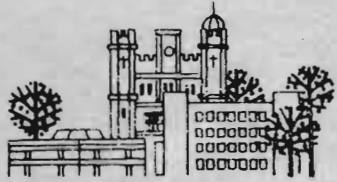


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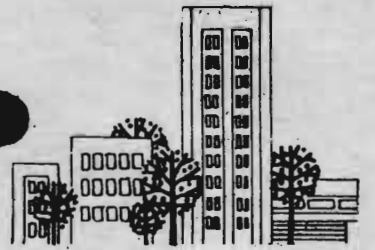
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German Consul Posadowsky-Wehner Delivers Commencement Address

Dr. Arthur Davidson, President of Wagner College, announced that the college will present three honorary degrees and a distinguished citizenship award at the May 19 Commencement exercises.

The first honorary degree will go to Count Harald von Posadowsky-Wehner, the Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany. Count von Posadowsky-Wehner will also deliver the Commencement address. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Count von Posadowsky-Wehner studied between 1932 and 1937 at the universities of Frankfurt, Hamburg, Paris, and London, and holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Hamburg.

In the early 1950's he was head of the American Division for the Federal Ministry of Economics in Bonn, and later became Commercial Councillor for the German Embassy in Australia.

Between 1956 and 1960 he worked for the Foreign Office in Bonn and then served four years as the German Ambassador in Lagos, Nigeria.

From 1964 to 1970 he was Director of the African Division for the Foreign Office before

coming to New York as the German Consul General.

An honorary Doctor of Science degree will be presented to Mr. Eugen E. Megerle, President of the Wella Corporation. Mr. Megerle earned an electrical engineering degree in Germany in 1926 and came to the United States one year later. He founded the forerunner of the Wella Corporation in 1931, and in 1937 moved to Wales, where he established the E. M. Manufacturing Company.

He sold the company and resettled in the United States in 1939. The Wella Corporation began in New York City, moved to Englewood, New Jersey, and recently added a new facility in Teterboro. The Wella Corporation of Canada, Ltd., another of Mr. Megerle's ventures, is growing steadily, as is a company in Puerto Rico.

His memberships include the Liederkranz German Society, the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, and the board of managers of the Isabella Geriatric Center. He has long been a supporter of Wagner College and Trinity Lutheran Church on Staten Island.

The third honorary degree -- Doctor of Science -- will go to astronaut Edward G. Gibson, who recently spent a record 84

days in space. Dr. Gibson received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Rochester in 1959, and completed his doctorate in engineering at the California Institute of Technology in 1964.

Before joining NASA in 1965, he was a senior research scientist with the Applied Research Laboratories of the Philco Corporation.

He served as a member of the astronaut support crew for the Apollo 12 mission and participated in the design and testing of many elements of the Skylab space station.

He served as Science-Pilot for Skylab 4 and was in space from November 16, 1973 to February 8, 1974. During the mission he travelled 34.5 million miles, circled the earth 1,214 times, and helped set a long list of science and flight records.

The 1974 Distinguished Citizenship Award will go to Mrs. Margaret Graves Gilbert, a popular local musician, and the 1971 S.I. Advance Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Gilbert received her bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Wayne State University and is presently teaching music at Wagner.

She has been extremely active

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Count Harald von Posadowsky-Wehner

ALMA MATER

Beautiful upon the hill,
Looking out to the sea;
There our thoughts are turning still,
To hours we've spent with thee.
We love thee, Alma Mater,
Our praise to thee we sing,
For Wagner will forever be
Deep in our memory.

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(INSIDE -- a review of a recent publication by Dr. Eleanor Rogg of the Sociology Department, some important news from Germany, three faculty members selected as Outstanding Educators, a list of the 1974 academic honors, and more...)



## COMMENCEMENT SPECIAL!!



## Davidson, Bock Visit Germany and Austria

### Meet German President, Discuss plans For Possible Cooperation Program

by Gene F. Barfield

In a recent trip to Europe Wagner President and Mrs. Arthur Davidson and Dr. Walter Bock, Director of Church Relations for the college, participated in a series of conversations with members of the government of the Federal Republic of Germany regarding the possibility of sending German students to the United States, and to Wagner College specifically. While in Bonn Dr. and Mrs. Davidson and Dr. Bock were received by Dr. Gustav Heinemann, President of the Federal Republic. Following their stay in West Germany, they proceeded to Bregenz, Austria, home of Wagner's foreign study program, where Dr. Davidson was presented with the Silver Cross of Honor of the Austrian State of Vorarlberg.

Dr. Davidson and Dr. Bock

met in Bonn with representatives of the government education ministry, to discuss the possibility of the government sending German students over here in the future. Germany has a great number of students seeking entry into universities for whom there is no room available within the present German university system. The government has agreed to consider sending the students for foreign study and pay for that rather than construct and equip all new university centers for them.

On his return Dr. Davidson was quick to point out that the entire question is still just a series of conversations. Dr. Bock, who has been doing much of the footwork involved in determining the various options and the proper channels, has been in contact with the U.S.

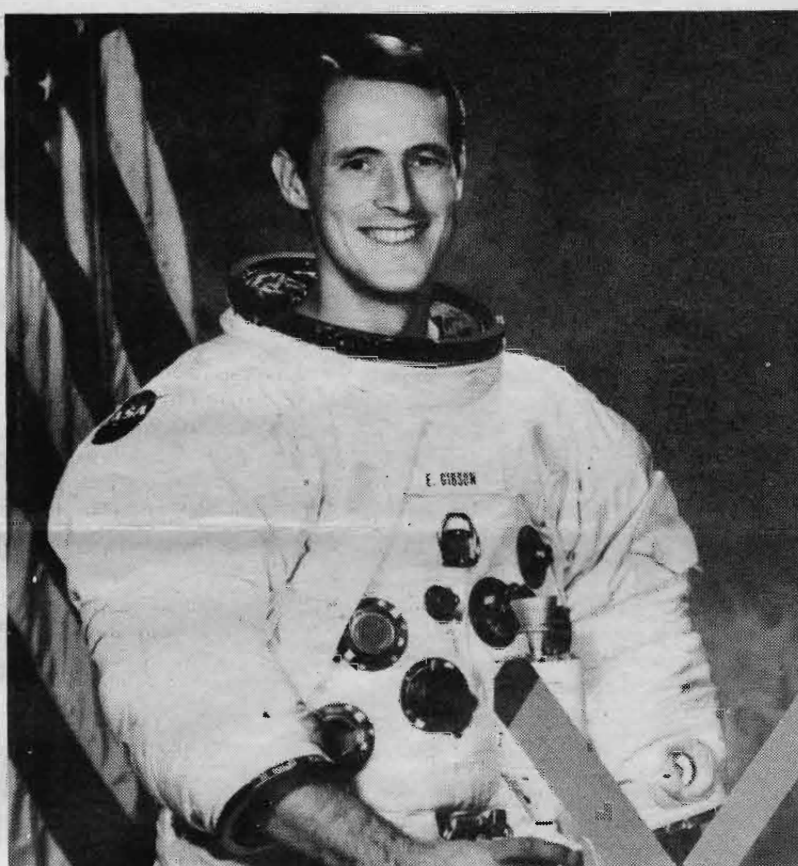
Department of State, and has been encouraged by their response to the idea. However, there are said to be some disagreements between the political parties in West Germany on the students question, and while there are people in the federal government there who favor the idea, to this date no legislative action has supported the idea. Of his talks with the education representatives and the German President, Dr. Davidson said plainly that "all of them knew it had not been legally decided, that the idea was still a matter of talk," and that no actual government decisions had been made. However, as the conversations progressed Dr. Davidson said that he saw a great potential to receiving the German students in the United States, and at Wagner especially

because of this college's long-standing German-American relations. As the Wagner president said, "if it did come to pass, they would send the students here [to Wagner], and pay for them!"

Previous to this trip there had been some newspaper reports about claims that Georgetown University had made agreements with the German government on the same topic. Georgetown administrator Father Ryan had announced that GU had received assurances that great numbers of German students would be arriving there in September, and it was his contention that GU had acquired an exclusive right to these students. It has since turned out that Georgetown had only a handful of commitments from students in Germany, and that these agreements were independent of any actions of

their federal government. Ryan's discussions had been with one of the German federal states, and not with the central education ministry. Pointing out that Father Ryan's claims had been greatly exaggerated and in many cases completely false, Dr. Davidson said that the federal education officers had heard of Father Ryan, "but they had not worked with him."

Dr. Bock and Dr. Davidson spent a great amount of their time in Bonn speaking about Wagner College. "They all knew about Wagner," Dr. Davidson mentioned, but they wanted to know some in-depth information about the college before they would actively consider a commitment to Wagner on behalf of the government. Wagner was founded by German-speaking immigrants as a proseminary school for ministers who would work with German-speaking congregations in the United States. The college has had a strong and active relationship with the German-American community for all of Wagner's 92-year history. There have also been many occasions of communication between Wagner and Germany. It was only several months ago that Dr. Davidson and Dr. Bock, along with a member of the college's faculty, were received into the Johanniter Order, a German order of knighthood. The 1972 travels of the College Choir throughout Germany, and the warm welcome the singers received from many high ranking church and government authorities while there, is indicative of the close affections Wagner College and many people in Germany have for each other. Dr. Bock, who organized the recent Choir tour of Germany, has been tremendously important in maintaining and developing the college's relations with the German community, and it was for this reason that he



Honorary Degree recipients Eugen Megerle and Edward Gibson

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in Staten Island community music for over 25 years, and is currently a violinist with the Wagner College String Quartet and concertmaster of the Wagner College Community Symphony Orchestra. Here on the campus she is noted especially for her organization of the informal Fire Escape Concert series, held on Monday evenings during the Fall and Spring, on the fire escape of

North Hall. Many students will also remember that it was her effort that prompted the recent Sparkle Concert, the combination of light, informal music with audio-visual effects that took place in Main Hall several weeks ago.

Mrs. Gilbert was honored last Spring when Alethea, the Wagner senior womens' honor society, named her Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Gilbert noted that what is most significant about the Distinguished Citizenship Award is "not simply having the award, but having it from Wagner -- a place that means a lot to me. I think of Wagner in terms of a meaningful personal relationship rather than teaching duties."

This year Wagner will graduate some 650 students, 239 of them Staten Islanders.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Students of Wagner College

We should like to express our appreciation to you for making our professional lives a delight.

Your serious attitude toward your work, your willingness to relate to us as persons, your respect for our views and tolerance of our foibles relieve the official stiffness which is apt to plague the professional.

Margaret Graves  
Jane Bacher



Mrs. Margaret Graves Gilbert, recipient of the 1974 Distinguished Citizenship Award



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# Rogg Writes On Cuban Exiles

Dr. Eleanor Rogg, an associate professor of sociology at Wagner College, has published a book which examines social forces at work in West New York, N.J. "The Assimilation of Cuban Exiles: The Role of Community and Class," published by Aberdeen Press, traces the problems of resettling a large Cuban refugee population in the suburban New Jersey community.

Dr. Rogg explains that the book grew from a study funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, which had asked her to evaluate the effectiveness of the government's refugee resettlement program. Several years ago, the U.S. government established a program for moving Cuban refugees from Miami to other parts of the country. The program offered those willing to move both air-fare and a one-week living allowance and provided sponsors to help the resettled families find housing and jobs.

West New York turned out to be one of the key resettlement areas under the program, and, according to Dr. Rogg, the transition has been quite smooth. Her text examines the thesis that "assimilation, or the ability to become a part of the

new community, is a function of class rather than ethnic background."

Dr. Rogg has learned that the Cuban refugees -- a great many of them members of the middle classes before leaving Cuba -- have had little difficulty in gaining acceptance in their new surroundings, simply because they have a great deal in common with their American-born neighbors.

The book also studies the extent to which a community of Cubans has eased the transition. The majority of the Cuban families Dr. Rogg studied live in the same neighborhood and have their own relatively homogenous community. "To many people," she remarks, "this looks like something that would slow down the process of adjustment, but in reality it makes readjustment easier. The reason is that if you live with people who share your own background, your mental health and personal adjustment are better. Living in friendly surroundings simply makes you better able to grow into the new environment."

One of her major points is that "when you assimilate, you don't necessarily give up your background. There are obviously many different ethnic

backgrounds in America, yet people can feel very American without forgetting their ancestry. We are coming to realize more and more that ethnicity is stronger than we once believed."

One of the unique aspects of Dr. Rogg's book, which she expects will have a large readership in the Cuban community and in college-level courses on racial and ethnic relations, is that she is also making available computer cards which summarize all the data she collected in writing the book. The cards can then be used as a basis for follow-up studies or new research projects in similar areas.

Dr. Rogg received her bachelor's degree from Hunter College in 1963, her master's from Columbia University in 1965, and her Ph.D. from Fordham University in 1970. At the recent academic awards convocation held in the Wagner Union cafeteria, she was awarded the Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Award, a presentation made annually by the leadership and scholarship honor society, recognizing a faculty member for distinguished service to the college and academic life.

## Davidsons, Bock To Germany

accompanied President Davidson to Bonn, to assist in the discussions. The government spokesmen with whom Dr. Bock and Dr. Davidson met are willing to visit Wagner, and Dr. Davidson stated that the first comment that President Dr. Heinemann made to him was, "Tell me more about Wagner."

Following their talks with the German government Dr. and Mrs. Davidson and Dr. Bock proceeded to Bregenz, Austria, where they spent five days with the students, and where Dr. Davidson received the Silver Cross of Honor from Governor Kessler of the Austrian Federal State of Vorarlberg. The award,

which was announced some time ago, is given by the State of Vorarlberg, of which Bregenz is capital, for service to the state. Dr. Davidson was honored in connection with his efforts in founding and maintaining Wagner's widely-reputed study program in Bregenz. The college president was notified of the award over one year ago, but was unable to make the journey to accept it until this year. It is Dr. Davidson's custom to visit the study program annually if possible, to meet with Dr. Gaspard Pinette, its director, and to visit the students. This year he and Mrs. Davidson accompanied them as they

traveled around Austria, dined with them and, as Mrs. Davidson mentioned soon after their return, kept quite busy with courtesy visits to local dignitaries and visits to friends they have made through the study program. However, Dr. and Mrs. Davidson and Dr. Bock all said that even the working days were great.

At the time of their departure the ten-day trip remained unpublicized because of incidents of burglary at the President's house on Sunrise Terrace. Dr. Davidson did not release details of the journey until after they returned, to ensure the security of their house.

# Commencement - Your Beginning

by Laura E. Guarino

For those of you who are graduating this is one of the most important occasions of your lives. It marks the end of a long and -- hopefully -- a significant period. But a commencement does not mean the end but, rather, the beginning. For many it will be the beginning of a career, for others, graduate school; but for many it will be the beginning of a number of questions. Where are you going? What will you do? How well prepared are you? And What do you really want?

This will be perhaps the first time that you will have to sit down and think of what college has actually taught you and if it has readied you to face the pressures and demands of the outside world. I say outside world because I believe that college is a closed community and in many ways does not prepare you to meet the challenges and difficulties that await you -- after graduation.

You have received an education -- but in what? Sociology courses will not prepare you to deal with society on a personal level. Textbook theories in Psychology will be of little use in a world where personal relationships very rarely fit into the patterns of controlled experiments. Education majors are finding it very difficult to use their talents and if they have a job, they discover it is not the ivy covered tower of learning they had expected. In light of my pessimistic view of the future, many people have asked me why I went to college.

I believe that my reasons were much the same as everyone's. I was looking for a place to start. A basis from which I would begin to understand. College teaches a number of things and most of it comes from sources other than books and lectures. It is the one place where most of your individual growing takes place. You learn to make mistakes and live with them and -- hopefully -- to learn from them. And you learn how to think -- ideally. Those things you learned in classrooms be it psychological theories, sociological studies or the form of epic poetry are a starting place from where your own intellect and thinking capacity takes over and develops, if it hasn't already. They are merely concepts which you must now -- at the advent of your commencement -- deal with and put into practice, in light of the reality around you.

Many times educators teach you theories without teaching you or helping you to develop your own. Now is the time when you are allowed to think (and not be penalized for it) and now is the time that you must think.

As intelligent individuals you have been given a trust -- to me it is as sacred as religion is to others -- your mind. Now that you have graduated it does not mean the end of your growth and your intellect. It is not time to put your education and intellectual powers away.

It has been said that the class of '74 is perhaps the most educated class ever to graduate college, in terms of the amount of information that has been drilled into you for four years. This may or may not be so but all of this education will mean little in the long run if you refuse to use it to its best advantage. Every day is a learning experience but only if you -- as individuals -- are open to it. I hope that if nothing else you have learned the importance of that one quality. It is the only true prerequisite for living.

On the day of your commencement it is important that you remember one basic fact. This day is your beginning;

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# 1974 Academic Honors List

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| Alpha Delta Pi Prize in Mathematics          | Nicholas Phillips               | L. Willard Knight Memorial Award For Scholastic Achievement                                       | Douglas Kowalski                  |
| Alpha Omicron Pi Award                       | Jeanette Samara                 | The Literary Society Foundation, Inc. Award                                                       | Louis D'Aquila                    |
| Alpha Tau Mu Prize                           | Anni Beck                       | Ministerial Prize                                                                                 | Hemry Pawluk, Bruce Richardson    |
| The Bacteriology Award                       | Philip Dehazy                   | New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (Richmond County Chapter) Accounting Prize | Gregg E. Kiefer                   |
| Beta Beta Beta Prize                         | Elaine Dante                    | Nicum Prize                                                                                       | Cheryl Tamarin                    |
| Robert Blomquist Memorial Award in Biology   | Mary Ellen Romano               | Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Award                                                                 | Dr. Eleanor Rogg                  |
| The Clauson Prize                            | Frank Ortolano                  | Psi Chi Award                                                                                     | Barbara Horstmann                 |
| Creative Dance Award                         | Susan Moan                      | The Psychology Club Award                                                                         | Thomas McCabe                     |
| Lee Yorgey Davidheiser Prize in Chemistry    | Douglas Menikheim               | Puerto Rican Writers Association Award                                                            | Diane Recio                       |
| David M. Delo Award                          | Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity    | The Osvalds Simanis Memorial Award                                                                | Karen Wilson                      |
| Elsie M. Delo Award                          | Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority         | Sociological Society Award                                                                        | Sally McSweeney                   |
| Dime Savings Bank Award                      | Thomas Canfarotta, Alan Jensen  | The Intermediate Spanish Prize                                                                    | Fedya Blanchard                   |
| Dreyfus Prize                                | Mario Poon                      | Spiro Prize                                                                                       | Maryellen Steffy                  |
| The Richard DuPre Award                      | Paul Chelstowski                | Staten Island Hospital Award For Excellence In Nursing Care                                       | Karen Hartkopf, Deborah McFarland |
| Education Award                              | Kathleen Cywin, Dorothy Lorenzo | The Sigvart J. Steen Scholarship Award In Music                                                   | William Breitenbeucher            |
| Phillip Freilich Memorial Award              | Stuart M. Hochron               | The Steuben Society Award                                                                         | Elaine Beck, Susan Ozimek         |
| German Prize                                 | Ellen Lepowsky, Pamela Roth     | The Verrazano Memorial Prize                                                                      | Charles DeBoesche                 |
| George A. Giesemann Appreciation Award       | Mrs. Arthur Donnelly            | The Wall Street Journal Award in Graduate Study                                                   | Frederick J. Huening              |
| Giesemann Memorial Award (Alpha Phi Omega)   | Hans Mortensen                  |                                                                                                   |                                   |
| George G. Hackman Prize in Religious Studies | Denise Kyle                     |                                                                                                   |                                   |
| Kappa Mu Epsilon Award                       | Brian Manske                    |                                                                                                   |                                   |

## 3 Faculty Called Outstanding

Three members of the Wagner College faculty have been chosen Outstanding Educators of America for 1974 and will be listed in an annual awards volume by the Washington-based publication.

The first is Dr. Egon O. Wendel, Wagner's Academic Dean and Professor of Education. He holds an Ed.D. degree from New York University and has been with the college since 1952. He was chairman of Wagner's education department from 1965 to 1969, and was later named associate dean of the college and director of graduate studies. From 1971 to 1973 he was dean of the faculty, and he became Academic Dean in 1973. He is responsible for working with the faculty on curriculum development and academic planning, and he oversees such areas as admissions, audio-visual services, the College Achievement Program, continuing education, the planetarium, and the Bregenz program, Wagner's Austrian campus.

Also listed is Dr. Edythe Kershaw, chairman of the school's department of bacteriology and public health. A Wagner instructor since 1946, she holds a Ph.D. from New York University and is on the governing council of the American Society of Microbiologists, New York City branch. She is adviser for medical technology and bacteriology majors at Wagner and is director of the school's highly successful hospital administration graduate program. From 1946 to 1970 she was consulting bacteriologist for Parkway Hospital and the Colosi Laboratories.

The third faculty member is Dr. Arland J. Hultgren, an assistant professor of Religious Studies and Greek. A leading Biblical scholar, he received his Th.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in 1971. One of his publications, "Second Thoughts About Luke," appeared in a recent issue of THE LUTHERAN FORUM. He has also appeared as a lecturer for several local clergy groups. He is secretary of the Wagner College faculty and is adviser for Wagner's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership and scholarship honor society.

According to the publishers of Outstanding Educators in America, selection is based on classroom talents, civic service, and professional recognition.

## Futchs Awarded Alumni Key

The Rev. Dr. Carl Futchs, a 1924 graduate of Wagner College, will receive a 50 year alumni key at the 1974 Commencement ceremonies, according to an announcement made by Mr. John 'Bunny' Barbes, the college's Director of Alumni Affairs.

A native of Wilmington, North Carolina, and now a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey, Dr. Futchs graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1927 and began working that same year as institutional chaplain for the Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New York City. He held the position until May, 1942, when he was called to be executive secretary of the Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

In 1946 Dr. Futchs became Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Association in

New Jersey and held the position until his retirement in 1968. During his tenure as head of the New Jersey association, he led the Lutheran Welfare Association into such new fields of service as foster home and adoption service, family welfare, and chaplaincies in hospitals and penal institutions.

He has also served as Secretary to the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, has been a member of the New Jersey State Commission on Displaced Persons, and acted as chairman of the Atlantic Central Conference of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America.

Wagner College granted him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1957.

Dr. Futchs is still active as a preacher within the New Jersey Synod, and as a consultant for the Lutheran Welfare Association.

## Waldheim Receives Honorary Degree

Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations recently accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wagner College. The degree was conferred upon him by Dr. Arthur O. Davidson, at a formal dinner in the Hotel Commodore given in Dr. Waldheim's honor by the German Society of the City of New York.

Wagner College approved the degree in 1972, but Dr. Waldheim had been unable to accept the diploma until this time.

A lifelong diplomat, Dr. Waldheim began training for his career early in his schooling in Austria, first at the Vienna Counselor Academy and then at the University of Vienna, where he received a doctorate in Jurisprudence in 1944.

He entered Austria's diplomatic service in 1945 at the age of 27. From 1948 to 1951 he was head of the personnel department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna. In 1955 he was appointed permanent observer of Austria

to the U.N. and was head of the Austrian Mission when he country was admitted to the world organization.

Between 1956 and 1960 he served as Minister Plenipotentiary and later as ambassador in Canada. In 1960 he became head of the Political Department West and took over as Director General for Political Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1962.

From 1963 to 1964 he served as Austria's permanent representative to the United Nations. During his term of office he was elected chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and in 1968 was elected President of the First United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

He served as Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs between 1968 and 1970 and in June 1970 was unanimously elected chairman of the safeguards committee of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Dr. Waldheim succeeded U Thant as U.N. Secretary General in 1971.

## Collegium Gets \$1000 Grant

The Collegium Musicum Wagneriensis is proud to announce that they have raised more than a thousand dollars this year. The money has been raised as matching funds in order to be eligible for a grant of \$1,000 from the Theodore Presser Foundation.

This is the second award from the Presser Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000. The Collegium has used the money to purchase new instruments. Each time, the grant was conditional upon matching funds from the college. Last year, the Alumni Council

donated the necessary \$1,000. This year the members of the Collegium held fund-raising parties, gave concerts and finally raffled off a television set in order to meet the condition of the grant. Their success can be seen in that they exceeded their goal by over \$100.

Needless to say, the members of the Collegium Musicum are excited to know that their efforts were so successful. They also wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who have so generously made donations to help their cause.

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