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Fellowship of Christian Athletes fundraise to spread the Christmas spirit

By ALEXANDRIA GRECO
Co-Editor

Scrooge who?

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) club raised over \$500 in donations and of necessary items for children on behalf of the Samaritans Pursue International Relief, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) foundation.

On Friday, Oct. 12, members sat outside of basketball's Madness Before Midnight in the Spiro Sports Center and inside the Union, accepting all student, faculty and parent donations.

"The entire student body participated in helping launch this event," said sophomore FCA leader Steven Bloodworth. "Whether it was through donations or helping make signs and advertise or coming to the event to help pack [shoeboxes]. It was much more than just FCA members."

Along with Bloodworth, Lauren Hauer and Evon Previte, both sophomores, took a leading role in staying connected with OCC representative Michael Weinberg.

Donations were collected up until the packing Christmas party on Monday, Nov. 12. With the money, members of the FCA went shopping for children's necessities like soap, toothbrushes, socks, books, crayons and



Photo by Michael Weinberg

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes packed 259 shoeboxes of kid necessities to donate to Operation Christmas Child foundation.

other small toys.

The foundation then supplies donors with special shoeboxes for each child to have their own special gift.

The party took place in the Spiro Sports Center VIP room. More than 40 student athletes attended along with other students. All participants were able to personalize their boxes with anything they felt a kid would like.

Wagner was able to pack a total of 259 boxes.

"Fellow Christian Athletes and Operation Christmas Child are a perfect fit," said Bloodworth. "Around

this time of year there are a lot of organizations helping the less fortunate but Operation Christmas Child not only allows us to send kids Christmas presents but also helps to spread the Christmas story. Each box comes with a storybook that tells the story of Jesus. It makes sense that we help others while spreading the word of God. Operation Christmas makes that easy."

The Fellow Christian Athletes' first connected with Operation Christmas Child through the club's past president, Senior John Garrish. "He jumped at the opportunity to represent

a great cause," said junior FCA member Alexandra Cooney.

She opines that the Operation Christmas Child represents similar values to FCA but through the fundraising and packing party.

Cooney reflects on this year's experience, "Operation Christmas Child is definitely one of the best parts of being in FCA. When we have the annual gift packing party everyone brings teammates and friends to help pack the boxes. It's great to see so many people working together as a community for such an amazing cause."



Photo by Bryan Grandison

Sign on the driver's side of the Wagner Cares shuttle.

Wagner Cares van makes volunteering easier

By DANIELLE LUCCHESI
Co-Copy Chief

"We just wanted to make the Wagner Cares open. We wanted to make it successful," said Student Government Association (SGA) President Greg Balaes.

Wagner has made volunteering to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy more accessible to everyone who wants to be involved, by putting aside a shuttle to bring students down to the devastated areas.

The van has a Wagner Cares decal on the side letting students know that it is designated to transporting them to and from the hard hit areas.

Providing transportation for volunteer efforts does not impact the shuttles going to or from the ferry, or those reserved for class trips.

The Wagner Cares shuttle was put in place for students who wanted to help with the relief efforts while still feeling safe themselves. Students know their exact destination, who they are working with and get where they are needed. Transportation could not be provided prior to now due to the gas shortage directly after the storm.

"It [the volunteer effort] starts with students," said Vice President of Administration David Martin.

Students have reached out and paired up with organizations such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army under Martin's guidance.

According to Balaes, this past weekend students helped re-stock the selves of A & J Police Equipment scheduled to re-open this past Monday since the storm hit and serve food at local food pantries to those in need.

Students staying in the residence halls over winter break and those who live on Staten Island will continue to have the opportunity to help rebuild homes affected by the storm.

Visit www.wagnercares.org to keep up to date with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.



Photo: Hilton Flores

The Seahawks celebrate their win over Colgate, breaking history as the first NEC team to win a playoff game.

Seahawks rejoice over strong season

By AUDRIANA MEKULA
Sports Editor

The Seahawks were able to continue their eight-game winning streak to include a ninth one on Nov. 24, when they hosted and defeated Colgate University 31-20. After, they made the 2,600 mile trip to Eastern

Washington to play in the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs.

The Seahawks led 24-14 at half-time before Nick Doscher's 6-yard TD pass to David Crawford with 9:15 left in the fourth quarter salted the game away. It capped a time-consuming 73-yard drive. In a post-game interview, Doscher said, "We didn't want our season to end on our

field. We had a great crowd and didn't want to disappoint them. We never doubted ourselves, we never doubted our coaches."

Doscher rushed for one touchdown and threw for two more to become the school's all-time leading passing yardage leader, while junior running back Dominique Williams gained

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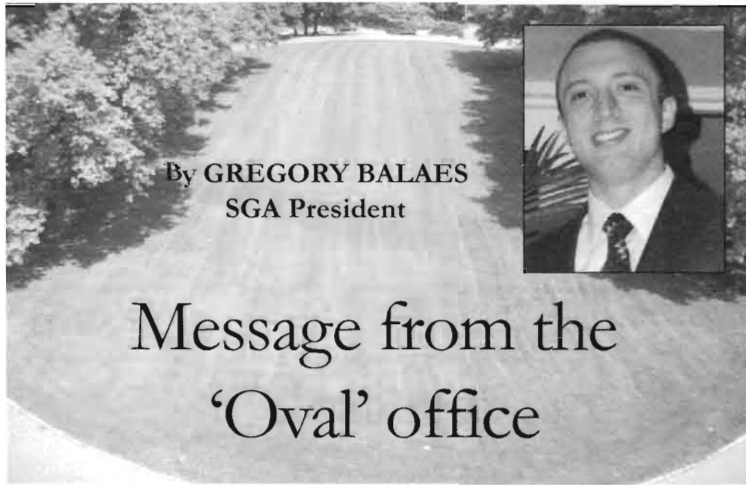
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By GREGORY BALAES
SGA President

Message from the 'Oval' office

SGA reflects on a progressive semester

Library hours expanding in spring

Welcome to the December *Oval Office!*

Wow, what a month! In the past 30 days or so, the Student Government Association (SGA) has been successful with legislation to extend the library hours on Friday and Saturday, which will now close at 12 a.m. (it previously closed at 8 p.m.) beginning in the Spring 2012 semester.

As a reminder, the hours will remain the same from Sunday to Thursday, with changes strictly to the Friday and Saturday schedules. I would like to send compliments and gratitude to Besa Balidemaj for chairing this proposal, Dean of the Library Dorothy Davidson, and Provost Lily McNair for helping to make this come to fruition.

Hurricane Sandy relief is still underway and will continue into 2013. The Wagner Community has so graciously raised over \$12,000 hurricane relief through Wagner Cares. Additionally, a \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the Wagner Cares initiatives and is expecting a \$20,000 donation as a result of a fundraiser in NYC. Money raised is

going directly to those effected by Hurricane Sandy and will also support our campus community's volunteer efforts.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our Wagner alumni at Clear Channel Outdoor who helped promote Wagner Cares on a billboard overlooking the Goethals Bridge.

Next semester, SGA Senators plan to continue legislating for much needed coffee house renovations. Senators are also working with the shuttle drivers to ensure that driving routes are time efficient and want to adjust scheduling to warrant ample time for passengers to walk to and from the ferry without having to run.

I encourage and welcome your input on these topics. Remember that without you, the student body, SGA is nothing. We are here for you and truly take your opinions and suggestions into consideration. Please contact me if you would like to contribute.

That's all for now. Good luck on finals and may your winter break be relaxing!

Etiquette dinner provides tips for business related meals

By ARIJETA LAJKA
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Students entered the Faculty Dining Hall on Wednesday night dressed in fine suits, conservative black dresses, and polished shoes. The special occasion of the evening was an etiquette dinner hosted by the Center for Academic and Career Engagement. District manager of Lackmann Culinary Services, Shelley Canonico, was the speaker of the evening. The lively and comedic Canonico offered many insightful tips for any business lunch or dinner. While many individuals may overlook their informal eating habits, table manners greatly contribute to whether or not an individual receives the job.

The majority of the guests were business majors, who were advised to network with one another and faculty members, who also took part in the event. The free event was a first come, first served basis which students were obligated to reserve their seats prior to the event.

Employees from the dining hall served a four-course meal that consisted of soup, spaghetti, chicken, and apple pie. The dinner was pre-selected by Canonico herself. Students awaited further instructions as they looked down at the business meal setting with two spoons on the right, two forks on the left, and dessert utensils that were placed above the dish. The food chosen by Canonico was of course the most messy, most difficult items to eat. In the beginning, students struggled to eat food in what is considered an "acceptable" way.



Photo by Beth Martino

Students attend the etiquette dinner to learn more about eating a proper meal when it comes to business events.

The first meal that was served was a pumpkin bisque soup. Students entered the dinner with an empty stomach complaining that they had not eaten anything all day, so students immediately began to lean into the table, diving their spoons in the soup. Canonico stepped in to inform the students that they must not lean into their soup, they pick up small amounts of soup with their spoons. As students attempted this formal way of eating many simply gave up because they felt uncomfortable with eating in this position, and others were too embarrassed to finish their soup. One student stated, "I am so hungry, I can eat my hand."

The next meal that was served was spaghetti topped with tomato sauce. Canonico herself found it difficult to demonstrate how to properly eat spaghetti at a business event. Canonico taught students precisely why these types of food should never be ordered during an interview. Students gradually felt more comfortable eating the rest of their meals, as they grew more familiar with business etiquette.

From handshakes to casual drinks,

Canonico covered almost every situation that would occur at a professional dinner setting. Throughout the night she urged students that they must not mix their foods together and eat them separately, "I know it's delicious, but don't dip the dinner roll in the soup, you do that at home." Canonico also went over who is required to pick up the tab, "Don't pretend to reach for the check, whoever invited you will pay for it."

Throughout the entire event, Canonico managed to keep the students involved and entertained. Instead of scolding students for their improper eating behavior, she would simply joke about it.

Canonico said, "I try my best to make it interesting, fun and informative at the same time! I think that understanding and learning proper dining etiquette is very important because it is part of a potential employer's first impression of you and it needs to be a positive one! It is a sign of good manners, which is essential to your professional success."

For those who missed out, similar events will be held during the spring semester.

The Silver Lining: A Benefit Concert for Staten Island

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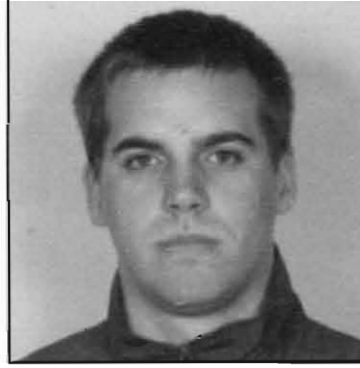
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Seahawks reflect on a glorious season



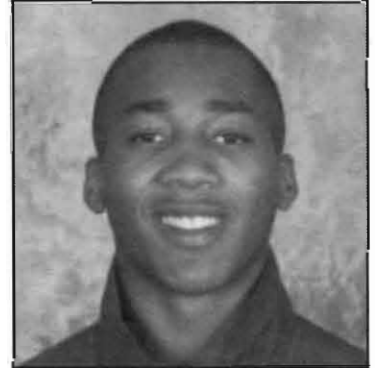
"It was a surreal, emotional moment to actually have made history within the program. Our dedication and hard work has finally shown."

#25 Dominique Williams, junior running back



"I'm just excited for all of our seniors that put in their time in the program and could not imagine having a more fitting ending to our careers."

#8 Nick Doscher, senior quarterback



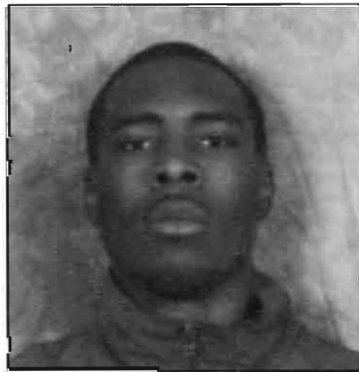
"It's a big opportunity and it feels good to be the first to make Wagner history. It was a major deal being recognized as First Team-All Conference and player of the week."

#9 Otis Wright, sophomore running back



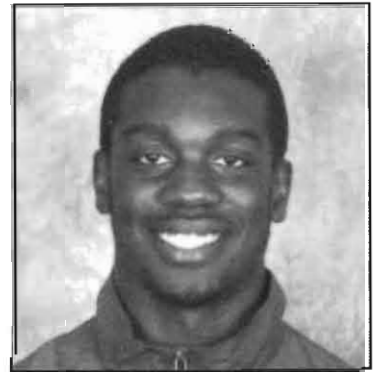
"It's a once in a lifetime experience and I'm glad I was a part of the most successful football team in Wagner history."

#59 David Lopez, senior kicker



"It feels great, awesome, and it's a wonderful feeling. It's a great honor. I feel like I'm on top of the world and that I was able to make history with this group of men because we're so close and I look at them as my brothers, especially JD. We had to do it for Coach Hameline because he deserves it and he's been here for so long."

#3 Torian Phillips, senior defensive lineman



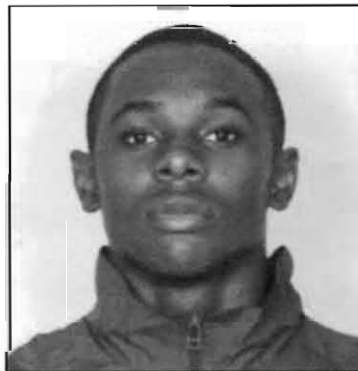
"It feels great. It's always a different feeling to make history. A shout out to all the fans that supported us."

#1 Jarrett Dieudonne, sophomore defensive back



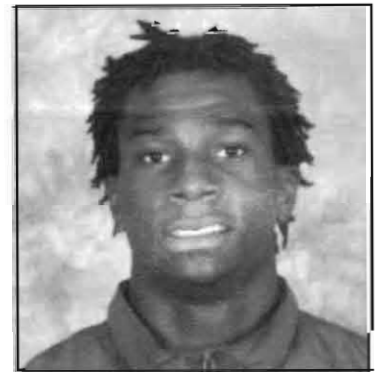
"It feels good to be a part of Wagner's first NEC football championship. We worked real hard in practices and lift, it definitely paid off."

#37 Michael Lombardo, senior linebacker



"It feels great to be a part of the team that brought Wagner to its first NEC championship. This team will be the example that anything is possible if you dedicate yourself to it. The best part was that it was senior day and I got to play in front of my family."

#88 David Crawford, fifth year wide receiver



"The moment we won I thought all the hard work and time paid off. I am grateful for the experience to play in an NEC championship."

#82 Josh Talbott, sophomore wide receiver



"Right when we won the championship, I was so happy. I had to find my mom to celebrate the greatest day of my life."

#69 Steve Ciocci, fifth year offensive lineman



"Our coach told us right before the game that moments like this do not come around often and to take what we had in front of us. Our team seized the opportunity."

#20 Cody Morgan, junior wide receiver



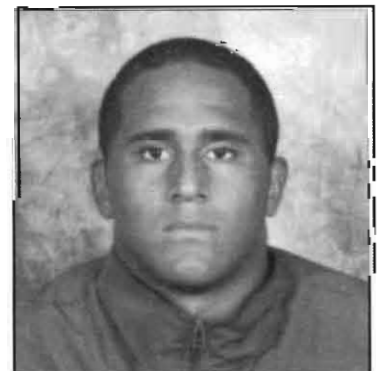
"We're NEC champs for our ability to block out everyone else and what they had to say and play for the man in the football jersey next to you."

#11 Darnell Sapps, senior wide receiver



"I thanked God the moment we won and thought of all the people who made sacrifices over the past 3-years for this program and for me as an individual. Our record doesn't display it but the seniors that have played here over my time at Wagner have definitely helped mold the attitude and expectations of this program."

#84 Bryant Watts, sophomore tight end



"None of the players on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball are selfish. Everyone plays as one unit and it's hard to beat a team that plays like that."

#10 Yamir Ortiz, junior defensive lineman

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loquacious
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Lindsay Lohan: The top U.S. news story

*America's skewed perception
on what news consists of*

By MISTY ROSSO
CO-COPY CHIEF



Photo: Associated Press
Mugshot of Lindsay Lohan
from one of her five arrests.

As I browsed CNN.com to find a topic for this article, I stumbled upon my story as soon as I read the top U.S. news story. “[Lindsay] Lohan arrested over alleged altercation.” I was in disbelief that this is the most relevant news topics to the American people. When did a burnt-out actress/singer become more important than national affairs, foreign policy and so on? In my opinion, our nation's perceptions on news are extremely skewed.

Lindsay Lohan went from being a child star in *Parent Trap* to a short-lived singer, then ended up in rehab. Although she seems to be putting her life back together, I cannot keep this young woman's life straight. She is just a person with too much fame and way too little responsibility.

By feeding into this media pollution, we are giving her more fame and deeming her behavior acceptable. It is NOT news-worthy of any kind.

America's obsession with the rich and famous is idiotic and unhealthy.

The fact that CNN featured Lindsay Lohan as the United States' top news story made me refrain from reading any news articles.

There actually were interesting, news worthy ones listed below the latest Lohan scandal, such as an article about a law that enforces the closing of abortion clinics and answers about the lethal attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya.

That is United States news. That is something I actually care about, and that the people of this nation should be interested in.

I do not know how to realign the priorities of this nation, but something has to change.

President Obama just got reelected. With him, I believe our country can reach its intended greatness. There are many contributing factors to improving our nation, and two of them are our intellect and our perceptions.

When we start taking our country and the rest of the world's issue into account, we can shape the United States into a well-rounded place.

In this country, too much emphasis is placed on people who are famous

for essentially nothing. Our interests in their seemingly important lives shift our attention from the real problems at hand. If we are not accepting these issues, we will not be able to find a solution to them.

I am thoroughly disappointed in CNN for featuring such an atrocious piece of trash as worthy news. CNN has been my go to news source for years.

I am also disconcerted by the knowledge that this article and its ranking will not upset many of my fellow citizens. Instead, it will entice them, and they will waste their energy reading the Lohan article, when they could be educating themselves about our nation and the world. They could be brainstorming new solutions or plans for this wonderful nation we call our home.

I understand that tabloid-type stories are entertaining. I am certainly not castigating those who read them occasionally. However, it is when they become more than just a light, jovial read and take the place of more important matters, that we have a problem.

All I am asking is that the next time you come across the choice to read about Lindsay Lohan or Libya, you put down the tabloid and decide to educate yourself.

I ask that you choose to expand your mind and make this country better. Our minds are our power, so let's use them.

Littering outside of Towers: It's time to clean up

By MEGAN STIERITZ
Wagnerian Staff Writer

On Nov. 20, Wagner students living in Towers Hall received an email from Steve Porcelli expressing his disappointment about the amount of garbage found on the lawn going in to Towers. I am disappointed as well. I believe that the student body needs to do something about the littering on campus.

Some days I look out my window and see an enormous amount of cups, window screens, beer cans, paper towels, and other paraphernalia. In October, there were even a few smashed pumpkins. I know that Wagner College takes pride in its beautiful campus, as do its students. I know I do.

I do not like to look out onto campus and see trash. I know people want to have a good time on campus, and

throw some parties, but there is no reason to get so out of control that someone throws your screen and an abundance of trash out the windows of Towers Hall.

There are up to four large trash cans on every floor in the residence hall, more than enough space for just about any garbage you need to throw away. It seems as though it would be easier to walk into the hallway to throw away trash rather than taking the trouble to rip out the screens and heaving trash out the window.

In Porcelli's email, he states that we all need to come “together as a community to prevent such actions from taking place.”

However, no one wants to be the one to throw their fellow Wagner College students under the bus, and majority of the time it is unclear exactly who was responsible for the damage caused. Porcelli reminds us there is always a Residence Assistant

(RA) on duty you can go to to report any violations you witness.

In his email, Porcelli adds that, “If the continuous trashing of the Wagner College lawn takes place, there will be no choice but to fine the building of Towers as a whole until the situation becomes better.”

Although I never agree with charging the Towers Hall community as a whole because such a large percentage of its people are not at fault for what is happening, I do understand why they have to do it, and threaten us with it.

As the end of the semester comes to a close, for the next semester we should all try to keep our campus neat and tidy.

All I have left to say is put some effort in and throw your garbage in the many trash cans provided by our school. Be respectful and keep our campus looking beautiful.

Get ahead: Find an internship and boost your resume today

By MISTY ROSSO
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The past two semesters, I have had an internship. One for my English major, and one for my psychology major. From my experience at both placements, I have realized how essential it is for college students to intern in order to give us more work experience and help create and strengthen our connections to the real world.

Last spring semester, I interned at Abrams Books in Manhattan. I was a marketing and sales intern for them. I want to eventually write novels, so this placement gave me the opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of the publishing industry.

While I was at Abrams, I became close with my two supervisors and keep in touch with them today. They are always willing to write recommendations for me for jobs and internships, and they also would like to work with me again.

This has provided me with the opportunity of a job, as well as connections in this industry, upon graduation in May.

This semester, I interned at Freedom from Fear on Seaview Avenue. Interning was a requirement for my psychology senior reflective tutorial (RFT).

Freedom from Fear (FFF) is a

non-profit mental health organization that helps people with anxiety and depression disorders. At FFF, I am a social media intern. I am in charge of writing and finding articles for the website and updating both Facebook and Twitter. I also sometimes get the opportunity to sit in on therapy sessions.

Although I am not precisely sure what I want to use my BA in psychology for, the experience of working in the mental health field and observing therapy sessions has been incredible. It has sparked my interest in social work.

Also, it has given me more work experience in an office, and has combined my two passions - writing and psychology. A lot of my work is on the Freedom from Fear website.

Internships provide a variety of benefits for students. You gain invaluable knowledge and experience, make connections and catch a glimpse into these professions in the real world. Even if you have a mediocre experience at your internship, I guarantee you will learn a lot about that industry and about yourself.

In my opinion, that is why internships are so crucial for college students: they teach us about who we are and what we want to do with our lives. Most of us have an idea about what profession we want to go into. However, we will not truly know if

that industry is the right fit for us until we work in it, until we get a feel for it.

I believe that if I had not had my two internship experiences, I would not be as close as I am to deciphering my career path. Internships provide possibility. They open doors and can shape where our career paths go.

I am so grateful for both opportunities I have had.

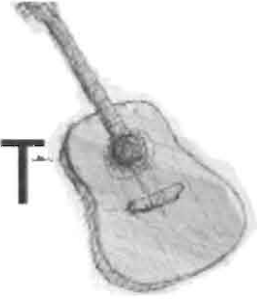
Also, I believe that our student body needs to take advantage of Wagner's location. New York City is the site of thousands of opportunities and experience, and it's literally in our backyard. Not many colleges can say that their students have this array of opportunities. Interning with companies in NYC will only serve to benefit our resumes and chances of getting good jobs in our dream fields.

My advice to you is to look into internships for next semester or summer if you haven't yet. Even if you are simply intrigued by a field or position, and even if it does not necessarily pertain to your major or long-term goals, try it out. You will not know what direction you want to take after college unless you step out into the real world and experience it. The time is now to take this step.

Talk to your professors, peers and the Center for Academic and Career Engagement (CACE), located in the Union, for information on finding and contacting internship programs.



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The School For Laughs

The School For Lies keeps audiences laughing even during the bows.

By ROSE CAMPBELL
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Wagner College Theatre's Stage One presented David Ives' *The School For Lies* this season. And it was a knee-slapping, guffaw-worthy show at that.

It began with Jesse McCaig as Philante jaunting onto stage and greeting the audience, and the frozen smile plastered on his face revealed the night of silliness they were in for. His performance continued to impress as we saw him comically don a sky-blue gown—a queen in more than one way for the evening.

The protagonist for the evening was played by Alex Boniello, whose character was Frank, as was his demeanor. This character could have easily been a two-dimensional jerk-wad, a robot made to insult. But Boniello played him so that the audience could see his layers, and show that the character is truly a softie at heart.

The lead female, Celimene, was played by Olivia Puckett. Celimene's description before her entrance explained that she was a beautiful young woman, and thus Puckett fit that requirement perfectly. But she isn't just a pretty



Photo by: Karen O'Donnell

The cast of *The School of Lies* gets laughs from audiences.

face; she filled out the role of not only Celimene, but the humorous caricatures of the other characters she performed.

Of the supporting roles, two stood out with show-stealing performances. The first was Matthew Hosmer as Oronte. He moved around like a man who had trained as a ballerina his whole life and never could really let go of that dream. His high-pitched throat-clearing and well-timed poem-reading made not just the audience laugh, but the other actors on stage as well. This is not an insult to the other actors, but a compliment to Hosmer, as he was clearly able to keep his performance fresh night after night so that even those who had been with the show for weeks still found it funny.

The second stand-out was Julia Jones as Arisinoé. She disappeared

into the role and encompassed exactly what a malicious gossip should be. Each word she spoke was so shrill and unpleasant and so perfect for this character. Her canine-impression showed her dedication to the character, as well as a bravery that completely paid-off as she made the audience explode in laughter.

Those who saw the show might even cite the bows as their favorite part. The actors discoed and danced, infecting the audience with their delight. Freshman Music and Psych major Styliani Munroe Chaltas commented "The dancing was hysterical—it came out of nowhere. It tied up the whole show perfectly." *The School For Lies* was hilarious, and everyone involved should be extremely proud of their contribution to an exciting night in theatre.

Great Broadway plays to see this holiday break

By JORDAN BUNSHAFT
Wagnerian Staff Writer

I recently had the chance to catch a few of the New York theatre scenes most anticipated Fall offerings. *Giant*, the new musical with music and lyrics by Michael John LaChiusa, based on the novel by Edna Ferber, opened recently at the Public Theater. The show tells the sweepingly, epic story of the Benedict ranching family of Texas and the challenges that change brings over two generations. While it could still use some work, *Giant* mostly succeeds. The characters are vividly drawn and portrayed tremendously by a large, top notch New York company that includes, Brian D'Arcy James, Kate Baldwin, and Bobby Steggert.

In the cast is Tony winner and Wagner College professor, Michele Pawk, who is wonderful as the strong willed matriarch, Luz. LaChiusa's lush and varied score does a beautiful job of creating character and establishing relationships and mood. Previous versions of the show have had three acts instead of the two presented here. While I am normally opposed to three act musicals, I would not have minded it in this

case, as I felt a few subplots were a bit rushed for a conclusion. Minor quibbles aside, *Giant* is a strong, exciting new musical.

Roundabout's revival of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* was the show I was most looking forward to seeing this season. Unfortunately, it was a bit of a disappointment. The sets and costumes are beautiful and the cast, including Broadway legend, Chita Rivera, could not be bettered. However, the show as written is a bit pointless, offering much style with little substance. Based on Charles Dickens's final, unfinished novel and presented as a Christmas time entertainment by the Music Hall Royale players, *Drood* relies on the charming show-within-a-show conceit far too much and never actually presents an intriguing story. I had hoped the mystery would be captivating but the story is poorly developed and barely registers. While there are a few tuneful numbers, most have little to do with the plot and feel unsatisfying. The gimmick of the show is that the audience votes for the ending. This is indeed a lot of fun, as are many moments in the lavish production, I just wish the material was more compelling.

The production I enjoyed the most this season was Lincoln Cen-

ter's exquisite revival of Clifford Odets's classic play, *Golden Boy*. Directed by the talented, Bartlett Sher, the play is now in previews at the newly renovated Belasco, the same theatre in which it premiered in 1937. While the story of Joe Bonaparte, torn between his love of music and the allure of money and fame as a prizefighter, might have some moments which feel a bit clichéd to modern audiences, this play still packs quite an emotional punch. The phenomenal ensemble, lead by the up-and-coming, Seth Numrich, is filled with reliable character actors all turning in remarkably defined and moving portrayals. I was most taken by Tony Shalhoub as Joe's Italian immigrant father. Known mainly to audiences as TV's *Monk*, the almost unrecognizable Shalhoub, gives a masterful and haunting performances. As per usual, Broadway and personal favorite, Danny Burstein, does solid work as Joe's trainer and Tony winner, Anthony Crivello is excellent as the mobster funding Joe's boxing career. You will be sorry if you miss this outstanding production.

All three non-profit theatre organizations offer highly discounted student tickets, so for this holiday break make sure to see one, if not all of these productions.

NYC holiday must-sees

A sure way to have a great NYC holiday.

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Staying near the city for the holidays? Check out these great things to do to celebrate your winter break right.

Go to **Rockefeller Center Plaza** (aka the Capital of NYC Christmas), and see the big tree (here since 1931, now boasting 30,000 lights), and snap a photo or two. It's worth fighting the crowds, especially after dark when the lights bounce off the bare shoulders of the golden Prometheus statue. Lights click off at 11:30pm through Christmas, then at 9pm through New Year's Eve.

If you're okay with spending a little cash, skate on the ice rink there. It's expensive (\$21 + \$9 rental), and lines regularly take up to two hours to get ice time, but if that doesn't bother you then the experience is definitely worth it! If you want to save some cash, save the skating for early January (when there's no wait, and mid-week rates are \$3.50 cheaper) or go to Central Park's bigger, slightly cheaper (\$10.75/16 weekdays/weekends + \$6.75 rental), equally as atmospheric Wollman Rink.

New York City Holiday Lights Tours: From November 22 - December 30, 2012, 6:30 pm, and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, get in the festive spirit by taking an evening Holiday Lights Tour of Manhattan's glittering holiday-season lights including: Central Park's Holiday Markets, The tree at Lincoln Center, The World's Largest Snowflake, all the store displays on Madison, Park and Fifth Avenues and lots more!

New York City Helicopter Tour: The cold New York weather is a great time to take advantage of the always-gorgeous Manhattan skyline by going on an exciting New York City Helicopter Tour! Enjoy spectacular aerial views of the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Wall Street, Ground Zero, and more! The Helicopter tour, once opened, will run Mondays-Saturdays from 9 am to 7 pm, and Sundays and Holidays from 9 am to 5 pm. There will also be a 20% discount for your helicopter tour, where you will also get FREE admission to your choice of 50 of New York City's top museums, sights, and tours all for one low price with the New York City Explorer Pass.

The Radio City Christmas Show: Looking for a little sparkle to your Christmas Holiday? Come see lights, music, dancing and the famous Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall Stage from November 29-December 30. Get your tickets at the Radio City Music Hall Box office at 1260 6th Avenue, between 50th and 51st Street or, all them at 1866-858-0007, or order them online at their website, www.radiocitychristmas.com. Prices will vary.

Volunteer for Hurricane Relief on Staten Island: The people here on Staten Island still need our help. There are people needing to be cared for in hospitals, families without homes to stay at, and pets that have been separated from their owners. Volunteer at your local hospital, soup kitchen, shelter, or animal shelter. This is the season to be jolly, so why not help someone else make their holiday a little jollier?

Make sure you don't miss an amazing NYC style holiday season this winter break!

The Treble Concert Choir would like to thank Dr. Wesby for all his hard work and dedication to their choir.

He will be missed, and they hope he will continue his success in the Wagner music department and in the future.

LIFE & STYLE

Ways to ring in the New Year

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There is nothing like New York City, and there is definitely nothing like New Year's Eve in New York City. Being in Times Square to watch the ball drop is a rush for most people like no other, and something that people are lucky to experience at least once in their lives. This year, Lady Gaga will be performing for the yearly extravaganza.

The Emerald Nuts Midnight Run is something else fun that you can do if you are not into the crowds and craziness of Time Square. The run is a four-mile run and takes place in Central Park. The run itself costs money, but watching it is free. The event begins at 10 pm with a DJ, a costume contest and parade with fireworks. The race begins when the clock strikes 12.

If you do not have the money to participate in the race or cannot travel to Central Park and still want to see fireworks, the ferry will take you across the water where you can see great views of fireworks that are shooting off from Brooklyn, Manhattan, New Jersey, and even the Statue of Liberty.

Departing from the South Street Seaport at 8:30 pm is the cruise around the port on the NY Water Taxi, where you can watch fireworks. If you are over 21, there is beer and wine, and mock cocktails and



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Times Square for the countdown is always the most popular and exciting place to be.

sparkling cider for people that are not 21. On the water taxi, there will be 42-inch TVs where you can watch the ball drop.

The Brooklyn Bridge Walking Tour is another way to see fireworks and light shows on New Year's Eve. It costs \$60 and you can view the sights and learn about the bridge while walking along it for an hour.

If you are looking for something fun and not as exhausting, Caroline's On Broadway Is hosting "The Funniest Party in the Universe." With a Times Square vibe, the comedy show spectacular will have you laughing all night. One of the best parts about this is that you can sit inside all night and be warm, but go outside quickly before 12 and see the ball drop for yourself instead of watching it on one of their TVs. A seat for this show costs \$92.

DIY holiday gifts

Gifts that are thoughtful and original but don't break the bank

Homemade Ornaments: Start out with bare tree ornaments and sparkle glue pens, plus some sequins and a hot glue gun. Add names, wishes and sparkles to make it festive.

Handcrafted Stockings: Grab a plain Christmas stocking; get out your sewing kit and hot glue gun. Choose a few pieces of fabric, buttons and sequins to create a one of a kind stocking for any family member. You can always fill the stocking with a homemade Christmas cookies to make the gift really thoughtful.

Baking Mixes in a Jar: Take your favorite cookie recipe and share it with your friends. Except, this time also give them the ingredients. Start with an empty glass jar and measure out all the dry ingredients that the baker will need. Fill the jar with them and print out the recipe and find a decorative ribbon to tie it to the top of the jar. This is an easy and cheap gift that is great if you have extra ingredients laying around after the Christmas cookies are baked.

Woven Scarves: Try making a homemade scarf. All you will need is knitting needles and yarn. This gift is original and useful around the holidays and can be given to any friend or family member.

Recipe Book: Try passing out family recipe books. Start out with a blank, unlined journal and index cards. Dig out those old recipes and write out the directions. Add some old family photos and fun decorations and you will have an irreplaceable gift that everyone will love.

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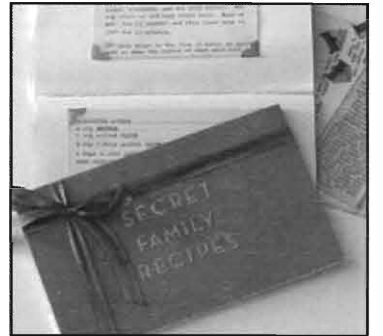


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'13 Resolutions for the New Year

1. Get more hours of sleep every night
2. Increase your GPA
3. Take a leadership position on campus
4. Eat healthier foods
5. Start saving more money
6. Try something new (ie: a new workout)
7. Give up a bad habit
8. Volunteer for a good cause
9. Spend less time on Facebook and Twitter
10. See more sights in New York City
11. Part with your procrastinating ways
12. Get organized
13. Learn to manage your stress

Reported by Christine Peterson

Mocktails to spice up this holiday season



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Mexican Chocolate Mock-tini:

What You Need: Serves 4
¼ tablespoon: ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons: unsweetened dark cocoa powder
½ cup: sugar
1 cup: water
2 cups: almond milk
2 cups: ice cubes
1 lemon wedge



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Italian Cream Soda:

What You Need: Serves 4
4 cups: carbonated water
¼ cup + 2 tablespoons: passion fruit flavored syrup
¼ cup + 2 tablespoons: watermelon flavored syrup
½ cup: half-and-half cream



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The Cherry Fizz:

What You Need: Serves 4
2 cups: frozen cherry juice concentrate, thawed
2 cups: ginger ale



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Mint Julep:

What You Need: Serves 4
½ cup: water
½ cup: white sugar
2 tablespoons: chopped fresh mint leaves
1 cup: prepared lemonade
4 cups: crushed ice
Garnish: Fresh mint sprigs



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Perfect holiday dress

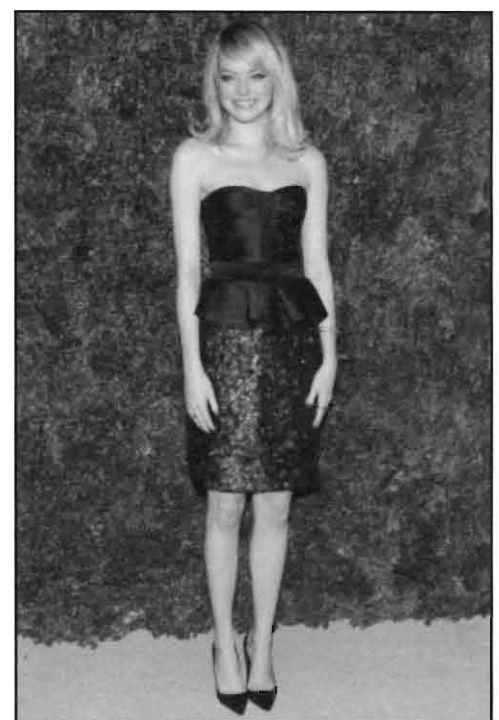


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Emma Stone's peplum Burberry dress is the perfect holiday dress for all occasions. The structure of the dress is trendy and chic while also having the ability to work well for women of all shapes and sizes. The peplum dress gives thin women curves, or can hide those extra few pounds that might be gained during the holidays. Stone's version features a green sequined skirt that adds some sparkle and pizzazz, while the navy top and wide black belt give a definitive waistline. The addition of classic black pumps plus Stone's simple make-up and elegant hairstyle completes this flawless look.

SEAHAWK SPORTS

Seahawks rejoice over strong season

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106 yards on 21 carries, including a 10-yard TD run early in the second quarter that made it 14-0. Williams also commented after the game, saying, "We...have another motto...make sure you play for the person next to you. We are a family...I've never had a team like this...we play hard, have fun, and play for each other."

Wagner struck first, stopping Colgate on its first possession as senior cornerback Torian Phillips intercepted a pass by Colgate signal-caller Gavin McCarney and returned it 28 yards to the Colgate 17.

On Wagner's first play from scrimmage, Doscher connected with Anthony Carrington on a 17-yard strike in the back of the end zone for a touchdown. It was Doscher's 192nd straight pass without an interception.

Meanwhile, the Wagner defense did a solid job limiting the Colgate running game, which had been averaging 294 yards a game.

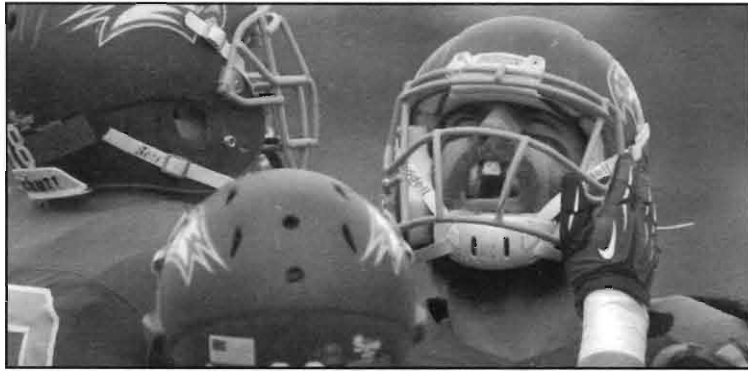


Photo by Hilton Flores

Doscher and his team celebrate a 31-20 victory over Colgate.

The Raiders had five turnovers as McCarney, the conference offensive player of the year, lost three fumbles and threw two interceptions, both by Phillips. Mike Lombardo led Wagner's blitzing defensive attack with 11 tackles, while Teddy Clohessy and Patrick O'Connor had nine apiece.

Early in the second quarter, Williams gave the Seahawks a 14-0 advantage with a bruising 10-yard scoring run in which he bulldozed several Colgate tacklers to get into the

end zone. But Colgate answered with a 61-yard scoring drive, capped by McCarney's 4-yard TD scamper. The extra point cut Wagner's lead in half. Not to be outdone, Wagner embarked on its own long 63 yard drive, culminating in Doscher's 13-yard TD run up the middle to make 21-7. With Wagner leading by 14 and punting from its own end zone with 1:15 remaining in the half, Vince Myers blocked the punt and Demetrius Russell recovered in the end zone to pull the Raiders within 21-14.

Operating with under a minute left in the half, Doscher directed the Seahawks on a march that got Wagner to Colgate's 29-yard line, where David Lopez kicked a 46-yard field goal as time expired to make it 24-14. Following Doscher's connection with Crawford, Colgate answered with a 2-yard touchdown blast by running back Jordan McCord with just under six minutes left in the game. The point attempt was missed, securing Wagner a 31-20 lead, and the win.

In a post-game interview, Coach Hameline commented, "Obviously it's a great win for the conference. I think we played like the dickens.

When you play a team that scores 40 points a game, obviously that's a big concern...and being able to put points up on the board."

The Wagner Seahawks lost in the second round of the FCS playoffs, falling to the Eastern Washington Eagles 28-19. The loss is the first for the Seahawks since Sept. 15 to the Monmouth Hawks.

The Wagner offense struggled to move the ball all game, only compiling 296 total yards. Nick Doscher threw the ball inconsistently, going 11-25 on the day for 125 yards. Doscher also had a tough day running the ball, only picking up 44 yards rushing on 16 carries. Kicker David Lopez played well, knocking in four field goals.

Before the playoffs, both Coach Hameline and multiple Seahawks were named to the first and second NEC teams. Coach Hameline was honored Coach of the Year, while Doscher, Williams, Steve Ciocci, Otis Wright, and Jarret Dieudonne were named to the first offensive team while C.O. Prime, Phillips, and Sidiq Soulemana were named to the second-team defense.

Seahawks winning streak is the longest in NEC history. This season marks the first NEC championship in Wagner's history, and the team's first appearance in two FCS playoff games. To top it all off, they were able to keep their streak going despite being interrupted by Superstorm Sandy and the devastation it caused for both Staten Island and New Jersey, affecting some of the players directly. All in all the season will be one that players, coaches, and fans will not soon forget.

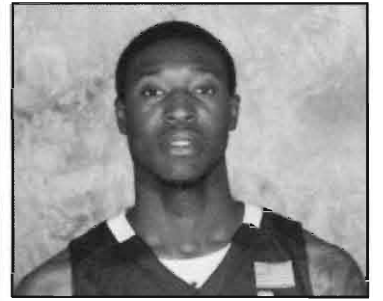


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Number 33 is a six foot seven forward.

A day in the life of Mario Moody

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An average day in the life of sophomore basketball player, Mario Moody just a year ago is vastly different compared to today. After a season threatening injury, surgery, and getting a new coach, Mr. Moody has been forced to make some adjustments. Moody admits that a lot has changed since former coach, Danny Hurley, left. "Coaches come and go, but the team stays together. I wish him a lot of luck, though, and am happy with our new coach," says Moody.

Having practice every day, sometimes even twice, at 10 a.m. calls for a 7 a.m. wake up in order to fit in breakfast. The three-hour practice usually focuses on defense and works on sets and drills to improve their skills. "We get pretty competitive during scrimmaging," admits Moody. He explains that just last week during practice, he suffered a cornea abrasion to his left eye, and a few days later, had to get ten stitches above his right eye when a teammate tried to get the rebound and elbowed Moody.

Moody usually leaves practice a little early to grab lunch at Hawks and get to class on time. While he is still undecided on a major, he expresses a lot of interest in art. In fact, his favorite class this semester is introduction to acting. He gets most of his schoolwork done during study hall, so that he can relax at night before going to bed. On the weekends, the team likes to go out together, but ends the night early in order to be well rested for practice the next morning. "We have a very funny team, we try to stay together not be separated. We always have fun together and that makes us better on the court," says Moody.

#33 admits that he enjoys being a student athlete, but some days he just wishes he could see what regular life is like without having to worry about his sport. "Some days I wish I had more free time, other days I wish I was more occupied," he says.

When asked his favorite aspect of playing basketball for Wagner College, he explains, "I like seeing the support from people on campus. It's great to know there are people behind you whether you're doing good or bad."



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Defensive back Phillips intercepts a pass to lead Wagner to their first FCS playoff victory.

Basketball proves to be a force to reckoned with

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The Seahawks won their third consistent win of the season against Princeton with a final score of 48-42 in overtime at home. Wagner scored the final eight points of the game after trailing 38-31 up until the final eight minutes.

Brendan Connolly's layup put the Tigers at a steady lead until freshman Seahawk Eric Fanning retaliated with an impressive pair of free throws thanks to Josh Thompson's steal. With only 4:53 left in the game, junior Kenneth Ortiz stole the ball from Princeton and brought the score to 38-35 with his layup.

The Tigers responded with a couple of free throws, but junior Orlando Parker made a quick pass to Fanning, allowing him to drain a 25-foot three pointer and putting Green and White at a lead of 40-38 with 3:26 remaining. Ortiz stole back the one-possession game for the first time since the start of the game when he achieved a defensive rebound. Following a time-

out, Williams converted an off-balance layup to tie the game 40-40 with 2:17 on the clock.

The grueling final minutes offered both teams a chance to take the game, until Princeton missed on a pair from the line with less than a minute remaining. Likewise, Wagner missed three layups within the last 34 seconds, including two in the final second, putting the game into overtime. The Tigers missed their final five shots of regulation.

After T.J. Brey's layup gave Princeton the first score of overtime, Seahawk's Parker tied the game with an up-and-under layup, which not only impressed the crowd, but gave Wagner their first lead of the night at 43-42 with a free throw. The Tigers lost their chance to catch up when they missed their final six shots while the Seahawks got the 48-42 win.

In the extra session, Parker scored five of Wagner's eight points en route to finishing the game with seven points, five rebounds, two steals and a block over 21 big minutes off the bench. The Seahawks also continued the defensive intensity into extra



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Ortiz makes his layup, leading the team to their third consecutive win.

time, forcing Princeton into just 1-for-9 shooting from the floor. All told, over the final 13 minutes of the game, the Tigers were outscored 17-4 while going just 1-for-14 from the floor with five turnovers.

Things looked bleak in the first half for Wagner as Princeton scored the first nine points of the game, before Williams stopped the bleeding with a layup. The Seahawks would cut the deficit to five points on four occasions, before going into the break down 23-14.

After halftime, the Tigers extended their lead back out to a game-high matching 11 at 27-16 with 18:14 remaining and appeared poised to blow the game open. However, Wagner responded with a pair of layups from Williams and sophomore Marcus Burton to trim it to 27-20 at the 17:10 mark. From that point, the Seahawks would keep the deficit in single digits, before making their aforementioned late-game run starting at the eight-minute mark.

For the game, the Green & White converted on just 36.4 percent (16-for-44) from the floor, including 12.5 percent (1-for-8) from long range, and 71.4 percent (15-for-21) from the line. The Tigers, meanwhile, were forced into just 29.8 percent (17-for-57) from the field, including a chilly 14.3 percent (2-for-14), and 46.2 percent (6-for-13) from the line.

Additionally, Wagner limited the Princeton frontcourt of Will Barrett, Brendan Connolly and Ian Hummer into 19 points, on just 28.1 percent (9-of-32) shooting. The trio came in averaging 34.0 points, on 51.7 percent (62-for-120) shooting.

Season's Greetings!



The staff of the Wagnerian wishes everyone a joyful, healthy and safe holiday, and a happy new year