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MIAC Unanimously Selects La Verne Harris as President

Miss La Verne Harris, junior, was unanimously elected President of the Metropolitan Inter-Collegiate Activities Council at the April 12 meeting of the council at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Miss Harris will be inducted into office at the May 3 meeting of MIAC at Wagner.

"The organization deals with those problems which are pertinent to member schools," stated Miss Harris. The president-elect plans to develop the council's objectives so that the specific needs of member schools may be readily dealt with.

Between now and September 1964 Miss Harris will meet with MIAC Advisor, Bob Milner (Hofstra '63) and past President Dave Kenin (C. W. Post) to discuss MIAC's goals and future achievements. Miss Harris hopes that the membership will increase within the next year.

MIAC was first organized in April 1962 at Loeb Center, New York University. Bob Milner, who was the chairman of the MIAC Steering Committee, met with representatives from several colleges in the area to discuss the objectives and constitution of the council.

Founding Schools

The original member schools which met to establish the constitution were City College, Columbia, Fashion Institute of Technology, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Finch, Hofstra, Molloy, New York University (Commerce Division), St. John's, Suffolk Community and Wagner.

According to the MIAC Constitution the objectives of the council are:

(1) To provide a means of communication among member



LA VERNE HARRIS

colleges.

(2) To aid member colleges through the exchange of ideas.

(3) To give counsel to individual college student organizations.

(4) To establish a leadership training program.

(5) To promote unity among colleges of the Metropolitan area.

Miss Harris has been the Wagner representative to the council since September 1963. She has been active in student government at Wagner as well. She is secretary of the College Council, a member of the Student Council.

Miss Harris served on the Faith and Life Week Committee, is vice-president of the Spanish Club and a member of the Canterbury Club.

A resident of Manhattan, Miss Harris is an Education Major, minoring in Spanish.

Senator Keating Will Speak On Education Tomorrow At Wagner College Challenge Fund Campaign Opening

Tomorrow, May 2, Wagner College Challenge Day will be held in conjunction with the annual Parents'-Alumni Day and Songfest programs. Featured on the day's program will be addresses by New York's Senator Kenneth B. Keating, William A. Harley, Edwin H. Smith and Chester Myrom.

Alumni will register from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Main Building and then attend a Coffee Hour in Mastick Lounge. At this annual Alumni meeting, future plans for the development of Wagner Campus will be presented. Alumni President, August Merkel, will present awards to two outstanding men: Mr. Edwin H. Smith will receive the Achievement Award; Mr. Howard Braren, the Service Award.

Following this meeting, at 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium, Dean Adolph J. Stern will give an illustrated talk on "Wagner in Bregenz."

The added feature to this year's program, Wagner College Challenge Day, is designed to focus attention on the educational and financial needs facing Wagner College and other institutions of higher education in the forthcoming years.

This program is designed to acquaint the public with the \$5 million, 3-year development campaign being conducted. The campaign is for the construction of new educational facilities includ-



SENATOR KENNETH B. KEATING

ing science center, student union, and the dormitory complex currently under construction.

Speeches are scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Sutter Oval. In case of rain, the speeches will be presented in the auditorium.

U. S. Senator Keating's address will be—Education: The role of the Federal Government.

Senator Keating was elected to the Senate in 1958, after ser-

ving in the House of Representatives for 12 years. He is the recipient of many Honorary Degrees: Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Rochester, Le Moyne, Hobart, Long Island, Hamilton, Union, Iona, and Adelphi; Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from Yeshiva, Alfred, and New York Medical; Honorary Doctor of Civil Laws degree from Pace.

President of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, William Hurley, will discuss new educational trends of the upcoming challenge.

The responsibilities of the business and financial communities to higher education will be presented by Edwin Smith, vice-president and controller of Chas. Pfizer and Co., Inc., and president of its Coty Products.

Dr. Chester A. Myrom, director of the Lutheran Church in America Foundation and chairman of the Development Committee of Wagner's Board of Trustees, will be master of ceremonies.

Introducing the speakers will be George R. Tollefsen, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Arthur O. Davidson, college president. Albert C. Cobbin, chairman of the Wagner College Challenge Fund, will preside over the ox-roast which will follow the speeches.

The ox-roast, a free roast dinner for the whole family and friends will be picnic-style in Wagner Field behind Parker Hall. Dinner music will be furnished by the Grynas Hill Singers, the Paul West Quartet and the Wagner College Band.

At 2:30 p.m. Wagner will host St. John's baseball team. Also scheduled at this time is a stud-

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Queen Leslie Grieve Reigns At Annual Spring SongFest



JUDY NELSON

Elected to reign as Queen at the 1964 Songfest competition tomorrow night is Miss Leslie Grieve. Leslie, a junior, transferred two years ago to Wagner from Upsala College. A Staten Island girl, she is 20, an elementary education major and hopes to teach on the fourth grade level. Leslie is a sister of Alpha Delta Pi.

The Queen's court members are Miss Judith Nelson and Miss Linda Rath.

Judy, age 20; hometown, Plattsburgh, N. Y., is a junior



QUEEN LESLIE GRIEVE

History major. She is a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi and editor of the fraternity magazine. She is SA secretary and Student Council Secretary. Judy is a member of the Varsity Players and Alpha Psi Omega, honorary drama fraternity, and will be in next week's production of "Therber Carnival." Judy is also president of the German honorary



LINDA RATH

society, Delta Phi Alpha, and member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society. She is an active member of the Kappa editorial staff.

Linda is a senior English major from Brooklyn. She is a sister and the past president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She is a member of Delta Phi Alpha, German honor society; is Dorm Council Treasurer; and is chairman of the Committee for Structure and Government for the new girls' dorms. Linda is the Wagnerian Copy Editor.

Local AAUW Will Meet Campus Seniors

By Lois Leewe

The Staten Island branch of the American Association of University Women will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 11, 1964 at 8:30 p.m. in Beisler Lounge, Guild Hall, announced Dean Morgan.

The Dean of Women added, "The program will be of general interest to members and senior women; a special attempt will be made by the members of A.A.U.W. to acquaint the seniors with the nature of A.A.U.W. and the advantages of membership, either immediately following graduation or later."

This is Wagner's initial year of approval given by the A.A.U.W. at its National Convention. Because of this approval, all women who hold degrees from Wagner and Wagner faculty women may now join the association.

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From The Editor's Desk

To distinguished guests, Alumni, parents and friends. Wagner College extends a welcoming greeting and wishes for an enjoyable day and evening of song. Tomorrow's annual Alumni-Parents Day will be combined with the Challenge Fund Day program, an important milestone in the development of the College. The extension of educational opportunities and facilities will be to an extent dependent upon the results of the campaign. The program for funds is attuned to the song of success.

Deserving Recognition

The unanimous election of Miss LaVerne Harris to the Presidency of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Activities Council, which is structured to develop communication between colleges in the area, must be recognized not only as an outstanding personal achievement but also as a distinct honor for Wagner College.

The interchange of ideas on campus problems within a non-political student federation is invaluable to the development of local student government and is an endeavor worthy of strong and enthusiastic support. Wagner delegates were influential in the early programming and planning stages of the Council and have shown a marked interest in the Council's development.

We are confident that the ensuing year will be a successful one for the Council under the leadership of Miss Harris.

Write, Right

There are presently two important bills in the national legislature, The Hartke College Assistance Bill, which if enacted will provide financial aid for more than a million students, and the crucial Civil Rights Bill.

Unfortunately the proposed tax reduction for parents who are supporting and assisting students was defeated. If we hold that education is the foundation of democracy, it is important that we add action to lip-service.

There are a number of amendments being offered to the Civil Rights Bill, many of which could severely cripple the effectiveness of this vital legislation. Senators should be urged by citizens to support the proposed bill. As a public service, the Wagner College Forum for Freedom has set up typewriters in the Hawk's Nest and will write to senators, urging them, on behalf of the individual who wishes to send the letter, to support the Civil Rights Bill.

It is the responsibility of the individual citizen to participate actively in the the processing of legislation. The cost of the endeavor is nominal, a five-cent postage stamp; the result is an insurance of democracy.

Classified

Due to circumstances beyond our control, to a rapid turnover in the Wagner College newspaper industry and to sundry reasons the following positions will be available for the 1964-65 academic year: managing editor, assistant managing editor, feature editor, copy editor, exchange editor, assistant news editor, art editor, business manager, advertising manager, and photographers. The liberal and conservative columnists, positions will also be open. Students who are interested in any of the above positions should apply in writing to **The Wagnerian**, Box 100, by May 6. No experience is necessary.

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"Search for the truth is the noblest occupation of man; its publication is a duty." *Mad. de Stael*

Letters to The Editor

"Not With a Bang, But a Whimper"

The Sociology Club of Wagner College presented the last in a trio of panel discussions concerning drug addiction Friday evening April 18, 1964. This summary panel was composed of residents from Daytop Lodge (an experimental halfway house located in Tottenville, Staten Island). Professor Manfred Stanley conducted a well ordered meeting as he had the past two sessions in his voluntary role of moderator.

In his summation, Prof. Stanley pinpointed a number of questions that hadn't been resolved, and added a number of statements concerning conditions related to this problem that apparently are at the crux of this issue (and others), and yet, paradoxically, have not been consciously dealt with (or even considered) by anyone. Among these was the question of the state of trust and confidence that exists between the public, the politician, and the "experts." Do we feel that our political leaders represent us? Do we have confidence in those we have classified as experts? Do they trust us? If there is no trust, there can be no relationship along the lines we have deluded ourselves into believing exist. If this is so, why won't anybody admit it?

He crystallized all but frighteningly the symptoms of general racial disintegration manifested by various behavior patterns in our society, (eg. the 40 million tranquilize prescriptions yearly, the astounding rates of crime committed by teenagers, alcoholism, and the useless attempt to escape symbolized by the suburban push). He made one point about the irrational opposition to projects of the Daytop Lodge type that are extremely worthy of note. Many "respectable" citizens say to themselves, "If I have been able to suffer the disillusionment of life, and still remain respectable, why couldn't you? (meaning the drug addict)

My own estimation of the value of this program is ambivalent. I hope that maybe it has succeeded in opening the eyes of some people. On the other hand, I feel that for many the walls of fear have been built so high that to remove one brick would bring down havoc. The aura emanating from the people who attended these discussions was unquestionably predominantly fear and confusion. The lack of participation by our own student body points up a decided lack of interest, and the realization of why they wouldn't come out for a discussion of a severe social problem on a Friday night, describes the extent to which the symptoms of social collapse are demonstrated on at least this college campus. And we are tomorrow's leaders.

G. R. Anderson

It is really high time that Mr. Smith and the faculty stop their domination of the "Letters to the Editor" column. If the student body does not have the mental capacity to handle Mr. Smith, it is the duty of the faculty to remedy the situation in their classrooms and the duty of the administration to raise the admittance standards to Wagner. In the face of all the "Phari-

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On the Port

By Van Bucher

It is gratifying to hear from our Conservative supporter of capital punishment that he is a nice guy. But it is erroneous to assume, therefore, that this makes his arguments valid—to do so would be to distinctly commit a fallacy.

Even if the death penalty does at times act as a deterrent—and I am still contending that by and large it does not—this alone is insufficient reason for keeping it on the books. Everyone from the Marquis de Sade to Arthur Koestler has asserted that you can hardly attribute a deterrent effect to executions when capital offenses were daily committed at the foot of the scaffold.

As to the advisability of using executions to quell potential rebellions, this smacks too much of argumentum ad baculum for my liking. When you threaten a person with force if he fails to adhere to your will, this says absolutely nothing for the validity of your position.

Of course, it must be admitted that from the pragmatic viewpoint, this doctrine of my-way-or-else is tried and true. All sorts of notable persons have employed it with considerable success, to wit, Attila the Hun, Robespierre, Hitler, and Castro. But it tended to get out of hand (the Reign of Terror, Auschwitz) and ever more important, it was and is unethical. The fact that something is useful does not make it right.

Now if you wish to contend that you would like to retain the death penalty because it is a useful means of maintaining your government in power against the onslaughts of your rebellious opponents, this does not give a very firm moral buttress to the government. Someone may interject at this point that we have the same penalty in the U. S. for the same offense. This is technically true but there is a substantial difference. Our government is not kept in power because the threat of execution is held over the heads of all opponents. Rather it is because the government has a mandate from the people, and if the people don't like it, they have recourse to democratic processes to change it. On the other hand, in an authoritarian regime, the death penalty would be absolutely necessary as a means of keeping the populace in line.

Proponents of capital punishment have argued that the killer owes an equivalent debt to society. There are a number of things wrong with this statement: who is society, and how does it benefit from being "paid" with the killer's life? How can it be called an equivalent debt? How can you say the "debt" is "paid," when no change is made in the disposition of the original victim.

It is not being asserted that a convicted killer should go free—au contraire. But in a properly reformed penal institution, he could perform useful acts for "society," other than simply making license plates. The retention of the death penalty is a victory for the Pharisees and a very far cry from the ethics of New Testament Christianity. Once we shed ourselves of the desire for revenge, we'll be a lot farther down the road to civilization.

On the Starboard

By Hal Smith

Several weeks ago a young woman was mortally stabbed in our fair city. For some 30 minutes the girl lay bleeding in a street, occasionally able to cry for help. Finally a passing motorist noticed the body and fearlessly decided to call the police. By then it was too late. Too late to erase another heinous crime that indicts the entire human race.

More criminal than impassioned violence are the atrocities perpetrated by those who "mind their own business." When confronted with such an appalling lack of humanity, the liberal has a few pat answers couched in the jargon of the social psychologist. He will speak of "alienation," "estrangement," failure to "identify," or other such nonsense. One human being slowly bleeds to death while another watches! That is not nonsense! That cannot be swept away in a flurry of slick articles and smug commentary.

The liberal rarely admits that depravity exists in the man on the street. Madison Avenue, Wall Street, Barry Goldwater, the JBS, military leaders, racists—they are capable of depravity. But our brother, the workman, our friend, the Negro, our pal, the farmer, our comrade, the white collar worker—capable of depravity. Of course not! Why to admit otherwise . . . why, why that would undermine our assumptions of sweet democracy, inevitable progress, one world of peace, justice and brotherhood.

The liberal believes that if all men had a Harvard education, were provided with the physical necessities, and brought their kids up in an integrated neighborhood, well, of course, it'll all come out right in tomorrow's Times. But then comes such a shocking episode as this murder and arrhumpf, arrhumpf!

But the conservative has few illusions about the potentialities of man; he is highly suspicious of authority and he has contempt for those who anticipate the millenium. This is the understanding most consistent with a libertarian outlook. Jealous tenacity to freedoms, and diligent defense of unrespectable opinion (what is more heretical than conservatism) hardly can be a passion with those who are pacific or equalitarian.

If not the omnipresent motherhood sought by liberalism, what are the conservative alternatives? Instead of a tolerance become relativism, conservatism offers absolutes within the Judeo-Christian heritage. Instead of a progressivism become materialism, conservatism dares to assert principle and the spirit. Instead of democracy become a directionless avarice, conservatism offers constitutionalism, tradition and order. Instead of a fatalistic "co-existence" become a neo-isolationism, conservatism offers a new internationalism determined that all humanity be free. Instead of the leveling mediocrity of equalitarianism, conservatism seeks excellence. Instead of a protectionist neo-mercantilism, conservatism values free enterprise. Instead of the drole of welfarism, conservatism values charity. Instead of the regimentation of statism, conservatism promotes creativity.

U. S. Senators Review Education Aid Bill

Washington — Any capable student will be able to attend college without financial worries if a new national student assistance program is approved by Congress.

The bill, authored by Senator Vance Hartke (D-Ind), provides for a multi-purpose program of student financial assistance, flexible enough to meet the diverse requirements of the nation's post-secondary institutions, and balanced between loans, scholarships and student employment activities. The proposal would provide for more than a million students at relatively low cost.

"The basic aim of the program," Senator Hartke said, "is to insure that no capable student will be denied the opportunity for education beyond high school because of his or her parent's inability to meet the financial burden."

Hearings on the Hartke bill are underway in the Senate Education Subcommittee with prominent educators, leaders of education associations, and key figures in the Administration testifying in its behalf. More than 20 Senators have asked to be listed as co-sponsors of the Hartke bill.

Here are the four basic parts of the Hartke proposal:

1. Undergraduate Scholarships

—A program of four year undergraduate scholarships to be awarded by scholarship commissions in the states to entering college freshmen. Grants of up to \$1,000 awarded based on need, academic promise and high school record.

2. Long-term Student Loans

—The present loan limit of the National Defense Education Act would be raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for undergraduate and from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for graduate students. Loan authority would be broadened to include new institutions, such as two-year technical schools.

3. Educational Loan Insurance

—A program to guarantee commercial or college loans negotiated by college students. Eligibility would be based only on full-time enrollment and satisfactory academic progress. Loans so insured would be limited to \$2,000 per academic year to any one borrower, and \$10,000 total. Repayments could be extended for a ten-year period following graduation.

4. Student Work-Study Program

—A program to enhance student employment opportunities while at the same time contributing to the college and to the student's education. Jobs would relate to the student's field of study and would include research, public service, internships and assistantships. Total payment to any one student would be limited to \$1,000 per academic year at the undergraduate level and \$2,000 for graduates.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION BANQUET
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 6:30 P.M.
SUTTER GYMNASIUM
All undergraduate evening courses will be cancelled. This does not effect graduate evening courses, which will be held as usual.

Wagner Circle Delegates Attend Omicron Delta Kappa Convention

Paul Hrdlicka and Stephen R. Deutsch represented the Wagner Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa at the Society's Fiftieth Golden Anniversary convention in Roanoke, Virginia, April 23-25.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who was elected to ODK while an undergraduate at Davidson College, had been scheduled to give the main address at the Golden Anniversary Convention's opening session Thursday night at Hotel Roanoke.

Wagner Debaters Receive Honors

The Wagner College Debate Society placed third at the State Debate Championship Tournament at Cortland State College, April 17 and 18, with a 7-3-1 record.

The Wagner negative team, Russ Kimmerly, who is a four-year team member, and Harold Goldfarb, freshman, defeated the following schools: Rochester Institute of Technology, C.C.N.Y., University of Buffalo and Union College.

The affirmative team, Evelyn Byers, freshman, and Carol Hergenhan, President of the Society, defeated Brockport State College, Union College, and tied with Cortland State.

This week-end the Society is participating in the New York State Legislative Assembly in Albany.

... Letters

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saism" that Mr. Smith has seen in this school, he has shown the utmost in Philistinism in his approach to the constitution and christianity Van Bucher cannot be the only student to show reason in the entire school.

Robert Kaplin, '66

Ed. note. The expression of individual thought on controversial issues in "letters to the editor" columns in the press is part of democratic tradition. It is our objective to present both sides of any issue. The political columns in *The Wagnerian* express the views of the columnists and do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper. The "Letters to the Editor" column is open to all members of the Wagner campus, and we especially welcome faculty and administrative comment.

Faded Colors

This letter has been written to enlighten any who have not noticed the sacrilege concerning the condition and the display of the flag in front of Sutter Gymnasium. To begin with, the flag is torn and ragged and the federal law states, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Secondly, this flag, the flag of our own country, is allowed to hang in any type of weather. Last Tuesday, as I left the gymnasium in the pouring rain, I noticed that the flag was flapping in a most unpatriotic manner. Surely, in all due respects to our country, the school could afford to purchase a new, 50 star flag (The present one has 48), and also see to it that this flag is not displayed in inclement weather.

Yours truly,
Catherine Sprinz

Because he was called into conference with President Johnson, he could not be present, and Under-Secretary Ball addressed the assembly.

Ball gave a major policy speech, clarifying United States policy toward Cuba. His speech was broadcast nationally and internationally. Huntley and Brinkley gave TV coverage to the address.

Other guest speakers were Dr. Edgar F. Shannon Jr. President of the University of Virginia who was tapped for membership in ODK while an undergraduate at Washington and Lee University, Dr. Fred C. Cole, President of Washington and Lee University; Barry C. Bishop, Secretary of the Committee for Research and Exploration of the National Geographic Society and a member of U. S. team which conquered Mt. Everest.

A recognition service for the 15 original founders of ODK was held in the Lee Chapel. Six founders are still living and three were present for the ceremony.

Tribute to founders

Delegates visited Washington and Lee University, the site of the founding of the leadership society. The more than 200 delegates saw the plaque in Washington Hall listing the 15 original members. It is located near a flight of stairs where the two men who conceived ODK, the late J. Carl Fisher and Rupert N. Latture, SAT first to discuss the idea in 1914.

ODK Circle

The University tour included a stop at the Omicron Delta Kappa Circle. A circle of benches surrounds an enlarged replica of the Society's key, which was presented to Washington and Lee University by ODK during its bicentennial in 1949.

The convention closed Saturday morning with the election and installation of new officers and the report of committees.

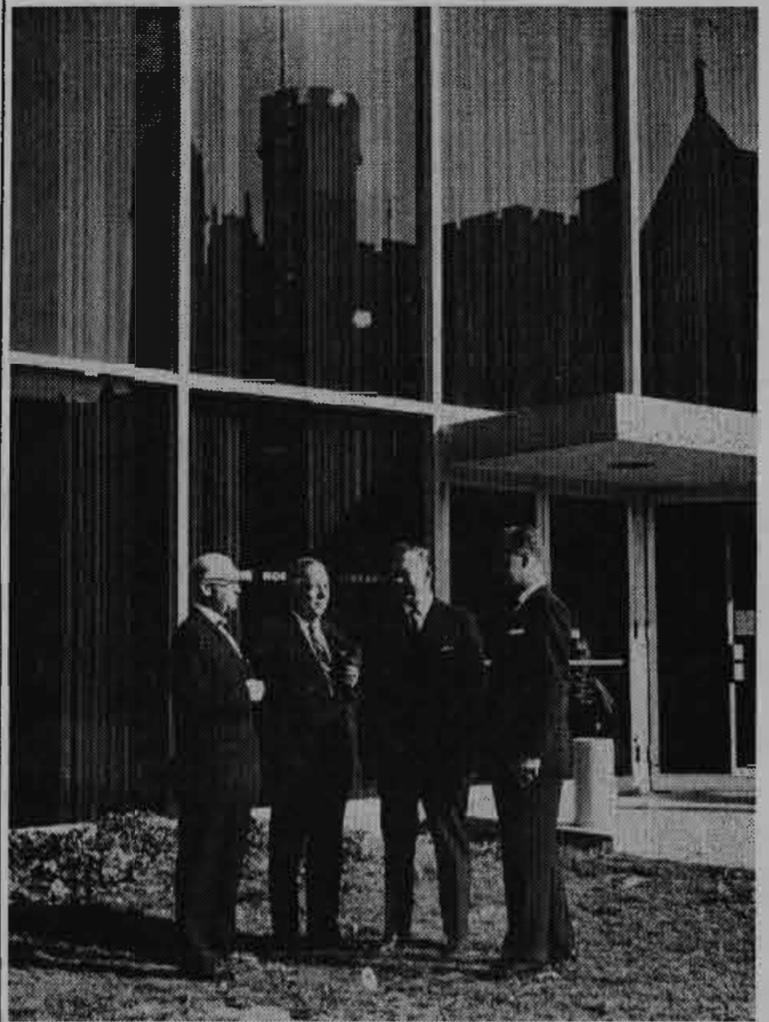
Both Mr. Hrdlicka and Mr. Deutsch felt that the exchange of ideas with ODK members from other colleges was highly beneficial. They noted especially the close relationship between student and faculty ODK members.

S.I. CORE Representative Speaks At Wagner Freedom Forum Meeting

Mr. Richard Prideaux, head of the Staten Island chapter of CORE, addressed students and faculty in Beisler Lounge at 3 p.m. on April 26. The gathering was held under the auspices of the Wagner College Forum for Individual Freedoms.

In outlining the aims of National CORE, Mr. Prideaux said that "a basic solidarity" exists among all the civil rights organizations and that the disagreements which arose were "over tactics rather than policy." In specific reference to the recent

Manifold Activities On Saturday Announce College Challenge Fund



Campaign plans in early stages. Albert Corbin, Ernest Glassel, Dr. A. O. Davidson and George Tollefsen discuss initial plans for fund campaign.

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ent art exhibit behind Cunard Hall, demonstrations on the use of the Language Lab., and guided tours of the Hormann Library.

The Songfest competition and the coronation of the Songfest Queen will occur in the Sutter Gym at 8:30 p.m. Competing sororities are: Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Omicron Phi, and Zeta Tau Alpha. Competing fraternities are: Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Nu, Kappa Sigma Alpha, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Theta Chi. Dr. Harry R. Wilson, Columbia University director of music, will preside as judge.

Approximately 2,000 educational, church, business, civic and political leaders and alumni, parents, friends and students are expected to attend the all-day affair.

Senior Women Will Attend Initial Wagner A A U W Meeting

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Attendance is Important

Dean Morgan strongly urges all senior women to attend the meeting. She explained, "I have encouraged the A.A.U.W. to have its meeting on our campus so that senior women can learn first hand of A.A.U.W. Because

this is our initial year of approval, I hope that many Seniors will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet A.A.U.W.

"The Staten Island branch is particularly interesting because its members are primarily young married members who have graduated from colleges outside the metropolitan area."

Four hundred and eighty-four colleges and universities are now so recognized. The A.A.U.W. is part of the larger International Federation of University Women which is world-wide, uniting associations in 51 countries.

Founding Principles

The American Association of University Women was founded in 1882 in order to further "practical education" for women. According to its pamphlet of information, "The common purpose is educational work in the widest sense, and on a level to make use of college training. In general, these lines of interest are developed: education; social relations; social and economic issues; status of women; mass media; the arts; and fellowships."

stall-in, the articulate CORE leader said that while he disapproved of it as a tactic, there was unanimity as to the injustices which it sought to rectify.

Although the number of minority groups on S. I. is relatively small (4% Negro, 2% Puerto Rican), discrimination still occurs, asserted Mr. Prideaux. Mr. Prideaux said that we "should all take a greater interest in the social revolution. Something constructive must happen now — promises are no longer adequate."

Wagner Thespians Interview Burns, Broadway Musical Star

By Laine Tortora and Terry McNulty

David Burns, currently co-starring with Carol Channing in *Hello, Dolly!*, welcomed us to conversation in his dressing room with a warmth that made us want to call him "Uncle David." At the time, he was also entertaining Ronald Alexander, author of *Nobody Loves an Albatross*. After offering us some chocolate candy, introducing us to everyone in his room, making sure we were comfortable, he sat to remove his makeup and began telling us about theatre as he sees it.

VP's Will Present "Thurber Carnival"

By Greg Colan

The Varsity Players of Wagner College will present its annual spring theater production and last show of the season next week with the performance of "A Thurber Carnival" on May 7, 8, and 9, at 8:30 P. M. Tickets are \$1.50, and \$1.00 for students.

Review style

This show is in the form of a review, with skits and sketches based on the works of James Thurber, such as "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," and "Fables for our Time." The show is not a musical, but will contain music.

The production requires elaborate and fancy staging. It will include a movable stage so as to accommodate the different scenes. Dr. John Hruby, Dean of Students, is directing the show; Prof. Al Wagner is in charge of lighting; Bruce Andrus is stage manager.

The show was originally presented on Broadway in 1960. A new number has been added by the Varsity Players, "University Days."

The cast will include Pat Bugden, Aldus Gallitis, Jim Hart, Jeff Henderson, Terry McNulty, Judy Nelson, Deidre Perry, Mara Ragone, Dan Remine, Carolyn Skelton, and Laine Tortore.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR CHALLENGE DAY

Please note the following traffic regulations for May 2, 1964:

1. Except for motor vehicles of college officials who are on duty, no overnight parking will be permitted on the Main Campus Friday evening, May 1, 1964.
2. The Main Campus will be closed to all traffic, except for cars with red or special May 2 permits, from 7 a.m. to midnight. Applications for special permits for the Main Campus on May 2 must be made in the Security Office, Room 7, Main Hall, no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 1. No permits will be issued after 4 p.m. Friday, nor at any time on Saturday.
3. Because of the program planned for the front of Main Hall, the Oval, itself, will be closed to all traffic from 11 a.m. to the conclusion of the program—perhaps 1:00 or 1:30 p.m.
4. Parking for cars with red or special permits will be in the Faculty lot and old tennis court. All others must park in the Gym or West Campus lots, with overflow to Fischer Field.

Students who hold NDSL must reapply immediately for reconsideration next semester.

ROOM 7, MAIN HALL

Artists Will Staff Writers Conference

By Greg Colan

Wagner College will present the ninth annual New York City Writers Conference July 5-July 17.

The eighth annual Stanley Drama Award will be presented at this conference. An award of \$500 is given by Mrs. Robert C. Stanley of Staten Island for the best original full-length play which has not been professionally produced or received tradebook publication. Last year's competition was won by Adrienne Kennedy for her "Funnyhouse of a Negro."

Nemerov Directs

Poet, novelist and essayist Howard Nemerov will be co-director of the Poetry Workshop. Mr. Nemerov's most recent works of poetry are "New and Selected Poems" and "The Next Room of the Dream." His novels include "The Melodramatists" and "The Homecoming Game."

Author Herbert Kubly will conduct the Fiction and Non-Fiction Workshop. His "American in Italy" won the National Book Award in 1956. His other works include *The Whistling Zone*, *Easter in Sicily*, *Varieties of Love*, and *Man to the Sea*.

Author Kay Boyle is director of the conference and Dr. J. J. Boies, associate professor of English at Wagner, is coordinator.

Kay Boyle has written 13 novels, 6 volumes of short stories and novelettes, two volumes of poetry, and a book for children. She won Guggenheim fellowships in 1934, 1961 and was awarded the O. Henry Memorial Prize for the best short story of the year in both 1934 and 1941.

Each student accepted for the conference will be expected to submit work when he arrives and produce more at the conference. If desired, two academic credits may be earned both on the graduate and undergraduate levels.

As of now, there are tentative plans for the playwright, Arthur Miller, to attend the conference.

Apply Now

Application for admission should be made as early as possible as appointments are very limited. Mrs. Ethel Lambert, administrative secretary has applications. Enrollment for the conference is \$110. Dormitory accommodations are available at \$60 for the 12-day period and meals can be purchased in the dining hall on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

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Grymes Hill Folk Trio Will Sing In Challenge Day Program



Gamblin' Ramblers?: Pictured above The Grymes Hill Singers, Bob Smith, Rusty Brown and Paul Bensen. The folk group, organized in 1961, has done benefit performances, school concerts and club appearances, and is looking forward to several engagements this spring. The members have all been associated with other folk groups and are now attempting to combine varied talents and experiences to reach almost every form of the folk idiom. Bob, has performed with several folk groups in the Hartford area. In the past Rusty has appeared as a soloist and lead singer in other groups. Paul organized a folk ensemble in Chicago and did club dates with them for two years. He also plays lead guitar for another group.

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Funny Man

The Playbill of *Hello, Dolly!* calls Burns "one of Broadway's funniest men," and we are quite certain this refers to off stage as well as on. It seemed we were laughing from the time we arrived until Mr. Burns and his wife drove away from the theatre. He posed for a series of zany pictures for us, including one of him drinking a bottle of bay-rum. (These photos have been misplaced . . .) It was hard to believe that this man began his career in the early 1920's; he has the vitality and brilliance of a perennial youth.

Through all our smiles, David Burns did touch on many serious notes. He was not affected. When he spoke about himself, he had a sincere attitude that is probably rare in the theatre world: first, he is convinced he has not made his own success; second, he feels his talent is not anything extra-ordinary. (After seeing him perform one would quickly disagree with him.)

Advice from a Pro

His advice to young adults interested in a professional acting career was not the usual, "Try it—it's great!" No, Mr. Burns expressed the belief that there is not enough room in theatre for the many talented people available. He pointed out the futility of most graduates from drama schools—there are simply not enough theatres on Broadway! Very often your jobs depend more on who knows you than on how you read at a try-out.

Meeting with David Burns brought the light to us amateurs that professional theatre is a job that can become as routine as a nine-to-five office job. Its glamour is sensational when success first finds you, but after adjusting to theatre, the glamour is only a part of the job. David Burns is one of the proofs that people can live in a fantasy world and still remain a very down-to-earth, kind-hearted individuals, with an endless bundle of talent for their audiences to enjoy.

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Residents of Daytop Discuss Drug Addiction and Remedies

By Van Bucher

Five residents of Daytop Lodge gave their views on rehabilitation procedures at the Sociology Club's third and final panel discussion concerning the problems of drug addiction, held in the dining hall on the evening of April 17.

The first resident to speak was Abraham Washington, who explained what happened to the new arrivals sent to the Lodge by the Supreme Court. The mild-mannered Mr. Washington said that the purpose of the Lodge was to give the new resident a rebirth, and to gradually permit him to assume responsibility. "Some people out in society think he's a lazy, shiftless (person)," continued Mr. Washington, "but the fact is that he can handle himself as efficiently as anyone else—the drug addict is just another human being."

Bobby Byrd, another resident of Daytop, said that initially the addicts don't want to accept the fact that they need help. But at Daytop, they have an opportunity "to take inventory of themselves." The cheerful and gregarious Mr. Byrd admitted his realization that "though I was a parent, I wasn't a father."

John Ruocco related an account of a typical day at Daytop. The residents are kept busy by a number of projects such as a carpentry workshop, a darkroom which they built themselves, and a hothouse, to name but a few. But the most important part of the day is the group therapy session when the addicts can discuss their particular problems and seek workable solutions.

Present Hospitals Inadequate

"Only an addict can cure an addict," said Charles Devlin in pinpointing his major discovery about Daytop. The detoxification plans of most hospitals just don't get at the root of the problems because as little as two hours later, the "cured" addict may be back on the stuff.

According to George Powell, hospitals like Lexington "think they can turn out addicts like Ford turns out cars." But the problem is mental and not simply physical, and only a place like Daytop can do something about that. "Staten Island ought to be proud of the Lodge," said Mr.

Powell, a native Islander himself, "because here you have a chance to stop (this ever-increasing problem) before it smothers you."

Reasons for Addiction

How does a man become an addict? The question was answered in various ways by the residents and illustrates the complexity of the problem. For Charles Devlin, it was immaturity that led him on the road from "beer to reefers to heroin." For Abraham Washington, it was an insatiable curiosity. "We're thrill seekers in the Be-Bop Age—any new fad that comes along people wanted to try it." And heroin turned out to be "the ultimate in kicks."

George Powell wanted escape. All this stuff they'd been teaching him in school "about compassion—well where was it?—where is one's feeling for his fellow man?" Life wasn't "one sugar-coated candy bar after all—so why fight it?—why not escape?" Bobby Byrd wanted to start at the top, and dope gave him the illusion that he was something more than he really was. At Daytop Lodge, he learned anew that reality was different.

Expressing his hope that the Lodge would eventually be accepted by the community, Mr. Byrd said that the addicts have "found themselves at Daytop" and that "all we ask for is one small chance."

SUMMER JOB NOTICE

Senior Counselors are needed for the East Side House Boy's Program at camp. The season runs from July 1-August 23. Those who will work from July first will be "working on the grounds."

Salary ranges from \$200-\$300, depending on the circumstances.

Applications are available in Room 7, Main Hall.

Applications available in ROOM 7, MAIN HALL for students seeking campus work in Fall '64. Students seeking both initial and reemployment next semester must apply now!

Fraternities

By Dick Waring

Alpha Phi Omega announces that by general consensus of the students, Dr. Ferren was elected King Ugly of Wagner College in the campus King Ugly Contest held during Solicitations Week in the Hawk's Nest.

Dr. Harter was a close second having 1,603 votes to Dr. Ferren's 1,700. Votes were a penny each, and a total of 4,139 were cast.

Alpha Phi Omega expresses sincere thanks to all the professors who participated in this contest.

Special thanks to brothers Peter Alexander, Roger Barchitta, and Charles Silva, for their many long hours in designing and building the booth for C.C.C., and to Bob Litzenger's father for donating many prizes for the booth.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi congratulate their new officers: President, Frenchy Was; Vice-president, Dick Waring; Treasurer, Jay Abbes; Secretary, Bert Eggy; Corr. scribe, Pete, "Treadwell," Dirlam.

Alpha's annual spring weekend as held April 24-26 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City. The highlight of the weekend, the Saturday Night Formal Dance was held in the Red and Gold "Bunny Club" at the Ritz.

Congratulations to brother Curt Goss and Bess Woods on their pinning. To Jay and Cliff—"What can we say?"

The brotherhood of Delta Nu congratulates brother Augie Ingoglia and Rosemary on their engagement.

Delta Nu's a basketball team recently retired the IFC trophy by edging the undefeated Alpha team, 91-61.

The brothers of Theta Chi congratulate their new officers: President, Gus Constantine; Vice-president, Paul Isler; Secretary, Jeff Henderson; Treasurer, Charles Walz III; Marshall, Gerry Anderson; Chairman of Foreign Affairs, Lester Beke.

Theta welcomes the new brothers who were inducted last week, Charlie Breiner, Darny Ramin, Alistair Cruikshank Brock, Warren Caldecutt, and Ward Burg, an Professor William Yarn who was inducted as an Honorary Brother Earlier this month.

A special note of congratulations to Brother Walz upon his receiving a recognition award from the chapter.

The Brothers of TEKE are glad to announce the initiation of five new brothers: Doug Asdal, Larry Kaplan, Walt Page, Dennis Stainken and John Warner.

New officers for the 1964-65 are: President, Harold W. Hargeto; Vice-president, James D. McKenzie; Treasurer, Lawrence A. Koenig; Secretary, Rusty Titus III; Chaplain, Paul D. Hrdlicka; Historian, Dick Morison; Sergeant at arms, Steve Jordan; Pledge master, Wain Hamerschlag and Rush; chairman, Pete Recklett.

The brothers congratulate Frater Recklett on his setting of a new school record in the 330 yd. intermediate hurdles, covering ground in 40.1 seconds. Frater Hrdlicka represented Wagner circle of ODK at the Anniversary convention last week in Roanoke, Va.

Davidson, Stern Return From Bregenz, Review Study Program

By Lois Leewe

Dr. Arthur O. Davidson, Wagner College President, and Dean Adolph J. Stern, returned from a trip to Bregenz, Austria last week. While there they undertook an extensive examination of the Wagner College Study Program in Bregenz.

Dean Stern arrived in Bregenz on Sunday, April 12, while Dr. Davidson arrived on Tuesday,

April 14. Both flew back to the United States, arriving here on Friday, April 17. Dean Stern described the trip as being very successful.

Interviews

The purpose of the trip was to visit and talk with the students and professors at the Institute. Through interviews, Dr. Davidson and Dean Stern learned what improvements the students and teachers would like to have made and also what features they regard as already excellent within the structure of the program.

Dean Stern noted the interesting comments of the professors at Bregenz who maintained that our American students are very mature for their age. These professors said they could not always conduct classes with their own native students as they could with the Wagner students who are proficient in the field of self-study.

Official visits

Pres. Davidson and Dean Stern toured the local schools where some of the Institute students take art courses. They visited the officials of the city and province in order to thank them for their help and co-operation in the administration of Wagner's foreign study program.

The Landeshaupmann (Governor) of the Province of Vorarlberg in which Bregenz is located, Governor Ilg, gives teachers permission to teach in the Institute. The Mayor of Bregenz is Doctor Tizian.

Dean Stern said he was very pleased with the beautiful weather they had during their stay. "Spring flowers were beginning to bloom and it was quite warm. However, the mountains were still covered with snow." He added, "The students were happy. They had just returned from an Easter Italian tour. Now they are busy studying for exams."

The students will leave Bregenz May 15 and travel through France to London, where they will depart for home. A few students plan to spend part of the summer in Europe working or visiting relatives.

Elite voyage

Dean Stern said the Bregenz administrators are now contemplating the idea of having next semester's Bregenz participants travel to Europe on the Queen Elizabeth. They would leave New York on September 23 and arrive in Cherbourg on September 28. The students would then go by bus through Normandy and Paris down to Bregenz.

Wagnerians interested in participating in the Wagner Bregenz study program next semester should register according to the normal procedure. Turn program cards into the Registrar with a note asking the card be sent to Dean Stern's office and included in the Bregenz file. Applications will be accepted until June 15.

SCA Forum Presents Christianity Question

By Carol Salvesen

"Is Wagner Losing Its Christian Quality?" was the problem of the Student Christian Association panel discussion on April 19. Prof. Wm. Willey and Alex Sickert debated with Prof. Arnold Unjhem and Harold Smith on the topic.

In order to start the discussion Lee Schrader, SCA President, presented the results of the April 10 Questionnaire. Of the returns, 87% were made by the students and 13% were made by the faculty. Of those, 18% were Lutheran, 10% Catholic and 7% Jewish.

In answer to the questions, "Is Wagner a Christian college?" 57% answered positively and 37% negatively; Is a Christian atmosphere good or bad in a college situation? 90% answered positively and 3% negatively; "Did Wagner's claim to be a Christian college influence you in choosing Wagner as your college?" 70% said "Yes" and 30% replied "No." Since not enough returns were made the results are not conclusive.

In the debate Prof. Willey and Alex Sickert claimed that Wagner is a Christian college while Prof. Unjhem and Harold Smith opposed them. The debate started with each presenting their views of a Christian college and their opinions as to whether Wagner is or is not Christian.

Various definitions of a Christian college were given: "... An answering voice to man of the many voices of situations which arise today," and the use of actions not "lip service" in the putting of God in the center of the thoughts and deeds.

The opposition claimed that Wagner has not set high enough goals in being Christian and is "shooting for the wrong thing," as an answer to the statement that Wagner has to be a "Utopia in order to live up to the standards that the opposition had set up." No final decision was reached because of the many points that were brought in by audience's questions in the open end of the debate.

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Seahawks Split Hofstra Double-header Nelson Fans 16 in 6-4 Opening Win

By Tom Valledolmo

Wagner's superlative righthander, Harry Nelson, turned an otherwise bleak Saturday afternoon into a tremendous success, April 25, as he defeated a tough Hofstra nine in the first game of doubleheader by a score of 6-4 striking out 16 Dutchmen.

Nelson was in complete command throughout, as he allowed only two hits, and walked five in his second winning route-going performance of the season. His mates backed Harry with some timely hitting, and on the whole their defense was good. The second game was a different story, however, as the Hawks turned right around and lost by the same 6-4 score that they had won the first game by.

Seahawks impressive in opener

The Seahawks were very impressive in the opener, as they grabbed an early lead and were never headed. The game opened for Wagner with Drew Kelly singling through short. Stan Matuszewski then walloped a long double over the head of the centerfielder, and the Green and White had a 1-0 lead after two hitters had strode to the plate. Jay Abbes was next, and he jumped right on the bandwagon, as he also singled in a run running the score to 2-0. It was an auspicious beginning, but fizzled as the next three hitters went out. The Dutchmen scored an unearned run off Nelson in the second on a pair of walks, a passed ball, and a throwing error by Kelly on a delayed steal, but Wagner answered back by tallying single runs in the sixth, seventh, and eighth innings.

The ninth was a shaky inning for Nelson, but he escaped serious trouble by calling on his overpowering fastball to bail him out with three straight strikeouts. The inning started with a hit batsman, and then Vin Karaktin lofted a high infield pop up to the left side of the diamond. Wagner's George Blois and George Haas collided, and

the ball fell safely to the turf. This error put men on second and third, and a wild pitch scored one and moved the other runner to third. A second wild pitch followed, and the remaining baserunner scored to put the Dutchmen only two runs behind with nobody out. It was a ticklish situation, but Nelson took hold of himself and ended the game via three strikeouts.

Hofstra scores six in Fourth

The second game of the twin-bill was a complete reversal of form as the Hawks saw the Hofstra batmen pound out a six run fourth inning to sew up the decision. Len Olson started the second game for Coach Herb White, and did a creditable job until the fourth when everything went wrong. Rich Levine led off with a home run over the right field fence, and three more singles sent Olson to the showers. Art Grannis came in to relieve, but he couldn't find the plate, and after two consecutive walks he joined his predecessor in the clubhouse. With three runs in and the bases loaded, White brought in Norman MacLeod to see if he could throw the double play ball to the next batter, and he chose correctly. Except the grounder was booted by Kelly, and the inning went on. Hofstra scored their final run on an ensuing delayed double steal. Frank Gabriel finished up for the Seahawks, pitching the final two innings without giving up a hit. The Hawks scored two runs each in the third and fifth innings, but it wasn't enough to offset the Flying Dutchmen's big six run outburst.

Hawk Trackmen Top Hunter, St. Peters Hemmett, Recklet Star In Triangle Win

By Russ Johnson

Under the guidance of Coach John Barbes, the Green and White fleet footmen assumed winning ways, as it dusted Hunter and St. Peters in a triangle meet held on the Seahawks cinders.

Even more important than the win itself, were some impressive performances, which seem to point optimistically toward the Middle Atlantic Championship.

Once again, as in the first few meets of the season, junior Rollie Hemmett stole the show. He captured the 880 yard run, with a very fast 2:00.4, and helped the mile relay team of Recklet, Busch, Traub, and himself, also gain first place laurels.

Recklet Sets Wagner Record

Pete Recklet also captured the spotlight, as he won two individual hurdle events, setting a new Wagner record in one, and helped out the mile relay team. Pete's wins came in the 120 high hurdles, where Chuck Distaulo placed third for the Hawks, and in the 330 intermediate hurdles, with Distaulo running second.

In the mile run, it was sophomore Fred Pavlich all the way, as he captured his specialty with a fine 4:45.5 clocking. Fred was followed home by endurance man Ed Dierling, who finished third. Ed also turned in a fine two miles, placing second in that event.

Pete Mohr also made his presence felt by the visitors, as he swept the broad jump and hop, step, and leap, as well as finishing a close second in the 220 yard dash.

Other Hawk Scorers

Other point scorers for the

Seahawks were Jerry Glasser, who placed second in the high jump as well as the 100 yard dash; Ted Williams, who finished third in the 440; and the 440 relay squad of Rich Spirito, Tom Grouse, Mike Kelly, and Chuck DiStaulo.

Frosh Also Win

The little Seahawks, the Freshmen, also fared well, as they won their division. Ed Christensen won the high jump with a very impressive leap of 5'8"; Joe D'Andrea and Christensen placed second and third, respectively, in the 440 yard run; Gary Cooper, Paul Storry, and Joe Trachtman finished 2-3-4 in the 100 yard dash; Storry and Trachtman were second and third in the 220; and the 440 relay team of Cooper, Christensen, Trachtman and Storry, won first place honors.

Future Looks Bright

As for the future, everything's coming up roses. The Varsity is getting stronger with each meet, and the regional championships will be a good test of their strength later in the season. Backing up the veterans are

some very talented frosh, who should keep Wagner on the winning trail for several seasons to come.

In case you're the type of track enthusiast who is interested in the records, or rather the breaking of same, heres a few tips. Look for Rollie Hemmett to erase the 880 yard mark from the books. He's been getting better each time out, and is a sure bet to lower the Wagner standard of 1:58.2. Wagner's Valery Brumel, Jerry Glasser is a plausible candidate for the record books. With a little more practice under his belt, he's going to top the Wagner mark of 6' even. Pete Recklet is the man to watch in the hurdle events, because one of these days he's going to alter the record books for each. Pete Mohr has been jumping very well of late, and in my book, he'll soon be in the record book, or more precisely, he'll better the listed broad jump and triple jump marks of which he is the proud possessor. Maybe all this sounds a little too optimistic, but remember—the crystal ball never lies.

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