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## Record setting October snowfall changes the game of Homecoming



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## Bedbugs find their way into Foundation Hall

By KRISTEN HAGGERTY  
Copy Chief

In what has become a theme over the last two years, Foundation Hall fell into the pattern of all other residence halls on campus, with its first confirmed case of bedbugs.

For a month from mid-September to mid-October, one suite of girls in Foundation, who wish to remain anonymous, discovered and dealt with the parasites for themselves.

In the third week of September, one of the girls began noticing bites on her arms, which began spreading in the next few days to the bodies of her suitemates. On September 28, they contacted Chris Diggs, Foundation's resident director, about the issue. Diggs acted quickly, and an exterminator visited the suite the next day.

"He came at 10 p.m.," said one student. "And he had this tiny flashlight that he looked at our beds with before he told us that we didn't have bed-



A student in a suite in Foundation Hall took a photo of the bedbugs she could see creeping along the mattress. bugs."

No sniffing dog accompanied the exterminator, which was the case the last time bed bugs were an issue on campus. The girls thought they had just experienced an allergic reaction, and forgot about the issue.

However, two weeks later, the above-quoted student noticed bumps on her arms again. These bumps, which are still apparent on her body as tiny scars, were at first thought to be another allergic reaction, perhaps to detergent, and she took her clothing home to be rewashed, hoping that would fix the problem.

Upon returning to school, however, she looked closely at her mattress, and could actually see the bedbugs along the seams. She took a picture of the insects on her phone to record the incident.

The girls contacted their RA, who helped them get in contact with Chris Diggs again. It was a Sunday, and the girls were told nothing could be done until Monday at the earliest. "They weren't going to send anyone on Monday either, but our parents started calling, so someone came out."

This time, exterminators sprayed the beds, closets, and other living areas, while the girls packed all of their clothing into bags. Jen Ciaccio,

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Photo: Alyssa Brown

Hot breakfast items are now included in transfer options from the Hawk's Nest, including this egg and cheese sandwich.

## Breakfast is now hot-off-the-grill

By ALYSSA BROWN  
Assistant News Editor

The newest breakfast foods in the Hawk's Nest add more variety to quick breakfast options for students. In addition to pastries and bagels, the grill is now offering hot breakfast foods, including breakfast sandwiches, hash brown patties, and fritata squares. The idea for adding breakfast foods came after the removal of transfer hours, when students asked for more on-the-go

breakfast options in the Hawk's Nest as an alternative to eating in the Main Dining Hall.

The Hawk's Nest is open for breakfast between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. After 10 a.m., students are still able to purchase the original breakfast items, including coffee, tea, and bagels. There are three options for breakfast sandwiches: egg and cheese; bacon, egg and cheese; or sausage, egg and cheese. All three op-

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By VIOLETA CAPRIC  
SGA President

## Message from the 'Oval' office

### SGA seeks to allow commuter access into residence halls

Many of you might not have realized that we have come to a point in the semester where we have less than 30 days of classes left. It's amazing how time flies, however, with less than 30 days left SGA is working harder than ever on the proposals we would like to see placed into action. As I promised in our last issue, I will bring light to another proposal that our SGA senators have been working on that deals with access to the residence halls, particularly concerning commuter students.

As it is right now, commuter students cannot scan into any residence hall building, except for freshmen. Freshmen have access to Harbor View Hall regardless of their residence status for a number of reasons. Commuter freshmen are assigned to a floor in Harbor View during their first year and therefore have access to the building in order to attend floor meetings and other programming events. Although this is true for first year students, it does not hold true for any other students on campus.

One of the main reasons as to why this proposal was brought to light involved the issue of commuter students involved in Greek organizations. These students pay their dues and are equal in every way to their resident counterparts, however gaining access to their lounges and floors in Towers became rather difficult. Students would have to wait to be let into the building, would have to be signed in just so they could at-

tend a mandatory meeting. Luckily, our senators have spoken to several members of administration and have opened conversation on giving commuter students who are members of Greek organizations the ability to sign themselves into Towers.

Although we have worked on that specific piece of this proposal, senators are still moving forward with ideas on how to change access to the residence halls for other priority students as well. For example, some students have classes or meetings in the residence halls and would need access to the buildings. This proposal becomes rather difficult, however, because safety becomes an issue and a major question of concern for both commuter students and residents. There are also several questions on how to better regulate access into the buildings in general and allow entrance to only those students that have a legitimate reason for being there.

As we prepared to welcome the addition of the "one card" system to Wagner, senators are also questioning how scanning into the residence halls will be impacted by the new system. There are several components of this proposal that require input from both the student prospective and the prospective of the administration. We welcome any opinions and comments from any students and ask that you email your questions or concern to our Vice-President, Ashley Korbey, at ashley.korbey@wagner.edu.

### Breakfast is now hot-off-the-grill

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tions are served on a large roll.

According to Lisa Lahiji, Director of Marketing of Lackmann Culinary Services, the new breakfast items have been offered for over two weeks, and have been well received by students.

In order to guarantee that breakfast in the Hawk's Nest is a quick option for students, the hot breakfast foods are cooked and wrapped, and are kept warm until students elect to purchase them. Sometimes, however, there are not enough prepared foods to match the students' demands. In addition to an insufficient supply, there was a problem with keeping frittata squares warm, and students complained they

took too long to cook. However, Lahiji said that they have found a better way of keeping the frittata squares warm, and student breakfast purchases have increased as a result.

Aside from finding an alternate source to warming, the Lackmann staff was increased during breakfast hours to keep students flowing in and out of the Hawk's Nest smoothly. Due to the change in transfer hours and the expansion of the breakfast menu, Lahiji explains that this move was necessary.

Students are responding positively to the new changes. Sophomore Rayna Silva says, "It's a perfect way to grab food on the run if you're late to class, rather than having to sit down in the dining hall."

## 'MEDiterranean Medley' draws attendance of hundreds

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Despite the rainstorm that struck campus, the biology club successfully hosted a delightful Mediterranean feast in Beisler Lounge on Oct. 19.

With a decadent spread of free Mediterranean food laid out over five long connected tables, the biology club also gave out free packs of chewing gum, raffled Angry Bird plushes, biology t-shirts, and stuffed microbes: fur-faced plush toys. Aside from the give-a-ways, there was a varied selection of music and entertainment, drawing the attendance of nearly 300 students to the biology club's event.

Funding for the event came out of the over \$3,000 allotted to them in their SGA semester budget, allowing the club to offer a lot of different foods and freebies at the feast. They were able to order food from 1001 Nights, a prominent Mediterranean restaurant located in Brooklyn, NY.

It is clear that the food was generally satisfying, being that "everything was gone within forty-five minutes of the feast," describes Janna Denisenko, the president of the biology club.

The whole concept of the MEDiterranean Medley event, she continues, was inspired by her desire to bring "the Mediterranean to the campus" since not everyone has had the opportunity to experience "deli-



Photo: Janna Disenko

Melissa Brenman, Kevin Austin and Alexandra Paez pose at the event after enjoying their Mediterranean selections.

cious and exotic" Mediterranean-style dishes.

One of the club's primary goals was to recreate the wonderful experience that last year's pig roast event brought to the entire campus community. And with its successful turnout, this year's MEDiterranean Medley certainly matched, if not topped, the success of last year's event.

Although the feast served as an appetizing way to gather the Wagner community, the event was also centered on educating students about health related issues.

There were six information tables arranged around Beisler Lounge, providing visitors with information on general biology, breast cancer, oral hygiene, drug and alcohol abuse, veterinary information, and safe sex facts and figures. Trivia questions were asked at each table for a chance to win condoms, candies, prizes, and

pastries.

Brittney Ayala, the biology club vice president, was delighted to see so many students come out for the event. She, along with Ananda DiMartino, Melissa Phipps, and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lily McNair, all concurred that this event created a great social atmosphere in which people could better realize the fun and relevance of biology to their everyday lives. McNair believes in the importance of "promoting health education awareness" for everybody. "There are so many things out there that can harm people, and regardless of these things, sometimes, young adults feel very invulnerable," she explained. She continued to express that she thinks it is a great idea to have these events where everyone is able to enjoy themselves while becoming more aware of themselves and their environment.

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# MSA joins campaign to save 30,000

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The "Muslims for Life" campaign pledged to collect 10,000 units of blood which will then be used to save 30,000 lives. The Muslim Student Association (MSA) contributed to this effort by partnering with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA and the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive for the "Muslims for Life" campaign, on Oct. 19.

37 potential blood donors showed up to the event, and 27 were able to give blood.

The "Muslims for Life" campaign began as a result of the 9/11 tenth anniversary. The goal of saving 30,000 people with 10,000 units of blood was established as a way to commemorate the near 3,000 lives lost in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The campaign, according to the junior chemistry major and coordinator of the event, Bareah Alam, is a vehicle to combat prejudices that have resulted against the Muslim community after the attacks.

According to Alam, the blood drive was a success, and she was impressed that people were so willing to donate.

"It shows the Wagner community really cares," she adds.

MSA President Noor Hussain, a junior history major, was pleased with how the blood drive turned out

and happy that MSA was able to assist in the effort.

"We're accomplishing something- I'm happy," said Hussain, "It feels good knowing we're helping the community in any small way we can."

Students were not the only ones happy with how the event turned out and the positive effect it had on the campus. Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lily McNair, told the Advance that, "This event is to provide life, and what better way to show compassion and commitment than to organize something like this."

"Muslims for Life" is still not done saving lives. According to their website, [www.muslimsforlife.org](http://www.muslimsforlife.org), 11,036 pints of blood have been collected thus far, with new reports still coming in.



Photo: S.I. Advance

Elizabeth Pesce stopped into Foundation Hall to give blood on her way back from a test.

## Congratulations New Members of Omicron Delta Kappa!

### Undergraduate students:

Victoria Felix, Gina Giglia, Marissa DiBartolo, Adam Nicolais, Laura Karbach, Katherine Jordan, Sierra Marantz, Bettina Briccetti, Jessica Bianculli, Tatum Colitz, Alexis Cate, Angela Willis, Amy Buxton, Karlianna Eide-Lindsay, Mary Somich, Noelle De Nome, Rachel Moser, Gina Auricchio, Genna Becker, Judith Betz, Jessica Makwinski, Christina Guerriero, Danieile Dallacco, Teuta Marsic, David Szilezy, Joanna Emilio, Julia Jones, Amanda Diekmann, Jamie Macchia, Alexander Saltzman, Carley Nicoletti, Amy Pimer, Kara Hoye, Jason Hyland, Kathryn Welch

### Graduate students:

Michael DiTommaso, Noreen Taylor, Michael Coppotelli, Joseph Modafferi, Michele Gissi, ToniAnn Daiuto

## Bedbugs make their way into Foundation Hall

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the Director of Residential Education, said, "the extermination company also did a sweep of many other rooms and common areas and found nothing further".

College employees came in to clean and disinfect the room, but only arrived a few days after the extermination took place. The suite-mates, by that point, had already bought and used their own cleaning supplies.

The girls could not stay in their own beds, and were offered rooms in Harbor View Hall, but elected to find alternate living arrangements themselves for a few days.

The students thought at first that Wagner's laundry service would take care of cleaning their clothing items,

but were told that they themselves would be responsible for the laundry. However, administration offered to reimburse them as much as possible for the cost. Their receipts were handed in recently, and they are not yet sure about how much of their costs will be covered.

After the second visit from the exterminators, the girls have not experienced any further problems. Ciaccio said, "We are following up with the students again to see if they need anything further."

She also stated that bedbugs are a common issue on college campuses, not isolated to Wagner alone. Recent outbreaks have occurred at Stanford, Yale, Ohio State, and New York University.

Bedbugs are not a sign of student's being 'unclean', but travel easily in

fabric and on clothing, making it no particular person's fault when they appear. One student affected in the Foundation suite expressed concern about how easily they spread.

"Between the time the first exterminator came, and when I began to see bites again, three weeks had passed," she said. "They could have spread to so many places in that period of time!" Luckily, no other instances have been reported.

If students do feel that they have bedbugs, Ciaccio urges them to immediately notify a Residential education staff member, who will take further steps to inspect rooms and fix the issue.

"Obviously we take this problem very seriously and want to resolve the issue as quickly as possible," she adds.



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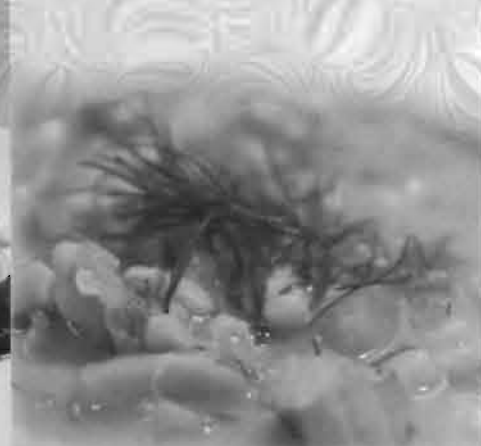
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# Tailgating at Homecoming fizzles under snowfall

By **MARISSA DIBARTOLO**  
Editor-in-Chief

Aside from all of the planned changes for Homecoming 2011 including new alcohol policies, costume contests and parking regulations, unplanned blizzard-like conditions severely impacted the festivities this year.

The weekend was off to a normal start Friday evening when students packed the stands in Spiro Sports Center for the pep rally. Senior Ashley Korbey kicked off the event with a flawless rendition of the national anthem, which the crowd responded to with heavy applause.

The presentation of the banners came next while students from their respective organizations carried in each banner with their individual Halloween themes. The banners displayed a wide spectrum of Halloween movies to costume themes. The sis-

ters of Alpha Omicron Pi erupted in the stands when Dallas Dowling, chairperson for the Homecoming festivities, announced their organization as the winner of the crowd favorite contest, as well as the judge's favorite, for their banner depicting Disney's "Hocus Pocus" witches.

New this year, the Testosterone performed at the event with every member taking part in the costume contest. The group performed their own renditions of Panic at the Disco's, "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" and Call the Zed Word's, "The Rest of My Life."

Another new performance left audiences wanting more, as the Nubian Student Union put together a step routine featuring seniors Tyrik Miller and Christian Carey. The combination of hip-hop dance moves and correlated stepping rocked the stands.

Contributing to the Halloween spirit, a costume contest was implemented this year, where students got

to show off their creative side and the crowd voted on their favorite costumes, including Donkey and Diddy Kong, and the *Nightmare Before Christmas's* Jack and Sally.

On Saturday, the Seahawks were defeated by University of Albany in a shutout 24-0 game that was heavily affected by the fall snow storm.

The stands, usually packed in a sea of green and white pride, were nearly empty as alumni, faculty and students flocked to the tent in Stadium Lot seeking refuge from the slushy mess and strong winds.

In the weeks leading up to the event, students were threatening to boycott the festivities and instead vowed to drink in their dorm rooms since alcohol was no longer permitted in the parking lot. However, according to Jen Ciaccio, director of residential education, student behavior was exemplary.

"We had very few issues and none that we would consider major. In all,

students were respectful and compliant throughout all of the buildings," she said.

Attendance at the event was noticeably down in relation to previous years, however, it is unknown whether the freak snow storm or new tailgating regulations were to blame.

"The snow definitely impacted the Homecoming events as a whole, and it is difficult to say if that is specifically why more people didn't attend," said Ciaccio,

The crowning ceremony took place during half time inside of the tent instead of center field which was consistently covered in a bed of snow, despite plowing efforts.

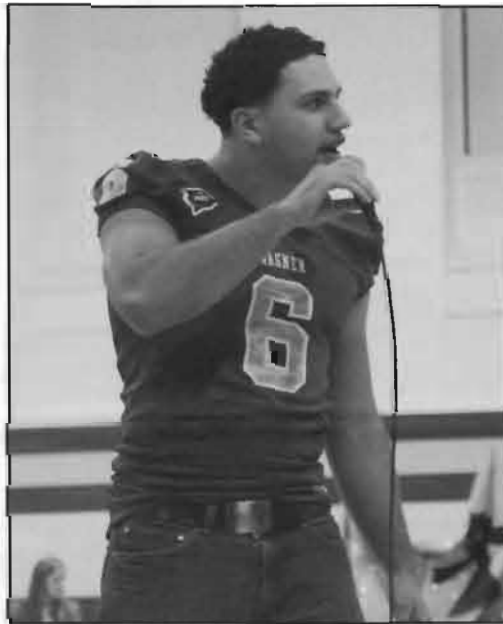
The Royal Court was introduced, and the winners were announced. Second Princess was awarded to the Promising Student Society's own Christine Gomez, and Alpha Sigma Omega's Kevin Orender was given the title of Second Prince. Ally Bauer of Alpha Delta Pi won the title of First

Princess, while Lenny Giordano of Theta Chi was the new First Prince. Alpha Omicron Pi's Maryellen Bonito was announced as the Homecoming Queen, with her crowd of sisters shouting in satisfaction and singing their sorority's anthem. Michael Savino of Tau Kappa Epsilon was crowned as the new Homecoming King, as his brothers carried him through the crowd on their shoulders.

The untimely snow fall made for an interesting turn of events, but students, alumni and faculty seemed to make the best of the situation at hand. "I had a great time," said senior Kaitlin Lehmann. "It's all about what you make of it," she adds. "Despite all of the changes and the freezing rain and snow, students still came out to support their fellow students," said SGA President Violeta Capric. "I think it is safe to say that 2011 Homecoming will definitely be one for the books."



Theta Chi's Homecoming candidate Lenny Giordano, winner of the First Prince title, and his girlfriend Julianne Rosewarne, Class of '11, dressed as Jack and Sally at the pep rally, winning themselves a \$100 VISA giftcard.



Senior linebacker Dom Gaston announced the Seahawk's starting line-up.



The cheerleading and dance teams performed center court to Beyonce's "(Girls) Who Runs the World" at the event. The routine was well received by the audience and included skillful dancing, practiced tumbling and crowd pleasing stunts.

Lenny Giordano of Theta Chi, Allie Bauer of Alpha Delta Pi, Mike Savino of Tau Kappa Sigma, Maryellen Bonito of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Christine Gomez of PSS, the Homecoming court winners, pose together for a photo inside of the tent.



Students, faculty and alumni packed into the enormous tent in Stadium Lot to escape the cold air and slushy snow fall. Although this deviates from a typical Wagner Homecoming, many say they enjoyed the event.

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i.e. Fielding and Sterne are waggish writers.

## the world according to GOOCH

### The inevitable Wagner drama department

*This is why we can't have nice things.....*

OK, so I just have to say, nobody cares. Please PLEASE leave your D-R-A-M-A at the door. I've never been one to be in the dramatics or care about it. Yes, I AM a theater major but that is because I found a way to express the ultimate crap-pile of life and call it my career, great.

Now personally, I am pretty good at ignoring this kind of garbage that immature people tend to create and often, I find it humorous, thus the basis of this article. I believe wholeheartedly that our precious little WAGS has gotten a serious case of the Regina George. So according to my life motto, if we're going to do it, let's do it up big, the bigger, the better. Let's get out our burn books, Wagner, unless you already have it out, you might be reading this and be like yeah, I know what she means because I'm the victim and it was HER fault. BUT it is you that I'm talking about.

Some researchers have said that over the last twenty years, the number of confidants claimed by the average American has dropped. THAT'S YOU THAT HAS CAUSED THIS. Studies have also shown that strong relationships allow people to enjoy life the most, lengthen their life (even more than quitting cigarettes), boost your immunity and cut the ever-present risk

of depression.

OK so listen now, that sounds pretty great, right? Who wouldn't want to do that? Instead we decide to go crazy when our college "talking/hook-up buddy" of five minutes cheats on us with our "friend" who was a jerk in the first place? Or we choose to create drama over something as silly as a haircut? Or something as juvenile as who got an A in said class? This was supposed to be addressed in high school or middle school. Where were you at the bullying seminars people?

Now this may not be a problem for everyone. Maybe I just constantly run into people or attract people with a lot of problems (hopefully this doesn't continue to be a theme in my life) but I really do feel like I can help out with some ways of avoiding finding yourself in such state of affairs. I did once live in a deep, dark emotional umbrella in which I believed that the things I said or did, did not affect the people around me, a hole in which I would vomit into an abyss of upset and throwing things at people.

I have indeed whispered funny/horrible meanness to local bystanders because of emotional/insecure hardships of my own or put my foot out in front of somebody to giggle myself to happiness Big Daddy style BUT I have found a full-proof

system that has allowed me to since rid my life of such tomfoolery. In the most serious and non-sarcastic way possible, well, maybe.....

Here are eight ways to live a drama-free life:

1. Talk to no one. Yes. You must eat by yourself at all times to avoid any conversations of loserdom or lower class. You must only socialize via the internet, Facebook is the only friend request that you are allowed to accept.

2. Do your homework twice. In hopes of avoiding all connections. We are at college, why not do what we came here to do, right? No use in wasting that money well spent on books, eh? If you feel like yelling profanity or hitting someone or making them cry, why not sing a song? Do a dance? I have plenty of friends here that would be more than happy to help you with that.

3. If and when you hear the latest gossip, call your Grandmother and tell her. Cause let's face it, the game of phone always ends with them.

4. Always have Febreeze on you. In case we find ourselves in a situation that is less than friendly to the nostrils pull out the Febreeze. Not only will that save any other drama-enhancing-person, it will clear away the possibility of you having to talk

to them and/or smelling rather....well, smelly.

5. You can do no wrong. If we adopt the very intelligent and awe-inspiring idea that nothing we say or do will affect us, you will indeed be cut out for a lifetime of ignorant bliss.

6. If you make a fool of yourself in one way or another at a particular time during the school year (obviously summer doesn't count), you must wear a sign admitting to your fault. This sign should be worn as proudly as the Easy-est A. You can do no wrong.

7. When forced to talk to others. Just talk about yourself. Have an ongoing monologue. Never ask questions. Because really, who cares about anyone else or their problems or their boyfriend's problems or their boyfriend's mom's problems, because in the end, it's just you, yourself and that's all I am going to say about that.

8. The opposite of Nike, just DON'T do it.

I hope that my wisdom can clear up future situations for the rest of your years. There are a lot of really great things to appreciate in this life and if you dwell on the bad, well, no one will like you. You're nice. I'm great.

Let's get on with it, Gooch :)

## I just want my 8.5 hours



By  
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Say what you will about the alleged benefits of a formal education, but what I'm getting foremost from my four-year stint at Wagner College is a pretty bad case of exhaustion. (Just in case my mom reads this, I am also getting that education.)

If I were a celebrity I could just check into rehab, but in that case "exhaustion" would be a euphemism for "meth addiction"—what I'm talking about here is literally just being tired all the time. Can you check into a sleep clinic? (Besides on Foursquare? Also: do you guys know what Foursquare even is or is that joke gonna fall flatter than the notes being sung in a Campus Hall practice room? I digress.)

We're about halfway through autumn but the nights are already getting noticeably longer, which highlights the amount of time I'm not spending asleep. I guess there are benefits to this insofar as five in the morning is a very good time to do laundry if you aren't "socially adept" and don't really "like people."

The average person needs 8.5 hours of sleep. I'm way better than average, so I need 20. I'm up all the time! If I'm not doing homework (or consciously avoiding doing homework because it is a depressing waste of time and mental resources for third graders and boring people), I'm anxious about something. I had trouble focusing in the first place—for medical reasons and also not-caring reasons—but who do you guys think would win in a fight, Pablo Picasso or Salvador Dali? I would say Picasso but Dali's crazy, man. You don't know *what* he'll do. Speaking of Picasso, did you guys see *Midnight in Paris*? I really liked it but it was so *white*, you know? And that line about polygamy being more advanced than monogamy or whatever? Vomit. I love Owen Wilson, though. I just saw *Bottle Rocket* for the first time and it was really weird and good. I had to send it back to Netflix immediately after though because I switched my plan to streaming only.

Wait, I'm sorry, what was I talking about? Picasso, right? Just kidding. Sleep. Actually, you know what: this took a lot out of me. I'm gonna go lie down.

## My revenge on the winged creatures

By PAUL EMRICH  
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I greeted the day with the same boyish excitement and exuberance as I always did by hurling my alarm clock against my door. After lying in my bed for a few brief seconds I remembered that I did not own an alarm clock, and after writing a brief apology note to my cat, I got about my day.

After starting my morning duties, I noticed while standing naked at the bathroom window a small warbler perched alongside a wire. This warbler, with its cool collected attitude and its appreciation for Skrillix was a testament to all the things I hated about the bird community.

Now before I am greeted with dozens of messages about bird equality and all that jazz, I want the public to understand that my prejudice has existed long before it became hip to dislike birds. I was speaking out against bird marriage long before those whack jobs found a semi-relevant passage in the Bible discussing lying with a beakless woman. My

unbridled hatred is a burden I have had to bare my entire life, and has prevented me from succeeding in careers that I had only dreamed about as a child. Jobs in lucrative fields like window washer, Sesame Street puppeteer, or competitive swan diver.

So there I was, nude, pressed up against the glass, in the middle of the second most competitive staring contest of my life (the first being with Stevie Wonder, which would inspire the song Sir Duke). Suddenly a completely unexplainable scream from my neighbor's wife startled the bird away from its perch and caused it to fly down to a lower point along the fence. I bottled in my rage at the inexcusable disruption brought on by the woman, she would get her just desserts when she'd awake the next morning to find her dog shaved and tattooed with advertisements for various margarine products. Or perhaps I would get revenge on her constantly squawking, conservative talk radio jargon loving parrot. But that would be after I get my revenge on my avian adversary.

I rushed to my closet, pushed aside my collection of Captain Planet uni-

forms, and reached for my 'Backyard' camo outfit from my "My 1st Espionage Kit."

Dressed for duty, I slunk down to the garden and prepared myself for the mental anguish of war. There I was, crawling along the ground, flashbacks of Apocalypse Now racing through my mind. Then suddenly I felt a painful sensation in my right hand. I looked over, and I had cut my self upon a rock lying on the ground. This beautifully complex device would become my Excalibur, my proton torpedo. I reached for my ballistic weapon, which while steeped in my blood remained disease free. It took every ounce of concentration to recall all the skills I had harnessed in my hour in competitive sports.

I took the stone in hand, and hurled it with the bloodlust that boiled within my belly meat. I watched as the bird dropped from the fence and fell to the ground, releasing a soft chirp of agony. However, as I prepared for my ceremonial rite, I heard a second squawk. Had my opponent perhaps released a glorious death rattle? My question was answered as my neighbor's daughter would come scream-

ing from their house waving and shaking their pet parrot around. I watched gleefully as I saw her scream at the bird, beat it against the table to illicit a reaction, and even attempt to nail the bird to its perch. Unaware of the irony, I jeered "Get on with it." As I returned to my room, I prepared to greet the oncoming day. After all, I had completed the impossible: Two birds, one stone.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really pissed. She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from zero to 200 in six seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE !!" The next morning he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale. Bob has been missing since Friday.

# in our opinion...

(where you'll find columns, editorials, letters to the editor, and more.)

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## Global Warming: A man-made crisis



By **MISTY ROSSO**  
Opinions Editor

Global warming has been an issue of concern for as long as I can remember. However, I no longer view it as some scientific myth, but as a frightening reality. It is my opinion that global warming is man-made, and that it is man's responsibility to save the earth.

Large quantities of greenhouse gases have been emitted by people since the Industrial Revolution. These gases can stay in the atmosphere for centuries, and have manifested in the earth's atmosphere, essentially enveloping the planet in extra heat.

There are supposedly three factors that can affect the temperature of the earth: the sun, Earth's reflectivity and greenhouse gases. Though the sun powers the climate system, the sun has not caused warming since the 1980s. In recent solar activity research, results determined that since about 1985 the sun has changed in ways that should have cooled the earth even as global temperatures have been rising.

The reflectivity of the earth is not causing the temperature rise either. Scientists have calculated that human-produced particle pollution has had a cooling effect on the climate, and has actually contained some of the warming effect of greenhouse gases.

Thus, I find the greenhouse effect to be the most plausible scientific explanation for the rise in global temperatures. Measurements of carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere for the past 50 years and measurements from ice cores over the past hundreds to thousands of years, confirm that carbon dioxide concentrations are rising rapidly. Scientists know that the heightened amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere comes primarily from coal and oil due to carbon dioxide's unique 'fingerprint.' We are leaving these fingerprints all over our planet, and it disgusts me.

Human activity is causing the earth's temperature to rise through the burning of fossil fuels, and a small percentage from deforestation.

Whether or not we feel this climate change is impacting us directly, it is. It has already begun to impact thousands of people every year, and though for us at Wagner College, the effect has only been inconsistent weather resulting in a blizzard on Homecoming day, unfortunately, this is just the beginning. If we fail to reduce emissions from burning fossil fuels and deforestation, our planet could potentially warm another 2 to 11.5 degrees Fahrenheit, a terrifying possibility.

I do not doubt that nature has influenced global warming, but in my eyes, man set the fire and continually reignites it. Man is the culprit. Regardless of one's beliefs on this topic, it is obvious that changes need to be made to save Earth.

These solutions are needed now to protect our planet. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and stabilizing atmospheric concentrations is essential. It is important we act as quickly as possible and take advantage of existing solutions to prevent irreversible damage to our planet.

As college students we are ridiculously busy and I find that our generation is an extensively lethargic one. We complain about everything from here until Sunday, but we rarely do anything about it. I challenge you to prove the stereotype about our generation wrong. Show the planet you care about it.

You can look at it this way: Earth has provided you with a home for the past 20 or so years. It has given you water, food and shelter. As of current, there are no other planets for humans to inhabit. Love your planet, and give back to it.

If you want to get involved, [stopglobalwarming.org](http://stopglobalwarming.org) is sponsoring a virtual march in which they are trying to convince our leaders to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The site also offers action tips, book and DVD resources, as well as various ways to make a difference.

I do not even think a debate should exist about the change in climate and its cause. You can see the evidence of the climate changes and its cause in the research and studies that have been conducted, or you can simply live your life, go outside and experience the changes. The weather day to day is confirmation enough for me. However, global warming is a worldwide problem and I am only one person with one voice. This is our planet and we all need to work to hopefully salvage the damage that has already been done.

## Blind spot: The dangers in removing the driver's eye exam

By **CHRISTINE PETERSON**  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The deletion of the eye exam in the process for one to receive his or her driver's license is a recent issue that has been causing much controversy for all drivers. While commuting to college is becoming easier and more residential students are bringing their cars to campus, this puts all students alike at risk, and worries me greatly.

As a resident of Staten Island, I am well aware that this island is not the safest place to drive. When I commute to school everyday, I am constantly faced with the various abilities of drivers on the island. All of the commercials that we see about the dangers of texting and driving, and how taking your eyes off the road for a mere second could cost you your life, are all true. I constantly question how some of the people I drive past everyday were able to get their license. My first thought upon hearing that an eye exam was no longer required was, "Wait, is that even legal?"

When you are driving, you have to keep your eyes on the road at all times. You never know if someone is going to quickly turn out of a street in front of you or stop short. Besides keeping your eyes on the road to keep yourself out of danger, you also keep your eyes on the road to prevent dangerous situations for others. Therefore, I do not think someone should be given a license if he or she has

problems with his or her vision that could place others at risk.

A lot of people, myself included, wear either glasses or contacts. I never drive without wearing one of the two. If I did, I probably would not make it three feet without stopping because I would never be able to see where I was going. When I got my license and took my eye exam, the instructor asked me whether or not I was wearing contacts. If I did not wear my contacts when I was driving simply because I was never told that I had to, I think that would be extremely dangerous.

It is scary to think that I may be driving to school one morning, and the person driving behind me was able to receive his license without taking an eye exam. This individual could possibly not realize how close to my car he is and leave me vulnerable to getting rear-ended. If this person took an eye exam, and was then evaluated to see whether or not he should get his license, this could easily be avoided. I always thought people had to take eye exams, road tests and driver's education in order to make the road a safer place to drive, yet taking away the eye exam makes it more dangerous.

Think about if the road test itself was disregarded and that as long as you took a driver's education class and were of legal age, you could drive. To me, that is just as dangerous as letting people drive that may not be able to see where they are going or who is around them. You can never

be sure that a person actually knows how to drive just because they took a class with the intention of teaching those skills and precautions.

In my opinion, the reasons for taking away the eye exam were not valid reasons at all. The deletion of the eye exam was an effort to not only cut costs, but also time. Many people also believed that the eye exam was outdated and no longer needed. Eye exams should always be necessary, seeing that driving is based on one's sense of sight. New York should be willing to pay the costs for eye exams in order to minimize risks, save lives and care for the wellbeing of their drivers.

I know I am not the only commuter student at this school, and even though it only takes me five minutes to drive to school everyday, it takes the majority of commuter students a lot longer. A large amount of resident students also have their cars on campus and drive around the island on a day to day basis. By voiding the eye exam, we are all at a greater risk on the road than we were to begin with.

We have enough on our minds already without having to worry whether the people on the road around us can see where they are going. In my opinion, taking away the eye exam is only putting many lives at risk and making it unsafe to drive. It does not seem worth it.

An eye exam takes less than five minutes, which is a very short amount of time to help hinder dangerous situations.

## Engaging in activism in your community

By **CHARISSE WILLIS**  
Post-Grad Contributor

I interviewed a professor at my current institution last week and one of the questions I asked was "how do you engage in activism?" The response was a brisk "I don't" followed by an explanation of time constraints and how teaching did not count as activism. This response shocked me for a number of reasons. One being that this professor is duly appointed in women's studies and English, as I hope to be one day, and such an appointment only exists because of activism.

Women's studies departments are a result of the feminist movement, a result of people coming together and standing up for women's right to be full citizens. In addition, feminism or, if you are not comfortable with that word, the women's rights movement advocates for women being active participants in their communities, for continuously fighting to be accepted

as equals, to protest, march, write and push for legislation until women are afforded the same privileges as men. The idea that we live in a post-feminist society is an absurd one and it is one that undermines women's advancement.

That being said, it is sad to hear that someone who teaches in this field does not engage in any kind of activism. However, I have come to see over my last few months in graduate school that this is a problem that expands to the world of academia at large.

While I do believe that teaching is a form of activism, I do not believe that is the only form. People in academia cannot be content to stay in the ivory tower and produce scholarship that is only circulated within the academy. There must be a hands on element or we will lose touch with real life struggles and become the oppressors that believe society's improvement must start with the elite.

If you are wondering how this is useful advice for post-graduates or

the purpose of my columns, my response is that you need to know what you are getting yourself into when you choose a career. One of the first things the director of graduate studies said when she called to inform me of my acceptance was how impressed she was with my dedication to community service, and yet, I find that I am not expected to engage in any while here.

I am pursuing my profession not just because I want to help students see that literature is often the best tool with which to view the injustices in our world, but also because I want to push them to do something about these injustices. Whether that is volunteering at a soup kitchen, marching at a rally or following in my footsteps and choosing to teach, I want everyone to be active members of their community and right now I do not feel as if I am being trained that way. This is something that I feel the academic world needs to address and it is something that anyone hoping to enter it should be aware of.

# Students debate on 'Occupy' effectiveness

## 'Occupy' is only occupying time

By CHRIS LUNER  
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Photo: Justin Astafanous

The Occupy movement began in New York City against Wall Street just about a month ago. Claiming to be the 99 percent that would no longer deal with the one percent controlling America, the movement has now spread from New York to the rest of the nation and most recently has gone global. Protests from Rome to Tokyo have broken out in the past weeks. However, with no leaders, no unified mission and demands differentiating from person to person, it looks as though Occupy is only going to end up occupying our time.

Occupy's website describes them as the following: "Occupy Wall Street is a leaderless resistance movement with people of many colors, genders and political persuasions. The one thing we all have in common is that We Are The 99% that will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1%. We are using the revolutionary Arab Spring tactic to achieve our ends and encourage the use of non-violence to maximize the safety of all participants."

In case you are unaware of what the "Arab Spring" they are referring to is, they are talking about the current revolution that is taking place in the Middle East, which began with Tunisia. The revolution and overthrowing of many governments has spread to Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria and protests in many other countries. Occupy Wall Street may be using the same tactic as Arab Spring, however, they will by no means be a success.

One of the major factors fueling so much of the change taking place overseas is the decades of suppressed anger and frustration of a long ruling dictator. That really is not a problem in America considering the political system we have. The changing of congress, the President and the consistent political shift in Washington, while may lead to major frustration at

times, is never long ruling for one party or one person.

Another major aspect fueling a clear blow to the Occupy movement is no clear leader. Yes, I understand that the 99 percent of America should be represented by the people who want to have their voice heard. Although, with no leader, the movement has no official stance on communication and no clearly defined messages they can tell the system they would like changed. As for now it remains rants and raves. An official leader, whether it is by city or what not, is really needed to see what this group is all about. Thousands occupy these protests yet people still are asking, "What is Occupy about?" This brings us to my third point – they have no purpose in my opinion.

While that may sound a little harsh, it is true. Occupy has no clear point of what they want besides change. Didn't we go through this in 2008? "Change" was elected to office. Yet three years later are we protesting in the streets for the same thing. question is, what is the "Change" the American people want to see? Ranging from tax cuts to student loan rates to firing CEO's of major companies to fixing corruption, Occupy lacks the clear points any movement needs to not only move forward but to create the change it not only expects, but demands. Specific goals cannot be met if they differ and in the end will only lead to the collapse of the movement. They cannot be a unified group if

their mission is not unified either. Saying we are the 99 percent is not a mission.

Another major aspect of the movement, which will soon lead to more issues then change, is the beginning aspects of violence. I am talking about on and off the front lines of this movement. In Rome, the first day of Occupy protests erupt into the burning of cars and buildings along with 70 injured, 40 of those being police officers. In Australia, two police officers were injured when 40 people there were arrested in Occupy protests last week. In New York City, crime has shot up 154 percent as violent crimes surge across the city as police are occupied on Occupy protesters. Occupy is doing more harm to our society then good. Damaging property, wasting millions in tax payers dollars and more – this movement, while may seem high and grand, is nothing more then a mere temporary protest calling for yet more change.

I believe that nothing is likely to come of this. President Obama may make a speech or Congress may pass a bill but in the long run that is going to do nothing. You will find all these same people out on the streets in a couple months or years fighting for the same thing. The change they want, and the change they did not get. Until then, occupy your time wisely.

## A peaceful way to voice opinions

By ALYSSA BROWN  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

When I first heard about the Occupy Wall Street movement, I had no idea what the movement meant or why people started it. I figured it was just another protest occurring in New York City, and that it would pass in a few days. But, ask anyone in Zuccotti Park: it is not just a protest, but a peaceful movement of people coming together as one to get their ideas and opinions heard.

Even as I read about the numerous movements expanding into major cities across the world in response to Occupy Wall Street, the motives behind the movement were still vague to me. It was not until I finally stepped foot into Zuccotti Park, also referred to as "Liberty Plaza," that everything started coming together, and I understood what the commotion was all about.

Being in Zuccotti Park among hundreds of the peaceful protesters, I felt like I was a part of something huge, something important. Occupy Wall Street is one of those things you know you will tell your grandchildren about, because of its popularity and impact to society.

Protesters share a common goal in the Occupy Wall Street Movement: to fight back against the harsh power of banks and large, wealthy corporations and how Wall Street is contributing to our economic collapse, and our current recession, which is one of the worst in many years.

The main goal of the protest may change from person to person, but it is the idea that it is the "99%" fighting back against the "1%" that has all of the money and power keeping the movement alive.

However, within this group, there are several other sub-groups, with

other opinions and causes they are fighting for, from student debt to taxation.

As you circle the park, the cardboard signs are changing constantly, with new protestors and signs after every rotation. As those signs were changing, the signs posted throughout the inside of the park remained the same.

One sign read, "Everyday we clean up our community, tomorrow we clean up Wall Street," and was posted near the donated brooms, garbage bags and other cleaning supplies used to clean the park by protestors, after enough New Yorkers signed a petition against the cleaning of Zuccotti Park, which would have meant evicting the protestors.

Many are living in the park, or are there for several hours of the day: there are tents set up, and sleeping bags are found in all areas of the relatively small park. As one protestor said, "We offer free empathy...if you need a hug, we'll give you one."

Although some may say that the protests are not going to change the world, I say, at least it's a start.

If people do not start making others aware of the problems we face within the American economy and government, we will never make any progress. With the attention of media and the fast rate at which this movement has spread, there is no doubt that congress and other officials have heard of the protests.

The Occupy Wall Street movement and the questions it has raised will definitely appear in the upcoming 2012 election debates, and make the presidential candidates take notice to the movement and come up with solutions to the problems that the 99 percent are worried about and standing up against.

## Empty your pockets to Port Authority

### Toll prices rising to new heights can affect students' travel

Fortunately, one can get a "sale price" of \$9.50 on crossing the bridges into New York City by having an E-ZPass. In my opinion, even this price is incredibly high for simply crossing a bridge, considering it costs nothing to leave New York over the bridge.

I can try to understand a higher toll to cross bridges that go directly into the City; yet paying \$12 to enter Staten Island is beyond ridiculous. It puzzles me that it is free to get to New Jersey and costs two arms and two legs to get into New York.

Even the alternative to driving over the bridge, the Trans-Hudson subway, has increased from \$1.75 to \$2 and will continue to increase, along with bridge prices, through December 2015.

The Port Authority originally proposed even higher toll increases, but was forced to lower them as a result of the governors of New York and New Jersey threatening to veto them.

The \$11 billion reconstruction of the World Trade Center put quite a hole in Port Authority's pocket, and the raising toll prices seems to be their way of paying off this debt.

I think recreating the World Trade Center brings back a lot to the city, but I do not understand why drivers end up paying for this. I strongly believe there could have been better ways to go about this project and money could be raised to support such an iconic structure for our nation.

New York American Automobile Association (AAA) Vice President, Marta Genovese said, "The Authority is attempting to burden commuters and travelers with public expenditures that are in no way related to transportation."

The Port Authority argues that it makes no money from taxes and only supports itself from these tolls and fees. Therefore, they claim they need this money to replace the cables on

the George Washington Bridge as well as numerous other maintenance projects.

I find it rather bizarre that they avoid saying directly what the money is being used for. They plan to use the money to cover the costs of the new World Trade Center. I think this is a commendable project, although I do not agree that tolls are the answer to raising money.

Thankfully, the AAA has been active in trying to fight this increase and make prices more reasonable for drivers. Robert Sinclair of AAA stated that "increasing tolls to pay for cost overruns at the World Trade Center violates a legal decision." I would like to thank Mr. Sinclair for making it clear that the Port Authority is getting away with violating the law.

AAA's dedication to resolving this issue and making the toll prices less obnoxious to help all drivers has led them to suing the Port Authority of

New York and New Jersey, as of Oct. The AAA of both states filed a complaint in federal court in Manhattan stating that the toll increases violate the federal law that requires tolls to be "just and reasonable."

As students, there is very little we can do to make a difference in this toll increase. However, I believe having the knowledge of this issue will aid you in being conscious of the Port Authority's poor actions.

Regrettably, the rising tolls affect everyone who has to travel to Wagner. It is unconceivable to me that it is so simple to leave the island with no cost, yet I cannot return to Wagner and receive my costly education without paying ridiculously high tolls. If you frequently enjoy traveling outside of the city and wish to return to Wagner, which I recommend doing on this tuition, be aware that it will be quite expensive on the way back.

By STEPHANIE  
HINKES

Assistant Opinions Editor

As college students, we hold the notorious reputation of being broke. We have loans piling up and have very little spending money to help us escape the insanity of classes and enjoy life a little. Be careful though; if enjoying life entails going home for the weekend or visiting friends somewhere other than the island, you may want to rethink your weekend plans. The prices of tolls to come back onto the Island have risen to ridiculous new heights.

Recently, an increase in tolls was implemented by the Port Authority that raised bridge tolls on the Goethals, Bayonne, Outerbridge and George Washington to cash of \$12. The previous cost of \$8 makes this raise in prices not only significant, but completely outlandish.

## LIFE &amp; STYLE

Let's get cookin'  
good lookin'

Some things in life are monotonous; especially when you're in college, but your food shouldn't be that way! If you're feeling tired of finding the same pizza and chicken in the cafeteria from last week, and you don't have the money to spend on take out every night, here are 10 easy recipes that are just for you! All you need are the ingredients, a microwave and a fridge and you're 45 minutes (or less) away from some tasty meals and snacks!

Reported by Iris Muijers

**Sweet Peanut butter and Granola Sandwich**

You'll need:

1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup granola cereal  
1/4 cup chopped peanut  
2 tablespoons honey  
1/2 cup dried cherries (optional)  
2 tablespoons butter, softened  
4 (10-inch) whole wheat tortillas

**Directions:**

In a bowl, combine the peanut butter, the granola, the chopped peanuts, and the honey and mix well. Stir in dried cherries. (Or don't)  
Spread the tortillas with softened butter, and then spread with peanut butter mixture. Roll up the tortillas and cut them in half.  
Serve immediately, or wrap well and freeze for a tasty treat that's simple to make!

Total time: about 15 minutes

**Mouthwatering Mexican Chicken Sandwiches**

You'll need:

Some soft French rolls  
2 cups cooked shredded chicken (heated up canned chicken will work)  
1 can refried beans  
1/2 cup shredded cheese  
Toppings (salsa, sour cream, lettuce, tomato, etc.)

**Directions:**

Microwave the split rolls a few seconds to make them nice and soft and then pull the doughy centers out of the top and the bottom.  
Spread the bottom of the roll with a layer of hot refried beans, and then

sprinkle with shredded cheese.

Put a pile of hot cooked chicken on top of the cheese then top with sour cream, salsa, a couple slices of avocado, shredded lettuce or any other topping you may desire.

Top with the other half of the bun and enjoy!

Total time: about 30 minutes

**Heavenly Breakfast in a Mug**

Here's a breakfast recipe that's easy to make and easy to travel with. For students with early classes you can prepare it the night before and just heat it up in the morning. Fast and easy! What's nice about this one is that you can bring it to class with you!

**You'll need:**

1 tablespoon butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon milk or water  
1-2 eggs (depending on how you like it)  
A pinch of pepper  
A dash salt  
1 slice of bacon, cooked (optional)  
Shredded cheese (optional)

**Directions:**

Place the butter in 12 oz. microwave safe mug or small bowl.  
Microwave on High 30-45 seconds, or until melted.  
Add egg (s), milk, salt and pepper.  
Stir or whip with a fork.  
Microwave one egg on High 35 to 45 seconds; two eggs 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 minutes, or until eggs begin to set, stirring with fork to break apart after half of the time.  
Remove eggs when they are still soft and moist, and let stand about 2 min-

utes.

While eggs are standing crumble bacon and add to eggs.

If desired sprinkle with shredded cheese during standing time.

Good morning!

Total time: about 4 minutes

**Playful Puppy Chow**

This is a classic favorite of kids across the U.S. now being brought to your dorm room! (Plus these are Gluten free!)

**You'll need:**

9 cups Rice Chex, Corn Chex, Chocolate Chex or any other kind of Chex you like  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

**Directions:**

Measure cereal into a large bowl, then set aside.  
In 1-quart microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter uncovered on High for 1 minute, and then stir. Microwave about 30 seconds longer or until mixture can be stirred smooth.  
Stir in the vanilla. Pour mixture over cereal, stirring until evenly coated, then put mixture into a container that can be stored in the fridge. (Plastic bag or Tupperware)  
Add powdered sugar.  
Seal container; shake until well coated. Spread on paper towels or plate to cool.  
Total time: about 15 minutes

## Campus do's

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

Cassandra Tay  
Junior

White and purple floral button-up top: H&M \$20

White 3/4 jacket: B.P. Nordstrom \$49

Gold watch: Michael Kors \$250

Earrings: H&M \$3

Dark denim pant-leggings: Vince Camuto \$78

Black leather flats: Tory Burch \$195



Joe Messano  
Sophomore

Blue and white plaid shirt: Target \$15

Blue jacket: JC Penny \$30

Brown leather shoes: Bass \$35

Khaki pants: JCrew \$20

Black rimmed glasses: Ray-Ban \$250

Brown leather watch: Timex \$60



## Take a trip around the neighborhood

Have any free time? Need a mental break? Take a trip to one (or all) of these cool places for the day!

By ANTOINETTE  
MCCARTY  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

**High Line Park:** This extraordinary park is located on Manhattan's West Side and it runs from Ganesvoort Street in the Meatpacking District to West 34th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. What makes this park a sight to see is that it's made out of old elevated freight train tracks and the park overlooks Manhattan as well as New York City Harbor. The area it runs through is rich in art, food and shopping. Magnolia Bakery is only a few blocks from the Ganesvoort Street entrance! Take the day to walk the length of the park while eating some gelato or sipping on lemonade and then explore the up and coming surrounding area. The L, A, C, E, 1, 2, 3 subways all run to areas blocks from the park, the total travel time from Staten Island to the park is about 50 minutes. It's a

great way to explore this part of the city and the adventure doesn't have to end at the park!

**Hoboken:** This City is located right outside New York City in New Jersey! It is about a 30-minute drive from Campus, and for those who don't have a car, the PATH train in the city can reach it. Hoboken is full of things to do, both during the day and at night! It is home to Carlo's Bake Shop, seen on the hit show Cake Boss, and Maxwell's, a live music venue that has hosted both Nirvana and R.E.M. If it's a beautiful day take a walk or bike ride along the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. And don't be afraid to try the diversified and delicious cuisine that Hoboken has to offer for breakfast, lunch and dinner! With so many things to do, it's hard to pick one, so this trip could become a full weekend adventure.

**Snug Harbor:** Located right here in Staten Island, and is only 10 minutes away from campus! The grounds

of this property are rich in history and absolutely gorgeous. The grounds have multiple buildings, with exhibits and galleries that are constantly changing with entrance fees as low as \$2. It also has the Winter Garden Gallery, Chinese Scholar's Garden and the Tuscan Garden. Taking a stroll through the grounds at Snug Harbor can be a great way to relax and unwind. This adventure is easy, affordable and close to campus, it doesn't get much better than that!

**Botanic Gardens NYC:** There are two botanical gardens to see in NYC. The first is the New York Botanical Garden, located in the Bronx. It is about a 50-minute drive from campus, and is also accessible by subways, B, D, 4. Gardens and flowers are always going in and out of season, but currently there is the Fall Flowers of Japan and the Haunted Pumpkin Garden. Besides the Gardens, right across the street is also the Bronx Zoo. The other garden is located in

Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is accessible by Subways 2, 3, B, Q, 4, 5, S and it is about a 20-minute drive from campus. This establishment has over 28 points on their reference map to see and the current flowers in bloom are a few different Lilies and Orchids. The surrounding area is up and coming, with a few local ethnic restraints just blocks away. Just a subway ride away from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden is Bedford Avenue, which contains diverse restaurants and tons of vintage shopping. Both of these Gardens have student discounts for admission.

**Bronx Zoo & Central Park Zoo:** The Bronx Zoo is about a 50-minute drive from campus and is subway accessible by B, D, 4. There are about 40 different mammals, birds, insects, fish, reptiles and amphibians to see as well as different interactive tours. You don't even need to leave for lunch for the zoo has a pretty good dining service as well. Central Park

Zoo is also another fun day trip to take. This zoo is a little bit smaller than the Bronx Zoo, containing around 10 different mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. It is accessible by car, but since it is on the Upper East Side, the N, R, or W trains are right around the corner. After visiting the Zoo, wandering through Central Park can also be a nice way to continue the day out. The park is beautiful during any season. Either way, a visit to these two zoos is a unique and fun way to experience the city.

**Lambert Castle Museum:** This museum is a sight to see for the day and is located right in Patterson, New Jersey. The drive from campus is about 45 minutes and the admission fee is only \$5. This Museum has a rich and interesting history and the grounds are open from dusk until dawn. This museum and castle is a nice place to relax, take pictures and has a beautiful scenic view overlooking the New York City skyline.



# The Wishlist

Here's hoping these best sellers hit the sale rack this upcoming Black Friday.

**Chanel Coco Mademoiselle Perfume**, found at Macy's: \$105



Sexy, fresh oriental fragrance evokes the irrepressible spirit of the young Coco Chanel. The best part of the fragrance is the elegant, luxurious spray in a classic signature bottle. The delicious smell lasts all day long and the bottle is too feminine to pass up.

**Free People Fringed Crocheted Scarf**, found at Bloomingdales: \$58



Marked by a chunky crochet knit and vibrant hues, this Free People scarf is a stylish accessory. The warm and comfy winter staple amps up your fashion with its wide colorful knits.

**Ugg Lattice Cardy**, found at Ugg: \$140



The women's UGG® Lattice Cardy is made of a Merino wool blend made to look like you're a knit sweater. Three wooden buttons etched with signature UGG® branding make this boot one of their most versatile styles. The versatility also rings true in which you can slouch the boot down, cuff it over or wear it up. You walk in amazing comfort with every step.

**Signature Pullover Hoodie**, found at Victoria's Secret: \$44.50



Print graphics on the front and hood, this casual hoodie can be worn anywhere to lounge in. The clearly comfortable sweatshirt can be worn with leggings or with other PINK pieces.

**BOSS Black "Bostinter" Money Clip**, found at Bloomingdales: \$75



From BOSS Black, this is a smooth leather money clip with brushed gold metal hardware. For the sophisticated guy looking for something impressive to hold all of his extra cash.

**i-Pad 2 with Wifi**, found at Apple: \$499.99



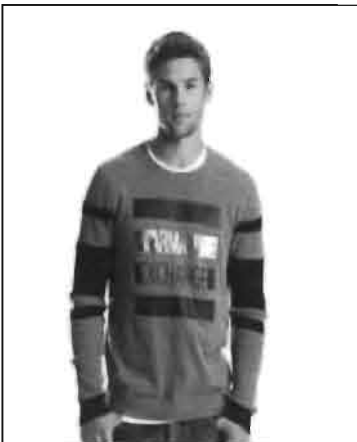
The iPad 2 is thin, light and a fully loaded design. It has two cameras for FaceTime, HD video recording, 10-hour battery life and over 200 new software features in iOS 5 and iCloud. Two powerful cores in one A5 chip mean its fast. Multitasking is smooth, apps load quickly, and anything you touch responds instantly.

**Ugg Australia Knit Beanie**, found at Nordstrom: \$50



A small leather logo patch details the edge of this soft lamb's wool beanie. Get ready for the snow in this fashion-forward men's cap.

**Striped Logo Crewneck Shirt**, found at Armani Exchange: \$88



The striped logo crew knit has foil detailing, bold blocking and contrast ribbed sleeves for a sporty look.

Reported by Dominique Serpe

# Get fit without breaking the bank

By **CHRISTINE PETERSON**  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Gym memberships are getting more and more expensive these days, and with so many expenses to worry about, many college students are beginning to lose their drive to exercise.

For those of you in the financial gutter, or those who don't think exercising could be the least bit enjoyable, check out these fun and affordable workout hotspots to get you out of that rut.

Yoga To The People has several locations to choose from. You can find it in the East Village on St. Marks, on 27th street between 6th and 7th Ave in Manhattan, or even in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Yoga To The People is a unique yoga studio that believes yoga should be enjoyable for everyone.

Classes are typically by contribution with a \$10 suggested donation, and the classes are available to everyone from beginners to experts. Traditional "hot yoga" classes are offered, where breathing exercises and series of poses are done in a room of 105 degrees fahrenheit.

Yoga To The People does not encourage any form of strenuous push-

ing and fighting to get into poses, but instead encourages people to work at their own pace to reap the benefits.

The Yoga Room is also located in Manhattan, on 38th St. and 35th Avenue in Astoria, and combines both yoga and Pilates. For new students, the first month has an unlimited amount of sessions, and costs \$40, with single classes priced at \$15.

The establishment offers more than 100 classes, making it easy to find your perfect yoga match in regards to both expertise and scheduling.

If you feel discouraged by being in company with people who are at a higher level than you are, you can go to the Om Yoga Center on Broadway where classes here are mostly filled up with beginning students. The pace of the class is also rather slow, making it easy to learn the poses and figure out how your body adapts to them.

If you want to try Zumba, or other exercises that incorporate elements of dance into them, check out Pearl Studios at 500 8th Avenue in Manhattan. At only \$16 a class, different styles of dance are offered throughout the week, ranging from Zumba to Salsa Dancing.

Instructors are known to break down the dance moves into steps that

are both easy and fun for even people who have never taken a dance class before. This class is best to go with friends.

As for our own island, kickboxing classes at 3908 Amboy Road are only \$10 a class or \$35 a month for an unlimited number of classes. The intense cardio workout is sure to strike up a sweat, definitely giving you a great workout for such little cost.

The instructor, a graduate of St. John's University across the street, has also trained professionals who now have their own videos and workshops.

If kickboxing isn't your thing and you don't feel like taking the ferry to work out, check out Willows Pilate and Yoga at 629 North Railroad on Staten Island. Classes for either yoga or Pilates are only \$15, and they even sell cute workout clothes at a great price as well.

If you prefer one-on-one instruction rather than group work, the Fine-tune Pilates Studio at 329 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn is a great place to try. Although it ranges more on the expensive side, costing about \$75 per session, the sessions are a lot longer, more in depth, and you get more instructor attention allowing you to really work on your form.

# Mike Savino: Merrill Lynch wealth management intern

By **ALYSSA AHERN**  
Life & Style Assistant

"It really matters who you are at the internship..." junior accounting major, economics minor states about his current internship with Merrill Lynch. Many students have great success finding internships on their own, via connections and the internet. However, Wealth Management intern Mike Savino found his through Wagner Internship and Career Search system (WICS).

Savino interns at the South Avenue, Staten Island Merrill Lynch location three days a week.

According to the Merrill Lynch "About Us" page on their website, they are "... one of the world's largest financial institutions, serving individual consumers, small and middle market businesses and large corporations with a full range of banking, investing, asset management and other financial and risk-management products and services."

Savino explains that interning at Merrill Lynch "really pertains to [his] future career goals..." This Wealth Management intern enjoys everything about his internship-- besides the coffee!

A broker that works in the Wealth Management division has a list of client portfolios and is in charge of deciding what stocks, bonds and CDs to invest in. The broker also aids with the clients college funds and mortgage decisions. One example of a daily task a broker must perform is going through the client bond portfolio and replacing bonds that are maturing with new bonds.

Savino is gaining an extremely



**Homecoming King Mike Savino is currently interning at one of the world's largest financial institutions.**

hands-on experience. His daily assignments are exactly what any broker in Wealth Management would be doing. The description above is a glimpse in the life of this WM intern. But it doesn't stop there, Savino also goes through a list of stock analysts and forms his own opinions and then presents his opinion. As an intern he also assists the broker in comparing mortgage rates and options. "They give me real stuff to do," he says. "I am treated exactly like employee rather than just an intern."

Prior to working at Merrill Lynch Savino explains, "I knew nothing about college funds, pensions or bonds and really after only two weeks I learned so much. I can actually hold conversation with my boss (Joe, VP of Wealth Management) about bond trades without totally..."

A typical day for Savino, who is also a brother of TKE, begins at 9 a.m. with breakfast with his boss, discussing the plans for the day, which includes; new clients, client portfolios, reports to read, bonds to research and much more. Then Savino is sent to his desk to work on the daily assignments.

Around noon lunch is ready in the office. Savino will sit with his boss again and discuss the morning accomplishments. If he has any work to finish before 4 p.m. he will go back to his desk. However, if he gets done he will go and assist other brokers.

"I once had to mail 1,000 envelopes for the other broker. I licked the first 100 envelopes then taped the rest." Needless to say when you start branching out and helping other people at your internship besides your supervisor, tedious work occurs more often, he explains.

Upon asked how he gained interest in this career path, Savino responded, "When I was eight years old I visited a family friend's hedge fund company. After that I took it upon myself to learn more and invest."

"Everything I am given to do is what I want to do with my life. So I find it all to be really interesting. I want to work in Wealth Management or Investment Banking. I want my next internship to be in Investment Banking to see if I really like that," comments Merrill Lynch intern.

In regards to other students looking for advice Savino explained that. "Having this internship on my resume really opens the door...But you have to be willing to just suck it up sometimes and not take any personal time while interning, just benefit from what you learn... it will all help in the long run."

"Despite what everyone thinks when it comes to the job market... It really matters who you are at the internship, not if you graduated from an Ivy league school. My boss is already putting me up against Harvard kids for a summer 2012 internship."



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## And the Grammy goes to...YOU!

*New Grammy learning program lets students take part in main events.*

By **CHELSEA FODERO**  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

More than ever in today's career market, experience is key in landing your dream job especially in the music industry. That is why; GRAMMY U created by the Recording Academy, is a unique program for college students who are pursuing a career in the recording industry. Primarily between the ages of 17-24 years, every student must submit an application for acceptance while still enrolled in full-time schooling. The program is open to any students majoring in music or any field related to the music industry such as business, journalism, fine arts and communications. Upon acceptance, there is a yearly \$25 membership fee or a flat fee of \$50 for all four years of college or Graduate Studies.

GRAMMY U is broken down into twelve chapters across the United States including New York, Philadelphia, Texas, Memphis,

Nashville, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Florida, Atlanta, Chicago and Pacific Northwest. This fast-growing community of passionate young professionals allows for individuals to mingle with their peers in the field through networking events, educational programs and performance opportunities. Some of the weekly events offered to members range from private soundchecks and 'artist question and answer,' to intern boot camp and industry speed networking.

Just recently on March 8 in the Texas bracket of the program, 50 GRAMMY U members from across the state were got the chance to attend the GRAMMY soundchecks hosted by John Mayer. At the Event, Mayer brought the member in to witness the process of a professional soundcheck and the variety of behind-the-scenes work required for high-level productions. He followed this up with a question and answer session followed by lessons on the creative process.

GRAMMY U enhances each student's current academic curriculum by sharing access to recording industry professionals who in return give out-of-the-classroom perspective on the industry. GRAMMY U members receive discounts on everything music related from industry publications and conferences, to shows and museums and students can also take part in events hosted in all places where the program is located! Some of the artists and groups that have held GRAMMY U include Maroon 5, Mumford & Sons, Foster the People, Alicia Keys, John Mayer, Gym Class Heroes and Justin Timberlake. Whether you're a future manager of band, journalist at Rolling Stone or a performer looking to win a Grammy, GRAMMY U is a great way to get educated about the business, involved with your fellow music peers and simply enjoy the music! For more information on this program, email [memberservices@GRAMMY.com](mailto:memberservices@GRAMMY.com) or visit [www.GRAMMY.org](http://www.GRAMMY.org).



## Radio City opens its backstage doors to students

*Radio City Music Hall is now offering student discounted backstage tours.*

By **DOUG HANSON**  
Entertainment Assistant

Radio City Music Hall now offers one hour 'stage door' tours which give you the ability to see the inner workings of what goes on at Radio City behind the curtain.

The tour operates daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back stage door of Radio City Music Hall.

Explore the beautiful art deco interiors and learn the secrets of the Great Stage and what it takes to transform the Music Hall for a concert of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular; be a part of the Radio City Rockette kick line with an interactive photo opportunity; view the celebrity signed guest book; receive a complimentary fact sheet about Radio City Music Hall which is available in six different languages.

This iconic establishment has been one of the prime entertainment destinations in the world since

opening in 1932 in New York City at Rockefeller Center. The name 'Radio City' was derived from the original owners of the building, the Radio Corporation of America. The Radio City Music Hall is known for its outstanding performances, including its infamous performances by the Rockettes.

The Radio City Rockettes are an in-house precision dance company comprised of long legged, beautiful women who have starred in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular since 1933. The Rockettes are a national treasure and are known world wide for their legendary high kicks and dazzling costumes.

Radio City Music Hall is well-known for its hosting of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Rockettes, as an annual holiday musical production since 1933. The seating arrangement for this event extends up to almost 6,000 audience members for most shows.

Radio City Music Hall has also hosted the some of the biggest

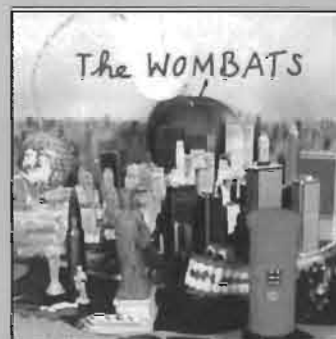
events on television including the *Grammy's*, the *Tony's*, the *MTV Video Music Awards* and the *ESPY Awards*.

Ticket prices for the Radio City stage door tours are \$22.50 for adults, \$15.75 for children 12 and under and \$18.25 for seniors over 62. Group discounts are available for parties of 20 or more, but the big buzz is the student discount prices they are offering.

With a valid school ID, students can get in for just \$10.75. Tickets are sold at the Radio City Sweets & Gift Shop on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup> Street, or by visiting [www.radiocity.com/tours](http://www.radiocity.com/tours). Visit the site, or call 800-745-3000 for more information.

Come experience the Radio City Music Hall stage door tours. If you're lucky, maybe you'll even meet a world famous Rockette and discover first-hand what it takes to become one of the stars of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

## Listen Up!



The Wombats-*This Acoustic Glitch*  
Label: 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Records  
Release Date: March 2011

A new EP was just released by the well-known, English indie rock band The Wombats. Known for their hit song "Let's dance to joy division," The Wombats became popular in the United States in 2006 with their fresh style of indie rock. Their combined old British 80s music, mixed with their modern indie sound, causes them to be noticed by avid alternative music lovers. The band, known for their tendencies to send out few tracked EPs, as opposed to full albums has succeeded in releasing a two tracked EP March of this year. Their new EP, *The Acoustic Glitch*, has a much more techno sound than their previous music, shifting their style a bit away from their more usual indie rock sound through the addition of more violin and piano. The new EP sound is a bit slower than their usual upbeat music, with the added techno making it sound much more 80s style than they usually do, but is addictive just the same. Look out for new EPs released by the Wombats, singing about their daily lives living in lower class East London and just appreciating life, in the next couple of months.

**You'll love it if you like:** Pulp, The Arctic Monkeys, The Thermals

-Samantha Knoerzer



The JaneDear Girls - *The JaneDear Girls*

Label: Reprise Nashville  
Release Date: February 2011

Merry Go Round is the latest single to be released by the up-and-coming female country duo The JaneDear Girls. Their self-titled album was released in February 2011 and peaked US charts at #46 and US Country charts at #10. They are best known for receiving an Academy of Country Music Award nomination in 2010 for Top Vocal Duo of the Year. Merry Go Round is a perfect blend of pop and country. It combines the twang of the bango and the fiddle with unexpected hip-hop rhythms and AutoTuned vocals. This cowgirl dance tune is perfect for jamming out at parties or for just hanging out with your gal pals. Check out their other singles: Wildflower and Shotgun Girl. Wildflower is an undeniably catchy country-rock song that will have you wishing you were from the South in no time. Shotgun Girl is a slower rock anthem featuring lyrics similar to those of a Taylor Swift song. Their album is full of pop, rock, and country combinations that show the duo's diversity.

**You'll love it if you like:** Gretchen Wilson, The Wreckers, Miley Cyrus

-Brian Falduto

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Photos: Brianna Samson

Left: Cast members of Rocky Horror cause an uproar of applause as Kyle Peter VanZandt comes to life as the Frankenstein-like monster, Rocky. Right: Cast members come together for final song at the close of the show.

## 'Rocky Horror' scares up good response from audience

By CHRIS LUNER  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

*The Rocky Horror Picture Show: LIVE!*, recently produced by Completely Student Productions (CSP), hit the spot for the Wagner College campus providing a fun experience for all and getting the campus into the Halloween spirit.

The musical, which satires horror and science fiction films from the late 1940s to the early 1970s, follows the story of Brad Majors and Janet Weiss as they find themselves stranded at a Frankenstein-like castle, filled with just about everything ridiculous you can possibly think of. From a drag queened Dr. Frankfurter to his golden under-wearing creation of Rocky, madness ensues as Brad and Janet enter the castle to discover the secrets and oddities of the place.

While a round of applause should be given to all involved with the cast, special attention should be paid to Matt Sydney as Riff Raff. Syd-

ney not only featured the best vocals, but shined consistently stealing the scenes he was featured in. His main number "The Time Warp" brought the ensemble and audience to life.

Starting off with Ailsa Hoke as Usherette, Hoke got the audience right into the feeling of the show with opening song. The couple of Brad and Jane, played by Matt Hosmer and Kara Krichman, played the pure couple perfectly becoming totally confused as they were transfixed into this strange world. Paul Emrich, as the Narrator, was hilarious through out provoking the audience. Meghan Morash and Allie Dufford as Magenta and Columbia shine through out especially when paired with Sydney. Kelsey Justin Stevens as Frank N Furter was outlandish having the audience rolling with every line and action. Kyle Peter VanZandt was hilarious as Rocky never seeming to stop with energy and great vocals. Dan Kriss as Eddie/Dr. Scott found moments

to shine with both characters in two acts. Lauren Wagner, Jacque Jablanski and Jamie Maraviglia support the production in the aisles as Phantoms.

The production featured fantastic choreography by Brendan Stackhouse bringing numbers like "The Time Warp" and "Hot Patootie" to life. While it may be the nature of the show, including audience call outs and comedic playbill, it did feel as though all that was remembered from the show was the production numbers.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show itself lent itself to be a fun, great experience production as opposed to a show that would move you to tears. The 'late night, double feature picture show' is known for being all about the experience and CSP's production definitely provided a great one. Congratulations to all involved upon producing a show that really received a strong fan base from the Wagner College student body.

## Italian Idol: A singing success

Wagner College's Italian Idol winners performed together to show off their skills.

By JOSEPH PEPENELLA  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

*Viva Italia!* An afternoon of smooth Italian opera scenes, opera aria's and choir pieces performed by Wagner's own 'Italian Idol' winners: Emily Locklear, James Sheehan, Ashley Primavera, Steven Copp, and Lisa Lauto took place on Sunday, Oct. 23 at Wagner College's Music Performance Center.

There was a solid turnout to the *Viva Italia! Concert* event of roughly 50 guests with many from the DaVinci society, which hosts Italian Heritage Month every October, as well as many others from the campus community and family.

The Italian Idol contest had started with 20 competitors and was narrowed down to the five names

above. Freshmen, Emily, beautifully performed *Amarilli mia bella*, and James belted *Deh vieni alla finestra*. Senior, Ashley Primavera, dynamically performed *Porgi amor* and Juniors Steven and Lisa sang *Un'aura amorosa* and *Non so più cosa son*, respectively.

The performers were happy with their overall success of the performance, but noted the effect of the nerves on some of the performers. "People get nervous, people forget things," stated Ashley Primavera, referring to some of the hiccups in the performances. Dr. Roger Wesby noted that the 'Idol' winners were "in good voice" on Sunday.

Though the concert was meant to be an all Italian concert, there was a surprise in the concert that came in the final performance which gave mixed feelings from the audience.

While the rest of the show was entirely in Italian, the last performance was a medley from Broadway entitled *The Light in the Piazza* which was presented in English and some felt was a little out of place with the given event.

However, most of the performances were beautifully and successfully performed. The opera scene in Act II, *La traviata*, was emotionally driven and wonderfully sung by Professors McCullough and Sergi.

Overall, the performance was a wonderful success full of beautiful Italian music and wonderfully skilled singers. Many audience members were willing to come back next year for many more beautiful performances and the Wagner community as a whole was encouraged to look out for next year's wonderful *Viva Italia! Concert*.



All you need to know about the latest celebrity gossip!

## Former Disney stars continue to get into trouble in the public eye

By AMANDA HASTINGS  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

*Transformers* superstar Shia Laibuf has found himself in a new video which he stars... as himself. In late October the former Disney star of *Even Steven* was in Vancouver filming a new movie *The Company You Keep*. No stranger to trouble, on a night out at a club, the 25 year old got into a smack down outside the bar with a number of strangers and curious onlookers. Rumor has it that Shia allegedly threatened the man in the video with a knife. The entire ordeal was caught on tape and it shows a pretty out of shape Laibuf losing the battle. Shia has become a notorious Hollywood bad boy from many past dramas. Can he survive this one?

The Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore mystery continues. In September news broke that the super couple have split due to the *Two and a Half Men's* star constant cheating. In the past the couple has been infamous to shoot down rumors that their relationship is rocky, but they have been awfully quiet this time around... until now! Ashton posted a video online talking to his fans and his enemies about his current situation.

The *That 70's Show* cast member says that people "lack a level of honesty." However, he never mentioned if the rumors about an affair were true or what their relationship status was. Many people speculate that there is an unspoken message in this video. If you focus on Ashton's hand, he is not wearing a wedding ring. Could that finally be the answer that fans have been asking for over a month?! There is also a new rumor that actress January Jones' newborn child is in fact Ashton's baby! Could it be true?

In other *Two and a Half Men* news, Charlie Sheen has finally opened up about his thoughts on his former sitcom. Ashton took over as the main role of the hit series after Sheen was famously fired. Many *Two and a Half Men's* fans have been speculating for months who whether Aston could successfully replace Sheen. After the first few episodes, Sheen had said that Ashton was doing a great job, although ratings have been declining dramatically. However, Sheen now says that he is disappointed that the show has reached such a low point. Could the series that has made so many people smile for nine years survive?

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

## CCP production of 'Dark Mondays' gets good buzz from audience

Wagner students from all majors participate in play.

By SAMANTHA KNOERZER  
Entertainment Editor

Completely Student Productions held its first play of the year *Dark Monday* and to the success of its cast and crew.

*Dark Monday*, written by Wagner College student Zee Cohen, is a play based between Guyana and Wisconsin and is a story of a boy growing up within The People's Temple, run by the infamous Jim Jones. The main character, Evan played by Zackary Stanley, at the age of 20 gets the opportunity to leave The People's temple just in time before the infamous Guyana mass suicide led by Jim Jones. Evan comes to terms with life outside the community and follows a similar cycle to his father in falling in love with the lost and broken Abbey, played by Alison Turner.

The play in itself was successful in allowing all types of Wagner College students to take part in the production, some of the actors not in theater related majors but still successful and interesting in their acting. Every actor played their part with passion, while the music and recorded words of Jim Jones himself helped to remind the audience of the bigger picture of the entire play, keeping him present though his character was not actually in the play. The play takes a different view of life in The People's Temple community, taking a view from the inside rather than from people looking in at it.

The money made from the ticket sales will be going to fundraising for Cohen's original musical production of "Beyond this Paradise" which will be performing in Manhattan in Spring 2012. For more information on the upcoming play visit [www.beyondthisparadise.com](http://www.beyondthisparadise.com).

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# Nation and World

... a bi-weekly review of major national and worldwide news

## President Obama: 'Troops in Iraq will definitely be home for the holidays'

By ELLE TRUDEAU  
Nation & World Editor



Photo: Foreign Police

Obama faces controversy in decision to bring home troops. Republicans disagreed with the president. Sen. John McCain called it a "consequential failure" for the Obama administration, which he said wasn't focused on succeeding in Iraq, and Iraq's government.

"Today marks a harmful and sad setback for the United States in the world," said McCain, an Arizona Republican who faced off against Obama in the 2008 presidential election. "This decision will be viewed as a strategic victory for our enemies in the Middle East, especially the Iranian regime, which has worked relentlessly to ensure a full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq."

### Top officials worried about possible threat from Iran

Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough dismissed the notion that Friday's decision would affect Iran, which he claimed already is "weaker and more isolated" due to U.S. and allied efforts unrelated to Iraq.

Another U.S. official- who is not authorized to speak for attribution-acknowledged that "the Iranians have been trying to gain influence in Iraq for some time," but stressed that "Iranian influence in Iraq has limits." The official said that Iraq "will not roll over" to Iran, with whom it has a long history of border disputes including a bloody eight-year war in the 1980s.

The current Status of Force Agreement had called for U.S. troops to leave by the end of 2011. But lengthy negotiations in recent months had led some to expect that American troops-roughly 40,000 of which are in Iraq-would remain there into next year.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and other top brass have repeatedly said any deal to keep U.S. troops in Iraq beyond the withdrawal deadline would require a guarantee of legal protection for American soldiers.

### Withdrawal will not mean an end to U.S. presence in Iraq

Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, commander of the U.S. troops in Iraq, has said that Iraq wouldn't be able to defend its borders if U.S. troops pulled out and also questioned Iraqi forces ability to defend its airspace. Panetta, said history shows that Iraq will be

ready. "We've taken out now about 10,000 troops and yet the level of violence has remained relatively low," the defense secretary said. "And I think that's a reflection of the fact that the Iraqis have developed a very important capability here to be able to respond to security threats within their own county."

Regardless, officials insisted that the drastic pullback of troops does not mean an end to the U.S. government's presence in Iraq.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner described Friday's development as the start of "a new chapter in our relationship" with Iraq-while acknowledging the challenges of the change.

"You can't flip a switch and go from a military operation to a civilian operation; there has to be a transition and we're working on that transition," he said. "But we believe we're ready."

### The argument over 'Obama policy'

There has been much international response to Obama's decision to pull the troops. Some are saying that it is not a coincidence that election 2012 will begin with the troops being pulled out of Iraq, as well as, a good number gone from Afghanistan.

The president's short statement about troop withdrawal did not propose Obama policy, but some officials believe that a hint of it was there.

Obama mentioned the dramatic death of Gaddafi and the operation to kill Bin Laden, suggesting that U.S. power would be used differently in the future.

He suggested that the power would switch from troops on the ground to pilots in the sky.

Some believe that Obama's real policy is "shrinking America's role in the world".

As the announcement was made, Republican candidate Mitt Romney tweeted, "@BarackObama's astonishing failure to secure an orderly transition in Iraq has unnecessarily put at risk victories won at great sacrifice."

Obama's announcement came as good news for most Americans; however some believe that the topic of our country's involvement in war is not longer relevant, but instead worry about finding and keeping a job.

During his speech the president did not try to pretend this was a national security issue.

He stated, "After a decade of war, the nation that we need to build and the nation that we will build is our own- an America that sees its economic strength restored just as we've restored our leadership around the globe."

## Gadhafi dead; future of Libya uncertain

By BRITTANY BERKE  
Nation & World Assistant

After months of war that led to the death of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, officials say that elections will start commence. In Tripoli, this move is the declaration of liberation enforced by Libya's new leaders.

The victory has been overlooked as questions arise over how Gadhafi was killed. Images emerged showing his captors brutally taunting him and beating him, leading people to assume he was alive.

Revolutionary forces swept into Tripoli and seized control of most of the oil-rich North African nation, making the declaration of liberation more of a reality.

Now that Gadhafi is gone, the National Transitional Council that is currently governing is planning to progress in transforming and upgrading the country to a democracy, after decades of being held in control by this one man.

NTC officials have said the announcement would be made Saturday in the eastern city of Benghazi, the revolution's birthplace.

However, spokesman Abdel-Rahman Busin said there are preparations being made to hold a Sunday ceremony instead; there was no explanation for the delay. The transitional leadership has said it would declare a new government temporarily within a month of liberation and hold elections for a constitutional assembly within eight months.

A year later, they will organize parliamentary and presidential vote. Mahmoud Jibril, the acting prime minister, says he will retire after liberation is achieved.

He had said that the interim government should "last until the first presidential elections."

He also stated the NTC must move quickly to disarm rebels who helped to overthrow Gadhafi's nearly 42-year-old regime.

Jibril said it was a priority to ensure huge supplies of weapons are turned in over the "next few days."

Gadhafi's blood-streaked body had been put on display in a commercial

freezer at a shopping center in Misrata as Libyan authorities argued about where to bury the remains.

Fighters from the city brutally weighed down by Gadhafi's forces during the civil war seemed to claim ownership which delayed the planned burial even further.

"At least four groups of doctors have examined the body and determined the cause of death was a bullet to the head and stomach", Bashagha said.

"As far as we are concerned in Misrata, doctors have checked him and determined how he died, so there is no need to cut his body up," he said.

People crowded into long lines to get a chance to view the body of Gadhafi, which was laid out on a mattress on the floor of an emptied-out vegetable and onions freezer.

The body had apparently been stowed in the freezer in an attempt to keep it out of the public eye, but once the location was known, that intention was thrown out the window in the overwhelming desire of residents to see the man they so deeply loathed.

Gadhafi's 69-year-old body was stripped to the waist, his torso and arms streaked with dried blood. Bullet wounds in the chest, abdomen and left side of the head were visible.

"There are some Libyans who don't believe that Gadhafi is dead," said Ali Souwan. He had the former dictator laid out in his home on the night of his death.

More than 24 hours after his death, the corpse of Gadhafi lie unburied, in contravention of Islamic tradition.

For the people of Misrata, the manner of Gadhafi's death matters little. What counts is that he is gone and that Libyans believe that he will not be coming back.

Some officials say that is why he has yet to be buried, to give the people time to see the body.

To the United Nations the way Gadhafi died does matter; they are asking for a full investigation.

As details emerge, questions are still being left unanswered

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LATimes.com

### Republicans criticize the president's decision

While Democrats largely applauded the announcement, some Re-



Photo: Justin Astafanous

Protesters march outside of ABC Studios in Times Square in mid-October.

## Occupy Wall Street becomes a global initiative

By ELLE TRUDEAU  
Nation & World Editor

Thousands of people across the world have rallied against corporate power, grinding poverty, and government cuts as the Occupy Wall Street movement spread to the streets of Europe, Asia and Australia.

In Rome, the protests became violent. Firefighters battled a fire at the Interior Ministry building near Porta San Giovanni, the main gathering site of the Italian protestors taking part in the Occupy movement Saturday, Oct. 15.

Police said hundreds of anarchists in Rome moved in where peaceful demonstrators had gathered as part of the global Occupy movement. The anarchists—some wearing ski masks and belonging to a group called “Black Bloc”—torched cars, broke windows and clashed with police.

In London, protestor Peter Vaughn, reflecting on the mood of many in the crowd there, said people criticized financial institutions that have “gambled away our money”.

One protestor in Belleville, France, referring to the country’s leaders, said government isn’t listening to the people and dialogue with them is impossible.

“You are not listening to us, whatever we do, however we vote, however we demonstrate. It does not give any result. Quite the opposite, as poverty and austerity plans continue. So we can’t go on like this so we are

getting out and showing ourselves,” he said.

The protests spread amid the growing financial crises for several Western countries. Finance ministers with the Group of 20, meeting in Paris, pledged Saturday to take “all necessary actions” to stabilize global markets and ensure that banks are well capitalized.

Europeans turned out amid debt troubles and austerity plans in Greece, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Germany.

United for Global Change—the central site for the movement organizing worldwide protests—said 951 cities in 82 countries were to take part in the demonstrations after online organizers called for a worldwide rally.

More than 10,000 demonstrators of all ages gathered peacefully in Madrid’s spacious Plaza de Cibeles on Saturday and then walked uphill to Puerta del Sol. Some demonstrators said they felt Spain’s protest had gone global and that the world had joined the movement that started in their country.

Besides the violence in Rome, which was not sanctioned by the Occupy movement, demonstrations have been peaceful overall.

In London, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange spoke to demonstrators. The demonstrations are contained in an area in front of St. Paul’s Cathedral.

“What is happening here today is a culmination of greed that many people all over the world have worked

towards from Cairo to London,” Assange said.

Tens of thousands have also demonstrated in German cities. Peaceful protests with a festive atmosphere blended with a mood of anger toward big business, where demonstrators carried signs.

Canadians turned out in Toronto, with placards jutting up from a crowd saying, “Arrest the 1%” and “Stop ignoring the youth, we are your tomorrow”.

Retired businessman Wong Chi Keung, in Hong Kong, said, “We should not let the banks get away with being big bullies.”

Debbie Chen works for a group protesting against Apple’s treatment of its workers in China. Australian cities of Melbourne and Sydney joined rallies against “corporate greed” as protestors aligned themselves with the global movement. “I’ve heard people say they plan to be there for days, even months,” Alex Gard, one of the Melbourne organizers stated.

Organizers worldwide have started social media pages on Facebook and Twitter devoted to “October 15”—#O15 on Twitter—urging protestors to join the global call for protests.

The worldwide movement is galvanized by the Occupy Wall Street movement started last month as a backlash against the economy and what demonstrators say is out-of-touch corporate, financial and political elite.

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## Perry may skip future debates

By ALYSSA BROWN  
Assistant News Editor

After only eight Republican candidate debates out of a potential 20 to 30, Governor Rick Perry of Texas has already decided he may skip some of the future debates.

Some claim it is because Perry has already done poorly in the previous debates.

According to Mike Miner, a spokesman of Perry, “We will look at each debate individually and then make a decision.”

Perry is, however, already planning to attend the next debate on Nov. 9 in Rochester, Michigan. “We said we would do it in Michigan, but the primaries are around the corner and you have to use your time accordingly,” Miner continued.

Perry has not done well in some of the debates, and said “These debates are set up for nothing more than to tear down the candidates. It’s pretty hard to be able to sit and lay out your ideas and your concepts with a one-minute response.”

One cause that has contributed to Perry’s poor performance is candidate Mitt Romney, who ran for president in 2008.

Romney has attacked Perry during televised debates.

There is no doubt that Romney’s campaign would use Perry’s absence from the future debates to their own advantage.

Other than criticism from Romney, it is unclear what would happen to Perry and his campaign if he decided to skip some of the debates.

Some claim that it would be a big political cost to his campaign.

He has been subjected to criticism that he is afraid to debate with the other Republican candidates.

But, it is also possible for Perry that the risk is worth it.

When running for governor of Texas last year, Perry refused to debate against his Democratic opponent, Bill White, until he would release his financial disclosure information.

Perry is setting up a similar platform this year.

He has asked Romney to release his personal tax returns, which he has yet to release.

Perry also wouldn’t say if he would decide to debate once Romney released the returns.

Spokesman Mike Miner responded, “Debates are not the issue here. Mitt Romney should follow Governor Perry’s lead and release his tax returns. What does he have to hide?”

Perry is not the only one upset; the other campaigns are also frustrated with the extensive amount of debates this year.

Additionally, debates take a tremendous amount of preparation and travel time.

It takes away time from fund-raising and working on the states that really matter right now: Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Florida.

One candidate, Jon M. Huntsman Jr., boycotted the last debate in Las Vegas when the state decided to hold a primary in mid-January; the primary was later moved to early February.

If the Republican candidates can keep up and successfully protest the debates, it will be a milestone in modern presidential campaign history.

If Perry decides to skip some of the debates, it is probable that other candidates will follow in his lead, and really change the way candidate’s campaign.

This brings to question something which few candidates ever ask: Are there too many of them?

The eight televised debates thus far have overshadowed more traditional campaigning in the 2012 primary contest. Mr. Perry’s strategists said this week that future debates would conflict with his campaign schedule.

Perry has called his participation in previous debates “a mistake.”

“The candidates need to spend more time in Iowa doing those town halls and spending more time with the voters, who oftentimes have the best questions and press the candidates the hardest,” Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Rick Perry, said on CNN.

## Turkish quake death toll climbs, but rescues continue

By BRITTANY BERKE  
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Turkish rescuers pulled out 18-year-old Imdat Padak from the debris of a collapsed building after a powerful earthquake hit eastern Turkey, killing 534 people and leaving thousands of survivors homeless.

Turkey’s Anatolia news agency said the man was rescued by an Azerbaijani crew and was flown to the nearby city of Van. Ercis, Turkey was hit the hardest by the 7.2-magnitude quake that struck Sunday, Oct. 23.

Although the young man was dehydrated, officials say he was still in good condition. It’s a miracle Padak was able to be rescued, but others were less fortunate.

Emergency officials said 2,300 people were injured, while 186 have

been rescued from the natural disaster.

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Muhlise Bakan, 41, was not happy to share her tent with her husband’s second wife, Hamide. “I have four children, she has five,” Bakan said. “We were sleeping in separate rooms

at our house, and now we are sleeping side by side here.” She then acknowledged the two women were now “closer” as they struggled together during this stressful period.

Health problems also increased the hardship of the situation drastically. “I am very sick, I need medicine,” said Kevsel Astan, 40, who had a kidney transplant four years ago.

She said she was being treated at the state hospital until the quake struck. The damaged hospital was evacuated and doctors were focusing on emergency cases, which seemed to be most survivors.

Burke Cinar, a sociologist with a Turkish foundation, said the group was trying to get tents for the families of 15 children with leukemia in Ercis.

On top of the earthquake, Turkey’s weather agency has predicted inter-

mittent snowfall for the next three days.

To assist the aiding process, foreign assistance immediately began arriving. Israel, though having a troubled political relationship with Turkey in the past, sent emergency housing units, blankets and clothing.

Britain said it was dispatching 1,000 tents. Germany, Russia and Ukraine also contributed. A Japanese disaster rescue team began working alongside Turkish rescuers.

Turkish television stations, meanwhile, organized a joint aid telethon that brought in just less than 62 million Turkish Lira (equivalent to \$37 million).

Syrians who had fled across the border to Turkey to escape violence in their homeland donated blood for the injured, the Anatolia news agency reported.

# SEAHAWK SPORTS

## Homecoming 2011 ends in a 24-0 shutout

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The Wagner Seahawks fought hard against Albany Great Danes but eventually fell to a 24-0 score in the wintry conditions during the homecoming game on Oct. 29. With the loss, the Seahawks fall to 1-7 on the season and 1-4 in the Northeast Conference.

### Effect of weather conditions

The 34-degree temperatures and the 20 mph winds effected teams on both ends of the ball. By the time the coin toss rolled around, there was too much snow to even see where the coin landed. The Seahawks deferred the toss and allowed the Great Danes to begin with the ball.

It was not until the 11th minute of the second quarter that a drive from either team turned out successful. The first quarter was characterized by a large running game due to the difficulty seeing through the blowing snow.

"Our strategies were to run the ball and run the clock," commented Head Coach Walt Hameline. Wagner did not throw one ball once during the first quarter.

### Game Coverage

Albany started strong with their first play of the game, completing a play that took the team from the Albany 31-yard-line to the Wagner 44. Wagner's defense however held the Great Danes with a big tackle from senior Quintin Anderson. The score remained zero all entering the second quarter while neither team made it

into the red zone.

Albany began with the ball in the second quarter where they gave the ball to junior Andrew Smith six plays in a row, resulting in a Great Dane touchdown with 11:46 left in the quarter.

Both teams continued to find that their passing game was not an option as the wind and snow clouded visibility and made for a heavier football. By the end of the first half, Albany had completed 25 plays for a total of 110-yards and Wagner had completed 27 plays for a total of 90- yards.

Wagner relied on sophomore running back Dominique Williams with 61-rushing yards and junior quarterback Nick Doscher with 28- rushing yards.

The third quarter started well for the Seahawks. On the third down of Albany's first possession of the quarter, Dean Mercuris fumbled the football, which was recovered by sophomore Patrick O'Connor, leading to Wagner's longest drive of the game.

Williams dominated the 11- play drive, running the ball for two first downs. On fourth down, Doscher completed a pass to Kenny Howard, who successfully caught the ball, but due to the ice and rain that had now covered the snow on the field, slipped short of the first down. This turnover led to an 86-yard drive by Albany in which sophomore tailback Dillon Romain scored a touchdown with a 2 yard run with 2:56 left in the third quarter, followed by a field goal.

About five minutes into the fourth quarter, Williams muffed a punt from

the Great Danes but was recovered by Albany at the Wager 12.

The defense, led by junior linebacker Mike Lombardo, held the Great Danes from any significant gain. Albany ended the drive with a 23-yard field goal by Glass.

The following play from Wagner the ball was dropped after a completed pass and was recovered by Albany safety Brandon Baylor who ran to the Wagner 2-yard line where he was tackled by Doscher. Romain ran for a 3-yard touchdown. This was the final scoring drive of the game, leading to a final of Albany 24 to Wagner 0.

### Final game statistics

Williams rushed for 145 yards on a career-high 34 carries, surpassing the 100-yard mark for the fifth time this season and ninth time in his 16-game Seahawk career.

Doscher completed 4 of 8 catches with a total of 25 thrown yards. On the ground, he ran for 42 yards, usually after attempting to throw and finding no one open. He was also sacked three times, decreasing his net rushing yards to 20.

Lombardo ended with 12 tackles, a game and career high, along with one sack. Junior Carl-Olivier Prime also helped the Seahawk defense with his 11 forced stops and one forced fumble.

"We made more mistakes than the other team," commented Coach Hameline after the game. "We couldn't put points on the board and they could...we have to be able to move on from the loss."



Photo: Katelynn Rusnock

Wagner struggles running through the inches of record breaking snow during homecoming game 2011.



Photo: Katelynn Rusnock

Two inches of snow covered the turf field while workers plowed and shoveled throughout the game.

## Swimming off to a strong start

By JESSE MCCAIG  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The women's swimming and diving team has had a tremendous start to their 2011/2012 season, remaining undefeated, 2-0.

Seahawks defeated Bryant on Oct. 15, scoring 180-78, in an impressive season opener at Spiro Sports Center. The 200-medley relay team missed the gold by a mere .03 seconds, taking the silver and bronze. The diving team also posted impressive scores leading to a strong victory. Coach Kelly Mohr said, "I could not be more proud of their efforts, and excited about next weekend."

And there was plenty of excitement to be shared among the Wagner ladies this past weekend as they traveled to Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD to take on the Mountaineers, 146-106. The 200-

medley relay team, including Breanne Sweeny, Kelsey Thomas, Meredith Ketchmark, and Lynn Tay, took first place, edging out Mount's team by 2 seconds.

Later, Thomas would go on to set a Mount St. Mary's Pool record with a time of 1:16.87 in the 100 breaststroke event. Freshman Morgan Stoner, and sophomore Kristen Lee would follow Thomas with second and third.

Alanna Gibbons earned her first individual victory of the year in the 100 butterfly, taking gold by .05 seconds.

Mallory Lee led the diving team at the Central Connecticut State Invitational in New Britain, CT with two sixth place finishes of 178.70 on the one-meter board and 169.75 on the three. Lee was named The Northeast Conference Diver of the Week from last week's opener, continuing to post impressive scores.

## Hats off to 2011 women's soccer season

"I am very proud of the players and what they have accomplished. Credit goes to their performance and advancing the program in just one year."

-Head Coach Michael Minielli

### Accomplishments:

- Best record percentage in the program's history
- Most number of wins in program's history
- Statistically best defense in the NEC

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# Calling all students: Basketball season is sneaking up on us

By **ALEXANDRIA GRECO**  
Sports Editor

**Work hard, play hard**

The men and women's basketball teams are looking confident in their upcoming seasons this year with a great turnout at their Seahawks Sore at Six-Madness before Midnight Event on Oct. 14.

Receiving tremendous media attention Junior forward Josh Thompson stole the show with his slam-dunk over his mother.



Photo Courtesy of Wagner Athletics

Thompson's impressive dunk over his own mother at Midnight Madness.

Thompson states, "It's been a blessing for myself, my family and the whole Wagner basketball program. I feel like the attention my

dunk has received is foreshadowing what's about to come for the basketball team. And although it does feel good to receive so much attention, I won't be satisfied until my whole team is recognized for our earned accomplishments."

Also making the talk of the school, center Naofall Folahan had a nifty 360 jam and Guard Kenny Ortiz, both sophomores, had a slam-dunk off the backboard.

The women and men's team took part in a co-ed 3-point shootout; the Canadian duo sophomore Laura Amorosa and Tyler Murray took first by a 13-11 count in the finals.

The women's basketball team opens the season at Army on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. before the men's basketball team begins its season with a game at Princeton on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**New Official Voice**

Now, you never have to miss a basketball game.

If you are scrunched for time, have to much schoolwork or are finally free and the Seahawks are on the road, don't stress!

Head Coach Dan Hurley has found a way to accommodate everyone and to still put you in the Seahawk Spirit.

Coach Hurley announced WFAN Update Anchor and News 12 New Jersey Sports Anchor/ Reporter Joey Wahler will serve as the official voice for the 2011-2012-basketball season.

This means clear game coverage is coming to you.

"Wagner appears on the verge of big things, so I feel fortunate to be in on the ground floor of this renais-

sance on Staten Island," said Wahler. "I can't wait to begin describing the exploits of this exciting young team. And I'll learn a lot being around two-thirds of New Jersey's first family of basketball, Dan and Bobby Hurley."

Thompson expresses, "Joey Wahler is another addition to the excitement and atmosphere of Wagner athletics. I think he is a great guy that will keep our fans and program excited and engaged in our games and events."

**Broadcast schedule and pricing**

Wahler will broadcast all 13 home games via the [www.wagnerathletics.com](http://www.wagnerathletics.com). Each game can be purchased for \$7.95. A season pass costs \$49.95.

All 16-road games, of straight audio broadcast can be accessed free in thanks to an agreement with Red Zone Media.

Additionally, all games that will be broadcast via regional or national television will not be streamed. Rather a free audio broadcast will be available of those games through Red Zone Media. A complete Northeast Conference Television list will be announced at a later date.

"I believe our team will win the NEC Championship. Our coaching staff and players have our minds set and there is no reason why we can't make it happen. This year will be another example of the positive direction Men's Basketball program is headed in," states Thompson.

\*Wagner Athletics Material was used in this report.

## Basketball Student Rewards Program

*Attend the basketball games all season long for these great winning opportunities!*

**5 Students will win prizes:**

- \*Each student will receive one raffle ticket for each home Men and Women's basketball games they attend.
- \*Students will receive bonus raffle tickets for participating in other basketball related events.
- \*First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth place winners will be selected at the final regular season home game.

**Grand Prize:**

- \*Win up to \$500 in books for the following semester.
- \*If you're a graduating senior, receive a \$500 American Express Gift Card.

**Runner's up:**

(2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th)

- \*All runners up will receive a \$50 Gift Card to the Bookstore.



## Manfredi Auto Group Shoot To Win

- \*Each home game, one fan will attempt to shoot a Lay up, Free Throw, Three Point and Half Court Shot to win cash.
- \*The First Home Game of the season will be worth \$1,000 and each time a fan does not win, the pot increases an additional \$1,000. The final home game of the season will be worth upwards of \$25,000.

\* More to come as the season progresses\*

# Cross country overcomes weather conditions for NEC Championship

*Spector earns forth straight All-NEC while Bivona leads women's team to ninth place*

By **EMILY REKSTIS**  
Assistant Sports Editor

**Men's Team**

The men's cross country team finished in seventh place with 173 points in the NEC Championship meet on Oct. 29 at Holmdel Park. Senior Zachary Spector made school history with the first ever to accrue fourth-straight All-Conference honors.

Spector finished in 11th place in the 8K with a time 27:10.70. He had a fall midway through the race due to the slippery conditions that most of the Northeast faced. Senior Thomas Iannacone finished in 23rd with a mark of 24:46.90. Rookie freshman James Naglieri pulled out a time of 28:06.90 placing him in 34th place. Fourth on the team and 42nd overall was sophomore Daniel Zaccariello while freshman Timothy Mendez finished off the team placing 68th.



Photo Courtesy of Wagner Athletics  
Spector makes history.

Spector, Iannacone, Naglieri and Zaccariello will compete in the NCAA Regional Championships on Saturday, November 12.

**Women's Team**

The women's cross country team finished ninth place out of the 12 teams at the tournament. The Green and White had to endure the freezing rain on Oct. 29 as well as the men's

team. The final score for the Seahawks was 229 points right behind Mount Saint Mary's.

Sophomore Alexis Bivona led Wagner in their 5K run finishing 22nd place with a time of 19:49.70. Sophomore Samantha Lauro was the second Wagner finisher with a time of 20:18.90 putting her into 41st place.

Lauro: "The weather was a major factor in the results of the race but considering everything, I thought I ran well. As a team, we could have done better but we are a young team and still have a lot of potential for next year."

Junior Taylor Fredrickson was not far behind Lauro with a time of 21:09.90 placing 58th. Cameo Kirk came in 63rd place time of 21:22.60 while freshman Heather Wolf rounded out the scores with a time of 21:41.0 placing in 70th.

# Deck the Halls for... Halloween?

*Although it appeared to be winter outside, inside the residence halls, students' rooms stayed true to fall and were decorated to show their Halloween spirit.*



Juniors Samantha Knoerzer and Kayla Thomas used crazy colored spiderwebs to decorate their room.

Sophomores Alyssa Brown and Sara Mfarrej used Halloween-esque caution tape and brightly colored skeletons and window clings.

Sophomore Cristina Centonzo and Junior Emily Grimm decorated their room with sparkly garland and pumpkin cut outs.



Seniors Danielle Dallaco and Emily Darveau's used creepy wall decals and hand carved pumpkins to decorate their room.

Spiderwebs added a Halloween feel to the jungle-themed room of juniors Patricia Joseph, Laura Tetley, Josepine Ieraci, and Catherine Garasso

Seniors Lisa Schneider, Brandi Adduce, Diana Papa, and Marissa DiBartolo incorporated everything from ghosts to Frankenstein glassware in their room.