaus on the fourth down throw. The offense also made a great effort, with Doscher completing 16-of-26 passes for 246 yards and two touchdowns while Williams ran for 106 yards on 15 carries and added another 61 yards receiving.

“This is going to turn into a real good season with this win,” stated Lombardo.

By **EMILY CSIK**  
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Wagner’s Men and Women Cross Country teams had their third race this weekend in New Britain, Connecticut at the Ted Owen Invitational five kilometer course.

Junior, Alexis Bivona came in ninth at the race with a finishing time of 18:17.77. Alexis broke some school records last year “I ran 4:58 and running anything sub 5 is a huge thing. I was in the best shape of my life last year and I want to progress off that. I’m hoping to break some of the same records.” She ran under 15 minutes at the last race and “it was a personal best from last year. I came in fourth place and I didn’t know I was in fourth for the whole race.” At the meet in Connecticut this weekend, the team overall took sixth place.

Junior Alexis Bivona took ninth place (18:17.77), freshman Danielle Lacampotook twenty-third(19:16.51), senior Kelly Dennis in twenty-sixth (19:22.41), sophomore Heather Wolf came in thirty-first(19:33.14), and junior Samantha Lauro in fortieth(19:43.25). Alexis Bivona says that her hopes for this year are “to get my times down and to get my name out there. I’m just looking to have a good year this year. I’ve had good progress over the last two years and I’m just trying to do the same thing here.”

At the 4K Monmouth University XC Kick-Off, Wagner’s women’s cross country team came in third place out of five teams, led by Bivona who finished in fourth. All of the women on the team finished the race in the first thirty places. At the Nassaney Memorial Invitational on the campus of Bryant University the women’s team came in twelfth out of



Photo by: Wagner Athletics

Alexis Bivona finished ninth this past meet with a time of 18:17.77

seventeen teams. Bivona lead the team at the second race also, coming in thirty-seventh.

The men’s team also competed in New Britain, Connecticut at the Ted Owen Invitational, eight kilometer course. Junior, Daniel Zaccariello finished in seventh place with a time of 26:04.47. The men’s team as a whole came in fourth place at the meet. Following Daniel, the next to cross the finish line was sophomore James Nagliere who came in nineteenth (26:49.78),sophomoreJacob Malakoff came in twentieth(26:53.42), sophomore Timothy Mendez took thirty-ninth (27:45.15) and freshman Darius Moulton came in seventy-first (28:56.15). Daniel Zaccariello said that the first meet was “strategically a good performance. The time wasn’t there, we went out slow for the first mile.” The team progressed from their last meet to the meet this weekend in New Britain, proven by their fourth place. The team, as well as Zaccariello individually is looking to make the top five this season. Both teams have their next meet on October 5 in Van Cortland Park. The first race for the men’s



Photo: Wagner Athletics

Daniel Zaccariello finsihes in seventh with a time of 26:04.47 at the Ted Owen Invitational

Cross Country team was a 6K at Monmouth University. Zaccariello took second at the season opener, missing first place by only two seconds. Albany’s James Chris Buchanan came in first in the race. Nonetheless Zaccariello led the team to a third place at the season opener. At the second meet, an 8K Nassaney Invitational on the campus of Bryant University, the men’s team came in seventh out of twelve, again led by Zaccariello who finished in eleventh.

Joe Stasi has been the head coach for men and women’s Cross Country and Track & Field here at Wagner for 17 years. Stasi has led his teams to over 60 records while he’s been here. Stasi said that the 4K Monmouth University XC Kick-Off“was a good first meet, hopefully we build on it” The meet In Van Cortland Park on October 5 will help show what kind of progress the cross country teams are making for this season. The teams are both looking to achieve high goals for this season. As for breaking records and making Wagner known, Alexis Bivona says “We’re doing pretty well for this school.”

# From player to personnel

By **AUDRIANA MEKULA**  
Wagnerian Sports Editor

Only a few short months ago, Eddie Brown was ready to ground any ball hit his way as short stop for the Seahawks. Now, Brown has a different position with his former baseball team: director of operations.

Brown first started playing baseball when he was young,, starting with T-ball. He played throughout elementary, middle, and high school. It was when Brown was a freshman in high school that he realized he wanted to focus on baseball at the college level. He seriously started considering it when he realized he was being scouted. “When guys come around looking specifically at you, that’s when you take it seriously.” His senior year was devoted to baseball and as a result he was scouted by Seton Hall.

After completing two years at Seton Hall, Brown transferred to Wagner. Brown transfered for the academic programs offered here. He

also joined the baseball team, where he started as short stop for the Seahawks. Last May, Brown graduated with a degree in Business marketing.

As far as his career in baseball was concerned, Brown did not expect to have the position hehas now. “I was talking to Coach Carone and he offered me the position of director of operations as a graduate assistant.” Brown said he saw it as a, “once in a lifetime opportunity.” As the director of operations, Brown spends most of his time in the basement of Spiro Sports Center making travel arrangements for the team.

With Brown’s new responsibilities, he does not get to see much of practice. “Right now, I handle calls in the office during practice,” said Brown. “But I know when I’m in the press box and the guys are playing, I’m going to want to get out there.”

A strength that Brown sees in his former team is their comradery. “They look after each other on and off the field,” which Brown believes will help them reach their goal of getting to the NEC tournament and ultimately winning it and moving to



Photo: Wagner athletics

“Coach Carone offered me the opportunity of a lifetime”

regionals.

When asked about his future plans with baseball, Brown said he would consider coaching in the future as well as sports marketing. “I’m working towards by MBA so we’ll see where that goes,” commented Brown. Right now however, he is content to keep his position. “I’m loving what I’m doing,” he said.

**ESPN College Football**  
**Plays of the Weekend**  
Dominique Williams’ 29-yard run in which he hurdled over a Bryant defender was the number eight play over the weekend



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