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## WCAC ACTIVITIES, PLANS

A new constitution was presented to the members of C.A.G. at their business meeting on Monday, August 14. After a discussion of the document's content, it was unanimously adopted by that group. As stated in the constitution, the purpose of C.A.G. is---"to assist the spiritual, intellectual, athletic, physical, and social life of Wagner College as set forth in the College Bulletin." The organization wishes to meet the needs of all students in as many ways as possible. With this aim in view C.A.G. hopes to increase participation in its activities this fall.

A Sunday morning hike and worship service was sponsored by the organization on August 13. After climbing Emerson Hill, the hungry hikers returned to the Wagner campus for an early morning breakfast flapjacks, plums and coffee. When the appetites of all had been satisfied, the group journeyed to Chapel Knoll where Evelyn Schaefer led a short devotional service.

C.A.G.'s last social event of the summer will be a card party to be given this evening in Cunard Hall. Games will also be played. Some of the members have prepared a comic skit to be presented during the affair.

Cabinet, interest groups, and committees of C.A.G. are busy planning a full program for the fall to include socials, service projects, and discussion groups.

## CUNARD DISCUSSION REPORTS

Last Monday's meeting of the Cunard Discussion group marked a step toward the group's goal of seeing concrete action grow from its conferences.

The Orientation Committee which had been working on a new system of initiating new members of the Wagner community into campus life, reported to the larger group. The committee, under the chairmanship of Edith Guertler, recommended that a new system of counselling be instituted, that a February Orientation Week be offered, and that for the continued introduction of new students throughout the year a seating arrangement be maintained in the Dining Hall. The group resubmitted the recommendations to the committee for further and more specific plans to be drawn up and offered to the Dean's office and the Traditions Committee.

The Committee on Wagner Aims, with Warren Raymaley as chairman, reported its progress in examining the constitutions of the College Corporation, Student Body, and College Council. Here, also, the committee is working further. The next meeting of the Cunard Discussion group will be this afternoon at 3:00.

### ORIENTATION WEEK PLANS

Some of the highlights of the Pre-freshman Week Program for September 19 to 22 are a trip to New York City which will include a tour of St. John the Divine and interesting spots along Riverside Drive, a skit put on by the counsellors, a picnic, and a campfire.

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## E D I T O R I A L

When one hears some of the reasons given for the perpetuation of our traditions he wonders if there is not a confused conception of what not only useful traditions are, but also what college itself is.

The zealots' cry "There'll be traditions around here as long as I'm around here!" is obviously an indication that the entire subject is being approached with minds tightly enclosing the theory that we should be "Profaning our predecessors' ideals were we to abandon, substitute for, or even revise any of the methods which they have handed down to us. If those who came before us had as the goal of their traditions a unifying influence, or even a happy escape from the week-to-week tedium of study, our aim today is no different from what theirs was then. But if we today refuse to submit to any change, we must then submit to the label of those who refuse to grow. For without change we can have no growth. If we seek, through traditional orientation, a unity of action in achieving our college's aims, it is now time for us to stop and ask ourselves whether a mass regimentation with barely any intelligent supervision is a means of accomplishing this end. If our zealous traditions committee wishes to turn its energies to better activities, it might try to devise some means of having a better system of orientation - as these participants of the Cur and Discussions have called for; it might try to familiarize the new faculty members - two of whom concedely do not "know much about this Honor Code"- with Wagner life; it might try to stop this ridiculous banter against our nurses; it might try to have our Alma Mater song rewritten so as to eliminate that high note - or try to get a better Alma Mater song; it might even try to inject a little fun into campus life, so that next semester will not be as dry a one as the one through which we have just passed - which was brightened by the fine efforts of C. A. G. only.

If the purpose of traditions are to bring a little harlequinade to the campus, swell. But let's not delude ourselves with the thought that this is what college really is. Whether we are Cadets, ministerial students, or healthy 4F's, it's going to be a little embarrassing some months from now to explain to GI Wagnerites what we were doing during the war. Long faces won't help the situation but rational campus life will.

If we consider ourselves potential world leaders - as college students are - let's think about traditions outside our little war here at Wagner, say about the proposed Federal control of colleges which some fear is leading to a totalitarian state. Then when we want to relieve our minds of such weighty problems - and who doesn't? - turn to fun a little funnier than "There'll be traditions around here as long as I'm around here!"

# SNOOPIN'S

"Colored children love long hair" says Dottie Kuusela as her Harlem Boy Clubbers fondly stroke her hair. H2o2 says wc. (But we don't mean it.)

We wonder -- how many big fish have "gotten away" from Dr. C.C.S. up in Maine -- how Prof Baoz agrees with the glorious West -- if the Dean is doing any mountain-climbing during his vacation.

"Dr. DeWalsh admits to indiscretions in his youth." - 1935 Kallista. Come, come, Doctor, is that anything to tell impressionable youngsters?

Question of the week: Who put the cement mixer on the steps of the ad building? To quote Stotz, "I got a good idea who done it." We think, if it was a one-man job, Bernie Dell'Osso must be the man."

It took Bob Arnold until Monday noon to hitch-hike back from a week end at home. What did you meet on the way, Boops?

Absence makes the heart grow fonder - as Marcia Martin becomes human again as her Freddie returns for a day.

Farewell, Gordon, Bob, Sparky, Marion, and Caroline - Godspeed!

Did you see that sparkler that Su Su Bergner has on third finger, left hand? - Kengrats! - Who's the lucky guy?

Patriotic Fay Reiman alternates nights with the Army and Navy - at least they're all red, white, and blue.

Adah Schochl tells us she wishes she had the nerve to live the philosophy of Omar Khayyam. The old philosopher says, "A book of verse, a jar of wine, a little meat, a loaf of bread, and thou and I, roaming in the wilderness."

## The Inquiring Reporter

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF A COLLEGE MAINTAINING TRADITIONS?

Tradition is what distinguishes Wagner from other schools and keeps us what we call the "family on the hill."

-----Helmut Dietrich

To give the students more to look back upon than theses and equations, and to make the true feeling of what college really is last forever.

-----Betty Longair

Traditions help to keep up school spirit, and they provide a feeling of unity among all the students - freshmen and upperclassmen as well. Traditions make the college seem closer to you and make your college years really mean something to you. It unites us who are the present Wagnerites with all those who went before us. Traditions also help to create good sportsmanship among new and older students alike.

-----Marcia Martin

To lend atmosphere and inspire loyalty.

-----Anna Schorkopf

To furnish the other half of college education.

-----Joseph Strobble

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SNOOPINS - continued

Pennies from Heaven - Kay Yarger was so drenched when she was caught in our latest rainstorm that when she got on the ferry to go to meet her sister, she had to proceed to the women's cabin, take off her clothes, and wring them out. Tsk, tsk.  
HAPPY VACATION, EVERYBODY!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

## We Introduce

Marie Harriet Osgood...Like most people doesn't like her middle name...is known as Pee Wee because of her huge height...is a Cadet Nurse at Yonkers General Hospital...likes all sports "the tougher the better" and especially basketball (she played on the Wagner Team this winter)...is engaged to an Army engineer named Jimmy who was in the hospital for a broken elbow...on the way across he painted "Berlin or Bust" on his helmet...someone in the hospital added a P.S.: "he busted"...Pee Wee hates fish and freshman...dotes on chicken and watermelon...plans to keep on with nursing after the war, specializing in pediatrics or becoming supervisor of the women's ward...is characterized by blue eyes and blonde hair and a set of dimples when she smiles.

Bill Allan Monsees...is a native of Union City, New Jersey...came to Wagner because many of the young people of his church came here...is a chemistry major and a freshman...has blonde hair and blue eyes...likes dogs as long as they're small and not like "large hounds looking like horses"...will be eighteen in November and plans to enlist in the Navy and specialize in radio...goes for loud socks but not bow ties - especially green ones...is known in the dorm by his inability to study before midnight and his wrestling on anybody else's bed but his own.

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The members of the Nominating Committee for the ensuing term are:  
Warren Raymoley, Chairman,  
Sigma  
Marcia Martin, Theta  
Elsie Flor, Non-frat. and sor.  
Gertrude Winckler, Tau  
Dino Efstation, Alpha  
Anselm Nascher, Kappa

## GREEKS

### Tau Lambda Chi

Tau inducted Jane Aagenas and Alice Delancy into sisterhood on Tuesday, August 15.

### Theta Pi Epsilon

Two of Theta's sisters are leaving at the end of this month. Ruth Halle will join her husband somewhere in the South, and Carolin Muller will have finished her senior year.

### Alpha Kappa Pi

Alpha will have a get-together at Long Island Medical School this coming Tuesday. Many of Alpha's brothers in the armed forces will attend.

### Kappa Sigma Alpha

Kappa recently held its election of officers. Master frater is Joseph Ströble; chaplain, Anselm Nascher; treasurer, Louis Esposito; and secretary, Herbert Cochran. Kappa will have a picnic on Sunday August 27. Kappa is still holding its meetings in classrooms.

### Sigma Delta Phi

Sigma Delta Phi will say farewell to two of her four remaining brothers this evening with an informal off-the-hill social. Jimmy Merceraft and Gordon Hohl have finished here at Wagner and both will enter seminary soon.

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### JUNIOR PROM PLANS

At a recent meeting of the Junior class, it was decided that next December the Junior Prom will be held as usual.

Plans are being made by a committee composed of Inge Wallace, Ruth Tanke, and Chris Dudde.