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## Homecoming '89

Led by Queen Carolyn Hein, left, and King Todd Skala, Homecoming '89, held on Oct. 28, was a big success. Though the Seahawks lost their battle against C.W. Post, the parade of floats and happy reunions among alumni made it a weekend to remember. For a look at the winning Homecoming float, see Page 4.

## Fitness center dedication set

By MARIA CALECA  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

A dedication ceremony for the Joseph Parise Fitness Center will be held on Dec. 14, Dr. Norman Smith has announced.

Located on the site of the former game room, the center will feature video rowing machines, tread mills, computerized stationary cycles, cross country ski machines, a video for aerobics, VCRs and a variety of weight-lifting machines.

The center is being named for U.S. Navy Captain Joseph Parise, a 1940 Wagner graduate. A \$75,000 gift to fund it has been made by Donald and Evelyn Spiro, also alumni of the school.

Parise was a decorated pilot in three wars, and received the Naval Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also received the United Nations Medal for his service in the Korean War, and a Republic of South Vietnam Service Medal. He died from leukemia in 1969.

"I can think of no one more

suitable to be the namesake of a college fitness center than Capt. Parise," said Spiro, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees. "He was a model of good character that students today should want to measure their own lives against."

Now students will be able to rest their minds and give their bodies a work out. Joann Mangarelli, assistant dean of students, said everyone will be able to enjoy the benefits of good health with the help of aerobic instructors and videos and the use of the equipment.

An outdoor balcony has been enclosed and will be used as an aerobics space.

Tables and chairs will be set up so students can enjoy refreshments after working out. There are also plans to install showers in the Union after the center is completed.

The Parise Fitness Center will be open seven days a week. An orientation class will be required before students can use the equipment.

## An interview with the president

By MARY T. HELBOCK  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The academic year of 1989-90 is Dr. Norman Smith's second as president of Wagner College. Following is an interview with him about his accomplishments last year and his goals for this year.

**Q. How is Wagner's budget being balanced, and will it affect financial aid in any way?**

A. This question has been answered before. Wagner College was working in a debt of over \$1 million a year for seven years. Finally, the bank said that it could not go on spending what it didn't have.

During this time, Wagner was giving out discounted education. Wagner College had to find the money to operate, pay salaries, electric bills, etc., that the millions in credit had paid. It was found that by cutting back on scholarships to students who did not deserve them we could cut the deficit.

To the best of my knowledge, no student who had the academic standing and financial need had to leave this school because of a lack of financial aid.

**Q. The look of Wagner College has**

**improved over the last year. Did the funds for these improvements come from the tuition increase?**

A. No. The improvements have been made possible by the donations of alumni and friends of the college.

Donald and Evelyn Spiro donated the new computer center (in the Communications Building) and the Steinmans donated labor and materials for the (Kade) Gallery. The food service donated plants for the cafeteria.

Also, along with the Vitales, the Steinmans donated labor and materials for the Union plaza. There have been other donors who would like to remain unnamed.

**Q. Do you have any plans for beefing up security in the parking lots and on campus?**

A. Yes. The security office has been moved to the old yearbook house because there are more windows so more of the campus can be seen. There are plans to move the gatehouse from the third tier up to the first tier so that the security guards can see all three tiers and also check incoming cars.

We are also looking into television monitors that will hopefully be installed by the end of next year.

**Q. How would you evaluate your first year?**

A. I feel good about it. We are building up the stature of the school. For the first time in more than six years, the college has a balanced budget.

**Q. What are your plans for this year?**

A. We still have improvements to make on campus. After the telephone strike is over, we plan to wire the dorms for telephones. I also plan to complete the fitness center (in the Union). I would like to have a shuttle bus between the school and the ferry terminal, and one that might make special trips to the Staten Island Mall or to the movies on certain days.

The improvements make life better for the students and also raise the visibility and stature of the school which, in turn, will help us raise the endowment.

We are looking to raise a \$40 million endowment that will create for us \$4 million a year in interest. With that \$4 million, we can keep tuition in check and can afford more financial aid.

I want this to be a school that good students who want a good education will come to. I want to make Wagner College a self-sus-



Dr. Norman Smith

taining institution that will be around in the future.

This way, everyone associated with the school comes out a winner.



# THE NEW WAGNERIAN

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## Opinion/ Is cooperation a dirty word?

Student organizations are supposed to work together. Since they are all student groups, they should all join together to work for the good of the students they represent.

My eyes were opened, however, when I became the leader of a student group. As editor of *The New Wagnerian*, I just took it for granted that I could expect help from other groups when I needed it, and I knew that I would provide them with whatever help they required from me. This turned out to be as far from the truth as possible.

The Student Government Association (SGA) was elected by the students to represent their interests when it comes to dealing with the faculty and administration of Wagner College. However, this concept seems to have escaped their grasp. Any ideas of cooperation have been replaced with a "what's in it for me" attitude.

The *New Wagnerian* shares an office (Union 204) with Kallista, the yearbook staff. Due to the NYNEX strike, we were unable to get a phone. SGA told us we could use the SGA office phone.

However, we were told on four different occasions that we were not allowed to use their phone. This problem was finally solved with a direct order from the dean of students. But should it have come to that? Why couldn't our Student Government share the phone with us? Would it really have done them any harm? I think not!

Another recent incident points out the every man (or woman) for himself (or herself) attitude that seems to have infected certain members of the SGA. The secretary told the president that she was overwhelmed with work and needed an assistant. Beside her SGA duties, she must attend classes, study and serve on other committees.

She asked for an assistant to help her with the newsletter and, when she mentioned that last year's secretary had one, she was told that "it is not done that way anymore ... either do it yourself or give me your resignation."

These and other incidents pinpoint the reasons behind student apathy and lack of unity here at Wagner. When one group won't cooperate with another on something so simple as the use of a phone, or when a student can not get the help she needs to perform extracurricular activities, we feel something must be done.

It seems that certain members of the SGA have forgotten what the "S" stands for — STUDENT. We elected them to represent us when we have problems. Instead, they seem to ignore us and be the administration's favorite.

The *New Wagnerian* finds this abominable, and we demand that this situation be reviewed and rectified as soon as possible, for the good of all Wagner students.

CHRISTOPHER BRITTON

## Opinion/ Poison in the air

By KIM BONVENTRE  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The new liberal cry today is for world government. Other expressions used to describe the objective might be globalism, interdependence, or new world order. What would this mean to America? What kind of changes would have to be made?

Well, if the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) has anything to say about it, the changes would likely require the United States to forfeit the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Not only would the independence portion of these documents have to be set aside, the Declaration's reference to "Creator," "Nature's God" and "Divine Providence" would have to be eradicated.

Next, many of the restrictions placed on centralized governmental power and administration that were written into the U.S. Constitution could no longer stand. Under a world government power and administration would be centralized to accommodate nations of all sorts. Republicanism would be subordinated to the interests of world unity. As the FPA has so aptly put it, "the interests of one nation are, for good or ill, bound up in the interests of all."

In addition, the FPA claimed America would "determine whether mankind's aspirations for a world organized for peace are to be realized." Given the republican nature of American government, one can understand why the FPA would say this.

Indeed, the FPA has described itself as a non-partisan organization ... open to all who are in sympathy with the objects stated above." The Association broadly classifies itself as "Liberal and progressive in its attitude towards foreign affairs," and holds that "international cooperation should replace selfish national interests even though there may be disagreements as to formula."

Unfortunately, many Americans today have been persuaded that a world government of the FPA sort is a good idea. Penetration of this idea into academia, media, government and business has been successful; all that is needed now to finish off American democracy is for us to accept "world peace under law" — that is, a socialist world order under U.N. rule.

The U.N. consists of a governing body that has been controlled by anti-Americans of all sorts. Take a look at its key leaders of the past: A Soviet spy, two self-proclaimed socialists, a Burmese Marxist and a former Nazi foot soldier.

If it's true that an organization can be judged by the quality of its leadership, the characters of those who have held the post of Secretary General compel us to conclude that world rule under U.N. direction could only be hostile to America and to democracy. Many would say, it's time to get the hell out of the U.N.

Keep this in mind also: If we were to enter into a world government, the wealth of the American people would likely be redistributed. In fact, a world government might transfer America's equipment and wealth overseas, and move jobs and industries from the

U.S. to other lands. If this were to happen, our standard of living would be reduced to that of Communist and Third World nations. America, in short, would likely end up a socialist country.

Confronted by these real possibilities, the liberal advocates of world government would do well to recall the words of Alexander Hamilton's essay number seven of the "Federalist Papers:"

"There is perhaps nothing more likely to disturb the tranquility of nations than their being bound to mutual contributions for any common object that does not yield an equal and coincident benefit."

Where is the equal and coincident benefit for Americans in world government?

Now is the time for Americans to take the initiative and to re-evaluate the cries of world socialism for world government. Advocates of globalism want us to desert our independence or, as the FPA would euphemistically call it, our "selfish national interest." World government, in other words, would mean loss of civil liberties, free speech, free press, and most everything ordinary Americans value dearly. Americans have much to lose and little to gain from new global world order. Consequently, they should turn a deaf ear to the sirens who are trying to seduce them into becoming a party to such folly.

As Abraham Lincoln so wisely observed, "We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of earth."

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# Wagnerian surveys/

## Residents want phones, more security in the dorms

By BARD R. SIMPSON  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

This semester, more than 1,200 students are enrolled at Wagner. Some 55 percent of them live in the dormitories on campus. A good number of faculty members, administrators and coaches also live in the dorms.

For eight months of the year, these dorms are "home away from home" to residents.

In an informal survey of residents in Towers, Guild Hall and Harbor View Hall, the Wagnerian compiled a variety of suggestions and complaints.

"I would like to see the hallway doors locked in the male Towers, not just A Tower," said Bill Holden, a sophomore business major.

"I think we should have lounges in the dorms for all students, not just the people in fraternities and sororities," said Chris Campbell, a junior who is majoring in English.

Roxanne Mayers, a junior with a double major of education and biology, said "The school should have better security for the dormitories. Public Safety should patrol the dorms, especially on the weekends — not only when there is a problem."

Trevor Fuller, a freshman computer major, said "We should have

a change machine in the dorms and better food machines."

"It would be really good to see less rowdiness and drinking in the dormitories," said Whitnie Payne, a junior arts administration major. "People should treat each other with a lot more respect."

Ingrid Wright, a sophomore math major, said "I wish the school would paint and clean the rooms up. New furniture would also be a nice improvement."

Sophomore computer major Rodney Noel said he would like to see "phones and better constructed rooms."

Derrick Banks, a freshman business major, said "I wish the dorms

were kept cleaner and looked a little better."

"The school should build a Hawk's Nest type store in one of the dormitories, so we wouldn't have to walk all the way across the campus," said Carlos Alejandro, a freshman majoring in computers and business.

"It would be nice to have more activities for everyone on the campus, like the mock game shows we have every once in a while," said Donna Knight, a junior criminology major.

Bill Holland, a junior criminal justice major, said he would like to see "new stalls and improved bathrooms" in the dorms.

## Commuters want a lounge and safer parking

By ANNMARIE CARUSO  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

During the last year, many changes have been made to improve the Wagner campus and its facilities. For instance, "The Pit" in the Union has been renovated and is now called "The Terrace." Some of the buildings have undergone face lifts and rooms in the dormitories have new paint on the walls.

In an informal commuter survey conducted by the Wagnerian, many students, like Kelly Curry, a junior education major, said they are pleased with the changes. "Everything looks great to me. It looks better now than it did last year," she said.

However, some commuters feel several more improvements are needed. "They should improve the parking," said Basma Ramaden, a

junior majoring in psychology. "There is never enough room and it's always a mess."

Other commuters agree that the parking facilities need to be upgraded.

"The lights don't work in the parking lot," said Christine Rice, a junior special education major. "Coming up here at night, it's dark."

Sophomore Ed Bennett, a business administration major, also said "there should be more lighting in the parking lot."

Other commuters expressed a need for increased security.

"We need better safety. People's cars have been broken into," said Therese Lydon. Rita Kness, a business administration major, would also like to see "increased security in the parking lot."

Responding to these complaints about security, the college has be-

gun construction on a new gatehouse in the Tiers parking lot, which will better monitor incoming and outgoing vehicles. It is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

P. Robb Oliver said he would like to see "more parking for the handicapped." He also wishes "employees would stop smoking in the non-smoking section of the cafeteria."

Making improvements in the Union and in the cafeteria is also on commuters' minds. Laura Shankweiler, who is vice president of the Commuter Club, would like to see "a meal card that commuters can use upstairs and downstairs, and a real Commuter Lounge, since they took that one away." She was referring to the area in the Union, near the entrance to the dining hall, that is now being used as a game room.

Education major Lisa Clark, who is president of the Commuter Club, agreed. "I think the Commuter Lounge should be more accessible to commuters. All commuters should know where their lounge is and the college should find a better way to handle the pool tables."

English major Cindy Bakewicz said "they should put some phones on the second floor (of the Union) so people don't have to go running up and down to make a call."

Some commuters felt the Communications Center could be improved. "Every morning, when it

rains, one room in Communications drips," said Madelyn Farragher.

When asked what improvements she would like to see, Carmella Capranio, a sophomore accounting major, said: "Instead of having the vending machines outside the bookstore, where you can buy candy, they should be relocated to the Communications Center."

### What is the ISA?

By MARIA CALECA  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The International Students Association (ISA) of Wagner College is becoming well recognized. There are more than 50 members this semester.

Both international and American members benefit from ISA because they make new friends and learn about different cultures and ideas. New members are always welcome.

Under the leadership of Nikos Kalaitzidis (president), Sunil Chellani (vice president), Theresa Bruno (secretary) and Pierre Guichardan (treasurer), ISA is always striving to make international students feel at home on campus.

For information, contact Sunil in Harbor View Hall 1409.

## Faculty profile/ Dr. Otto Rath

By STEVIE ANNE D'ARBANVILLE  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

If Wagner College gave an award in recognition of the most friendly, easy-going and down-to-earth faculty member, Dr. Otto Rath of the Physics Department would surely be a contender.

Dr. Rath came to Wagner in 1964, holding M.E., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Stephens Institute of Technology. He had worked in the industry for a time, but did not enjoy the management position he held at the time.

He has chosen to stay at Wagner because he is originally from the New York area and likes living here. He also enjoys his work, both as a professor and as a researcher in the field of physics.

Dr. Rath said he studies physics because the work is "challenging. Every answer raises at least ten more questions. It's an avalanche effect, and it is never dull. The more you know, the more you realize you still have to learn."

Dr. Rath, who lives in New Dorp, said he enjoys teaching because he likes talking with young people, and finds them more "idealistic" than his colleagues.

"Most young people," he said, "really want to learn something. A lot of them don't admit to that, but

I think it's true. To me, physics, more than any other field, is most (concerned with) trying to understand nature. I think young people are interested in that. I think the desire to learn is there. There is also fear because no one wants to appear ignorant. But I think the desire is very strong, and I want to help them (to learn)."

When asked why he chose to become a professor rather than a physicist, Dr. Rath said he hasn't. "If you asked me, 'What is your profession?' I'd answer, 'physicist.'"

He said the jump from teacher to physicist isn't a big one, since the Socratic method is inherent in the profession. "We argue a lot," he smiled. "Our whole game is to argue and debate."

Dr. Rath keeps himself busy outside the classroom. Along with Dr. Sheeran of the Chemistry Department, and a number of students, Dr. Rath is currently at work on a project investigating coal fusion, and "about ten other things."

Though he considers himself first and foremost a physicist, his enjoyment of teaching has kept him at Wagner for more than 20 years, to which the enjoyment and success of his students is testament.

## DAKA pledges improved food

By MELISSA LOPEZ  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Frank Garland, operations manager for DAKA food service, says his company is striving to provide "home-type cooking" for students this year.

New DAKA personnel — including chef Amos Harrison and production manager Gino Capra — are helping DAKA accomplish this goal.

According to Garland, the food service has started a trainee program for its employees.

Communication is a big part of improvement as far as DAKA is concerned. Students must communicate with the food service, Garland says, in order for improvements to be made.

According to Garland, the following improvements have been made this semester:

"International Night" has been changed to "Special of the Night" featuring a variety of foods, including pancakes and waffles.

No leftovers are served. Weekend meals have been upgraded.

Powdered eggs are never used. The health and salad bars offer more of a selection.

The franks are turkey and beef, never pork.

Hamburgers and hot dogs are grilled rather than baked.

The beverage section is being upgraded.

New appliances are being installed in the kitchen.



# Movie review/ 'Black Rain'

By CHRIS BRITTON  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

"Black Rain" is a new action-adventure film starring Michael Douglas as a non-nonsense New York City cop who takes on the system singlehandedly to stop a counterfeiting ring. Though this plot may sound familiar, there are enough twists to flesh out the idea and make the film above average for its genre.

Douglas plays Nick Conklin, a divorced cop with a penchant for riding motorcycles, and smart-mouthing his way around the rules. However, we learn quickly that Conklin is not the typically perfect cop-hero usually found in this type of film.

Conklin is corrupt. He was involved in the theft of approximately \$4,000 from a drug dealer during an arrest with two other corrupt dealers. Conklin is also anti-authority and extremely short-tempered. In short, he isn't the flawless superhero one normally finds in this type of role.

Conklin and his partner Vince (Andy Garcia) arrest a Japanese gangster following a bloody execution in the deli in which they happen to be eating. It turns out that the gangster Saito is wanted in Japan, and the State Department orders Conklin and Vince to return him to Japan. But they inadvertently turn him over to the wrong people due to the language barrier, and they vow to stay until "observers" and their weapons are taken away. This forebodes the trouble to come.

Saito wants them dead, and his gang is able to corner Vince alone one night. He is killed as Nick looks on helplessly. He swears re-



Michael Douglas is Nick Conklin and Andy Garcia is Charlie Vincent.

venge, and spends the rest of the film going about it while spewing his disgust for the Japanese way of crime and punishment. The climactic battle is breathtakingly violent. But I won't reveal its outcome; you'll have to see it for yourself.

This film will not win an Oscar, but neither will 99 percent of the other films released this year. This film does not have any hidden

messages or pretenses in it; it is meant to thrill its viewers and entertain them in the process. Judged on those criteria, this film is excellent. If you want to see action, adventure and violence, then you must not miss "Black Rain." If you're squeamish, you may want to see something else. It all depends on your own taste.

"Black Rain" is one of the most exciting films I've ever seen. It accomplishes exactly what it sets

out to accomplish; it keeps the viewer entertained from start to finish. Michael Douglas is outstanding and it is refreshing to actually have a hero with flaws and the courage to admit them.

This film will keep you on an emotional roller coaster, from laughter to tears to excitement. If you're looking for action and violence in a film, "Black Rain" is not to be missed.



## And the winner is ...

Homecoming Queen Carolyn Hein stands in front of Omicron Delta Pi's float, which won in the women's category. Theta Chi won in the men's category and Delta Nu won in the mixed group category.

## Behind-the-scenes look at theater

By CINDY BAKEWICZ  
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Wagner College is known its exceptional theater department. The dedicated and hard-working students, faculty and professionals make it possible.

According to Gary Sullivan, chairman of the Department of Speech and Theater, much deliberation goes into planning each season's shows. "It usually takes several months to come up with a palatable list that we all agree on," Sullivan said.

It also takes several people to decide who will perform in each play, including the choreographer, director and musical director. They carefully discuss the cast list.

"We try to provide many opportunities for as many talented students as possible," Sullivan said. "I have been to many other schools that don't allow freshmen to be involved in the productions. But we don't do that here; we have no particular bias against freshmen. If we feel that they are talented enough, we put them in the shows."

As many as 75 to 80 people can work on a show. "Music Man," Wagner's most recent show, had a cast of 35 and a crew of 20. This show's cast was small in comparison to other productions, Sullivan noted.

Sets are built mainly by the the-

ater intern classes, with assistance from professional carpenters and Professor Chip Scott.

Other departments pitch in as well. The business office processes purchases and pick up costumes and instruments. The mail room staff prepares 16,000 flyers and the computer center labels them.

Wagner's next show will be "Little Shop of Horrors," the story of a florist's assistant who tends to an unearthly, man-eating plant.

"It's an off-beat, very different musical with more contemporary music," Sullivan said. He is certain it will appeal to young audiences.

"Little Shop of Horrors" opens Wednesday, Dec. 6, and continues Dec. 7, 8, 9 and 13, 14, 15 and 16. For reservations, visit the box office in Main Hall or call 390-3259.

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