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The "Spring Awakening" star was a hit among students and the Lifestyles Partnership Program. The event was hosted by Wagner's Center for Leadership and Engagement. "This feels like a room of people who want to see change," said Stroker.

'You are the people I believe in' says Ali Stroker

By MEAGHAN DARWISH
Staff Writer

New York City singer and actress Ali Stroker made a special visit to share what it is like as the first wheelchair user Broadway actress. Some may know her from the reality series "The Glee Project" and as Betty on the wildly popular TV show, "Glee," which finished its run in spring 2015. Stroker's most recent achievement is her portrayal of the character Anna in Deaf West's production of "Spring Awakening."

She entered Spiro 2 on Feb. 10 with a Dunkin' Donuts iced coffee, a detail that any college student can relate to, but her bubbly and bright personality seemed to dispute the idea that she would even require caffeine. Ali Stroker became paralyzed from the chest down after a car accident at the age of two, but this does not define her. "My chair is part of who I am," she stated, validating its importance as her "secret weapon."

After taking part in a backyard production of "Annie," she knew that she wanted to be an entertainer. The particularly difficult part of her dream was dancing because there were a lot of things she could not do, but she wanted to dance. It was devastating to watch; she "wanted it now." So she decided that she would have to translate herself, just like words. Stroker

would watch and then transform the choreography into something that she could accomplish.

As she rolled back and forth at the front of the room, her stage presence was strong and commanding of everyone's attention. She continued to speak about her journey, revealing that she applied and was accepted for early decision at NYU.

Her dreams were being realized, but there was some opposition from administration on her ability to keep up in dance classes. Stroker would not let someone else's opinion limit her.

Her theatrical self-awareness is part of her appeal, and the audience was laughing with her as she recounted different reactions. Throughout the presentation, Stroker reacted to the audience's interest by constantly taking moments to say things like "you are the people I believe in," and "this feels like a room of people who want to see change."

She also recounted her struggle to get auditions in Los Angeles when she moved out there in hopes of being on "Glee." She knew that the series was showcasing all different types of people, but it bothered her that the actor in the wheelchair was not actually a wheelchair user.

So she returned to New York where her "home team" resides, praising the power of support from family, friends and mentors. When



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Ali Stroker takes a selfie with sophomore Gianna Chianchiano, left. Throughout the presentation, Stroker told her story, answered questions from the audience and sang a song.

she thought that her dream of being on "Glee" was over, she received a call for an audition to be on "The Glee Project". Thousands auditioned and Stroker was one of 14 contestants selected to compete.

As the second runner up, Stroker credits "The Glee Project" for her re-occurring role on "Glee." This opportunity boosted her fan base, allowing her to market her talent, and it ultimately led to "the most exciting

thing that's ever happened," to her: "Spring Awakening." When the Deaf West production was announced for Broadway, Stroker was notified by email in South Africa where she was doing art outreach work.

"I sobbed," she said. She was finally a Broadway actress, and the first in history to be a wheelchair user.

Stroker realized that she could be a voice for her community. She had never seen anyone in wheelchairs on



PHOTO BY MEAGHAN DARWISH

television or in plays as a child, and with Deaf West's production of "Spring Awakening" and other roles, she hopes to change that. "It is our right to have access, however there is still a lot of work to be done." She took some questions from the audience as well as sharing her talent by singing a song for the audience.

"My limitations are my opportunities," said Stroker. To her, disability is the "strongest reflection of ability."

Commencement speakers: Trump to HONY

By **AISHA RAHEEL**
Staff Writer

This year, Wagner's commencement speaker will be Brandon Stanton, the creator of the "Humans of New York" Facebook page and author of the HONY book series.

"Thank you Wagner for getting it right with this," said Senior Rebecca Barret, who was one of many students excited by the news.

Stanton's work is loved by many: His facebook page hit 16 million followers this year. However, Stanton is far from being the only famous commencement speaker.

Twelve years ago, Donald Trump gave the commencement speech for Wagner's graduating class of 2004. He was honored with an honorary doctorate of humane letters, which Stanton will also be receiving on May 20.

Trump's appearance was met with excitement and speculation. "We were all kind of star struck," said Associate Dean, Dina Assante, who was present during his speech, "He was a

celebrity and it was very exciting to have him here."

One of the reasons Trump was chosen had to do with his starring role in "The Apprentice," which had been very popular that year. Moreover, he was soon to be married to his current wife, Melania Trump.

He had bought her a 15-carat emerald cut House of Graf diamond ring, costing \$3 million. Unfortunately, the future Mrs. Trump did not come to the ceremony, so Wagner students never saw her with or without her ring.

However, Donald Trump was a hit at the commencement ceremony. "I'm a star and there's nothing like it," Trump said, "It beats real estate all the time."

And he certainly received the star treatment. Students and audience members snapped pictures in Trump's direction and asked him to autograph baseball caps, books and graduation programs.

This year, Stanton will be honored along with Alumna Nadia Lopez, principal of Mott Hall Bridges Academy.



Donald Trump's appearance, top, was met with excitement and speculation. "We were all kind of star struck," said Associate Dean Dina Assante, who was present for his commencement speech. Brandon Stanton, creator of "Humans of New York", is going to be the next speaker for the graduating class of 2016.

Other Staten Island Trump sightings:

- In 1964, a teenage Donald Trump attended the opening of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.
- In his early years, Trump would tag along with his father, Fred, to check on properties they owned, such as the Grymes Hill Apartments and the Tysens Park Apartments in New Dorp.
- In 1993, Trump visited PS 69 in New Springville, arriving in a limousine with police guarding the entrance to the school.

SGA update: Housing debate settled

From follow-ups to new focuses for the spring, the SGA Town Hall meeting on Feb. 9 covered a range of topics aimed at improving Wagner's experience for students, faculty and staff.

The first order of business was thanking the staff who stayed on campus during Winter Storm Jonas. This group included the dining staff, maintenance workers, power crew and Public Safety.

Residency Requirement

After hearing voiced concerns and opinions from students about Wagner's four year, on-campus housing requirement, the staff came to a compromise. The housing requirement has been changed to three years, allowing senior students to move off campus in their fourth year at Wagner.

Laundry Service

A frequently heard complaint at previous board meetings, Wagner has made headway in further developing the laundry systems. The machines will soon allow students to use a credit card swipe instead of quarters. This should take place in a couple of weeks once the college has the wires to implement the system.

Meal Plan Flexibility

Another popular topic during Town Hall meetings, the dining staff is looking to align staffing in their service locations with student class

schedules. The hope is to decrease wait times for food during "rush hour".

Front Desk Attendants

With help from the finance office and improved scheduling, it was stated at the meeting that Wagner now has the capacity to cover all front desk shifts with attendants. In addition, training will be taking place to improve communication with the desk attendants. Maintenance and security have been completing extra rounds to help enforce the college's security measures.

Sprung Floors

This is an issue that was brought to the attention of the staff last semester. Some of the dance floors, namely the aerobics studio, are not sprung to satisfaction. Sprung floors will decrease impact on the athletes and performers using those floors. President Guarasci and VP of Administration Joseph Romano both stressed that the floor in the Main Hall basement is sprung.

Advertisement on Campus

Students looking for more opportunities to advertise on campus will soon find additional boards for advertisements to be posted on. The priority will be to add the boards in the residence halls and in union. Wagner is currently pricing this.

Emergency Response System

Complaints of the communication

about shuttle services during a recent snow event surfaced during the meeting. Lee Manchester was confident that this will not occur again in future incidents.

Shuttle Service

Inability to predict traffic and shuttle routes during rush hour prompted the conversation of reevaluating hours and times for shuttle services. Public safety supervisor Monica Wohltjen addressed this, noting that the best way to handle this situation is for students to call ahead and request a shuttle to stay behind if the ferry is running late. There are plans to follow this up to see if the shuttles are running correctly based on their guidelines.

Diversity

A core value of Wagner, diversity, was addressed in the meeting by Dean Curtis Wright and VP Ruta Shah-Gordon. They introduced the Declaration of Change, which is a proposition of changes to Wagner's campus to "improve diversity and inclusion relevant to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, and ability." Dean Curtis also has plans to take the campus climate surveys recently filled out by students through Wagner's email and, from them, build focus groups and a strategic plan for diversity on campus.

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WORLD NEWS



Greek volunteers have been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for their refugee efforts.



The Zika virus has been linked to underdeveloped brains.

Greek islanders nominated for prize

For months now, over 900,000 Syrian refugees have sought out the safe haven of Greek islands off the coast of the Aegean Sea. On these islands, refugees are welcomed by volunteers who have flocked from all over the world to provide food, shelter, comfort and care for those who are continuing on to other European countries for further asylum.

These efforts on the frontline have not gone unnoticed by the public as now three individuals, who will simply be a representation of the larger group, are nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Susan Sarandon, 85-year-old Emilia Kamvisi, and fisherman Stratis Valamios are the three nominees who will be representing the Greek Islands for their sacrificial work.

This nomination is supported by Greece's national government as well as academics from the universities of Oxford, Princeton, Harvard, Cornell and Copenhagen, who drafted the submission in favor of awarding this prize to the Islanders. Right now, Greece is one of the only countries who are not denying refugees and are continuing to open their homes and hearts to those in need.

Reported by Amanda Sutherland

A global emergency

The Zika virus is an illness with usually mild symptoms including fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis. Though deaths of those infected with the disease are very rare, there have been connections to those who had been infected with the Zika virus having children with birth defects—specifically microcephaly, which results in an underdeveloped brain. Even though death is a rare outcome for those infected, there is strong suspicion that it is the culprit.

There have also been connections between the Zika virus and a serious neurological condition that can lead to paralysis, known as Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

The virus is spread through mosquito bites. This particular kind of mosquito is very active during the daytime, breeds near stagnant water, and lays eggs that take months to dry out.

Currently there is no vaccine for the Zika virus and more than 20 countries are reporting cases. According to CDC officials, it was sexually transmitted in Texas on Tuesday, February 2. There has also been reported cases in Broward County, Florida.

It can also be transmitted through labor, blood transfusion, and laboratory exposure. The CDC requests \$1.8 billion to fight the Zika virus, and has named Zika a global health emergency.

Reported by Kathleen Thieme

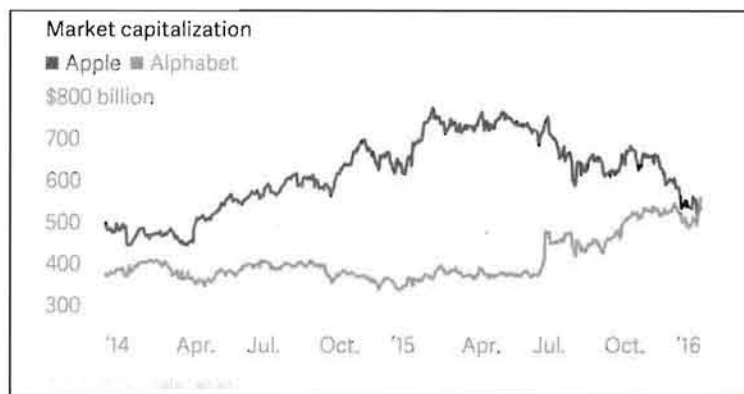
Apple struggles in more than one product

For the first time since 2003, Apple is predicting a decrease in net revenue for their next fiscal quarter. The company reports that revenue will drop from a high of \$75.9 billion last quarter to roughly \$53 billion. For a short time in the first week of February, Alphabet, Google's parent company, moved ahead of Apple as the most valuable company in the world.

The slowdown in sales is said to be a result of decreased demand, as the widespread adoption of smartphones reaches the limits of its growth. Other factors include lower than expected performance of iPhones in the Chinese market, competition from other tech companies and an economic recession that has hit hard in various countries around the world. iPhones are not Apple's only struggling product. iPad and Mac sales came up 2 million units below projections.

As a result of the revenue predictions, Apple shares dropped by more than five percent to \$94.66 in January.

Reported by Nicholas Woodman



For a brief period in February, Alphabet's valuation eclipsed Apple's, which could strike fear for stockholders.



The People's Bank of China is doing all they can to stimulate China's economy.

China's slowdown

China's economy is growing at its slowest pace since May 1990. In December and January, their foreign exchange reserves dropped a total of \$197.4 billion, according to central bank data.

Right now, China is in the midst of weakening the value of their currency, the yuan. They have cut interest rates six times and mandatory level of bank reserves five times. This is meant to help stimulate their economy while making their exports cheaper and more enticing to foreign customers.

But the depreciation is causing problems among the world markets. In the first week of 2016, global stocks were down six percent. Economists are worried that trading partners of China will be forced to weaken their currency as well.

China's head policymakers have promised to play less of a role in controlling the value of their currency. Although outflows are high and reserves are low at the moment, it could simply be a result of the Chinese government allowing markets to decide the value of the yuan.

Reported by Ryan Monaghan



United States troops stand alongside ukrainian troops during training taking place in Eastern Europe.

U.S. troops in Ukraine

American and Lithuanian troops are training Ukrainian soldiers at a remote training center near Yavoriv. This is part of a 55-day course in preparation for oncoming conflicts with Russia.

The live-fire drills are meant to simulate actual action that might be seen in battle. According to American military leaders, the Ukrainian soldiers are improving quickly. Russia is unhappy about the coalition and accuses American troops of arming the Ukraine's soldiers. The U.S. government claims they only supply protection and medical equipment meant to be used inside the Ukrainian border.

The Joint Multi National Training Group Ukraine, consisting of the US, Canada, and Lithuania, expects to prepare the Ukraine until they can run the training facility independently.

Reported by Ryan Monaghan



El Chapo's elusiveness has bewildered Mexican authorities.

El Chapo on the run

Last July, the drug lord El Chapo, otherwise known as Joaquin Guzman, made headlines when he escaped Altiplano Federal Prison through a secret channel of tunnels. Even Mexico's most secure prison could not contain the cartel head, who evaded authorities for months. In January, it was revealed that actor and activist Sean Penn, with the help of Mexican actress Kate del Castillo, had set up an interview with El Chapo last October, before he was apprehended by authorities in a raid that took place on Friday, Jan. 8. The interview, which Penn deemed unsuccessful, led to questioning whether or not the criminal was easy to access, scrutinizing the effectiveness of the Mexican authorities. It remains to be seen whether or not El Chapo will attempt another escape, since security has been boosted at Altiplano Federal Prison.

Reported by Meaghan Darwish

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Time to dump Donald Trump

By AMANDA SUTHERLAND
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Donald J. Trump, Republican front-runner of this year's presidential race, is not your ordinary candidate. Last June when the real-estate magnate and TV personality announced his bid for president, using the slogan let's "Make America Great Again," so many mocked the legitimacy of his pursuit.

Many questioned his stance in the race believing it would not be long before the loud mouthed billionaire would have to drop out because of low ratings. How could an anti-establishment candidate like Trump appeal to the public?

Well, we all know now how Trump's bid has developed. Despite him spreading outlandish lies and ridiculous public statements, his momentum in the polls has not faltered.

Here is a list of some of the most outrageous things Trump has done or said in the last eight months of his campaign:

- He has attacked Fox news host Megyn Kelly by accusing of her for being on her menstrual cycle during on of the early Republican debates.

- He has spread outlandish lies about seeing Muslims in New Jersey cheer the morning of 9/11.

- He has called John McCain out for not being a war hero.

- He wants to brand all Muslims, similar to what the Nazi's did with the Jews in World War II.

- He has said all Mexicans are "rapists," "murderers," or "criminals" and wants to build a wall along the border like the one in China.

- Recently when asked about a protestor, Trump replied: "I'd like to punch him in the face."

America, it is time to dump Trump. I find it deeply concerning that a man who has very little respect for women, minorities and even his own Republican party is the person leading the polls for president.

According to PolitiFact – a news source which fact checks politicians, lobbyists, members of congress, etc. – Trump has the highest lying rate of any other presidential nominee with 77% of his statements as either 'mostly false,' 'false,' or 'pants on fire false.' Only 1% of his statements have real truth to them.

Research analytics show that those who are the biggest supporters of Trump are those who make less than \$50,000 a year and do not have any

higher education.

But alright, let's forget for a minute that Trump is a racist, misogynist and liar. He is still not qualified to be our president.

First, he has little to no experience in politics and he is too overconfident in his abilities. He is a business man who knows how to run a large corporate-machine for profit not a country full of people and policies. He boasts how much he knows about fixing America and "making it great again," yet he has talked very little about policy proposals (the actual stuff of substance). He tells his voters, "We will have so much winning if I get elected that you may get bored with winning," but this is pure ignorance.

Second, he will destroy our foreign affairs. Can you imagine him sitting across the table from Chinese President Xi Jinping or Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu without making an offensive or degrading remark?

I can not. One misguided comment from Trump and we could end up with a war against China or a loss of alliance with Israel.

Thirdly, he is inconsistent with his party alliance. In 2004 Trump told CNN's Wolf Blitzer, "I probably identify more with the Democratic



party ... It just seems that the economy does better under the Democrats than the Republicans."

Since that time Trump has been a flip-flopper. He re-registered for the Republican party in 2009, then with the Independent party in 2011, and then now he is back with the Republican party as of 2015. Trump can't seem to get his ideology straight.

Ultimately, the thought of Trump being the president of the United States is scary. Billionaire corporate CEO's already control so much of the

American economy and market, why are we trying to hand over our last bit of power to the same type of unethical profit monster? How can a country that stands for so much good want to elect a president who stands on a mountain of lies, threats, ignorance, and bigotry?

It is time to end Trump's rodeo-go and focus on the real presidential candidates. It is time to dump Donald Trump, or we may have to pay a hefty price and have to live to suffer these consequences.

Liberal arts, better smarts

By MARISA PETRARCA
Life & Style Editor

At times during your college career, you may find yourself sitting in a Biology class as an English major wondering why you chose such a difficult class to fulfill the science requirement.

There is no doubt that I have found myself in a situation like this as a liberal arts student. However, tackling subject matters outside of my traditional realm has helped me grow intellectually in a tremendous way.

The skills that I have acquired through my studies at Wagner in areas such as communication, critical thinking, problem skills, and more are

abilities that I will carry with me for life. I am confident that I will be able to be successful with a liberal arts degree.

Knowing this, I would not trade my liberal arts education for anything else.

Liberal arts degrees are often devalued because there is no focus on mastering specific skills, like a nurse or biologist does. Therefore, many people with liberal arts degrees do not immediately find a job, or struggle to do so.

As an English major, I have had many people say "you're not going to get a job with that degree", but I realize what I am getting myself into with this degree and have a plan set for myself.

There is no doubt in my mind that

a motivated individual can do great things and succeed with a liberal arts degree.

A liberal arts education is defined as a type of education in which colleges aim to provide a broader spectrum of knowledge and skills by exposing students to a wide range of academic subjects.

Yale defines a liberal arts education by explaining, "The essence of such an education is not what you study but the result – gaining the ability to think critically and independently and to write, reason, and communicate clearly – the foundation for all professions." This sentence describes one of the greatest benefits of a liberal arts education – giving you a valuable set of employability skills to carry through life.

Benefits of attending a liberal arts school

- Most classes have less than 30 students, if that many. This enables professors to build relationships with students and know them by name instead of just as a number.

- Most liberal arts schools are smaller colleges that encourage closer, tight-knit communities. Students feel more at home at a liberal arts college than at a big university because they do not have to worry about getting lost in the mix of students.

- At liberal arts colleges, students have the ability to tailor programs to their own interests.

- Students receive a well-rounded and holistic education because liberal arts colleges are concerned with the entire picture of learning curriculum.

Sources: Huffington Post, Nerdwallet

Feminism in Hollywood



Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper, close friends, posing together.



Emma Watson as she delivers a speech at the United Nations launching HeForShe campaign.



Amy Schumer on her show, "Inside Amy Schumer," talking about wage equality.



Patricia Arquette at the 2015 Academy Awards, delivering her Oscar acceptance speech.

By **MEAGHAN DARWISH**
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The past year has been significant for women in Hollywood, specifically in regards to equal pay. Many actresses have come forward in hopes of bringing awareness to the wage gap that is prevalent in the film industry.

At last year's Oscars, Patricia Arquette, who won Best Supporting Actress for her role in a film titled "Boyhood", used her speech to speak out on the issue. Arquette concluded her list of thanks with this closing

statement: "To every woman who gave birth, to every taxpayer and citizen of this nation, we have fought for everybody else's equal rights. It's our time to have wage equality once and for all and equal rights for women in the United States of America."

As she spoke, cheers of solidarity and gestures of agreement washed across the audience, even meriting a fist pump from Meryl Streep. The validity of Arquette's sentiments were confirmed by the reaction of the crowd, and sparked a dialogue encouraging actresses and actors to speak openly on the issue.

In October of 2015, Jennifer Lawrence issued an open essay to the

film industry through Lena Dunham's newsletter "Lenny". This letter continues to build on the same ideas presented in Arquette's speech.

In the essay, titled "Why do I Make Less Than My Male Co-Stars?" Lawrence wrote; "All I hear and see all day are men speaking their opinions, and I give mine in the same exact manner, and you would have thought I had said something offensive."

She claims that her unequal pay has been a result of her inability to speak up for herself without seeming like a "spoiled brat". The wage gap became apparent to her after the infamous Sony hack at the end of 2014.

After her letter was posted, Bradley Cooper, one of Lawrence's consistent co-stars, responded to her words. Becoming aware of the wage gap made Cooper believe that actors should be fighting for their co-stars' pay, making sure females are paid equally to their male counterparts.

Comedian Amy Schumer, who has also tackled gender equality in sketches on her show, "Inside Amy Schumer", defends the need for equal pay in the industry.

In 2014, Emma Watson helped launch the "He for She" campaign with the United Nations. This campaign calls for the support of men in the feminist movement – what Wat-

son called a "formal invitation" in her speech – so that we may work together to create a world where every person has equal opportunity regardless of gender.

These public examples of activism for wage equality are important, not just for the film industry, but also for other areas of occupation. If this issue is discussed enough publicly and improved upon, it will bring forth the same goals for those outside of Hollywood.

From lack of diversity to wage inequality, the dialogue that is created from these issues in Hollywood can be called upon in all aspects of our society.

Advocates hopeful for college student MTA discount

New York Daily News shared news in January that advocates are calling for a 30% discount on monthly MetroCards for college students

By **CASSIDY MILLER**
Staff Writer

An unlimited thirty day MetroCard costs about \$1,400 dollars a year, and \$116.50 a month. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are granted discounts, but as of yet, college students are not. In the recent months, there has been a lot of talk around advocating for a MetroCard discount for college students as well.

Senator Charles Schumer (yes, he's related to Amy) proposed a bill in Oct. 2015 called the University Transit Rider Innovation Program, or UTRIP. This program would give college students at least a 25 percent discount on MetroCards. This discount would decrease the cost of an unlimited thirty day MetroCard from \$116.50 to \$87.38. In Schumer's proposed plan, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would reward the MTA with the money for these discounts. Depending on how responsive the MTA is to Schumer's plan, the discount could be even more than 25 percent.

Schumer said about the proposal, "The point of this legislation is to

give college students some relief – because so many are working so hard to pay tuition and are also taking on large amounts of debt to get by – while at the same time working to ensure cash-strapped transit agencies like the MTA don't have to shoulder the burden."

Other advocates in the fight for MTA student discounts is Collegiate Congress, an organization of student association presidents. Collegiate Congress is asking the MTA for a 30 percent discount on MetroCards, to which representatives responded that fare policy would be considered during the conversations about fare hikes in 2017.

While the MTA has stated that in order to consider giving college students a discount, they would need to be assured that they would be paid back. That is exactly what Schumer's UTRIP bill is proposing. According to Schumer's office, the MTA would be offered the following incentives for participating in the program: "The UTRIP program is designed to help 2-year college students, 4-year college students and graduate students access educational programs and facilities by providing the support needed to transit agencies to off-set

the additional costs of providing discounted student fares. In order for transit agencies to be eligible for the funding they must provide a discounted fare of at least 25% to two and four-year college and graduate students. Transit agencies can then use UTRIP funds to help offset revenue losses incurred by providing the discounts."

The MTA offering student discounts has other perks as well. They are worried about losing money, but not only would this program give college students a necessary discount, it would also boost MetroCard sales. The more students who receive a MetroCard discount, the more likely they are to travel by subway or bus to class, work, internship, or just enjoying all that New York City has to offer.

The program would be good for the environment too, as if more students travelled by public transportation, congestion would decrease, and therefore, pollution. Countless other organization and services offer a student discount, from hair dressers to retail stores to restaurants. The discount promotes business and gives students a much needed discount, and it's high time the MTA followed suit.



Above: A New York City student is using a MetroCard to swipe into the subway system.



Left: Subway transit map of New York City routes.



Below: NYC locals waiting to board the 6 train.

LIFE & STYLE

Wagner students share what their plans are for spring break



Sarah Cappiello
Revisiting a favorite place

This spring break, Sarah is one of the lucky students participating in spring EYH's trip to Italy. Sarah, who studied abroad in her sophomore year, is super excited to be going back to her favorite place. EYH stands for Expanding Your Horizons and is available to students who wish to incorporate travelling into their general education requirements. Visit the website <http://wagner.edu/intercultural/education-abroad/eyh/> for information about deadlines or email Dr. Rita Reynolds with any questions.



Randee Boulay
First time voter

This year, Randee is looking forward to more than just seeing her pet bunny and brother when going back home to Winthrop, Maine. Randee, a junior, is lucky enough to have her state's Democratic caucus in the middle of spring break. Randee is super excited because this is her first time voting and is looking forward to finally having her voice be heard.



Paul Schloeder
Thinking about the future

Aside from preparing for the real world by applying for jobs, this spring break, senior Paul admits to doing the same thing that I'm sure every single one of us is thinking about. When asked what his plans were for this spring break, Paul's response was, "I plan on applying for jobs and crying, but mostly crying." It's OK, Paul, we understand the struggle.



Meghan Mendez
Visiting family

This spring break, Meghan is doing what most Wagner students are doing. She is going to see her family and reconnect with home. She says, "I don't get to go home very much so it will be nice to spend a week with family. My baby brother will be home too!"

Reported by Melissa Calato

Look good, go far

Check out these websites to shop and travel at discounted prices.

Fashion

1) **Hautelook** – Acquired under Nordstrom, Hautelook is a flash sale website where you can discover various top fashion and lifestyle brands at up to 75% off. Because it is a flash sale website, each day at 8 a.m. Pacific, new sale events begin to offer you fresh savings full of men's and women's fashion, beauty steals and home decor savings. The best deals to check out on Hautelook are the beauty deals. With featured brands such as Urban Decay, Too Faced, The Blam, Tarte and many more, the beauty deals are what most of Hautelook's shoppers go for daily. Everyone is welcome to join. Membership is free!

2) **Beyond the Rack** – A private shopping club for women and men who are seeking designer apparel that is up to 80% off retail. Similar to Hautelook, Beyond the Rack also has that flash sale quality to their website, with new events starting daily to offer their customers a wide variety of designer merchandise. These events typically last 48 hours, and therefore, the merchandise is no longer available after the 48 hour period. Membership is free, and you can even be invited by a friend to join. The one downside is Beyond the Rack does restrict the amount of members they accept, and because of this, may put a delay on accepting your membership request.

3) **Moddeals** – A fairly new online fashion site that offers modern fashion deals at a discount up to 70% off. As the name suggests, Moddeals focus is to offer fashion deals on clothing, shoes, and accessories for women. Unlike the previous two sites mentioned, Moddeals does not provide their shoppers with designer merchandise discounts, but rather merchandise at affordable prices for any college student on a budget. If you're looking to update your wardrobe and aren't looking to pay through the roof, this is definitely the site for you. Membership is free to anyone who would like to sign up.

4) **Thred UP** – If you're looking for top designer brands at up to 90% off retail price, this is the site for you! Thred Up offers shoppers a year round shop packed with designer merchandise for both women and kids. The best part is it is not a flash sale website, and therefore, the merchandise shown on the website is for sale until it sells out. Thred Up also has coupon code offers on their site that provide you with even more savings to help you get that fashionable item you have been eyeing. Membership is free by entering in your email address as soon as you click on the site.

Travel

1) **Student City** – Student City offers spring break trips to college and high school students to your favorite get away destinations. Trips include transportation, hotel accommodations, party packages, entertainment, and representatives to help you at all times. Along with popular destinations like Cancun, Punta Cana, and Nassau, Student City also offers the option to be at sea with their all inclusive spring break cruise: Inception at Sea. The cruise includes the Inception Music Festival as well, so if you're a music lover and sick of being trapped on campus, Student City sounds like an option definitely worth looking into.

2) **Student Universe** – A discounted travel website that provides negotiated flight, hotel, and transportation prices for students looking to travel the world. With a partnership with over 70 airlines students are able to visit their dream destinations for cheap, whether it be a romantic European getaway or an exotic trip to Asia. Furthermore, membership is free, which makes it an ideal outlet for students who are interested in travelling.

3) **Contiki** – A program that has spent over 50 years discovering the perfect way to travel is offering 18- to 35-year-olds trips of a lifetime. Why spend all your time, energy, and money in booking a trip when you can have Contiki do it for you? This site provides over 270 trips around the world with several departure dates, prices, and lengths of stay, so it is convenient for everyone who wants to travel anywhere in the world! Some of the options that Contiki offers are trips under \$1,000, 8 to 11 day trips, over 12 day trips, and discounted trips for those who wish to depart sooner than usual. Over 1.7 million travellers have gone through Contiki so they must be doing something right... or cheap.

4) **Friendly Planet** – This travel company offers value trips for great prices. Instead of the normal spring break destinations, Friendly Planet offers a wide variety of categories to choose from including: active trips, festival incorporated trips, history and culture trips, and wildlife trips. Although the trips may be a bit pricy for the average college student, it is cheap when compared to the value of the trip. Also, if you are looking for a gift for someone special who loves to travel, Friendly Planet sells gift cards on their website to put toward one's dream trip.

Reported by Alex Stanco

Different ways to style your dorm

There are so many different ways to style your dorm room that people haven't realized that are must tries at some point during the semester! Dorm trends such as lofted beds and "L'ing" your beds allow for so much room to store stuff that might have previously been cluttered. Want to know the perfect way to style your dorm room? Follow the guidelines below!

Does it feel like you don't have enough seating?

A lofted bed could be the solution. By raising your bed, not only does your room seem to expand, but you have the perfect place to place a futon or a bean bag chair so people can sit and relax. The best part about lofting is that you can string lights on the underside of the bed, so while you're sitting and enjoying all the extra space, guests can sit and enjoy the mellow lights.



Not enough seating but you're afraid of heights?

Don't worry, lofting a bed isn't for everyone. What many people opt for is creating an "L" bed set up. By facing the heads of the bed in an L formation, you completely open the floor. Your room will look so much bigger and you will probably have a little extra space too. Put in an extra chair or two without feeling overwhelmed.



Do you have constant clutter?

If you are one of those people who can't keep their clutter off the floor, bunking your beds could be a possibility. You'll have extra space for storage bins that people who only loft their beds really can't get, since there is still another bed taking up the entire other wall. By having a completely free wall you'll definitely be able to keep storage and organize your room better than you ever had before.

Reported by Melissa Calato



Wagner trends

Fashion: Many students on campus are commenting on the new half up, half down hairstyle, only it's not just half up, it's half man bun. Was it the notorious man bun that inspired this edgy new do? Or were women just bored with a simple headband to get the hair out of their face? Either way, this hairdo has been spreading like wildfire, and many have mixed opinions on it.

Fun: Hang tight, because Wagner College has been hit with the crafting bug! Wagner College is a creative campus in many ways but recently adopted a predilection for crafting. Birthdays, friend-iversaries, holidays, you name it: crafting for your friends is an appropriate gift. This stereotypical sorority pastime has gone campus wide and people are in love with it. There's just something about a blank canvas that takes away the stress of school.

Food: A new diet trend that fellow Wagner students have been following up on is the gluten-free diet. Let's be real, living on Wagner's campus and trying to diet at the same time is hard, but yet this new trend seems to be compatible with campus food services.

So how does everyone do it? Let's fill you in on a little secret that some people may not know: behind the sandwich line, all the way in the back of the dining hall, there is an entire refrigerator of gluten free goodies and available to any student willing to trek to the back of the dining hall.

Recently, this has been a popular trend among students who want to keep a healthier eating lifestyle.

Reported by Melissa Calato

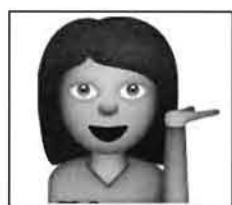
Emoji uncertainties finally answered

Everyone is familiar with emojis. Whether it be on Twitter, Facebook, texting, Apple, Samsung, or Google, everyone has come into contact with emojis in some shape or form. However, what most people don't realize is that there are more to these little icons than one thinks. Most of the emojis actually represent certain characters, events, and objects that people take as a random symbol that looks cute. What is the real meaning behind our modern texting lingo? In order to help you uncode the secret language of emoji, this article will help clear things up. When various students were asked what emojis confused them, there were a few emojis that seemed to be baffling to many. In the hopes of clearing up some confusion, here are a few with descriptions:



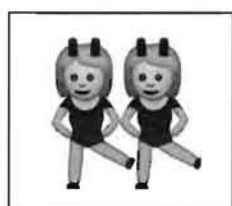
Person Bowing Deeply

To most people this emoji looks like a man deep in thought, or even doing push-ups, but in actuality, this emoji shows a person "bowing deeply"—known as dogeza in Japan. This emoji is supposed to be used to show a sincere apology, or when requesting a large favor.



Information Desk Person

Commonly used to convey sass, fabulousness, and sarcasm, this emoji has become one of the most iconic Apple emojis. But what most people see as sass, was actually intended to represent a helpful desk attendant.



Women With Bunny Ears

Most frequently used when referring to twins, sisters, dancers, and best friends, this emoji is an iteration of the Playboy Bunny. The emoji was created to symbolize attractive women.



Roasted Sweet Potato

Although it resembles something closer to a halved eggplant, this emoji is actually a roasted sweet potato. Although the sweet potato is traditionally known as American, especially around Thanksgiving, this emoji once again represents a common Japanese food.

Hot Springs

Most people use this emoji to represent when something is hot, or as a symbol for soup. This is actually the symbol for hot springs. The symbol represents steam rising from a hot tub seen in the onsen maps in Japan.



Fish Cake With Swirl Design

This emoji is most commonly thought to be candy, but in reality it is a fishcake. Fishcakes are a common part of Asian meals, with each slice showcasing a spiral design. It is known as Narutomaki.



Rice Cracker

This emoji actually shows a type of cracker made from rice wrapped in seaweed. The type of rice it is made from is actually known as senbei, from Japan. It is shown with nori, or the seaweed wrapped at the bottom of the cracker. This meal is often eaten as a snack and served with green tea.



Part Alternation Mark

What some people have apparently mistaken for the McDonald's sign is actually a Japanese musical symbol known as the Noh. This symbol is used to show the start of a song—more specifically, the singer's entrance.



Reported by Kathleen Thieme

{ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT }

Let's start with the facts: Deadpool is not a superhero



By **NICHOLAS BOLSTER**
Staff Writer

Yes, Deadpool hails from a Marvel comic series, he has incredible powers, he has a cool suit, and he sometimes falls on the "good" side of the whole superhero/villain conflict, but he's not a superhero. He's a mercenary, a loudmouth with absurd regeneration and a talent with swords, guns and things that go "boom." He is crass, incredibly violent, and above all, incredibly entertaining, which is what makes his first headlining gig in Hollywood so much fun.

For those unaware, Deadpool is a mercenary from the Marvel comics universe, oftentimes seen alongside the X-Men. This film takes place within that series. After being diagnosed with cancer, Wade Wilson takes a risk and effectively becomes a lab rat in hopes of being cured. The experiment proves successful, in that he acquires regenerative abilities which, simultaneously, fight the growing cancer. The bad news is that his physical appearance is utterly tarnished, leaving him looking, as one character puts it "like a scrotum with

teeth." The main drive, for Wilson and for the film, is revenge upon the person who did this to him and reuniting with the woman he loves.

The film is far more clever than the outline above suggests, but it really isn't in the plot of the film that "Deadpool" shines. The plot itself is rather plain, but it can be argued that the purpose of the "origin story" isn't so much to invest the audience in the plot as it is to get them interested in the character. To that end, "Deadpool" is fantastic, treating its plot as nothing more than a means to show why Deadpool is a character worth following.

From the very opening credits, we get a good sense of both the character's and film's sense of humor, listing the director as "An Overpaid Tool," star Ryan Reynolds as "God's Perfect Idiot," and the writers as "The Real Heroes Here." The film carries its sense of humor on its sleeve, poking fun at anything and everything that's relevant, from star Reynolds' career (Paraphrasing: "Do you think he got by on his talent?") to superhero films both specific (Namely 2011's disastrous "Green Lantern," also starring Reynolds) and as a genre, to digs at cliché (One character

literally suggests that Wilson talk to a suspicious character because "it might move the plot along.") Deadpool himself breaks the fourth wall to address the audience directly multiple times, another element of his character lifted directly out of the comics. It's really in the quips and humorous asides that the film works best, elevating the film from being just another origin story to being incredibly self-aware and owning its source material. Deadpool has never been a "family friendly" character, and the film doesn't shy away from this like many fans had feared it would. Instead, it's a proper adaptation, featuring all the hallmarks of a funny, bloody, sometimes tasteless, and always clever character, taking its R-rating (rare for a "superhero" film) and pushing it to the limit.

While yes, the plot itself isn't anything revelatory, the film manages to sell its title character with incredible ease, making for an incredibly smart, fun, and frantic movie that knows what it is and never tries to be anything else. There's no other character quite like Deadpool, and so there's no other film quite like this one, either.



Lawyer up with Jimmy McGill



While Walter White is a name that will forever be ingrained in pop culture as the ultimate anti-hero, he would not have been as successful or memorable without his cohorts. Saul Goodman, played by Bob Odenkirk in "Breaking Bad", was the "criminal" lawyer that aided Heisenberg's crimes, providing legal advice and receiving pay for it. Last February, about a year and a half after "Breaking Bad" ended, Saul received his own spin-off, aptly titled "Better Call Saul". The pilot episode picked up where the other show left off. For any "Breaking Bad" fans, one could say that Saul had predicted his future, but the episode quickly changes setting, rewinding to 2002, a solid six years before Walter White's story picks up.

At this point in time, Saul was known as Jimmy McGill, a struggling lawyer whose office is located in the back of a nail salon. Jimmy is trying to find his way in the legal world, while also looking after his older brother Chuck, who is struggling health wise. The setup of the series is intriguing in its own right, but there are plenty of "Breaking Bad" veterans making appearances as well,

such as fan favorite and "Better Call Saul" series regular Mike Ehrmantraut, played by Jonathan Banks. The second season, which premiered Monday, Feb. 15 at 10 p.m. on AMC only strengthens the foundation from which it was built.

Similar to the pilot, the first episode of the new season starts in the present day and rewinds back to where the finale of the first season left off. At this point, Jimmy has been trying to do everything right, but he is finding that doing the right thing doesn't always pay off. In mid-life crisis fashion, Jimmy McGill finds himself floating in pool, spending his days tanning and contemplating his next move. At the end of the episode he makes a decision that is sure to explain how he became the Saul Goodman we came to know on "Breaking Bad". If you haven't started "Better Call Saul", the first season was just added to Netflix for your binging pleasure. If you have no idea who Saul Goodman is, "Breaking Bad" is available in its entirety on Netflix also. For those who are caught up and need a reminder, "Better Call Saul" airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on AMC.

Reported by Meaghan Darwish

Should we hail 'Hail Caesar'?



By **RYAN MONAGHAN**
World News Editor

A cast full of big names, the Coen Brothers, and the golden age of Hollywood. Sounds like the formula for a high-quality comedy, right? Wrong. Despite positive reviews from critics, Hail, Caesar! lacked something required for all good movies: a good ending.

Set in Hollywood in 1951, the movie follows the head of production at Capitol Pictures, Eddie Mannix, played by Josh Brolin.

George Clooney plays the studio's major star, Baird Whitlock, who is in the midst of filming the closing scene for Hail, Caesar!, the studio's current major project. Whitlock is drugged

and kidnapped by a group of communists and shortly after, the studio receives a note asking for ransom money signed by "The Future."

After Mannix has famous western star Hobie Doyle, played by Alden Ehrenreich, cast in a period drama to broaden his fanbase, the two discuss his progress in Mannix's office. During this meeting, Mannix gathers the ransom money in a briefcase and asks Doyle what he thinks about Whitlock's disappearance.

Mannix approaches another one of his stars, DeeAnna Moran, played by Scarlett Johansson, about her illegitimate pregnancy and suggests a solution to her situation that would protect her image. They employ Joseph Silverman, played by Jonah Hill, to alleviate her situation. At the premiere of his new movie, Doyle comes

across fellow Capitol pictures actor Burt Gurney, played by Channing Tatum.

Mannix meets with Lockheed Corporation multiple times throughout the movie to discuss a very lucrative offer that would make him a high-level executive.

The storylines were doing well until the end. They were all interesting in their own way and they each grabbed a portion of Mannix's attention. However, viewers are left disappointed at the end when they wait for all of the subplots to tie together and it turns out that they really do not have much to do with each other. The movie ends rather abruptly and the final few scenes appear to rush to the end instead of exploring solutions to the situations.

GRAMMYS

Highlights from music's big night

"As the first woman to win album of the year at the Grammys twice, I want to say to all the young women out there, there are going to be people along the way who will try to undercut your success or take credit for your accomplishments or your fame. But if you just focus on the work, and you don't let those people sidetrack you, some day when you get where you're going, you'll look around and you will know that it was you and the people who love you who put you there, and that will be the greatest feeling in the world."
— Taylor Swift

"With all that divides us today, our shared love of music unites us. All of us."
— LL Cool J

Best New Artist



"I have to thank L.A. Reid for looking at me like an artist instead of just a songwriter."
— Meghan Trainor

Song of the Year

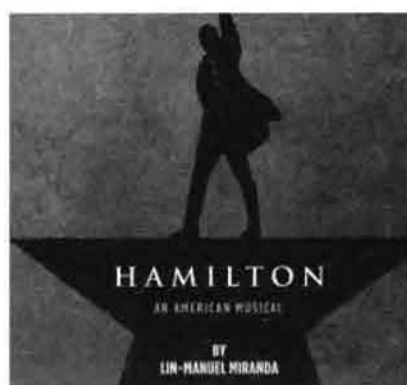


"My parents have flown for the past four years to come to the Grammys every single year, and every time I lose they go, 'Maybe next year.'"
— Ed Sheeran

Album of the Year



Best Musical Theater Album



"We write music, we write songs to tell the story..."
— Cast of Hamilton

Record of the Year



"This is dedicated to the fans right here. We wouldn't be up here if it wasn't for the people dancing to this song. Thank you so much."
— Bruno Mars

Best Music Video



*Quotes from People.com, Mashable.com
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SEAHAWK SPORTS



The Sixth Man Section

By **KIMBERLY WATSON**
Staff Writer

The Sixth Man Section is a term that unifies a team and explains how every member is needed in order to win. From the coaching staff, to the athletes and the crowd, a school must come together and take the home field advantage to create winning conditions. Every athlete knows it is much easier to win a game with the crowd cheering you on.

A large portion of Seahawk fans consist of Wagner students. With this knowledge, the student section was revamped this year, gaining the title "The Sixth Man Section". This revitalization has instilled an energy in the students of Wagner, as more students are coming out and being an active part of the game. From chats to physical distractions for the opposing team, The Sixth Man section has been full of creative ideas this season.

As the energy and excitement of The Sixth Man section has spread, there has been an increase in support for the basketball program. The attendance tends to be much higher when students feel like they can be part of the game, or win t-shirts and other prizes. The impact of this can be seen in the success of the men's basketball team at home. Currently, they are 9-3 at home.

Sophomore Joseph Cooper explains that he enjoys playing home games because of the new energy present at the games. "It creates a fun atmosphere to play in," says Cooper. Students help the team by getting in the opponent's head. Cooper states, "I prefer playing at home because of the sixth man section and it makes it easier to play when your friends and family are there to support you."

Sofia Roma, a forward for the women's basketball team, says "There's a lot of support for men's basketball and the boys [basketball team] feeds off of the atmosphere." She explains that this kind of sup-

port would be extremely helpful for the women's games, as the crowd encourages the athletes to get excited and motivated.



The next opportunity to show your Seahawk pride for men's basketball is Feb 25th vs. Saint Francis University and senior day on Feb 27th vs. Robert Morris University.

The final home game for women's basketball will also be senior day on Feb 27th vs. Robert Morris University.

Wagner's most spirited team: Cheerleading

By **LIANA RIBAUDO**
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A staple at basketball and football games, the Wagner College cheer team is a group of dedicated girls, an athletic team of their own kind.

Coached by Demi Poznak, an alumna of Wagner, there is nothing these girls cannot do. Poznak graduated from Wagner last spring and was on the powerhouse cheerleading team for four years. She re-

turned as a coach for the current team.

Cheerleading gets less attention compared to other teams on campus. People fail to recognize what this team does, and the strength it takes to get the perfect routine done. When asked to describe the team, Poznak states, "They all work together, motivate each other, and get along very well. Cheerleading is definitely a "team" sport; if one person is missing the team may have to change the entire routine. I

think the girls on the team this year truly realize that and know it takes everyone working together to be successful".

The group may not be lifting weights or throwing balls, but depending on the spot assigned, you are watching over the flyer. Taylor Bove, a base/backspot for the team states, "It is a lot of pressure holding the girl up because one wrong move and people can get seriously hurt, but I can't imagine my life without cheerleading in it".

Poznak says, "I think the team would have to agree that the crowd gets the most excited when the girls put up pyramids during routines. The team can make it look easy, however, it's not as easy as it looks. The cheerleaders feel a sense of accomplishment that their hard work paid off."

The cheerleading team is not recognized as a team on campus, so they have put in a lot of extra work for fundraising events compared to Wagner's recognized athletics

teams. Poznak is constantly finding ways to help the team make this money and organizing ways to ensure the team's survival at Wagner. Poznak is a prime example of a truly dedicated coach that pushes the cheerleaders to aim high.

Even though officially cheerleading is not recognized as a team on campus, it is clear that the team puts in an intense amount of work on a daily basis and that sporting events would be quite different without them.

Top left: Wearing costumes and school colors are popular.
Top right: Fans attempt to throw the other team off.
Middle right: The "dab" has become a signature move.
Bottom right: Crowds have grown immensely this season.



Coach Poskay in the middle of a huddle for the men's team.



Senior Shea Gegan runs through her teammates tunnel, prior to the start of a game.



Sophomore Andrew Streilein



Senior Pat McMenemy



Junior Olivia Streilein



Senior Stephanie Peterson

Men's and women's lacrosse begin season

Men's Lacrosse

Wagner men's lacrosse team enters the 2016 season following last year's success of the most wins during season in the history of Wagner men's lacrosse. The four wins marked a huge step forward for the program. That momentum should carry them through this season, as they bring back their top six scorers from last season. The focus for the team is keeping the defense up but balancing that with a consistent scoring pattern in each game: defend and score.

"Yes we are coming off of a season where we have the most wins in school history, but at the same time we felt we should have had more. Offensively, we were young, but we can't use that excuse anymore. We are a year older, a year more mature, and we need those guys to produce," says fourth year head coach Matt Poskay.

Some of the key returners for this season include senior Daniel Valen-

cia and redshirt juniors Pat and Bill McMenemy. The team also returns two All-Rookie Team members from 2015, Billy Orme and Andrew Streilein.

The Seahawks added 13 skilled freshman to the roster this season, hopefully enough to supplement the loss of last years seniors, including former team captain Matt Bunting and four year starting goalie Anthony Peruso. Coach Poskay is expecting some of the younger guys to step in to fill those holes, with the strong possibility of a freshman taking that job.

"We're getting to the point where we can't be satisfied being close. The guys understand what work has to be put in for that to happen."

In the season opener, and first home game for the Seahawks, the men defeated Manhattan 15-8, a dominant way to start their season. Their next home game is Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. against Monmouth.

Women's Lacrosse

After falling to Bryant in the NEC Championship game for the second consecutive season last year, the women's lacrosse team enters the 2016 season ready to compete. This year they have some new assets to their program, namely a new set of coaches.

The new coaching staff includes first year head coach Katie Rowan, a member of the 2009 and 2013 USA World Cup gold medal lacrosse teams.

"As a new coaching staff, we have worked hard this fall and pre-season with teaching new skills and schemes and building lacrosse IQ and awareness on the field," says Rowan.

The women's team brings back two of their strongest players from last year, senior Shea Gegan and junior Amanda Rey.

Gegan racked up a number of accolades last year, including Midfielder of the Year and All-NEC

First Team. Rey, a defender, was named to the All-NEC Second Team.

The team welcomes nine freshmen to replace the likes of Jessica Mills, ranked number four of all time for assists at Wagner, among the other seniors who graduated the team last year.

Preparing for the start of the season, Coach Rowan says "We have a challenging non-conference schedule in February and March, which will help prepare us for our NEC regular season schedule. During the early games, we will work on building our consistency, chemistry, and confidence, which will allow us to take advantage of our opportunities."

The women start their season on Feb. 17 at Iona. They play their first home game of the season on Mar. 5, at 1 p.m. against Saint Joseph's.

Reported by Megan Fritz

Quick facts The Greek Games



Wagner's sororities and fraternities have been participating in a variety of competitions during the men's and women's basketball games. The competitions include the tug of war, free throw contest, and tin cup. Working with the athletics department, winning the competition means winning points and getting the ability to give back to a community program. Currently, Kappa Sigma Alpha is in the lead.

Schedule for remaining Greek Games:

Tug of War

Semifinals: Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.
Finals: Feb. 27, at 4 p.m.

Free Throw Contest

Semifinals: Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.
Finals: Feb. 27, at 1 p.m.

Tin Cups

Finals: Feb. 27, at 1 p.m.

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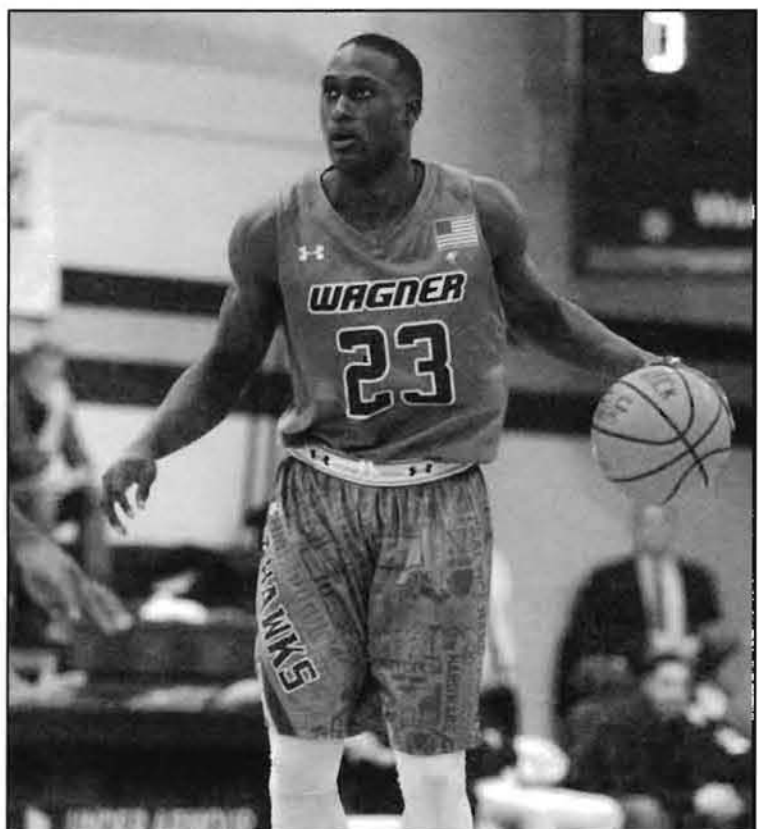
-Currently the nation's leading scorer at 27.5 points per game

-Highest scorer for Wagner women's basketball in history of program

-Named one of ten candidates for the 2016 Nancy Lieberman Award, recognizing the top point guard in women's division one college basketball.

Women's soccer academic award

Junior midfielder Megan Fritz was named the NEC Women's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year. One of eight student athletes to win a Fall Scholar Athlete honor, Fritz was the leading scorer of the women's soccer team this year and named to the All-NEC Second Team. She holds a 3.96 grade point average as a business administration major.



Junior guard Michael Carey leads the men's team in double-doubles this season.

#Fight4First

By MEGAN FRITZ
Sports Editor

On top with two games to go, as Wagner students and fans have come together to support the #Fight4First.

The Seahawks are currently ranked number one in the NEC with just two games left in the regular season. Finishing the regular season in the number one spot would crown them the regular season champions along with giving them a home court advantage for the post-season playoffs.

Wagner has spent a large majority of the season battling back and forth for the first place position with other NEC teams, FDU and Robert Morris University. After their loss to FDU at home on Feb. 4, FDU overtook the first place po-

sition. The team then went on a four game away series, losing the first and winning the final three. The last away game for the regular season brought the Seahawks to the home court of this season's rival FDU. During the game they were able to capture a win and capture the first place position back from the Knights, and have held it ever since.

With just two home games remaining on the season, the Seahawks have a big weight on their shoulders. They currently stand at 11-5 in NEC play, and just one game behind at 10-6 is FDU and Sacred Heart University. A single loss by the Seahawks and win by one of the two second place teams could switch the standings.

Wagner athletics has coined the theme #Fight4First as the student and community support for the

men's team has grown immensely at this critical time in their season. Fan support had increased immensely at home, creating an environment that the team hopes will foster two more wins for the season. Fans will play a role in the last two home games of the season, as well as any NEC tournament games that take place in Spiro.

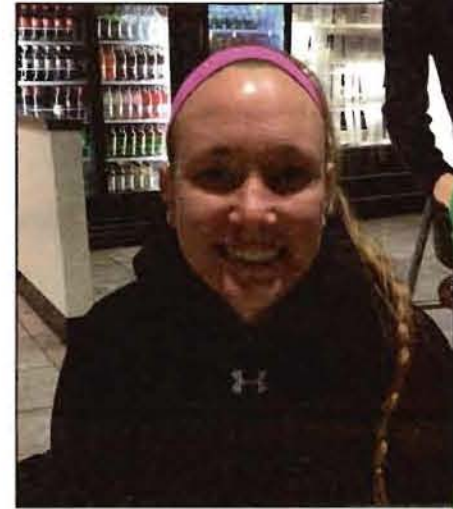
The team has been led heavily by junior Michael Carey, who is leading the team in double-doubles. He is a vital part of the competition for first place and has had a prominent role in all of the heavy impact games. With his success and the combined support of his teammates, the team will look to take on Saint Francis U on Feb. 25. The final game of the season, and senior day for the team, will be against Robert Morris University on Feb. 27.

Who would you write in as a 2016 presidential candidate?

Freshman Lindsay Beistein
Singer Beyoncé



Freshman Kirsten Monte
Comedienne Ellen DeGeneres



Senior Joshua Sottile
Fictional Character Ron Swanson



Dr. Richard Guarasci (write-in)

Sophomore Michael Luszczak
Actress Emma Watson



Senior Chris Zika
Comedian Jon Stewart

Sophomore Garrett Tool
TV Personality Kim Kardashian

