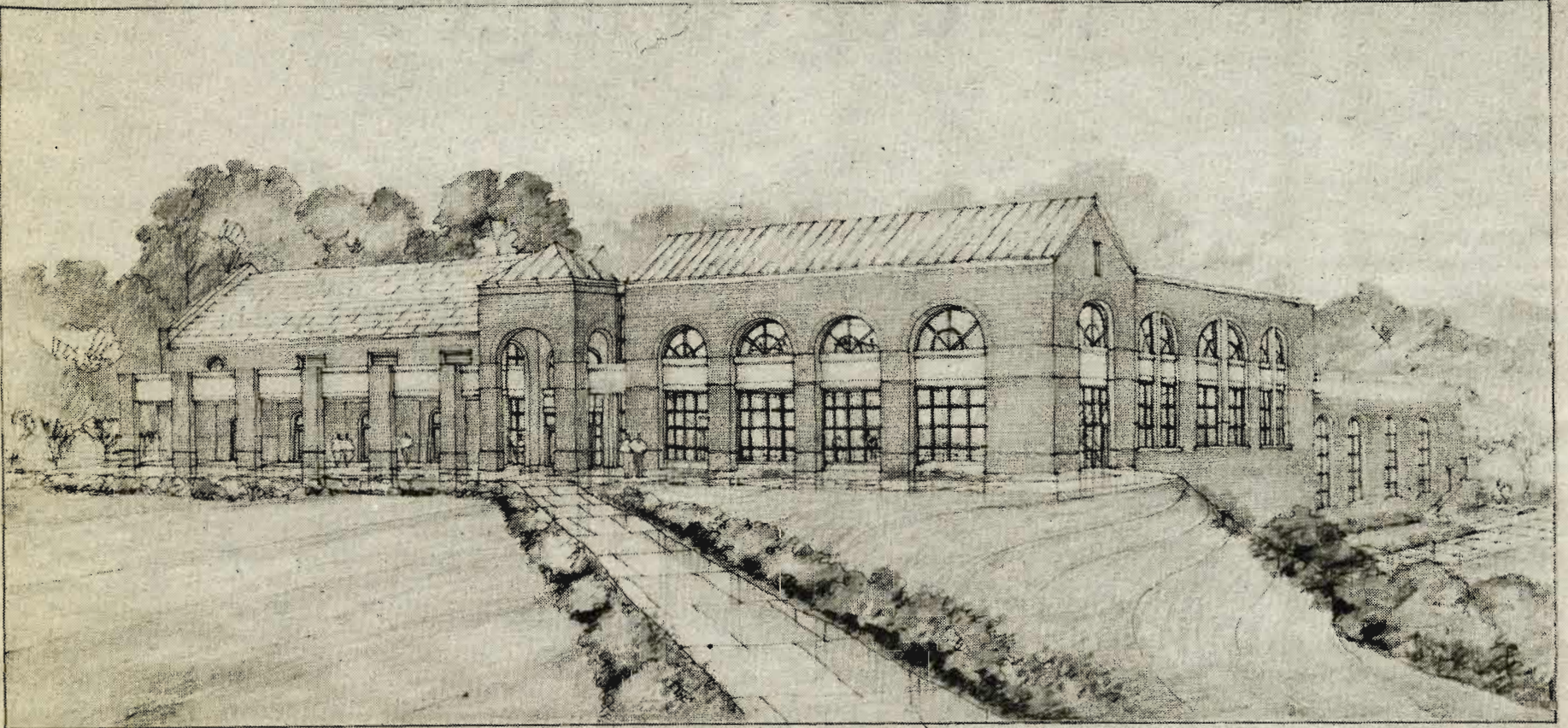


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PERSPECTIVE

Campus to get new addition

By DANIELLA KING
Wagnerian Staff Writer

For many years it has been talked about, and now the time has finally come. Wagner has announced that it will be spending almost \$13 million dollars on a new football facility and recreational center.

Wagner College President, Dr. Norman Smith, released the information and promised that construction for the long-anticipated project will begin sometime in the upcoming months and will be completed by the fall of 1998.

Students reacting to the news expressed many of the same opinions.

"It's about time," stated Anthony Hepkins, a junior track star at Wagner. "They've been saying this forever."

Senior Chrissy Seguire added that the new recreational center has been promised for some time.

"When I was a freshman they were talking about a new gym," she said, "I guess they've finally gotten around to it."

Smith acknowledged that there has been a long waiting period but explained that the cause was a need to avoid additional debt.

Millions of dollars, however, have been raised in the past few years from alumni and most of it was

tucked aside for the center. Successful fund-raising on the school's part included two \$5 million donations from well-known donors Donald and Evelyn Spiro and William and Margaret Reynolds.

In the late spring, construction on the new gym will begin, adding onto the existing Sutter Gymnasium. The \$2.5 million dollar football field will begin in the next two months and will be finished in time for the upcoming fall season.

The recreational center promises to house a six-lane NCAA regulation swimming pool, an aerobics center, fitness spa, free weight room and athletic offices.

The plans also leave room for an enlarged basketball facility, which will nearly double the seating capacity to more than 2,000.

The new football facility will include team rooms and public facilities. Permanent seats will hold 3,300 spectators. There will also be 400 reserved seat-back chairs at the facility's center, just below the press box.

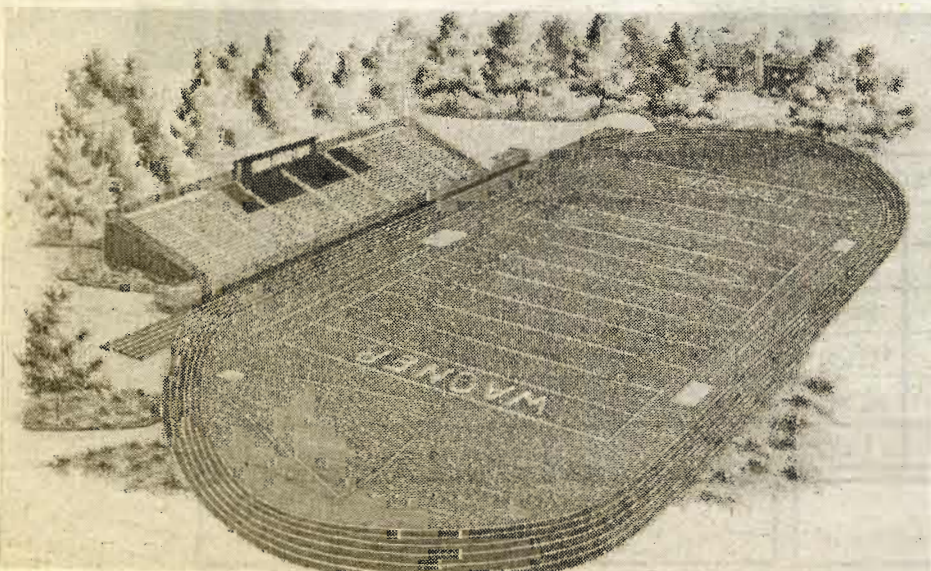
In addition, Fischer Field will have a six-lane synthetic running track installed, along with space installed for other track and field competitions.

"Well good," said Hepkins, "We've had a swamp for a track for a long time."

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Wagner College	6:00	7:15	8:30	9:45	1:00	2:15	3:30	9:00	10:15
Jewish Community Center	6:05	7:20	8:35	9:50	1:05	2:20	3:35	9:05	10:20
Staten Island Ferry	6:10	7:25	8:40	9:55	1:10	2:25	3:40	9:10	10:25
Staten Island Mall	6:35	7:50	9:05	10:20	1:35	2:50	4:05	9:35	10:50
Showplace/UA Movies	6:45	8:00	9:15	10:30	1:45	3:00	4:15	9:45	11:00
Last Stop: Wagner College				11:00	4:45				11:15

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Shuttle to 5 churches starts at 8:30 a.m.
For schedule, see or call Chaplain at Ext. 226

News

Rush into spring

By DEBBIE LAHTI
Wagnerian Copy Editor

The first annual Panhellenic Rush Brunch was held on Sat., January 25th to kick off the 1997 Rush Week. The main purpose for the event was to give those students interested in joining a sorority a brief idea of what it's all about.

Technically, to join a sorority the student must have completed twelve credits and maintain a grade point average of 2.0. After that has been achieved, the student then has the overwhelming choice of choosing which one they want to be a part of.

This is where the individual sororities come in. For three nights all sororities throw parties to acquaint themselves with the new "rushees". The first night is called "Round Robin" and everyone is required to visit all four sororities. The four sororities are Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Tau Kappa Sigma. Sigma

Gamma Rho is also a sorority on campus, but they do not go through the rush process.

On the second night, the student is allowed to choose three of the four that they wish to go back to. Although, a person can feel very overwhelmed with meeting all these unfamiliar people and trying to answer every possible question they can think of before they decide to rush, the week is still very enjoyable.

The last night is "closed rush". This means that the student has to be invited back. For those involved, this night is very beautiful. After all the parties are over comes the real fun part. Decisions.

What to do? What to do? Well, on Thursday, the student goes and fills out a preference card indicating their choices and then you wait. Whether or not you decide to pledge, the rush process is a wonderful experience to go through because you get to meet a lot of great people and you get to see what Greek life at Wagner is all about.

Island unto ourselves

Neurotic By
Nature

JASON BORELLI



It began at the salon where my mother and I get our hair cut. As I was about to leave, Mom shows me an issue of *New York* magazine. They had Dana Lixenberg, a photographer, take pictures of life on Staten Island. How was it? Let me put it this way; if it was good, I wouldn't be writing about it.

Entitled "That Other Island," it is a must read for Staten Islanders, because it shows some of the worst photographic choices imaginable. Are there any shots of Wagner? No, but if you've always wanted to see the inside of a restaurant, you're in luck. There are TWO pictures: "Father and Son at White Castle" and the soon-to-be-classic "A Hooters Waitress on Break." If you want to see exotic animals at the Staten Island Zoo, you're out of luck, but if you're dying to see a deer strapped onto the hood of a car, then this issue's for you! ("A Hunter Shows Off His Prize.")

I wish I was making this up, but I'm not. This pictorial does little to improve Staten Island's image as the lesser borough of New York City. In the family that is New York, Staten Island is the little brother dwarfed by the rest of the family's success. It is the Rodney Dangerfield of the Big Apple (Fitting, since one of the comedian's movies was filmed on the island).

Sure, we have famous people from the area, but there's always a problem. Take Susan Molinari, for instance. As Staten Island's congresswoman, she has stepped to the forefront among Washington's elite. Unfortunately, she works with guys like Newt Gingrich, and she admitted to smoking pot. Then again, who didn't? Rich Kotite was one of Wagner College's greatest football players in the sixties. Then he went on to become one of the worst all-time coaches in NFL history. Bobby Thompson hit the famous "Shot Heard Round the World" for the New York Giants in 1951, leading the Giants past the Dodgers. That was 45 years ago, though. Paul Zindel? Most people burn him out of their memory after being forced to read his books in junior high school. John Franco? He's a Met. Since when is being a Met something to brag about these days?

Staten Island is no two-bit hick town. It's the quiet borough. We have the Staten Island Zoo, Richmondtown (In case you don't want to go all the way to Williamsburg to get the colonial experience), three beautiful college campuses, and the Verrazano Bridge. But that doesn't seem to be good enough for *New York Magazine*.

The way I see it, we could make an effort to improve Staten Island, raise our citizens right and be a cultural Mecca in 20 years time. But now is not the time for rational thinking. I have a plan that would put Staten Island on the map, once and for all.

1. Raise \$500 million from Staten Islanders.
2. Purchase the Los Angeles Dodgers. Move them to Staten Island.
3. With remaining money, build state-of-the-art stadium.

What a coup! We bring the Dodgers to Staten Island, and nobody can ignore us anymore! Brooklynites who still angry about the Dodgers moving to Los Angeles in '57 can cross the bring and root for the Staten Island Dodgers. And George Steinbrenner gets so ticked, he moves the Yankees to Jersey, or Tijuana or someplace (something Met fans can get behind).

Of course, there are flaws to the plan. If fans and players thought planes flying over Shea Stadium were annoying, how would they react to the smell of landfill? (Solution: 20-foot aroma candles around the parking lot, giving off that "Classic Ebbets Field" smell). Where do we get \$500 million? (Answer: hopefully, not from guys named Louie and Vinnie with piano wire and other fun devices) And if all else fails, we use the money to get Rich Kotite into the White House, and smile as the bombs drop on Manhattan. We'll be the ones waving good-bye.

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Entertainment

My top 15 of '96...

By TONY CORRENTI
Wagnerian Staff Writer

My favorite time of the year is when I get to tell everyone what they should have bought in the past year. Every January, since 1995, I have compiled my favorite albums of the past year. Check out the accompanying list of my top albums of 1996. You can also check out my top albums off 1994, 1995, and of the 90's at my website.

I wasn't sure if I was going to continue with my column, but the urging of the honorable Kerri Johnson and the competition of Jason Borelli, brought me back for one more semester. So here goes my top FIFTEEN of 1996.

1. No Doubt "Tragic Kingdom"

If you go back and read my old issues, you will see that I predicted that music in 1996 would stop relying on crap and re-emphasize musicianship. No Doubt is my prediction coming to fruition. great rock-ska grooves and beautiful, sweet female vocals made this my favorite album of the year. Hearing it 15 times a day in the store I work in helped also. The song "The Climb" is the bomb!

2. 311 "311"

Everything that I said about No Doubt, also pertains to 311. The ultimate mesh of Metal, Ska, Funk, and Rap, as well as great vocal harmonies and melodies made 311 one of the most original artists in years. When I saw 311 open for Kiss, I was so pumped to see Kiss, that I was actually booing them for the first 3 songs until I realized that they kicked ass.

3. Beatles "Anthology II and III"

What can I say? They are the masters. I can never say anything negative about the Beatles. "Real Love" is one of my favorite songs. Any Beatles fan must own all three of these as well as the 10 video set. It'll cost you, but it is worth it.

4. Metallica "Load"

This, to me, is the comeback album of the year, because I thought the black album from 1991 was a piece

of crap. This album has great song writing, great heavy grooves, and is well produced. It is the first Metallica album, except for a few early songs, to really feature bass playing. This album also has produced three cool videos. I hope I see one for "Bleeding Me", which is my favorite song from the album. One thing that bands that last over five years need to do is evolve. It would be ridiculous for Metallica to sound like they did in 1986 and I am glad they don't because if they did, they would have no fans left (see: SLAYER and TESTAMENT.)

5. STP "Tiny Music..."

Drug Addiction usually does not stop addicts from making great albums (see Alice in Chains), but it does ruin tours. Stone Temple Pilots reinvents themselves each album, something that Motley Crue did in the 1980's to keep their popularity. It usually works. The guitar work of Dean DeLeo keeps getting better and better.

6. Barry Manilow "Summer of '78"

Laugh all you want, but Barry Manilow has been putting out quality music since the early 1970's. His best songs are the ones that you have never heard of. I actually wish that he had never made "Copacabana", so that he would be taken more seriously. This album features such 70's classics as "Bluer than Blue," "Sometimes when we touch," and "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight." Anyone who likes Harry Connick Jr., should pick up Barry's 1984 album "2:00 am Paradise Cafe."

7. Kiss "MTV Unplugged"

Right before the much publicized makeup tour with the original four members of KISS came this much overlooked album. With acoustic renditions of KISS KLASICS as well as some obscure songs such as "Sure Know Something," "A World Without Heros," and "See You Tonight," this album should be given another look. I never knew how well KISS sang three part harmonies live on stage.

8. Romeo and Juliet "Soundtrack"

By far the best soundtrack of the

year. I have to scrape up the money to pick the album by garbage because everything I hear by them, I like. I you are thinking of pickling up the album from the Cardigans because of the song "Lovefool," DO NOT! It sucks. Get this soundtrack because it has that song and a lot more cool crap!

9. Warrant "Belly to Belly"

Before you say "here he goes with the cock rock again," stop because this album is not cock rock. The only thing that kept this album from appearing higher on my list was the distorted vocals in a few tunes. I hate that. Their next single "A.Y.M (Angry Young Man)," may actually get radio and MTV support, but don't count on it.

10. Van Halen "Greatest Hits"

This album chronicles the epitome of a rock band. No one did it better than Van Halen for the last 20 years (wow, has it been that long?) From the early days of "Ain't Talkin' Bout Love," to the new tracks with David Lee Roth, there is not one clunker in the bunch. Only time will tell if they can keep it up with new singer Gary Cherone.

11. Rush "Test for Echo"

While not their best work, Test For Echo, still boasts some of the great musicianship that is so lacking in popular music these days. Something has to be going right if they keep dishing out platinum album after platinum album without radio or MTV support.

12. R.E.M. "New Adventures..."

To me, this is another comeback album because I haven't really liked anything from REM since 1989's "Out of Time." "Bittersweet Me," was one of their best singles in a long, long time.

13. Better Than Ezra "Friction Baby"

I know that just a few months ago, I was laughing at the meager album sale of this rock trio, but after repeated listenings, I came to enjoy this tight trio.

14. The Craft "Soundtrack"

A close second in the soundtrack race to Romeo and Juliet. The best

thing about this album is the cover of the Cars classic "Dangerous Type" by Letters to Cleo.

15. Poison "Greatest Hits"

I do not care what anyone says about Poison. To me they epitomized everything I longed to be in the late 80's and early 90's. They were what Rock and Roll was all about to me. Having fun, fast chicks and fast cars. Fun is something that Rock has sorely missed in the last five years. Having nothing but a good time was what it was all about. I am sure you will all be glad to know the C.C. DeVille is back in the band and that a new album is in the works.

Other good albums from the past year include the debut album from Jason Falkner, Secrets from Toni Braxton, Working Man: a tribute to Rush, and Bif Naked. 1997 looks to be just as exciting because they are a slew of cool releases on tap. Freak Show from Silverchair is due next week and a new one from Live the next week. March has a new album from U2 and April will bring us new stuff from Depeche Mode and a reunited Motley Crue. The rest of the year holds Megadeth, Dream Theater, Metallica, Juliana Hatfield, and Van Halen.

It seems as though people are again interested in good musicianship and good production. hopefully the days of crappy sounding albums are gone along with the "I hate my life and I want to tell you about it" lyrics.

There are no tidbits this time around because I took up too much space already. Next issue will feature a BIG surprise and will make MANY people happy. I will reveal why I have given up on my quest to destroy Pearl Jam and who I will go after now. I will also take a look at the American Music Awards. What was good and what sucked. Check it out.

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Island

RANDOM THOUGHTS: O.J. Alibi of the Week: "It wasn't me that killed Ron and Nicole. It was my evil twin, J.O. Simpson."...Is it too much to ask to have John Starks punch Dennis Rodman so hard, all the color flies off his head and into Michael Jordan's face?...MINI-MOVIE REVIEWS: "Jackie Chan's First Strike": Fun action, with Jackie risking real life and limb for the audience. Nice stuff, but "Rumble in the Bronx" was better. Grade: B+. "Beavis & Butthead Do America": Like "Strike", plot is

secondary to the antics of the lead character(s). Fun for those who want to lose brain cells in an hour and a half. Grade: B+...When you're a Jet, you're a Jet all the way; from your first fumbled pass, to your retirement day. I've had that bouncing in my head for months, and I'm glad I got it out...Forget about Bill Parcells making the Jets contenders. Leon Hess could dig up the remains of Vince Lombardi, and have it resurrected, and the Jets will still won't win more than five games...I don't care if Michael Irvin is innocent of those sex charges. He's still a major league jerk in my mind...Forget about the

inauguration. Where was CNN when peace was agreed between Tony Correnti and Eddie Veder? Truly a landmark moment in music history... Major League Soccer action is only a few months away. Can't wait to see the MetroStars in action again. Give MLS a shot. You'll be glad you did...Over/Under on how many eyes Michael Jackson's kid will have: 7 (Vegas is also taking bets on antenna stalks as well)...Would somebody explain the new Bush video to me? And feel free to talk slowly...Recommended Web Site: The Onion. You can tell if I'm viewing this satirical newspaper web site. I'm

the one laughing so hard, I literally hurt. Share my pain (<http://www.theonion.com>).

Finally, I have some apologizing to do. Last semester, I was going to do a story on the women's soccer team here at Wagner. Unfortunately, I ran into some problems, and the story never saw print. I wish to apologize to Ed Hynes and the Women's Soccer team.

As usual, I can be reached at jborelli@wagner.edu. I would be more than happy to respond to any feedback you may have about the column.

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Campus Hall 101
718-390-3181

Celebrate Black History Month February 1997

Tuesday, 2/4 8:30pm Theatrical Performance- "Can I Sing For You, Brother"
Gatehouse Lounge

Friday, 2/7 9:30pm
Sunday, 2/9 9:30pm Movie- A Time to Kill
CoffeeHouse

Wednesday, 2/12 9:30pm A Night of Jazz CD's-Wynton Marsalis, Luther
CoffeeHouse Vandross, Sarah Vaughn

Thursday, 2/13 8:30pm Musical Group- "Tialo"
CoffeeHouse

Friday, 2/14 9:30pm
Monday, 2/17 9:30pm Movie- "Lady Sings the Blues"
CoffeeHouse

Wednesday, 2/19 Sigma Gamma Rho Black History Show
CoffeeHouse

Thursday, 2/20 9:30pm Jazz Group-Keith Marks
CoffeeHouse

Friday, 2/21 9:30pm
Sunday, 2/23 9:30pm Movie- "Kansas City"
CoffeeHouse

Tuesday, 2/25 7:30pm Alfred Curtis Awards Dinner
WU Faculty Club

Friday, 2/28 9:30pm Movie- "The Color Purple"
CoffeeHouse

The events are sponsored by the following groups:
Student Government Association, Student Activities, Black Concern, Dean of
Students, Sigma Gamma Rho, CoffeeHouse

Student Government Association Scheduled Meetings for Spring 1997



January 21st
February 4th
February 18th*
March 4th
March 18th
April 1st
April 15th

*reminder that this is an
extra day for Monday classes

Meetings are held in SPH5
At 4pm.

Sports

Coaches take the Center Stage

Why is it that professional coaches at this present time seem to take the spotlight away from the players on a regular basis?

In the case of this year's Super Bowl, New England Head Coach Bill Parcells stole the headlines from his team by making it known he would not return next year. The NHL's Rangers had a similar situation with their coach, Mike Keenan, in their Stanley Cup year of 1994. The only difference between the two is that Keenan denied that he would leave and then found a loophole in his contract.

Parcells has used a loophole of sorts to jump ship with the Patriots. After NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue ruled that he could not coach any other team in 1997, Parcells agreed to be a consultant with the Jets.

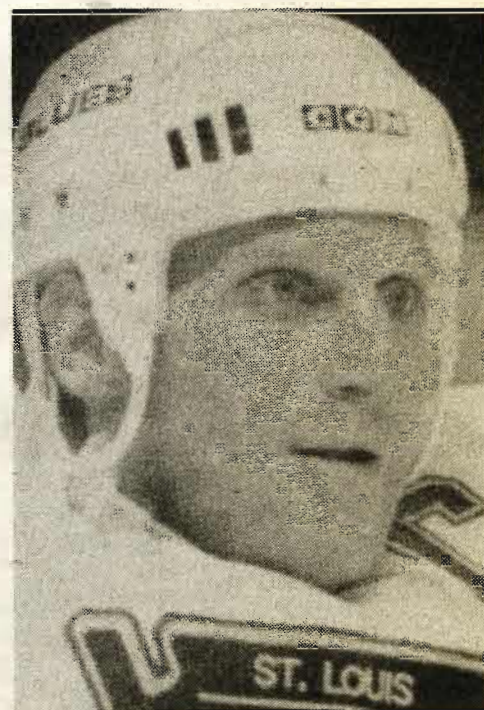
A View from
the Bleachers
NEIL LEONE



Both of these men are proven winners. Parcells has won two Super Bowls with the Giants and took the Patriots to a third, losing to Green Bay. Keenan won the Stanley Cup with the Rangers in 1994 and has also been to the finals as coach of the 1987 Philadelphia Flyers. More recently Keenan was fired by the St. Louis Blues because of his constant disputes with ownership and his superstar player Brett Hull.

In both cases, these coaches have stolen headlines that their players deserved. Their egos have gotten in the way with what matters, the play on the field. The fans come to see the players, Drew Bledsoe in the case of this year's New England Patriots and Mark Messier and Brian Leetch in the case of the 1994 Rangers.

Both upper management and the coaches themselves need to get this through their heads before they find themselves with no fan base. Bill Parcells arrived in New England as a hero, he is now viewed as a traitor. Mike Keenan led the Rangers to the Cup for the first time in 54 years and now he may be more hated by the Ranger faithful than Denis Potvin ever was.



Brett Hull



Former Pats Coach Bill Parcells with Robert Kraft.



Former Ranger Head Coach Mike Keenan.

Men's Basketball

February 1	@ Rider	4pm
3	@ Monmouth	7:00pm
6	@ St. Francis-NY	4pm
8	@ Mt. St. Mary's	7:30pm
12	vs. LIU	7:30pm
15	@ Robert Morris	7:30pm
17	@ St. Francis-PA	7:30pm
20	vs. Fairleigh Dickinson	7:30pm
22	@ Marist	7pm
25	NEC Tournament Opening Round	TBA
28	NEC Tournament Quarterfinal	TBA

Wrestling

February 1	@ Seton Hall w/ Hofstra	TBA
8	vs. Boston College	10am
15	vs. Bucknell University	11am
16	vs. Franklin & Marshall	11am
23	@ Rutgers w/Penn	1:30pm

Men's/Women's Indoor Track

February 2	Met's (Armory)	9am
7	Millrose Games (Madison Square Garden)	4pm
15/16	NEC Championships (FDU)	9pm
22	Seton Hall Final Qualifier	9pm

Women's Basketball

February 1	vs. Rider	5pm
8	@ Mount St. Mary's	3pm
10	vs. St. Francis NY	7pm
13	@ St. Francis PA	7pm
15	@ Robert Morris	5pm
19	vs. Long Island	5pm
22	@ Marist	2pm
24	vs. Fairleigh Dickinson	7pm
27	NEC Tournament Opening Round	7pm

Ice Hockey

February 2	vs. Binghamton U	7pm*
8	@ U of Maryland	7:30pm
9	vs. U of Maryland	7pm*
15	vs. Albany State U.	3:30pm*
16	vs. Farmingdale U	7pm*
21	@ NYU (Sky Rink)	7pm
22	@ U of Scranton	7:30pm
23	vs. NYU	7pm*

*@ SI

Sports

WHAT A WARREN

A Profile of Seahawk Warren Anderson

By SANDRA PARISI
Wagnerian Staff Writer

With the Wagner College Seahawk's basketball season already in full swing, it is time to take a step back and look at the leader of this flock, Warren Anderson.

Warren, a twenty-one year old senior and finance major from Jersey City, New Jersey, has been playing basketball since he was in the eighth grade, and all of that practice has payed off.

Now in his final year at Wagner and his fourth season on the team, he has been given the honor of captain.

In the first game of the season, Warren scored a game-high and career-high twenty-four points against Florida International. He also led in scoring in wins over Iona, with 16 points, and Delaware State, with

22 points. Warren is averaging 12 and a half points per game, and is the team leader with number of steals.

He has also earned the honor of being Miggy's Supermarket Student-Athlete of the month.

With this being Warren's last semester at Wagner, he is thinking about and planning for his future. After graduation he plans to look for a job, and when I asked if he planned to continue with basketball he responded with, "If it's there".

Anderson wants to have a secure job so there will be something for him to fall back on if basketball is not there.

It is the loyalty and dedication of players like Warren Anderson that make a winning team, not the numbers on the board.



1997 WAGNER COLLEGE WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE

MARCH

22	Sat.	FAIRFIELD*	1:00
23	Sun.	MERCYHURST	12:00
27	Thu.	UMBC	3:30

APRIL

1	Tue.	COLUMBIA	3:30
5	Sat.	at Siena*	2:00
6	Sun.	at Marist*	1:00
9	Wed.	MANHATTAN*	3:30
11	Fri.	at Montclair St.	4:00
17	Thu.	at Monmouth	3:30
19	Sat.	NIAGARA*	1:30
20	Sun.	UConn	3:30
22	Tue.	at Rutgers	4:00
25	Fri.	at Mount St. Mary's*	4:00
26	Sat.	at Duquesne*	1:30
30	Tue.	MANHATTANVILLE	3:30

Head Coach: Colleen Smith (Rowan '95)
Assistant Coach: Janice Leadbetter (Colgate '94)

1997 WAGNER COLLEGE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MARCH

13	Thu.	at Coastal Carolina (DH)\$	2:00
15	Sat.	at Charleston Southern (DH)\$	2:00
21-22	Fri.-Sat.	Radford Tournament#	TBA
25	Tue.	LONG ISLAND* (DH)	3:00
28	Fri.	ST. FRANCIS-NY (DH)	2:30

APRIL

2	Wed.	at Manhattan (DH)	3:00
3	Thu.	at St. Francis-NY* (DH)	3:30
8	Tue.	RIDER* (DH)	2:30
10	Thu.	at Marist* (DH)	3:00
12	Sat.	SETON HALL (DH)	1:00
16	Wed.	at St. John's (DH)	3:00
18	Fri.	at Hofstra (DH)	3:30
19	Sat.	MOUNT ST. MARY'S* (DH)	1:00
20	Sun.	MANHATTAN (DH)	12:00
22	Tue.	ST. PETER'S (DH)	3:00
23	Wed.	FORDHAM (DH)	3:00
24	Thu.	MONMOUTH* (DH)	3:00
26	Sat.	at Robert Morris* (DH)	1:00
27	Sun.	at St. Francis-PA* (DH)	1:00
30	Wed.	at Iona (DH)	3:30

MAY

4	(Sat)	NEC Tournament	TBA
5	(Sun)	NEC Tournament	TBA

\$ denotes South Carolina Trip
denotes Virginia Trip
* denotes Northeast Conference Game

Sports

Seahawks soar to St. Louis

Hockey team receives national tourney bid

By MATT ACANFORA
Wagnerian Staff Writer

On January 31, in Poughkeepsie, at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center, the Wagner College hockey team got blown out of the building, 9-3, by the Marist College Red Foxes.

They only needed to win or tie to assure a place at the ACHA National Tournament in St. Louis. The loss gave the players doubts, as well as the committee that votes on the rankings. Not only did the Seahawks lose the game, they lost starting goaltender Neil Leone to an injury (fractured ribs) and forwards Mike Alerti and Tom Britt to suspensions.

The ranking committee met on Monday, February third, in Albany and the Seahawks received enough votes to rank second in the East. Going to St. Louis along with the Seahawks from the East are: First, Rutgers University; Third, Johnson and Wales; and Fourth, Siena College.

"We got very lucky, we easily could not have gone after the loss to Marist," Head Coach Peter Jerabek said.

Sophomore Frank Monnecka echoed the coach's statement, "We had it in our hands, we almost blew it."



Sophomore John Conover goes airborne at a recent home game.

Last year the Seahawks missed a trip to the National Tournament when the committee placed them sixth. This year they will play as the number two seed, and sophomore John Conover thinks that may help towards a National Championship. "We learned from last year, now we know every shift counts. We can't let

down in this type of tournament, it's long (3 games in the first 3 days) and we'll have to stick together to win."

The tournament is March 5-9 at the University of St. Louis.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet. I think when we get to the airport and board the plane it will be time to get down to business," Team captain

James Beale said after learning his team had received the long awaited bid.

The Seahawks will compete in the Super East Conference tournament the weekend before Nationals and will return from the Tournament to play host to the Metro League's annual playoffs.

Seahawk women crush Colonials

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The Wagner women's basketball team proved themselves to be a top contender in the Northeast Conference, last week, with their 80-61 win over the Robert Morris Colonials, in the Sutter Gym.

After frequent lead changes, with 4:09 left in the first half, junior Susan Moffat sank two free throws, putting the Seahawks up by two. They never looked back.

The Seahawks led by as much as 23, as coach Pam Roecker credited her team with their hard, consistent play. "We had a great team effort," Roecker said. "Our defensive intensity gave us the win, along with our second chances on the offensive boards."

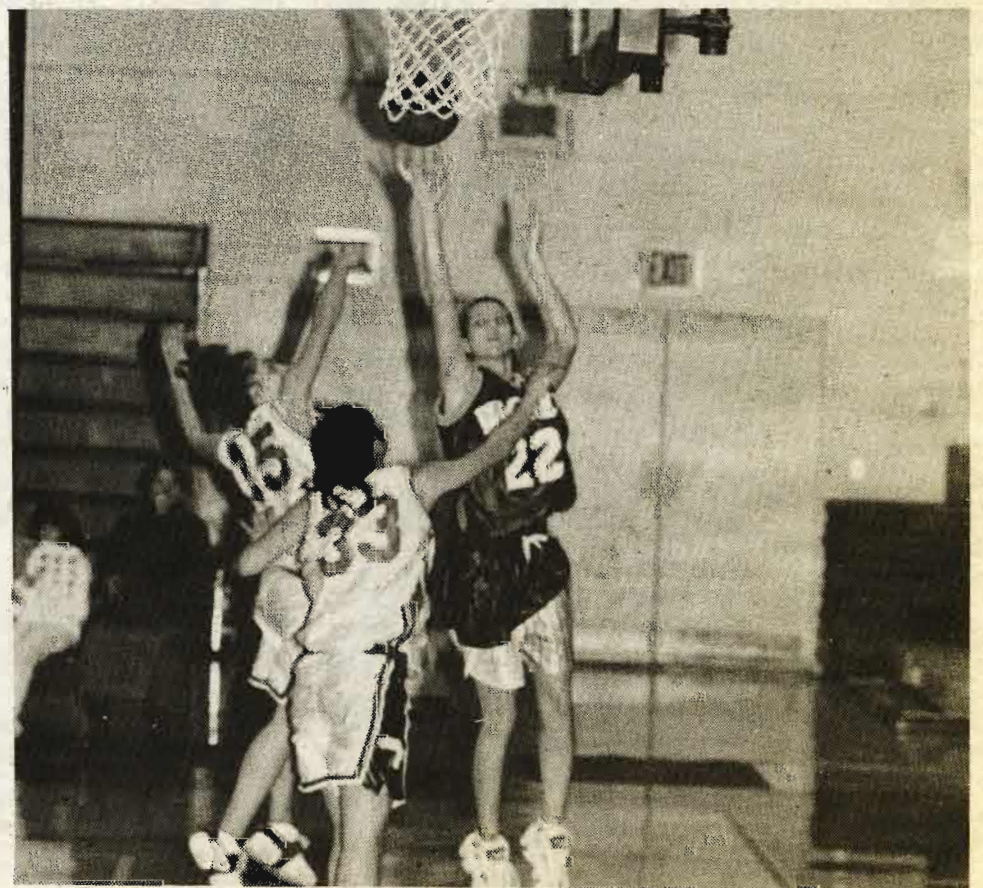
This proved to be true as Wagner forced 22 turnovers and held the Colonials to 61 points, way below their average.

The Seahawks were led by sophomore Amanda Young (21 points), who sank three from beyond the arc, and junior Alicia Conquest, who grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

Wagner also found offensive help from the bench, which combined to score 26 points.

Freshman Nia Ryan came off the bench to score six points, and, with her tenacious defense, forced three steals.

Coach Roecker also gave a nod to freshman Shannon Payne. "Shannon has not seen a lot of playing time," said Roecker, "but I give her credit for tonight's performance, on both sides of the court." In only six minutes of play, Payne scored eight points.



Junior Susan Moffat hitting a jumper.