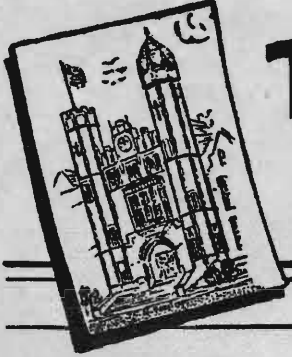


STORM EXTRA



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Cook, Luther Halls Ruined by Storm; Emergency Quarters Set Up in Gym

Wagner College suffered the greatest financial loss of any single organization on Staten Island during the weekend gale which ravaged the Eastern seaboard from Maine to Virginia.

According to estimates released by college authorities to the Wagnerian, more than \$60,000 in damages resulted on the campus because of the near hurricanes.

Luther Hall (whose students, all with one exception, were home for the Thanksgiving holidays), had its roof blown off and front walls buckled. Cook Hall was almost completely destroyed by the portion of the Luther Hall roof which fell on it. The covering of Cunard Hall was blown off along with numerous shingles from Trinity Hall and private homes on The Hill.

Police and firemen were reportedly called to help extricate Art Finn and his wife who were erroneously believed trapped in their apartment when the Luther roof caved in. After the rescue crews had worked for several hours, it was discovered that Finn had taken his wife to his family's home for the weekend.

No Injuries

Fortunately, no injuries have been reported so far due to the storm damage. The gale, according to eye-witnesses, reached its peak on the hill between 2 and 5 P. M. Saturday.

Luther Hall, hardest hit of all the campus buildings, started losing its roof about 2 o'clock. It was not until 4 o'clock that a violent gust of wind tore off an entire section, hurling it across the street and smashing it on Cook Hall and Vets Village.

All but three rooms on the top floor of Luther were uncovered, and the wall facing West Campus was pushed outward by the force of the wind, bringing a fear that it would collapse.

The central apartment of Cook Hall was completely demolished; clothing, furniture and books were all lying in a tangled mass. The mimeographing office, however, to all appearances, escaped damage.

Brother, Can Ya Spare A Room?

By Sabin Mancini

The Wagner Administration has been working feverishly to provide emergency accommodations for the 92 "displaced persons" who formerly occupied storm-battered Luther and Cook Halls.

Every effort is being made to minimize the hardship imposed on the unfortunate ex-barrack dwellers by placing them, if possible, on the campus.

Most of the students, approximately 55, are being housed in the gymnasium. According to Dean Morrison, "martial law" will prevail so that the more diligent students may study, undisturbed by radios and other distractions.

President Gets 8

Eight men will be placed in President Langsam's home. Other students will occupy the quarters vacated by the two recently-departed members of the Administration, Professor Kleintop and Mr. Stotz. If necessary, any remaining students will be accommodated in the homes of obliging faculty members.

The Administration has told students that Luther Hall is expected to be ready for partial occupation within ten days and that the gale-swept dormitory, which blew its top, should be completely repaired in a month.

This issue of the Wagnerian is a "storm extra." The next issue will be out Dec. 8.

Work on the roof of Cunard Hall, made bare by the 93 mph winds that ripped across the campus, got underway Monday morning.

The fate of Vets Village and



With Luther Hall in the background, minus its roof, ravaged Cook Hall is shown.



Front and rear views of what used to be Cook Hall.

Cook Hall is still in doubt, according to the authorities who say that the main problem is roofing Cunard and repairing Luther Hall. Luther's roof is expected to be replaced next week, and it is hoped that the entire restoration project will be completed by the end of the Christmas Holidays.

Das Stormy Campus

By Lonny Marks

"Beautiful Upon A Hill, Blowing Out to The Sea —"

Life Magazine missed the biggest story of the sad Thanksgiving weekend when it passed up the chance to cover the Wagner dilemma—Hurricane Hits Campus—Ninety-two Students Homeless.

It was a rip roaring time, quotes Ken Johannsen, one of the few lucky enough to survive the blasts of damp winds that leveled the already flat roof of Luther Hall. Cook Hall was cooked from the beginning; in the shadow of Luther, it was crushed by the weight of the falling building.

To the bloodshot eyes of the 8 A.M. students, Grymes Hill took the appearance of a snow capped mountain. A ton of white cottenish, insulating material hung from the trees like Christmas tinsel.

The fish in Clove Lake seemed mightily shaken at the sight of vari-hued skivvies floating by. Scantily clad pin-ups shivered in the bitter morning breeze after being snatched by the wind and carried into the surrounding woods.

The Wagner Seahawk flew the coop, and took the roof with it.

Beaver Patrol to The Rescue—

Before the wind died down, valiant profs of Wagner were busily evacuating Luther and Cook Halls.

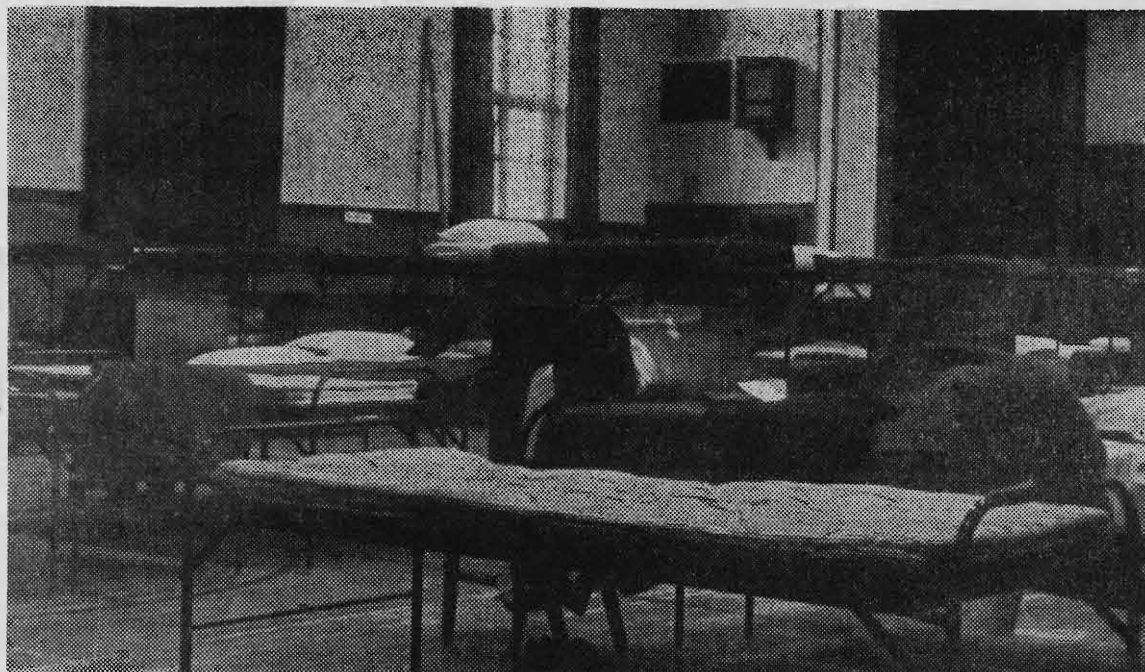
Adolph Scherr, Ex-Outside Guard of Knights of Columbus, now Outside Guard of Wagner College, had the campus under surveillance about 5 P. M. Saturday.

"I saw the roof of Luther pulled off by the wind," exclaimed Adolph, "and then I walked toward the Ad Building, when suddenly a gust of wind spun me around and threw me down. I recovered with a dampened derriere." (Ed. Note—His spirits weren't dampened.)

Rumors have it that the business administration department will include new courses in retail merchandising. Robert Hall, Luther's brother, has a new local store where he is doing a land office business disposing of men's clothing from plain pipe racks. Only your signature is required. No down payment.

The evacuees of Luther have been staging mass pajama parties in the chapel every night for the past week. The chapel appears to be a huge mattress. Membership to men only.

Results of the Storm



Emergency quarters in gymnasium.



Vets Village took a beating.

DP's Oust "D. P."

Social activities at Wagner College have been blown away with Luther Hall's roof.

Kappa Sigma Alpha's "Deep Purple" dance has been postponed. The fate of gym classes and the chapel program is still in doubt, and the basketball team will hold its practice sessions in Cromwell Center.

The Kappa dance had been scheduled for tonight in the auditorium. It is now possible that the affair, because of the college's full schedule of weekend events, will not be held at all.

"The Cherry Orchard," the Varsity Players' production Dec. 15 and 16 in the gymnasium, will be held as scheduled, it was announced by Nicholas Moss, director.

Cagers Bounced As Season Starts

Last Saturday's big wind literally made the Wagner basketballers "orphans of the storm."

Because the gymnasium has been converted into a huge bedroom, Coach Herb Sutter has taken his team to Cromwell Center, three miles from the college, for daily practice sessions.

The Seahawks open their season tomorrow night by playing the touring Maroons of Roanoke College, W. Va., in the New Dorp High School gym.

Wagner will play with a club of three veterans of last year's 19-5 squad, Captain Ray Doody, Larry Sweeney and Sonny Bosley. The other starters are Don Gromisch, jayvee center for the past two years, and Bob Mahala, outstanding freshman prospect.

This Is It . . . We've Been Hit !!

The Morning After The Day Before

By Ted Lovington

In the chill quietness of Sunday morning the towers and parapets of Wagner stood cleanly etched against the sky. On the road sweeping up to Luther Hall the wintry foliage lay under a coat of thick frost, and the roof of the dormitory lay smashed in a seething of wild wreckage, lifted bodily from the building at the height of the great storm.

There was no frost but the driving 93 mph wind had whipped the white packing against the foliage with such force that it clung like a coating of angel's hair on a Christmas tree.

Slowly, workers were threading through the wreckage to disentangle the slender possessions that had shape or texture, or anything that was salvagable for On Hill students who were away for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Within the Ad Building the tell-tale clocks had stopped at 5:55, pointing their fingers to the instant that power had failed and plunged all into darkness. Now, clothes were being carried into the lounge from the shattered dorm, and in a few hours it would be converted into a vast check-room for the countless coats and suits and shirts.

Torn Roofing

Sections of twisted roofing had been torn from Cunard Hall, and

racing along the low grass a long coil of wire lay like a couchant snake.

At the height of the storm the thundering wind had searched the crevices and crannies, plunging through gaping holes and rearing up in savage bursts. Workers saw how futile it would be to try to rescue anything during the maelstrom, and the wet clashing and swaying of charged wires kept them back in the safety of the Ad Building.

The winds had whipped across the flat face of The Hill and scoured the small settlement of Wagner College. Now, the metallic water in the distant Narrows, that widened into the sun-glazed sea, looked calm and gentle, giving no hint of the fury that broke loose on that gray Saturday morning and stormed like a million demons up the forested hanks of the sleeping hill.

Students Notified

Residents of Luther and Cook Halls, home for the Thanksgiving holidays, were notified by telegram that their campus housing facilities had been destroyed by the weekend storm.

Many of the dorm students, however, did not receive their notices either because communication lines were down or because students failed to notify the registrar's office of their new addresses.

The Day Before The Morning After

By Louise Kehoe

"I heard a crash, but I didn't give it a second thought."

That was the reaction of Ralph Jacobsen, sole occupant of Luther Hall when the howling winds tore off its roof.

"I continued to read 'King Lear,'" Jacobsen, a freshman, said. "But after a while I noticed that Cook Hall was in complete ruin and insulation was flying about furiously. I dashed over to the Ad Building to tell Ken Johansen about the trouble. It was then that I saw that the roof was off Luther."

Spending the weekend here to help decorate the bookstore, Johansen, a senior, gave his report of the storm.

"There was one terrific gust of wind," he said, "and suddenly I saw the roof of Luther Hall coming off in pieces."

Gangway, Boys

Some of the students and Johansen ran over to the Hall to see if there were any residents in the dorm that needed aid. When they got there, the first thing they did was to shut off all power as a necessary precaution against fire.

"The next thing we thought of," he continued, "was to shut off the water so that no pipes would blow."

Another first-hand account came from John Shelhart, a junior and a resident of North Hall.

Carry Clothes

At Luther, Shelhart, Johansen and others helped to take all the clothing out and transport it to the calm of the Ad Building.

"Coming over from North Hall, I was nearly hit on the head by falling tin from Cunard," Shelhart noted. "I can't tell you how I felt because facts never require opinions," he added.

Martin Viohl, manager of the Guilden, noticed the Cunard roofing whipping in the wind at 3 P. M. "I opened the door and saw the tar covering rippling," Viohl said. "There was a tremendous noise and when I saw parts of the roof heading towards me, I closed the door, but quick!"

Presidential Praise

President Langsam, who was attending the Middle States Association conference in Atlantic City during the storm, issued the following statement today:

"I would like to extend by undying thanks to those members of the administration, faculty, student body, secretarial force and maintenance crew who worked ceaselessly to make possible the temporary housing facilities now ready for the 'homeless' students of Luther and Cook Halls."

The president, because of flooded roads, was unable to return to the school until Sunday.