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Philip Schmidt Incites Aestheticism in Audience

by DONALD STEWART

This past Sunday evening, Professor Schmidt gave an enlightening speech on the Cult of The Ugly. Mr. Schmidt's main point was that beauty in a painting is its truth.

Professor Schmidt showed two slides of paintings by Picasso. Each painting was of Picasso's son, painted within a month's time. One was ugly and one was beautiful. The ugly one showed the animalistic qualities of the little boy as he was reaching for a toy. The face was rather grotesque, the hands were oversized and grasping and the background was a fiery and antagonistic red. This animalistic tendency of the child was true although the painting was ugly. The actual truth of the painting (ugliness) was the beauty of it. (As Professor Schmidt inserted, "beautifully ugly"). The other painting portrayed the boy in a pure white clowns costume. In this instance the boy had a smooth, innocent, angelic face which was obviously beautiful.

Mr. Schmidt then traced the development of thought technique and structure in art. He explained that in Renaissance paintings, there is usually a cen-



PROFESSOR PHILIP SCHMIDT

tral figure which runs vertically up the canvas and which has the primally striking color. The central figures are sturdily based on a triangular plane and surrounding elements are symmetrically placed. The figures usually had an oval, soft and beautiful face and the paintings are usually optimistic in point of view.

On the Gothic Era, Mr. Schmidt pointed out that the paintings started becoming more pessimistic as was evidenced by the tortured and distorted faces. In Gothic painting there is no centrally placed figure and the figures are dispersed throughout the canvas, some even falling off the edges. In these paintings, it seems that the painter was intrigued with filling up the canvas.

Mr. Schmidt then went into more contemporary art, explaining that the point of view of the artist is primarily getting more

and more pessimistic. The colors are becoming more striking. Mr. Schmidt emphasized the fact that there is a direct tie between the age and the arts. He stated that there is much controversy on modern painting, mainly because people either look at it with a closed mind or else they don't understand it. He also said that modern art will be more appreciated and better understood fifty to a hundred years from now when people can trace its development and look at it objectively rather than subjectively. At the present we are subjected to a movement in art in which we are observing both the good and the bad. Modern art is new and perhaps this newness is frightening because it is not known and understood. Modern art can partly be conceived as that of an age with promise of peace in the one hand and a bomb in the other.

Choir to Give Xmas Concert

by LOIS HOFMAN

This Sunday, December 11, the Wagner College Christmas Concert will be held in the Frederic Sutter Gymnasium. There will be two performances, one at 4:30 p.m. and another at 8 p.m. Featured in the program are The Wagner College Choir under the direction of Dr. Harold C. Normann and The Chamber Orchestra of the Staten Island Symphony conducted by Myron Levjete.

Dave Jackness, a sophomore, has written flute interludes which he will play, to introduce each piece of choir music. Selections by the choir will include Brahms' Motet From Psalm Fifty-One, King of Glory, King of Peace by Friedell, The Three Kings by Willan, A Joyous Christmas Song by Gevaert, and many others. In addition, the women will sing Carols For Women's Voices by Czech. The orchestra will present the Suite From the Water Music by Handel, and Christmas Concerto, Opus 6, No. 8 by Corelli.

An added highlight to the concert will be the new setting designed by Dr. Normann and choir member George Niedermayer. Each detail in the design will symbolize some phase of the Christmas story. Dr. Hruby and a student staff have helped to produce special lighting effects. The whole staging effect will be different from other years.

Capacity crowds are expected for both performances. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission fee.

Freshman Elect 'Class Officers

BY LOUISE VALUCK

Lee Loraine has been elected president of the Class of 1964; other officers are: Dave Hunter, vice-president; Stevie Rogers, secretary; Pat Schmidt, treasurer; John Wilson, councilman. Voting took place in the Hawk's Nest, December 2.

A native of Brooklyn, Lee is a member of the Wagnerian photography staff and is presently working with the Varsity Players. At Fort Hamilton High School, Brooklyn, he was photography editor of the yearbook staff, a letterman and committee chairman of senior social activities.

Veep, Dave Hunter, whose name was placed on the ballot by petition from the class, calls Douglaston, Long Island home. A graduate of Trinity-Pawling School, Pawling, New York where he was active in varsity sports and sports editor of the school publication, Dave is assistant sports editor of the Wagnerian.

Stevie Rogers, scribe, is a graduate of Trenton High, Trenton, New Jersey where she was a

cheerleader, member of the choir, homeroom officer and chairman of several class committees. The new secretary is a psychology major.

After serving since September as temporary treasurer, Pat Schmidt was re-elected. She is the recipient of the New York State Regents Nursing and College Scholarships.

Councilman, John Wilson, of Macedon, New York, is majoring in history, preparing for law school. An alumnus of Palmyra-Macedon High School where he was active in varsity sports, John is a member of Wagner's squash team.

Junior Prom

Carol Gaise, president of the Junior Class, has announced that the Junior Prom will be held April 21, 1961 in the Grand Ballroom of The Park Sheraton Hotel in New York City. Dancing will be to the music of Stan Rubin's Orchestra. Entertainment during the breaks will be provided by Stan Rubin's Tiger Town Five.

Dr. Harter Addresses Chapel: "Has God Left Russia?"

by ELLEN WHITE

One of the more interesting Chapel Hours was presented last week when Dr. D. Lincoln Harter, vice-president of Wagner, gave an enlightening talk on the subject, "Has God Left Russia"? Dr. Harter has recently spent two months in the Iron Curtain countries and the Middle East and is well versed on the problem of Communism and Russia.

Dr. Harter pointed out that Russia has often been called the "country of the blind" but he emphasized that the people of Russia have not been blind since birth. If they are today, something has made them so.

An interesting experience with a young Russian boy was related by Dr. Harter. He recalls asking the child what he thought of God. The boy answered, "God, there is none." In other words, God has not left Russia, he was never there in the first place. Dr. Harter asserted that this attitude is also prevalent in the United States and can be evidenced on Wagner Campus itself. Wagner is something of a Religious United Nations—many denominations are represented as well as a sprink-

ling of agnostics and atheists—those who believe: "God, there is none."

In order to comprehend the problem in Russia and the world as a whole, Dr. Harter stressed that we ourselves must first have an understanding of the nature of God. In Dr. Harter's words, "God is a spirit; he is intelligence; he is purpose."

In Russia today the Wheel of History is turning. The Communists firmly believe in throwing out what was before—in this instance religion, capitalism and marriage. The first two years after the Bolshevik revolution in Russia witnessed a period of free love, free abortions and a society which was not responsible for the care of its children—the State willingly undertook this endeavor. However, after a time,

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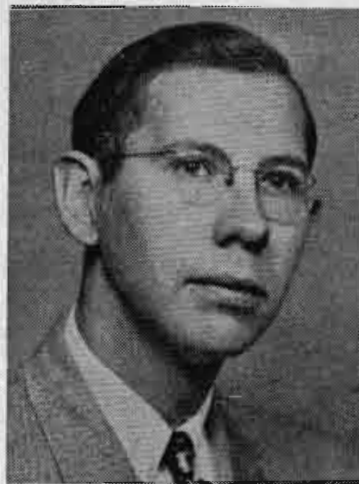
14 Nominated To Who's Who

The following fourteen students have been nominated to Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges:

Ronald Andrews
Karen Christiansen
Alma E. Costie
Marian Frudden
Charlotte Grimm
Lydia Haas
Christian Lorenzen
Lucia Meyer
Lucille Mulcahy
Meta Oehmsen
Margaret Steingass
Thor Stensrud
Gail Tollefsen
Carl Wirth

The above students have been nominated on the basis of their scholastic achievement and their activities.

Dr. Jensen Writes Text



DR. J. TRYGVE JENSEN

by JOAN HELLER

Dr. J. Trygve Jensen, the chairman of Wagner's Chemistry Department, has written a textbook entitled **Introduction to Medical Physics** which has just been released.

The book is designed for students in collegiate schools of nursing, and discusses the basic principles of physics and their application in medical science.

In addition to the more common topics such as the scientific method, machines, respirators, fluid flows, heat, sound, light, and electricity, the book also discusses atomic energy and newer machines such as the heart-lung machine and the artificial kidney.

Dr. Jensen has been gathering material for this book for many years, and spent 3½ years actually writing the book. He felt that a book on medical physics was needed since there are only a few on the market. He plans to start work soon on a textbook on college Chemistry.

Four of Faculty Spend Summer Studying

by BRUCE N. CARNASE

Four faculty members attended the National Science Foundation Conference during the past summer. These conferences are subsidized by appropriations from the Federal Government for the purpose of keeping college science professors up with the latest advances in their field and presenting new teaching techniques.

The National Science Foundation pays for all traveling and living expenses plus a stipend. Those attending from Wagner were: Dr. Reitan, studying desert biology at the University of Arizona, Dr. Annan, studying Genetics at Cold Spring Harbor, Dr. Swinehart, studying chromatography at Purdue, and Dr. Lewis, studying Physics at University of California. In previous years Dr. Shultz, Dr. Annan, Dr. Swinehart, and Dr. Lewis attended other conferences.

From the Editor's Corner . . .

ON THURSDAY EVENING LAST, there was shown a perfect example of the "co-operation" that exists between students at the Wagner College Dining Hall. At each setting there was a scramble for particular seats before the hall was officially opened. Perhaps it is not realized that the Dining Hall is being run by student help and that while there may be a slight inconvenience to the general public, the students are defeating their own purposes by trying to rush the tables before they are ready. However, it may be noted that the new set-up of tables is particularly poor for all concerned. It has always been the privilege of the students to sit with their friends, and because of the breaking up of the tables, people find themselves being forced to leave their various groups and fill in empty places.

ALSO OF MUCH CONCERN, is the distribution of food which is now much hampered, some people finding themselves actually forced to do without certain parts of their meal (due to the lack of foresight in the planning).

PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE the students may come to some kind of understanding with the Dining Hall Committee and the A. L. Mathias Company. In the meantime we should try to show a bit more courtesy to the people who work in the Dining Hall.—M.S.S.

The Unsigned Letter

Recently, we received a Letter to the Editor in protest against the "People are Talking About" column. According to the author of the letter, he is a freshman and "a representative of many," unfortunately, this freshman neglected to sign his name, therefore, according to our policy, we regrettably could not print the letter. If this freshman wishes to rewrite this letter and sign his name to it, we will print it. If he does not want his name to appear in the Wagnerian, the author should request that his name be withheld.—V.L.C.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In regard to the article in the Wagnerian, Friday, Nov. 11, 1960 concerning "The Little Things of Life" by Wm. P. Sloane, may I comment on his keen observations and their relationship to society.

I agree with the author on a few points he made in the article and would like to add that if there were not "individuals" present in this world today, who are willing to carry their ideals to completion, the world would be in a pretty sad condition. I believe we need more "individuals" now, who are not willing to become a rubber stamp of society, also those who are not willing to do and accept things because it is the conventional way to do things.

In closing, I would like to say that I sincerely hope the article makes an impression upon some of the students here at Wagner and starts them thinking about the finer and lasting qualities to be found in life and not to be always satisfied with the little things in life that give only momentary pleasure.

Sincerely,
Marion Clever



Photo by Dick Rubin

Co-ed of the Month

Alma Costie, November's Co-ed of the Month, has been a campus leader since her first year at Wagner. She was a Freshman Councilor both this year and last year. Alma is the president of Alpha Delta Pi, Councilman of the Senior Class, and the captain of the Cheerleaders. Wagner proudly claims her as one of its fourteen nominees to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dear Editor:

After reading Mr. Romeo's review of Othello, I felt that unjust criticism was given to the Varsity Players whose efforts merit more appreciation than was registered by the Wagnerian reviewer. I also feel that Mr. Skinner's portrayal of "Othello" was of a greater caliber than Mr. Romeo chose to recognize.

I hope that, in the future, the Wagnerian, realizing the time and effort the Varsity players put into their productions, will react more favorably.

Sincerely,
Allan Ferric

Fraternities

by CHUCK JOHANNAN

The Inter-Fraternity Council has contracted the Woody Herman orchestra for its big name dance.

Kappa Sigma Alpha recently inducted Herman Rossbach and Albert Picerno as pledges. The brothers are going to have a Christmas Party at the Staten Island Gentlemen's Club tomorrow night.

At an induction dinner held at the Riviera Chateau Restaurant on December 2 the following were accepted into the Brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi: Robert Dass, Frank Spero, Robert Niessner, Craig Sample, Frank Gunther, Richard Schlenker, Raymond Baumann, Anthony Fiore, Robert Towers, John Kruszewski, Brian Loddigs and Anthony Alberti. Faculty advisors including Dean Stern and Dean Ostlund were present. Congratulations men!

Pi Chi Omega recently inducted nine men into its brotherhood. They are: Dan Hays, Mike Sheier, Fred Bachmann, Fred Leibner, Dave De Casto, Richard Rubin, Larry Diamond, Leon

Organizations

by LOIS HOFMAN
SEANYS

SEANYS held their Student-Master Teacher Tea in Beisler Lounge on December 7. This is an annual affair to honor the senior members who are practice teaching, and the master teachers and principals under whom they are working.

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA FRATERNITY

Four men were taken into Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity as pledges on November 8. Our congratulations go to them: William Herbst, Matthew Hyland, David Larson and Charles Meyer.

PHI ALPHA THETA

Epsilon Iota Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society, elected new officers at its November 16 meeting. Ellen Curtain was elected president, Lucia Meyer, Secretary, and Mrs. Marion Hooper, Treasurer.

The organization held a coffee hour on December 7 to which all history majors were invited. Mr. Loring McMillen, of the Staten Island Historical Society, was guest speaker. He spoke on places of historical interest on Staten Island.

Phi Alpha Theta plans to sponsor a bulletin board outside of Room 10 listing meetings and conferences of historical and general cultural interest.

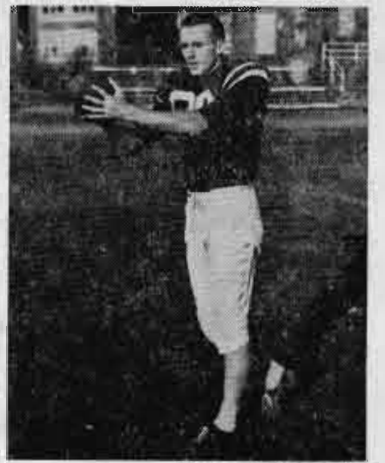


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Playboy of the Month

November's Playboy of the Month, Al Ferric, is a member of the Senior Class. Al just completed his last year as first string end on the football team. Although Al is best known for his pass catching ability, he has taken an active part in student affairs. He has served as president of his junior and senior classes, and a brother of Phi Sig.

Selman, and Chris Schaller. Congratulations are in order! There was a celebration following the induction at the Hofbrau.

The pledges of Tau Kappa Epsilon have been very active this past week. They have made social calls on Teke chapters at Rider College in Trenton and Rutgers University.

Alpha and Teke both have missing banners . . .

Phi Sigma Kappa is having a costume party tonight at the Nut Club.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a Christmas Party at St. Michaels Orphanage next week. The brothers are also sponsoring the "Ugly Man" contest which began in the Hawks Nest on Wednesday.

Phi Sig sang its sweetheart song to the girls of brothers Graham and Riemensperger last night.

Kappa's Mike Kippen recently got pinned to Ruth Lagerwall and Joe Musto to Linda Molnar.

Ralph (APO) Angel also took the big plunge and gave his pin to Marie Folino.

The pledges of Delta Nu are devoting a large amount of their time due to a friendship week.

Sororities

by BARBARA GATTIKER and GERI BOYCE

Christmas spirit is exemplified through the philanthropic work and social activities of Wagner's four sororities. Throughout the month of December, sororities will help others have a better holiday and will also enrich themselves through their work.

Delta Zeta sisters and pledges will meet at Rosemary Loffredo's home for a fireside meeting for Christmas.

On Saturday, November 19, the mothers club of AOPi met at Gale Tollefsen's house for a luncheon.

ADPI's met at sister Heike Schander's home to make eye glass cases for Christmas presents for old people at the Eger Home on S. I. . . Next week they will entertain them with Christmas carols.

Founder's Day was celebrated by ADPI's at the Barbizon Hotel in honor of their 63rd birthday. Entertainment was provided by Theta Pi's Bottle Band and a duet by Lois Hofman and Ruth Healy.

DZ alum Mrs. John Drury will have a Christmas party for sisters and pledges.

ADPI's will meet "under the
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Seahawks Split First Two with CCNY and LIU

by HERB WENDELKEN

The Wagner College Basketball Team defeated a stubborn City College of New York Quintet at the Sutter Gymnasium, 64-48, in both teams Season's Opener.

The Seahawk five is predominantly an inexperienced unit and boasts but one starter from a year ago, 6-7, Bob Larsen. Ken Graham, Wally Brooks, Ollie Smith, and freshman, Fred Klittich round-out Coach Herb Sutter's '60-'61 squad.

Klittich, a 6-4 rugged rebounder, is the first freshman to achieve a starting position since Harry Orlando and Fred Blackwell did so five years ago. The Seahawk basketball team is also bolstered by the presence, of jumping jack, 6-7, Van Neher, another first year man, who incidentally, was the game's top rebounder with twelve.

Wagner's team captain, Bob Larsen was high scorer on ten field goals and four goals—a total of twenty-four points. The big factor in producing Wagner's win, however, was the team's tremendously effective zone defense. Coach Dave Polansky's squad, harassed and confused, and completely bewildered by the hustling maneuvers of Sutter's five-court men, Brooks and Klittich, was able only to produce twenty-one points at the half time and 48 points over all. Wagner was also to employ this ardent defensive play against Long Island University.

Hawk fans, optimistically cautious, at Saturday night's encounter, witnessed a thrilling contest which produced tie scores at 31, 39, and 41 points. The basketball game was forced, later, into overtime play when Bob Larsen tied the score again, on a twisting drive, at 49 all. The outcome was bitter disappointment for the Seahawk team, as the Long Island Blackbirds lofted to a 62-55 win.

Although the game, player-wise and coach-wise, was mildly prosaic, to say the least, the fans greatly enjoyed the dynamic shooting of Ken Graham and the splendid rebounding of 6-3 Ollie Smith. Graham hit on seven field goals from the floor and collected four free throws for a team high of 18. Smith, with 13 rebounds, was a great factor in the Wagner bid to overtake LIU, but his fine effort was nullified by the team's overall poor shooting. (The team missed 70% of its shots.) Larsen made but seven of twenty-eight and Walt Brooks one of ten. L.I.U.'s Allen Hernandez was the game's high scorer with 22 points.

The Wagner record is 1-1, and the Hawks will be in action Wednesday night meeting the Steven's Tech Cagers in the first Middle Atlantic Conference Game. The Seahawks are defending champions of the northern Division, and will be eager to remedy the mistakes of the preceding games. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

by DAVE HUNTER

The 1960-61 varsity basketball team, comprised of 13 members, is looking forward to a very successful season. Last year the team had a season record of 16 wins, 8 losses. They were also the champions of the Northern College Division of the Middle Atlantic Conference. This year, the team faces twenty-three strong opponents. Among the toughest on the schedule outside the conference are Manhattan, Fordham and Iona. The big game in the conference will be played on Jan. 14, against Hofstra. They are strong favorites to win the conference. Last season the Seahawks handed Hofstra (23-1) its lone defeat, 50-48, in what proved to be a thriller down to

the last second. The only returning starter is 6 foot 7 inch center, Bob Larson. Bob was selected for the E.C.A.C. all-star small-college team for '59-'60 and, according to rival coaches, was Wagner's most valuable player in the climb to the division title.

Last year, Bob was high scorer and averaged 15 points a game. The rest of the returning varsity men are: Ken Graham, 6'2"; Herb Wendellen, 6'2"; Ollie Smith, 6'3"; and Walt Brooks, 6'1".

Up from last year's Jayvees are sophomores, Jim Morio, 5'11"; Marty Ansa, 5'11"; Jack Smiechowski, 5'9"; Matt Tricorico, 6'2"; junior, Ted Caccia, 6'3";

and senior, Joe Metzger, 6'6". Two freshman, Fred Klittich, 6'4" and Van Neher, 6'7" are the first frosh to play on the Varsity in four years. These boys are now and will be future stars on the basketball team.

Herb Sutter, the coach, is in his twenty-first season of coaching basketball at Wagner. He is the Dean of College Coaches in the metropolitan area with twenty years experience and has compiled a record of 282 victories to a 196 defeats. Coach Sutter will be ably assisted by Chester Sellito—a former grid star at Wagner and winner of the first Robb Trophy in 1949. His full-time job is teaching social studies at Curtis High School.

Sororities

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clock" of the Biltmore during Christmas week for their annual gettogether.

Congrats to ZTA sister Linda

Molnar on her pinning to Joe Musto, president of KΣΔ.

Our best wishes to Sue Johnson (AOPI) and Chris Lorenzen on their recent engagement.

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Wagner Smashes Upsala, 19-14

by GEORGE KLING

It was a beautiful fall afternoon, and a perfect football day as the Wagner College Seahawks put their undefeated winning streak on the line for the last time this year. The outcome was a 19-14 victory for Wagner, and the first undefeated season in its 33 year football history. It also boosted the total to 13 straight victories over a two-season span.

Neill Johnston was the hero of the game. The high-stepping half-back ran for one touchdown, passed for another and caught a twenty-four yard aerial for the third. Upsala's line men never had more than a passing glance at the flashy half-back as he carried twelve times and netted 115 yards.

Wagner, which ran from both the "T" and "A" formations, picked up most of its ground yardage through the tackles and around the ends. Surprisingly enough, however, the same slots proved almost as vulnerable when the Vikings had the ball.

All told the Upsala squad picked up 207 yards on the ground against 144 for the Sullivan Men. These figures, plus the fact that the Seahawks had their worst passing day of the season accounted for the close margin of victory. Cavalli missed connections on his first eight attempts and hit twice in fourteen tries during the first half. At first it was the presence of a hard rushing Viking line, but this was soon altered and he simply overthrew his receivers. He finished the day with ten completions in 29 attempts, and his scoring pass to Niell Johnston raised his national total to 18—a new high in Wagner's annals.

Upsala dominated the action in the final quarter, which was play-

ed exclusively in Wagner territory. The Vikings forced Wagner to punt from their own end zone after only a few minutes had elapsed. After another Wagner punt a 23 yard pass to Charles Cales put the ball again on the five, but a penalty set it back to the 22. The Seahawk defense stiffened and John DiTrani missed a fourth down field goal attempt from the twenty-seven.

Wagner got its first touchdown halfway through the second quarter. The scoring 79-yard march required only four plays, the biggest of which was a forty-six yard romp by Johnston to the twenty-seven. A run by Melos put the ball on the nineteenth, and from there, Johnston scored through the right tackle following a crushing block by Pagen.

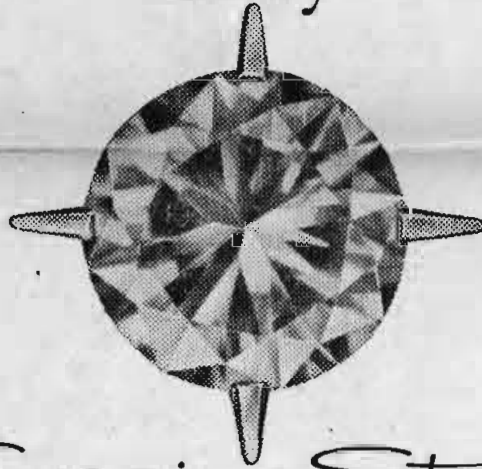
Early in the third quarter Wagner was again on the march. Cavalli passed twenty-two yards to George Kling and twenty-six yards to Melos to reach the Viking nineteen. Then Cavalli pitched out to Johnston and threw a running pass to Melos for a touchdown.

Upsala cut the deficit to 13-8 in the third period following a punt to its 32. On the third play John DiTrani made his sixty-yard scoring sprint, then ran for a 2-point conversion after a fake placement attempt.

Wagner's third touchdown came late in the last quarter on a seventy-four yard gain which was culminated by a twenty-four yard pass to Johnston in the end zone. A twenty yard aerial from Cavalli to Ferrie was the big ground gainer in the nine-play scoring attempt.

With only 15 seconds remaining, Upsala scored the last touchdown with Charlie Cacuyza passing eight yards to DeMevo.

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Poets' Corner

ON BEING QUIET by LOUISE VALUCK

Perfect communication is perfect living.
Could men commune with men
And with their Creator,
Tumult and turmoil
Malignant misunderstanding
Would no longer cloud earth's surface
Or shadow its children's faces.
Words are wondrous little im-
plements of life.
Yet, like other divine gifts,
How often they are abused
By selfish mortal designs
Words kindle emotion
Warm in love or scorched in hate.
But fools must confess in regret
The greatest sorrow is that of the
unsaid.

MEDITATION ON EVENING by TONY LANGONA

A noiseless, patient moon
Lingering luminously
In the tint of security
Nears, dears, and hugs all
earthly people
Till Nature checks her with
original energy.
Pirouetting through the sky
In gray-silvery hue,
She girds our feasible minds
and souls,
Left barren due to inactivity and
iniquity.
With hearsay of occurrences.
Her steps are nightly driven,
By fever in her bosom,
To exonerate the accused,
Chastise the guilty;
And from her passionate kiss,
She bids farewell
Till the sun grows observant.

HELP

by PHIL DOBOSEN

Rain, falling tonelessly on parks,
Portals, and parting people,
Who scamper toward warmth and
comfort,
Hide my tears.

Sun, shining brightly on high-
ways,
Houses, and happy humans,
Who bask in your warmth and
comfort,
Dry my tears.

God, gazing from above on coun-
tries,
Continents, and confused crowds,
Who desire thy warmth and com-
fort,
Know my fears.

Rope

by MARY ALICE CARROLL

Would you like to see a dinner
party going on over a chest with
a body in it? Well, if so come to
the Wagner auditorium, Decem-
ber 9 and 10, when the Varsity
players will present their second
production, ROPE.

This play, inspired by the
Leopold-Loeb case, is concerned
with thrill murder, or murder
with no motive.

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land—Russell Kimberly; Leila
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ston Kentley—Robert Sheridan;
and Mrs. Debenham—Judie Dahl.

The director is Dr. John
Hruby, head of the speech depart-
ment at Wagner.

Tickets are on sale in the
Hawks' Nest.

PALE POE DRESSED DARKLY by D. H.

Poe loved lotuses,
Or did he?
I have eaten them
They have numbed me
I have seen a wildfire moon
It has scorched me
Leaving its glowing embers in my
belly
And I have been intoxicated by
drink
So that I knew nothing
I have been separated from the
world
By lotuses
By drinking
By a burning moon
I have been left standing
Alone on a damp cloud
With tears wetting my cheeks
The fever of addiction burning
my veins
And searing me to pain
And leaving me
Alone.

Conference Held at Wagner

by MARY ALICE CARROLL

The Eighth Annual Science
and Engineering Career Confer-
ence, sponsored by the Technical
Societies Council of N. Y., was
held simultaneously at Manhat-
tan College, N. Y. C. Community
College, Pratt Institute, and
Wagner College on November 19,
1960.

From 9:00 to 12:00 approxi-
mately 150 students from Long
Island, Queens, and the seven
Staten Island high schools at-
tended the Wagner Conference
on Grymes Hill. The students
were shown exhibits on chemis-
try, biology, physics, mathemat-
ics, and chemical, electrical,
mechanical, and civil engineering
and were encouraged to look into
the possibilities of the various
exciting and interesting careers
in science.

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and participating in panel and
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"Has God Left Russia?"

(Continued from page 1)

even the communist higher-ups admitted that the Libertine sys-
tem was pure nonsense and ruin-
ing society. The result has been a
complete turn about. Today the
divorce rate in Russia is remark-
ably low, promiscuity is looked
down on and children are will-
ingly cared for by the family. As
Dr. Harter pointed out, in refer-
ence to the matrimonial system,
there is more God in Russia than
in the U. S.

If Communism denies the ex-
istence of a God, it would seem
to follow that the existence of
immortality would also be denied.
However, man has always craved
immortality, whether in a capital-
istic or a communistic society.
After the death of Joseph Stalin,
press reports were issued mourn-

ing the "immortal" Stalin. Thus,
even the number one Red craved
immortality.

On the subject of religious
worship itself in Russia, the
churches are very crowded. How-
ever, Dr. Harter explained that
this is so because there are only
a dozen or so open in each large
city. Dr. Harter pointed out that
the average young Russian
doesn't go to church because of
fear of loss of prestige. Open
membership in a church group
would cause people to poke fun
at him; his application for educa-
tional scholarships and member-
ship in the party would be
denied. In short all method of ad-
vancement would be thwarted. In
similar circumstances, would we
be so anxious to jepordize our
future by attending church?

Dr. Harter pointed out that the
real question is "why is there no
missionary zeal in Russia?" The
answer he received from the
clergymen in Russia was that
their job is to save men's souls
not try to change the political
picture or the economy. These
men preach to the faithful in the
churches and do not feel that

preaching on the curbstones and
becoming martyrs would help
matters any. In any event, the
church in Russia is definitely go-
ing downhill.

What can we as students do?
Dr. Harter emphasized that our
vocabulary reflects indifference
and academic intellectualism in
religion. He listed four musts for
the young communists and posed
the question to us, "how many of
these things do we do in refer-
ence to our own religious
ideals?" The good Communist of
today knows his dialectics. Can we
say as much—do we know our
theology? Also the young Com-
munist must carry the word to
the masses. As Christians can we
honestly say that we have this
missionary spirit? The Commu-
nist must be willing to work hard
for the party. Do we work hard
for our churches? Finally the
young communist must submit to
party discipline. Is there any evi-
dence of this in church groups?
Do we have Christian discipline?
In closing Dr. Harter left us
with a thought provoking state-
ment: "Has God left Russia or
Grymes Hill? That is up to you."

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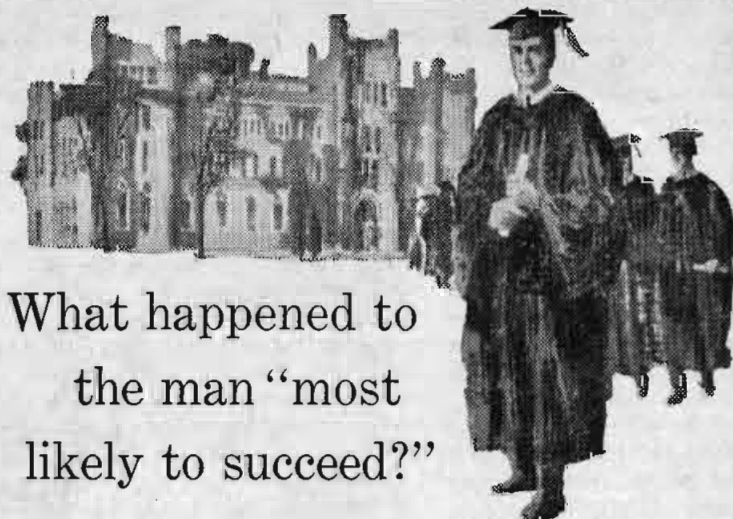
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