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Vandalism in Tiers



A vandalized car lock in Tiers Parking Lot. Numerous locks have been vandalized there during the past two weeks.

42 vandalized car locks reported to Public Safety

**By Jill Higgins
Editor**

Numerous cars have been vandalized in Tiers Parking Lot during the past two weeks.

People are walking out to their cars to find that their lock has been tampered with or pulled out.

It is believed that the first incident occurred on Feb. 25 and has continued into this past week. Public Safety has been trying to narrow down a time frame. That has not been successful because students don't always use their cars everyday, and can only give an estimate of when they parked and then used their car again.

"It's really tough to narrow down a time frame," said Richard Vitaliano, director of Public Safety. "But we are doing the best that we can."

As of Friday afternoon, 42 vandalized cars had been reported to Public Safety, but the actual number of vandalized cars could be much higher.

A pair of Wagnerian reporters walked through all three levels

of Tiers at 12:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. They found a total of 52 cars that had their locks vandalized. There were six in the bottom tier, 25 in the middle tier and 21 in the upper tier.

Of the 52 cars, 50 of them had their passenger-side door lock vandalized and two were vandalized on the driver-side.

The damage to the cars ranges from having the door handle pulled away from the car to having a hole drilled into the side of the car and the lock removed.

According to Tony Martinesi, assistant director of Public Safety, the vandals are most likely using a special tool that allows the keyhole to be punched out.

Few of the cars have actually been broken into, and according to Public Safety there has been no attempt to steal any of the cars.

A few cars have had items stolen, including loose change, a few CDs and an E-Z Pass. Radios have not been stolen and one student reported having her wallet in the car and it was not touched.

The problem was brought to the attention of the student body

by Morgan McLean, Student Government Association president, on March 1 when she sent an e-mail to everyone letting them know that the vandalism had taken place.

In her e-mail she also explained that the security camera in the upper tier does not work, and has not worked for many years.

In her e-mail she urged students to send e-mails to David Martin, chief of staff, and Vitaliano, asking for replacement cameras.

"There is a break in the fiberoptic cable and that is why the camera does not function," said Vitaliano. "We are looking into wireless cameras with the newest technology."

Martin explained that the administration is also working on the camera problem and is currently looking into proposals to install a new system.

"One of the many things we are looking into is surveillance equipment. We have also stepped up the security patrols by our staff and have involved the 120th Precinct," said Martin.

Police took fingerprints to help in their search for the vandal and are also patrolling the parking lot undercover, according to Vitaliano.

Martin has also made the suggestion of starting a student patrol in the near future, where students are out at night helping Wagner security patrol and keep an eye on things. The program is still in its planning stages.

Vitaliano is not sure whether the perpetrator is a student or outsider.

"At first I didn't think it was a student, but now I feel there is a chance that it may be. Maybe what we have to do is start stopping and questioning students in the parking lot," Vitaliano suggested.

Both Martin and Vitaliano urged all students, faculty and staff to keep their eyes and ears open and report any problems to the guard booth (x3148) or Public Safety (x3165).

"If you see someone tampering with your car the first thing you should do is get in touch with the guard booth. Either go there or call. If the vandals get into a car

get the license plate number and try to get a description of the person or persons. This is always a big help," said Vitaliano.

Students should check their cars and report any problems as soon as they are noticed.

Additional contributors to this report include: Morgan McLean, Alex Jacobs, Christy Gozzi, Paul Eldridge, Kat Pungdumri, Andra Grob and Dawn Yngstrom.

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Is Main Hall falling to pieces?

Wagnerian editors walked through Main Hall last week. These are some of the spots they thought were in need of repair, cleaning, or updating.

Fallen ceiling may only be one symptom of a larger problem



Photos: Jill Higgins

There is a hole in the ceiling over a pipe in Room 11.



There is an open draining sink in the basement with standing water in it.



The wall next to B7 is worn through so the bricks behind it are beginning to show.



Room 22 has large sections of the ceiling peeling off in the back corner of the room.



Pipes run through a hole in the floor of Room 23A. Although covered by carpet, the hole extends about 6 inches into the room.



This fuse box, in the basement, like many others in the building, is not locked and accessible to anyone.

**By Paul Eldridge
Co-editor**

A recent event on the first floor of Main Hall has called attention to the fact that the building is in serious need of repairs.

Dr. John Esser's 6 p.m. Sociology class in Main Hall Room 12 was interrupted on Jan. 26 by a large flow of water into the room.

The students were the first to notice the leak. "It was coming down the chalkboard," said Melissa Paschal, a junior in the class. The water began to hit the students, so they moved away from it at first.

The flow of water kept increasing. "At that point, there was no way to conduct class," said Esser. The class was forced to move into another room.

Dominick Fontano, the head of Campus Operations, said that the leak was caused by ice and snow that had worked their way under the slate of the roof and then melted. The excess water was more than the building's drains could handle. Water leaked into the building, and down two floors into Room 12.

When asked how the leak was stopped, Fontano responded: "We had to get the drains moving again."

As to whether larger scale repairs were being planned, Fontano replied, "We have contractors bidding on it."

A recent, informal walk-through found many other problems. Almost every room has a problem which needs repairs.

The first floor: Almost every room on the first floor has brown or yellow water stains on the ceiling, as well as a large snag in the middle of the carpet. Most first floor rooms have peeling paint on a corner of the walls or ceiling.

The second floor: Some rooms



For the second time this semester the ceilings in both Main Hall 12, left, and Main Hall 27 are falling down due to rain and moisture on the roof.

have flaking paint, and in Room 22, large sections of the ceiling are peeling off in a corner of the room. Room 23 has a large hole in a corner of its floor, which is covered by carpet, near some pipes, which are hot to the touch. The women's bathroom on the second floor has rust around the sinks, a loose faucet, and peeling paint.

The third floor: Scuffed wooden floors, a large number of exposed pipes, and some sections of unpainted brick make these rooms look more dated than those on the lower floors. Room 44 contains a radiator which seems to have fallen through the floor to a degree. Room 43B has a musty odor, many exposed pipes, as well as many exposed nail points in the wall.

The basement: Used mostly for theater and art classes. Many of the tiles in the ceiling are cracked. Both stairways on the basement level are missing cases on the florescent lights.

There is rust under the stairs on the Union side of the basement, as well as a large group of exposed wires. Room B5 has some exposed wiring near a water stain in the ceiling, as well as a large section of missing tiles on the floor, and a loose ceiling tile.

Main Hall is normally used to hold classes, but is also home to Wagner's theater, which shows plays on a regular basis.

The theater is open to the public, and regularly draws in many people who are not Wagner students.

Students speak up

What's the first thing in Main Hall that needs to be fixed?



Crystal Robinson

The ceilings because there are pieces of it falling on people in class.



Jackie Mastro-matteo

The heaters because they make an awful screeching sound.



Ray Wetmore

Well, the rainfall from the ceiling in Main Hall 27 could be fixed.



Anne Marie Zafarino

The air conditioners, because it gets so hot in the summer and the windows don't open.



Gina Gallo

There are never enough chairs in the classrooms.



Steve Feigenbaum

The blackboards are horrible. The need to be replaced, not repaired.

A word from the victims

By Christy Gozzi
Staff Writer



Kristen Pettis, Junior

Kristen wasn't informed that her car had been vandalized, but repeatedly went to the upper Tier to check on her car after hearing reports from friends.

It was Saturday night that she found that her maroon Mercury Sable had been vandalized. The damage done was minimal in comparison to others, but the lock had been raised from the exterior door panel.

The perpetrator was unsuccessful in entering Kristen's car.

Kristen says that she used to feel safe at Wagner but once items had been stolen from dorm rooms and now cars she wonders what will happen next.

When she discovered the damage, Kristen reported to security at the gate where she was told to go to the Staten Island police and file a report and go to the main security building the next morning. Kristen feels that a false sense of security is imparted on students because of the non-working security cameras.

She feels that heightened student awareness, more security patrols and staffing is necessary to prevent future like incidents.



Joanne Wozniak, Junior

Joanne was on her way to the upper Tier with a friend to attend class in the P. A. center on

Friday morning. Her friend discovered that the lock was missing on the passenger side door of her gold Pontiac Sunfire.

A hole had been drilled into the door panel and the lock had been pulled out—damage which will amount to at least \$200 worth of repairs.

A Diseman, a 'D, some change and sunglasses were stolen from the interior.

Joanne is extremely angry about this incident and feels that her \$30,000 tuition is not justified.

Already running late for class, Joanne reported to the security booth and was told to see security at the main building.

Joanne's mother called security and was informed that 22 other cars had been broken into and they were doing what they could.

According to Joanne, more security patrols and more of an effort by security is necessary in Tiers.

Joanne had no previous security problems with her car at Wagner.



Jake Brown, Junior

Jake's car was first broken into on Wednesday February 25 at about 10:30 pm. His Ford Mercury was parked in the upper Tier, facing the road.

The lock and door handle were removed from the passenger side. He reported the incident at the security booth, filed a report with the Staten Island police and went to Public Safety the following day.

After getting his car repaired at the locksmith, he returned to school on Monday March 1.

The next day at 12:30 p.m. that he discovered the same vandalism had occurred again.

When Jake reported the incident, security said that undercover police had been hired but were taking a break at the time that the vandalism occurred.

Jake says that he now feels insecure on campus.

He also feels that security understands the problem and they are just as worried as the students are.

To prevent this from happening again, he believes that more cameras should be installed throughout the entire campus.

The campus should also be better lit, he said, with more security patrols in Tiers.

This editorial represents the views of the Wagnerian Vandalism needs to stop, NOW!

Now that more than 42 cars have been broken into, including yours, your friend's, and that guy down the hall's, let's look at how this could happen, what should have been done, and what can be done.

With the recent mass vandalism of cars in Tiers, many questions about campus security are raised.

Why was it so easy for someone to damage and break into so many cars over the course of a week?

Security does good things and helps us.

They check cars entering campus, because we don't want strangers roaming around campus and into our residence halls.

They've also been very helpful and friendly, and many students know them on a first name basis.

Security should not focus solely on who is entering the campus, but should also be aware of things and people in the area surrounding our campus.

Since the vandalism epidemic began, campus safety has begun patrolling the parking lots. Maybe that can be something that can be done on a regular basis.

Security is also working with the NYPD to lift fingerprints from cars and to add extra patrols. This is an appropriate response to the security breach, but it makes people wonder why there weren't more guards patrolling the parking lots in the past? If a car alarm goes off, does security check it?

It was recently brought to the attention of the Wagner Community that the one and only security camera in the parking lot does not work. It seems like fixing the security camera that sits above the top tier has not been a priority for campus security, judging that it hasn't worked since Fall 2000, if not earlier.

According to Richard Vitaliano, head of Public Safety, and David Martin, chief of staff, the camera does not

work because of a break in the fiberoptic cable underground that allows the camera to transmit images.

Vitaliano admits to knowing of this problem for years, but cites the cost of excavating the ground as a reason for why it has not been fixed.

Wagner is supposedly accepting proposals from companies to install a new camera system in the Tiers Parking Lot.

Hopefully these recent incidents will spur some action in either fixing the current camera or installing new ones.

Whose responsibility is it in the administration to do something about this or at least respond to it?

A mass email was sent out by Public Safety on March 1 addressing the vandalism.

This came far too late, especially since the first cars were damaged the previous Wednesday night. Besides that, no one in the administration has made any comment, given any advice, apologies, or explanations for a lapse in security.

Aside from property damage and stolen property, students should demand communication and information.

Notifying the campus of the vandalism four days after it began is not informing the public of the potential danger that our property is in. This code of silence and lack of communication needs to end.

According to the student handbook a student's car, like the items in their dorm room, is considered private property and they park in any of the Wagner parking lots at their own risk.

The school is not responsible for any damage or stolen property.

However, in a case like this, where more than 42 cars are vandalized in eight days, it begins to look like negligence on the school's part, and the school should stand up and take responsibility for it.

Vitaliano has tried to help by getting students a discount on the car repairs, but the money

still has to come out of the student's pocket. The school should be looking into a way to reimburse the students for these funds.

These crimes affect a lot of students and make us wonder how safe we really are.

Vandalism tells people this area is not safe. It conveys the message that no one is looking at or concerned with this area.

It also tells us that there are people daring enough to break the law in our parking lot, so what else are they daring enough to do?

What happens if someone is walking out to their car and discovers vandals breaking into it? It's obviously not just our vehicles that are in danger.

If the culprit is not from Wagner, now that the ease of getting on campus is revealed, what other parts of campus might be breached?

Tiers parking lot has only a fence surrounding one side and half the top tier, no working cameras, and a close proximity to Howard Avenue, providing a quick getaway.

The school could install a fence that runs along the entire top tier along Howard Avenue.

It seems some nights that security is extremely busy, between locking all the classroom buildings, watching the guard booth, patrolling the Augustinian Academy property, and patrolling the rest of the campus.

Maybe a paid student patrol could be started to help with this.

Public Safety could hire students to work hand-in-hand with security. They could be responsible for locking buildings and even walking around campus and the parking lots to make sure nothing suspicious is going on.

Everyone at Wagner is affected when our safety is compromised.

How many more cars will have to be vandalized before the administration takes the needed steps to protect us?

Students speak up

Do you feel that Tiers is secure?



David Rahner

"I feel like they should be doing more about it. We should be able to feel

safe about parking our cars here. It should have been stopped at 5 cars, not 40.



Meredith Fernandez

"It's ridiculous that they're doing nothing to stop what's going on in the parking lot."



Steve Depasse

"It's ridiculous that the school has let the cameras go out of service

and they haven't repaired them in years."



Joy Gallagher

"It's a shame that at a campus that appears to be so secure, such

events can happen. After this, I don't trust Public Safety. Something needs to happen."



Gillian Burkley

"Even though this shouldn't have occurred in the first

place, the fact that it keeps happening makes it even more absurd."



Laura Esposito

"I don't think the administration is handling this properly.

Students are left in the dark. And since it keeps occurring, I don't feel safe."

If you're going to drink, do it responsibly

By Shana Loughran
Staff Writer

Each fall, Wagner freshmen look forward to getting away from home, meeting new friends, and best of all...access to beer.

For many, this is the first time in their lives they are left to make decisions on their own. "Without parents always breathing down our necks, it is easy to mess up," commented Sarah Yokubaitis, 20.

The college atmosphere encourages non-stop partying and binge drinking. Many new college students find themselves going to parties where beer is either cheap or free.

"When I first came to college I drank all the time because of the freedom," said Lisa Carone, 19. Before college it was so much more difficult to get away with it."

On campuses throughout the country, binge drinking has become a severe problem. Every year we are bombarded with stories concerning alcohol-related accidents and deaths among college students. Somebody either falls from a balcony, crashes their car, or dies from alcohol poisoning. According to the U.S. Department of Human Health and Services, more than 60 percent of college men and almost 50 percent of college women who are frequent binge drinkers report that they drink and drive.

One reason for binge drinking on college campuses is the inexpensive prices. If it is there and it is free, people will drink it. "I probably wouldn't drink as much if it wasn't so cheap," stated Miss Yokubaitis. It is very convenient, as well as tempting, for col-



Binge drinking is a common problem on college campuses across the country. More than 60 percent of college men admit to binge drinking.

lege students to go to a bar and pay a buck for a beer. In fact, many feel that they cannot turn this offer down.

It is doubtful that while chugging beers college students are concerned with what they are doing to their bodies. However, binge drinking can have severe consequences.

It is a common joke among college students that they are killing their brain cells while in college. What many do not realize is that this is no joke; binge drinking does cause serious harm to the brain. According to the journal, Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, binge drinking impairs memory, thinking, and learning, which may lead to long-term consequences. Young adults are also more susceptible to the neurological effects of alcohol than adults. "I just drink to have a good time. I don't think about the consequences," said Toric Pickersgill, 19.

Is binge drinking worth all the

trouble and pain? Nobody wants to wake up after a night of partying with a massive headache, throwing up, trying to remember things she said and did. Even more so, nobody wants to end up in the hospital getting her stomach pumped.

Beyond the negative health effects, drinking has serious legal consequences.

If an underage drinker is caught either on or off campus she will be reprimanded. Punishment may include: counseling, notification of guardians, community service, fines, or jail.

It is also important to keep in mind the secondary consequences of binge drinking. Because alcohol impairs thinking, students are more likely to take part in activities that they normally would not.

It is common to hear about drunken college students being taken advantage of, getting in fights, or embarrassing themselves.

Drinking is a normal activity on a college campus, but it is vital to control your intake so that you do not end up sick or dead.

There are several steps to responsible drinking:

- Drink slowly and space your drinks.
- NEVER drink on an empty stomach.
- If you are taking medication, read the label to see if alcohol consumption is prohibited.
- Know your limit.

These steps seem easy to follow; nonetheless, they are constantly being ignored by college students everyday. Just remember, if you want to protect yourself and your friends...drink responsibly.



Photo: Allison Hathaway

Last week students staged a protest inside the Union. They are asking for a comfortable and inviting space where students can gather and spend time.

Students protest for a new union

By Kat Pungdumri
Staff Writer

Students recently held a protest for a new student union, citing that the current one does not have any place for students to relax or study.

The protest, organized by Student Government Association (SGA) President Morgan McLean, was held on Feb. 24 in the mailbox area of the Union. The idea was proposed during a recent SGA meeting and received the full support of senators and represented clubs.

Many students showed up for the protest, including SGA senators, club members, and other students, friends and commuters who agreed with the cause.

The group set up bean bag chairs, tables and games in the mailbox area and encouraged passers-by to stop in, relax and have some fun.

The current union is not student user friendly. The atrium area does provide a space to sit, but with hard, uncomfortable chairs.

"It's so echo-y and sterile," described Morgan.

As a solution to the problem, Morgan proposes longer hours for the coffee house. She recognizes that there would be issues about whether or not flexi cash can be used and whether or not it should be student run, but if her calculations are right, to open the coffee house from 10 a.m. to midnight, five days a week, it would cost Wagner only \$72, because the school only pays 20 percent of work study student's paychecks.

Ideally Morgan would like a space that is student run, where students make the decisions on how to make it comfortable, on what will go on the walls because the place should be about the students and a place where people can meet other people.

"Where is the chance meetings," asks Morgan, as she tells a story of two alum that shared a story of love at first sight when the atrium was a hang out for students.

Without a student union, students are not allowed the opportunity to meet different groups and hang out together.

"It doesn't allow for com-

muters and residents to get together or different groups to just kind of hang out," explains Morgan.

Money for the new union could come through grants, alumni fundraising, general funds, private contributions, and possibly making the students pay an activity fee. Although, she believes the cheapest and fastest solution is longer coffee house hours.

"I do that if students really wanted it; if they really said, 'I really want it' that it would happen. The coffee house could be open all day or a that a space could be made," said Morgan. "I'm not sure if students are sort of used to it. They're sort of used to instead of going somewhere to talk with their friends, they're just going to come back to their rooms and watch TV."

Aside from the students who are protesting for a student union, there is additional support from the staff and alumni. Some alumni conducted a State of the Student Survey which was presented to the national alumni board. Many were shocked to find that there was no place for students to go between classes and during off times.

Many alumni remember spending their free time in Beisler lounge in Guild and in the Union Atrium.

"They remember comfy chairs in the atrium or hanging out and right by the lounge would be a cafe type thing," explains Morgan. "There were places for them to go and hang out with their friends."

The protest produced about 175 signatures on a petition.

Morgan has plans to meet with David Martin, chief of staff; Dr. Anne Love, dean of the college, and Ruta Shah-Gordon, associate dean for student development, to discuss a new student union.

She also plans to conduct another protest but finds it a strange thing to plan. For this protest the SGA office supplied most of the props. If people want to stage another protest she is willing but it is a big commitment requiring students to bring things up to the atrium. She would also need a time commitment from people. Manpower is the biggest factor to provide a successful protest.

Schering Plough welcomes Chemistry in Action

By Dr. Maira Gelabert
Faculty Contributor

Chemistry in Action sponsored a field trip on Friday, February 27, to Schering Plough Pharmaceuticals Research Center in Kenilworth, New Jersey. Schering Plough is responsible for development of drugs such as Remicadea for autoimmune conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis.

First, the Wagner group visited the state of the art nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) facility. NMR is a technique used to identify and determine structure of chemical compounds.

The four next visited two chemistry labs. One lab synthesizes organic compounds for preliminary drug testing.

The second lab synthesizes compounds by a high-throughput process that enables synthesis of thousands of potential useful substances in a single chamber.

In this high-output technique, each synthesis is performed in a small radio-tagged container about the size of a pill capsule.



Left to right: Kaly Kimler (president), Melanie Corebello, Janine Borgaro, Sarah Alauddin, Stephanie Fumulari, Dana Romano, Dawn Pothier (secretary), Prof. Roy Mosher, Prof. Maria Gelabert (faculty advisor) and Yuliana Todorika

Doing thousands of molecules at once can save time in the drug discovery process.

The last stop was to the computer-aided design (CAD) facility, where a computer displayed an image of a protein with a drug molecule imbedded in a "canyon" on the surface of the protein.

Drugs acting as inhibitors, for example, attach to enzymes this way to produce a physiological effect.

To develop drugs for certain

diseases, determining the protein structure gives chemists an idea of how big and what the characteristics are of the canyons, or active sites, on the protein.

Having this knowledge allows chemists to then build molecules that are about the same size and chemical characteristics as the site.

Any questions about Chemistry in Action membership and activities may be directed to Kaly Kimler, president of the club.

'Vagina Monologues' presented on campus

**By Alex Jacobs
Staff Writer**

The *Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler were performed in the Gatehouse Lounge Feb. 26, 27, and 28, with all proceeds being donated to the Staten Island chapter of Voices of Women. The *Monologues* were part of a worldwide effort to end violence against women and girls by raising money for charities and increasing awareness. This effort is called V-Day and is celebrated around the globe.

Gatehouse was packed on Friday night when I attended, and although there were more females than males, I was pleasantly surprised to see a number of guys in the audience. There were souvenirs for sale, including T-shirts and chocolate vaginas.

I felt a bit strange about eating anything vagina-shaped, chocolate or not, so I just sat back and waited for the show to start, minus a snack.

The *Vagina Monologues* was written by Eve Ensler, based on the interviews she conducted asking 200 women to talk about their vaginas.

The show has gained a following since, as more and more peo-

ple are eager to learn about and discuss the often taboo subject. This is the second year that Wagner students have dedicated their time and talents to putting on the play and working toward the V-Day goals.

The monologues covered every subject you could think of having to do with the vagina -from the hair to the smell to orgasms to tampons to rape.

The cast dressed entirely in simple black and red and there was no set. The chorus was funny and touching as they acted out women's answers to questions such as, "What would your vagina say?" and "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?"

One memorable monologue was Dr. Kiss' amusing rendition of an elderly woman who didn't pay any attention to her vagina at all decades after an embarrassing incident in high school, in the "The Flood."

Jodianna Ringel was hilarious as a pissed off woman in "My Angry Vagina." She ranted, "Tampons - what is that!?" among other complaints that all rang true.

The revealing monologue "My Vagina was my Village," with Kara McGann and Trisha Arnold, brought the horror and

reality of rape to light. Scary facts about domestic violence and genital mutilation were also revealed later by the chorus.

Bess Goden was brilliant in portraying one girl's journey from being afraid of her vagina to being raped to loving her vagina AND other women in "The Little Coochi Snorcher That Could."

By the time Emily Greenwood was done with her monologue, "Reclaiming Cunt," she had everyone in the audience screaming "cunt" and loving it.

Finally who could resist a good orgasm impression? ("I-I-I-I really should be studying!") Tauny Ventura was dead-on in her gymnastic reenactments of different types of orgasms in "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy."

These stood out in my mind, though everyone did a wonderful job to bring the show together.

At the end of the show, an award was presented to different women each night for being exceptional Vagina Warriors, women working to end violence against women and girls.

The *Vagina Monologues* are all about reclaiming womanhood, and bringing out into the open things that we all think about but are often afraid to bring up.

SGA report

Here is a copy of the minutes from the Feb. 24 Student Government Association meeting.

For more information contact SGA at x3380 or by e-mail at sga@wagner.edu.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Executive Board Reports
 - A. President
 1. Search For Space, generated 150 Signatures
 - B. Vice President : No Report
 - C. Chancellor:
 1. Position Open, contact Morgan x3380.
 2. Town Meeting being planned for right after Spring Break.
 - D. Secretary: No Report.
 - E. Treasurer: Budgets for clubs/organizations will be in Mailboxes this week
 - F. Coordinator of Campus Programming
 1. Relay For Life: looking for volunteers
 - G. Coordinator of Community Service

I. Community Service opportunities through Relay For Life

IV. New Business

- A. Next SGA Meeting March 9, 4:30 in Spiro 5, remaining meetings will be in Spiro 4: March 23, April 6 & 20, May 4

B. Search for Space- Chairs, radio, etc. in SGA Office for use, will set up randomly through semester

C. Upcoming Wagner Mock Primaries. Volunteers needed to sit in Atrium.

V. Announcements

- A. Songfest April 17
- B. Relay For Life April 23
- C. Wagnerstock April 24
- D. Food Service meetings alternating days at dinner time in Faculty Dining Room
- E. Coffeehouse Calendar full of events throughout semester
- F. Senior Week Sign-ups still in SGA office

Career Development events

**How do contact Career Development:
PHONE (718) 390-3181
FAX (718) 420 4012
E-MAIL: CCDEL@WAGNER.EDU
WEB SITE: WAGNER.EDU/CAREER**

March 22
Graduate School Workshop
4:30 pm
Room TBA
Meet with Faculty to learn about their path to a PhD. Learn the steps in researching and applying to graduate school

March 24
Self-Assessment/Career Exploration Seminar
4:30-5:30 pm
Union 201
What's your type?
Take a self assessment test

and learn what occupations are best suited for your personality type.

March 29
Career Networking in Manhattan for Art Administration and Performing and Visual Arts
Contact the Career Center for details

March 31
The Brooklyn-Staten Island Collegiate Career Expo at the College of Staten Island.

'Passion of the Christ' makes impact

**By Christina Martingano
Staff Writer**

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" opened this Wednesday in 4,000 theaters, surrounded by a sea of controversial claims of anti-Semitism.

After getting a chance to see an advanced screening, I found those claims to be false and the movie to be the best I have ever seen.

The film depicts the last twenty-four hours of Jesus Christ's life, allowing the audience to see

his death and resurrection in a real and honest way.

The Passion is not white washed or sanitized; the act of crucifixion is not cleaned up or toned down. However, it is also not a crude bloodbath.

The film breaks into flashbacks that show tender human moments in Jesus' life. It also does an excellent job showing that he won over sin and death, allowing the rest of the world have leverage over Satan and the evils of the world.

What also made the movie amazing were the supporting

actors and actresses. Almost every human emotion is played out on screen.

The audience sees acts of extreme love, kindness, and sacrifice, as well as of extreme violence, hate, and envy, which made me question which side I fell on.

Whether Christian, Jewish, or non-religious, any person can walk away from this movie with something amazing.

It can make you smile, cry, and most importantly sit in awe of the story being told.

Psych professor's art exhibit centers around themes in nature

**By Christy Gozzi
Staff Writer**

The artwork of Dr. Richard Brower, a Wagner psychology professor, is currently being exhibited in The Spotlight Gallery at the Hormann Library.

Dr. Brower's collection is filled with nature inspired pieces. His art includes renditions of flower gardens and serene boatyard scenes.

The Spotlight Gallery is located behind the Macintosh Computers in the library.

Through the use of bright colors and dotted application, Brower's work allows the viewer to use his imagination.

Each painting seems to be a solitary expression, yet his work doesn't leave you depressed—it



Dr. Brower's artwork, now in the Hormann Library, has also been displayed in Washington D.C., New York, and New Jersey.

leaves you wanting more. Through his abstract images, the viewer's mind puts together an entire image- something that can be interpreted differently by every individual.

One of his selections depicts a couple walking through a forest

lane. Through his use of yellow and orange dots, he has created a tranquil dusk image of filtered light.

Dr. Brower's work will be on display until Spring Break.

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Cross country couples: Tips for college love... the long distance way

By Sarah Zimmerman
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Waking up at all hours of the night, adjusting your schedule to someone else, and throwing your budget out the window. These are all things no college student expects to deal with. Pregnant, you're thinking? No, I'm in a long distance relationship.

The hardest thing I have dealt with as a college student is having a boyfriend...in Tyngsboro, MA. I can't complain too much because I actually have never lived in the same town as my "love-muffin." Therefore, I'm already used to not seeing his handsome face every morning bringing me breakfast in bed. I've got the-hey-babe-nice-seeing-you-for-two-days-a-month thing pretty much down to a science. And of course, then there are the cell phones.

Since I've been in this wonderful thing we call love (the long distance way) for a year and a half now, I'll let you in on a few secrets to success. After all, my "hunny-bunny" and me are still going strong...depending on the day of course.

Remember your first relationship back in the sixth grade? All butterflies in your stomach, sweet and completely dependent on one thing...the telephone. All I can say is, welcome back to junior high. Here are some tips for talking, which of course is what you'll be doing with your long-distance lover 90% of the time.

Cell phones

In this modern day and age, if you don't have one and are planning on falling in love with someone in a different state, I can't help you. It's sad, but the cell phone is an essential part of the long distance relationship of college students. They are financially your best bet for long-distance calling, and enable you to screen your calls, be mobile, and stalk your partner. Like I said, essential.

Tip #1 Buy a cell phone.

Pre-determined call times

Now that you're part of the AT&T, Nextel, Verizon, or Sprint family, its time to decide when's best for calling you-know-who. This depends on your service and how cheap you are. I am insanely cheap, therefore I call mostly after 9:00 PM or on weekends (this is free with most companies). However, the \$40.00 a month I'm scraping up needs to be used wisely as well. Weekday minutes come in handy to earn bonus points and give a quick I-was-just-thinking-about-you call. If you're like me, these can also be used as a tracking device to know where your boyfriend is at any and all times of the day.

Tip #2 Take certain time out of each day for catching up, and always save some minutes for sporadic check up calls.

Getting mixed signals

Though the cell phone is a wonderful advancement, it is not flawless. Reception is not always the best. A perfect example of this happened to me about two weeks ago when a static-filled message, a little too much pride, and a trip to the hospital put my long distance love at a standstill. I was running through endless profiles of girls my boyfriend was cheating on me with, while in reality he was laying in a hospital bed getting his eye sewn shut and taking pain pills. Cell phones do not always work. It's that simple, people. Knowing this is half the battle.

Tip #3 Always call back within 12 hours, and never assume anything...except of course that he has a good excuse.

Old-fashioned romance

College students everywhere: do not lie to yourselves. You all know how exiting it is to get a magazine, a bill, somebody else's mail, anything when you're at school. Now envision going back to the ten-by-twelve-foot cubicle you call home, lighting candles, putting on James Taylor, and reading a steamy love letter from your sweetheart. WOW! That, my friend is orgasmic, or as close as you can get without physical contact. Now just think, wouldn't you want to be able to give your partner this same thrilling experience? It's really not that hard, I promise. Simply take some paper, a pen, and maybe a couple shots to get things started. Then let it all out there, and make sure you proof read in the morning in case the shots got a little out of hand the night before. Seal with tons of love, and don't forget the stamp. Voila, romance, perfectly constructed.

Tip #4 Phone calls are wonderful, but sometimes I-love-you sounds better in silence.

Ok, here's the fun part...you actually get to see, touch, and, if you're lucky, taste each other. That's right: it's time for the monthly visit. Don't get too excited, this is still a relationship, and things can still go wrong. Not to worry, I have a few tips for the journey.

Transportation and time management

First things first, buying the ticket. For those of you who don't live in NYC and pay ridiculously high insurance rates, you can afford to have a car at school...don't transfer! You are at a much greater advantage than myself and many others. For the public transportation users, there are several options when planning a visit, so be open to all of them. Busses, trains, and, yes, even planes are all available at the click of a button. Try to make arrangements ASAP, at least a week in advance. This gives you plenty of time to discuss schedules with your "punkin' pie,"

procrastinate doing all work ahead of time, and purchase tickets. And ladies, you know when Auntie Flow comes every month, so let's not coincide visits. We don't need any extra setbacks or hormones along for the ride.

Tip #5 Plan ahead...and while you're sitting next to that loud, overweight, smelly man, remember who's picking you up from the train station.

Surprise

I know I just said plan ahead, but sometimes there is room for the crazy, sporadic, need-to-see-you, surprise visit. This exception is not only ok, but gladly welcomed. I'm not saying show up at your boyfriend's next-door neighbors' every other weekend and watch them, occasionally popping out of bushes. If your "cutie" sounds low or is expressing high levels of I-miss-you, show up at his gig, game, or knock on his door one night and whisk him away to wine and dine. You're sure to bring a smile, and bonus points are written all over this package.

Tip #6 As the saying goes sometimes there just, "ain't nothin' like the real thing baby."

Quality time

After you have your slow-motion, music-filled, movie-like greeting at the bus station, the rest of the weekend is up for grabs. I know that catching up on the physical side is going to be a must for all couples, but you have to take others into consideration.

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There is plenty of time for lip-locking and snuggling under covers, but let your roommate into her room... it is still her room. And hey, it might even be a good idea for your friends to know and get along with your special someone. Go out and do things. Whether it's a movie, a game, a walk, or a trip to the five-star dining hall, make sure you can interact with each other and others at the same time.

Tip #7 Take a trip down toddler lane... learn to share.

Relationships are never easy. Falling in love was something I never thought would happen to me, especially in college. When it did, I never expected it to be so life-changing. Now, instead of having every minute of every day with and to myself, I have a cell phone to remind me to share it with someone else...six hours away. Adding phone bills, transportation, accommodations, and time to my budget weren't things I had wanted or planned for in college.

Now, even though we're not always on cloud nine, it ain't bad bouncing between seven and eight. Therefore, even though you think putting a state or two in the middle of you and your babe will never work, my last words of wisdom are...

Tip #8 Distance only makes the heart grow fonder.



Images of snow outside the Union may not be just distant memories. The winter is not yet over and may still hold a few surprises. But on the bright side, there's only 104 days until summer.

Surviving the final days of winter

By Steve Block
Staff Writer

About three years ago, my friend dragged me up to the ski slopes in the northwest part of New Jersey on a day off from school. It was the coldest day of the year with a wind chill close to 15 below zero. While I made it to the intermediate slopes by the end of the afternoon, I spent most of my energy attempting to get back to the heated hut that supplied hot chocolate and relief from the bone-chilling weather.

While some people may find this activity to be an enjoyable way to spend their free time, the rest of us are currently stuck inside with little to do and time to spare. It is now the middle of February and the temperatures remain at undesirable levels after one of the worst Januarys in recent memory. With at least one more month until bearable outside conditions and two more months until I can play ball in the park, I've tried to take advantage of the situation.

Here are a few things that everyone can do to ensure the final month of your winter is better than the first two.

· **Keep in shape** - Although running on a treadmill or riding the stationary bike isn't as enjoyable as getting outside, it can have its advantages. You can polish off entire sections of a newspaper or magazine during one cardio session or have a conver-

sation with someone you probably wouldn't have access to while running the streets. If you are fortunate enough to have a full gym membership, it is wise to get your money's worth in the winter before it seems like a chore to get out of the sun and go inside.

· **Expand your wealth of knowledge** - There is a lot going on right now in our country and through reading or watching educational television, you can become a more well-rounded person. The democratic primaries are in full swing and will likely be decided in the next few weeks. In the business world, the economy is slowly returning from recession levels and the stock market has been streaking for the last three months. There are many magazines as common as Time or Business Week that can help educate you on subjects you may not be accustomed to.

· **Take that Trip** - If you have the money and the time, pick things up and take a small vacation. This is a great time of year for a short getaway to a southern location. Everyone knows the ideal destinations like Cancun and Daytona Beach. A week in one of these paradises can feel like a month.

Of course, you can always go the other direction and take a trip to the Vermont Mountains but I'd give that notion a second thought.

**Come to the next Wagnerian meeting
Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
in Union 204**

Break brings lady Seahawks together

**By Gavin Hadden IV
Staff Writer**

A broken fourth-metacarpal in Carrie Walker's fifth finger was a blessing in disguise for the Wagner College women's basketball team.

Walker, a senior tri-captain, had averaged 17.5 points and just over 10 rebounds per game prior to a collision, in practice, with freshman guard Jessie Collins.

The crash heard round Spiro Sports Center between Walker and Collins could have very easily signified the end of the Seahawk's season. In fact, the very next game, without Walker's presence on the bench, they dropped an important Northeast Conference battle to Central Connecticut State University, 67-63. This loss provided the Wag ladies with the wake up call they needed during their time of mourning.

The newly inspired women rattled off three consecutive victories in a row. The first winning streak of the season began with wins over Long Island University and St. Francis (NY), and ended in storybook fashion with a redeeming triumph over Central CT, 45-43.

"Her presence is important," senior tri-captain Ronnie Carter said of her fallen teammate. "On the floor, on the bench, or just in general... she is a reassurance."

On the floor, Walker has quietly put together a stellar career on Grymes Hill. Earlier this season, against Colgate University, Walker scored her 1,000th career point. Her resume is marinated heartily with scoring, but it doesn't stop there. She has also tallied

21 career double-doubles while averaging nearly nine rebounds a game.

Despite her place in Wagner's basketball history, Walker's greatest accomplishment is in the classroom. This past year, she received numerous awards ranging from Verizon's Academic All-American team, to the 2002-2003 NEC Scholar Athlete of the Year. The same effort that keeps her ahead of the competition on the court carries over into a 3.86 G.P.A. Her accomplishments are not only emulated through her teammates, but her coach feels them as well.

"She will not settle for anything less than her best," said head coach Tara Gallagher. "An awful lot comes from her self dedication and her dedication to her teammates."

With Walker's only wish being an appearance in the NCAA tournament, she will need her teammates to reciprocate her devotion. Since her injury, the team has won three of five and jumped up to fifth in the NEC, with a 6-4 record, and a 9-10 record overall.

As sophomore guard Joy Gallagher consistently finds herself in double-digit scoring, she looks at her success as returning the favor. "She (Walker) has always carried us. Now it is our time to carry her," said Gallagher.

The shoulders of the lady Seahawks will be much looser, when Carrie Walker's superstar tonnage, is lifted from them. This will happen sooner than expected. Her cast will be turned into a smelly memory on Friday February 4th, making her hopeful to play at Quinnipiac University, on Saturday February 21st.

Until that point, these motivat-



Carrie Walker

ed women must continue playing inspired ball to have a chance at reaching their ultimate goal, the NCAA tournament.

Instead of Walker being jealous during her team's success, she has become even more motivated herself. Working with her left hand at practice will bring another aspect to her already fierce repertoire.

"They're doing great now, and when I come back, we are going to be even stronger," says Walker.

This strength will be greatly felt by NEC opponents. In order for the Wagner women to start shopping for their dancing shoes, they must first win the conference championship, which will result in an automatic bid into the big dance.

Since Walker's return on February 26, the Lady Seahawks have gone 1-1. Walker began right where she left off, averaging 34 minutes, 12 points and 13 boards; that constitutes an average of a double-double in her post injury performances.

Spring sports round-up

**By Steve Block
Staff Writer**

Men's Basketball

The Seahawk men clinched a birth in the NEC tournament with a 70-66 win against St. Francis (PA). The victory moved the team to 12-14 (9-7) on the year. Senior Nigel Wyatte leads the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging a double-double with 13.8 points per game and 10.1 rebounds per game. Senior guards Teoie Carroll and Courtney Pritchard are also averaging over 10 points per game. The NEC tournament was held at Wagner the weekend of March 6-7.

Women's Basketball

Following a win at Robert Morris, the Seahawk women have stumbled, losing four straight in NEC action with two games left in the regular season. Senior forward Carrie Walker's injury has put the team in a difficult position. She averages 17.7 points per game to lead the team. At 10-15 (7-9), the women will still be able to participate in the

NEC tournament at Spiro.

Ice Hockey

The Wagner Ice Hockey team won the MCHC championship with a 6-2 victory over Fairfield. Center Lou Weber was named tournament MVP with 2 goals in the win. Wagner finished the regular season with 15 wins and just one loss coming in overtime. They led the MCHC in both goals scored and goals against.

Swimming

The swimming team placed fifth at the NEC championships the weekend of February 19-21. Wagner finished the event with 416 points behind Gardner-Webb, Georgetown, Central Connecticut State and Georgia Southern. Shannon Johnston placed 2nd in the 1650 freestyle. The team will finish the season with the ECAC championships held in Pittsburgh.

Track

Two of the stars on the track and field team were rewarded for their efforts at the NEC Championships. Senior Josh Russell set a conference meet record with a shot put throw of

17.76 meters. Freshman Brian Paliuca placed first in the high jump with a leap of 2.01 meters. On the women's side, the Distance Meter Relay team placed second with a team of 12:40.09

Water Polo

Facing some of the top teams in the nation, the Wagner Water Polo team dropped four matches at the Princeton Invitational. The Seahawks fell to nationally-ranked Michigan (9) and Brown (17), in addition to George Washington and Bucknell. The bounced back from the defeats at the CWPA tournament last weeked. They defeated St. Francis (NY), Queens, Iona and lost to Hartwick.

Wrestling

The Seahawk wrestlers will be competing at the CAA Championships the weekend of March 6-7 following a 32-18 defeat against Duquesne. Wagner wrestlers Matt Hartigan, Evan Weber-Junot, Matt Tutanjian and Justin Engin picked up victories against the Dukes.

Do you suffer from away message syndrome?

**By Audra Groh
Staff Writer**

You've had a long day. After finishing three classes and transferring a meal, you sit down at your desk, and the first thing you do, instead of eating the sandwich you just had made, is check your away message and attack your buddy list. All 200 screen names must be checked. You don't know why, but it has to be done.

The internet is a necessity for Wagner College Students. It is your connection to the entire school as well as distant friends, relatives, or kids you just know. Click, click, and get info. You go up and down the entire list, reading profiles and away messages, clicking into the lives of others. You go through your lists of kids you like, kids you don't like, family, girls, boys, and psychos you haven't blocked yet.

Thank god we are provided with smiley-faced emotion characters that can be put up when one is feeling any of the 16 ways provided.

We know someone is having fun when the big tongue face is up, we know someone is upset when the blushing face is up, and we know someone is not being good when the angel face is up. When I say "we", I literally mean "we" as an entire campus. If you don't want anyone to know what you did on Thursday night, then don't put it up on Friday morning.

If you don't want people to know you broke up with your boyfriend,

then get the sappy lines out of your profile. If you don't want that kid who's been stalking you to find you at the Burrito bar, then don't put where you're going as your away message.

The most important aspect of the Wagner College campus connection is the profile. What is put in a profile? Well, whatever you want everyone else to see.

A typical profile will have a quote from a song that means something, a shout out to your friends, a popular saying, your room number and or extension. Colors are also important when designing a profile.

Other profile info might include what sport you play, how many days until you turn 21, how you feel about Staten Island and Wagner College, or a quote from one of your friends. Just don't forget that only 1,024 characters are allowed.

By checking your profile, a complete stranger could get your room number, possibly your mailing address, and if you're single or not all by 2 clicks.

Most of us check the profiles and away messages non stop out of habit. It's nothing to be ashamed of. It's fun and for those who are too shy to say how they really feel, the internet can be a way to express yourself without actually speaking. If you don't want the entire network to know something, then don't put it up.

If you think for a minute that no one has your screen name, you're so wrong. Everyone does.

Interesting and strange Away Messages

Your America Online Instant Messenger away message can tell people where you are, what you're feeling, something personal about you, or just about anything. Here are some interesting, strange and fun away message found online.

Crayola37:
tgif... thank God, thought it would never get here...

Play H2O:
Out call the cell... Oh wait... I don't have one...

Pecas111282:
Out for the day, going to..... SHHHH! Its a secret!

Ashley111783:
oh so much work to do on this extra NICE day! -(

ajcutiepi:
"That Damn stamp collection!!"

RENTHBK:
It's 2.22 p.m. do you know where your pants are?

Results of mock Democratic primary

The Wagner College Democrats and SGA held a mock democratic primary last week in the Union.

Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to voice their opin-

ions and also. New York state voters were able to register.

The primary results mirrored that of the country.

More than 250 people voted in the election.



John Kerry
53 percent



Al Sharpton
8 percent



John Edwards
33 percent



Dennis Kucinich
6 percent

