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1st Student Leadership Conference Initiates School Year

Freshmen Welcomed Aboard; Orientation Ends, Class Begins

By KATHLEEN O'CONNOR

"It will be your job to hold their hands while they hold their heads," orientation counsellors were told as they prepared to take care of the onrush of approximately 250 freshmen last week.

That's just about what it boiled down to, too, as the neophyte students were escorted from Cunard to the auditorium to the gym and back again, all the time seeing Wagner for their first time as students, learning about the school and what they had to look forward to for the next four years, and meeting the people, students and faculty, administration and staff alike, with whom they will associate during their "tour of duty" on the hill.

This, of course, is just the beginning. Although we, upperclassmen and freshmen both, will remember the indoctrination period just finished, the real business of everyday school life started yesterday.

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Campus cowboys who have been violating traffic regulations with impunity in the past are going to have to watch their step from now on.

The Student Association has set up a traffic committee to clarify and enforce traffic regulations. The function of the committee is not solely to punish violators, however, but also to alleviate the campus parking problem.

The campus has been divided into three parking zones. Zone A is limited to faculty and staff members; Zone



DISCUSSIONS ARE laid aside as Wagner's leaders take a break to have their picture taken. Twenty-three students and faculty attended the three-day conference at Camp Sea Breeze, Staten Island.

Construction Halted By Strikes; Student Union Due Next Month

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'Great Success' May Be Annual

A Student Leadership Conference attended by 20 Wagnerians was held at Camp Sea Breeze on the south shore of Staten Island on the weekend of September ninth. The conference, which was conducted by Deans Heimtraut Dietrich and Ian Morrison, had as its purpose the integration and coordination of student activities, the development of personal leadership skills, and the identification of major campus problems and possible solutions of them.

Both the students and faculty members who attended the conference called it a "great success," and Dr. Delo, who was also pleased with the results, said that he expects the conference to become an annual event.

Informality dominated the conference. During the meetings a free flow of ideas among the students led them to realize the value of group solutions as opposed to arbitrary decisions.

At the Saturday morning session the qualifications of a good leader were discussed. It was stressed that

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Editorials

Another school year has begun and again the WAGNERIAN is here to serve you, the student body. The workings and policies of the campus newspaper should be of interest to everyone attending classes as the WAGNERIAN is financed for the great part by Student Association funds which in turn come from each student when he enrolls.

We report and comment on the campus in general and you, the students, in particular. In the past, criticism has been leveled at us. If this criticism is just and constructive, we try to remedy the sore spot. Unfortunately this criticism often reaches us by word of mouth and has probably changed quite a bit in the carrying. That's why we would like to encourage the Student Body to comment through our Letters To The Editor column. Most of us are human and do make mistakes and do cause resentment at times. When we do err or offend someone let us know.

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The Return Of Delo Stresses The Wagneri Building Plans

By David Pitou

With the return of the flock to the fold and the advent of the fall season full of football, philosophy and fraternity, we can turn our thoughts from the less tedious summer routine. Before leaving Thermidor to her torrid devices I would like to acquaint you with the results of an independent survey that was made on the summer occupations of a hundred typical Wagner students.

1. Were you employed this summer?

Yes...1 No...70 don't know...16

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2. Did you like your summer job?

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3. What was your summer job?

Pastry chef at Carvel's.....17

Bartender16

Comfort station operator in the Arabian desert.....9

Las Vegas shill8

Blintz salesman at Yankee Stadium5

Blintz salesman at the Polo Grounds5

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One enterprising rascal made ten grand manufacturing spearmint blintzes, using a recipe that had been in his family for years. One student was very uncooperative and refused to answer questions. Other sources later revealed that he spent his summer as a yogurt taster.

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To all Wagnerians:

We are all embarking on a memorable year—one on which we shall all look back and say, "That was good". Much of this satisfaction will stem from your own efforts to create at Wagner an atmosphere and an environment both unique and good.

Student leaders of various Student Body organizations have just completed a highly successful weekend conference with will bear abundant fruit. The faculty and administration also held a workshop which is yielding tangible results. Very soon now we shall see the completion of the Student Center, the breaking of ground for a fine new dormitory for men, and the construction of a track on the West Campus. Wagner, unlike half the private colleges in the United States, has a balanced budget and is in a sound financial condition commensurate with its resources. As a result, we have increased the budgetary allotment to the Student Association, a step which should improve the operation of the student activities.

So much for the material side. We also see a continued growth in our student body and faculty. From about 750 in 1952, the student body has grown to more than 900. We have now essentially reached our capacity. Until more physical facilities are available, we must limit admissions to accord with this yardstick. This circumstance turns our major attention now to the improvement of the quality of every facet of college life.

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Enthusiasm Is Keynote For 1955—Eberbach

Dear Wagnerians:

During the first few days of Orientation, as I watched the new Freshmen become acquainted with Wagner College, I was deeply impressed by their refreshing enthusiasm. I considered how very vital such a dynamic and positive spirit is to a student body. This attitude alone, often lacking in many upperclassmen, can make the difference between a successful program and an unsuccessful one.

Ahead is another year with the College Calendar overcrowded with hundreds of meetings, socials, dances and other activities. Yet, if this coming year is to be a good one as well as a busy one, we must rid ourselves of this blase, unimaginative, cynical spirit that has been so common on our campus in past years.

Your Student Administration has many pleas and ideas to present this year—plans that will need wholehearted effort and "freshman-like" enthusiasm to become successes; ideas that will require imaginative thinking to make them realities.

The Student Association has long ignored the vast resources of talent and work that it has had at its command. With a student body of almost nine hundred individuals, it seems to me that we can certainly expect more than has been accomplished in the past. We are capable, if I may risk a platitude, of far greater things!

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Footballers Are Optimistic As 1955 Season Opens

Final examinations come early for some members of the faculty. With only twenty days of preparation, tutoring, imploring, driving, and pleading, Professor John "Bunny" Barbes will soon put his students to their toughest test of the year—a football game with Hobart College, September 24th.

Hobart, a formidable foe from up-state New York, was undefeated in eight games last year and is the proud possessor of a winning skein of twelve straight games. For these reasons Coach Barbes considers the Hobart meeting not a weekly quiz, not a mid-term, but the final "big" exam of the year. Of course eight more games will follow, and a victory in all or any of them will carry almost equal weight with this first effort of the 1955 football season.

There is an undertone of optimism evident on the practice field. With fifteen letter men returning from last year, and another fifteen or so working out at full steam, it is possible that that bright outlook is justified.

Led by co-captains Ron Larder and Sal Vindigni, thirty-five candidates reported to Coach Barbes September first, and since then it has nothing but hard work, conditioning and learning as the Seahawks try to find a combination that will result in Wagner victories on the gridiron.

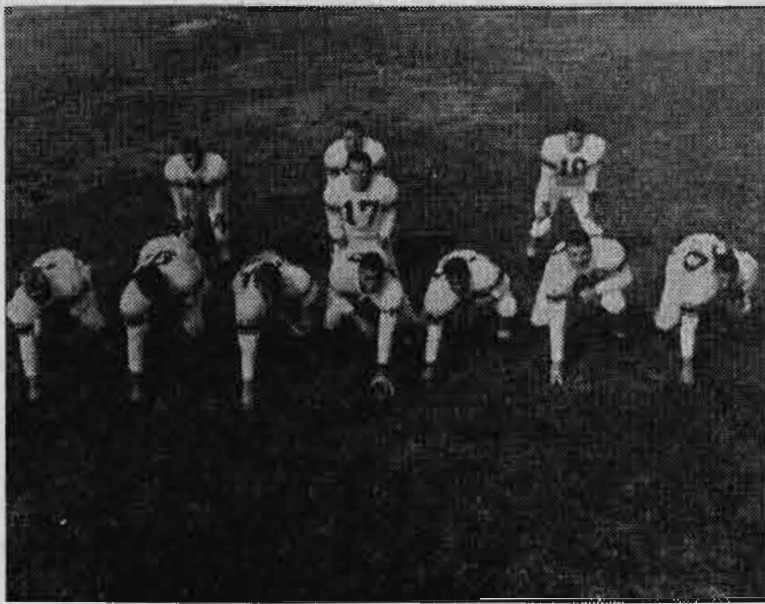
Yell Squad Set For Busy 1955 Sports Schedule

They're at it again! We mean those brave little lassies (all seven of them) who brave the gruesome gusts of Mother Nature in order to solicit some spirit for the football team as it tackles a tough team from Hobart this week.

Captained this year by Debbie Maser, a senior, the Wagner Cheerleading Squad, like the Football Team, faces one of the toughest schedules in its history. For in addition to leading the cheers and songs at all of the home football games, the Cheerleaders hope to be able to travel to some of the away games and lead some Wagner partisans in enemy territory. What's more, these bouncing bundles of energy also expect to reinstitute acrobatics in their cheers, something which the Grymes Hill group has done without in recent years.

AND OF course there are always the numerous pre-game Pep Rallies, one for each of the home games, at which the septet will play a leading role. Freshmen, naturally, are required to attend all of these rallies and home games; upperclassmen are

Nine Game Schedule Finds Football Squad Getting Underway Against Hobart Sept. 24



WAGNER'S PROBABLE starting lineup. First row: Larsen, Sawicki, Roper, Larder, Vindigni, Prill, Natalicchio. Second row: Connors. Third row: Del Perico, Alberti and Donnely.

Diamond Squad Ends Season With Respectable 14-5 Record

Coach Herb Sutter's Seahawks ended the 1955 baseball season with a respectable 14-5 won-lost record. Led by pitchers Jeff Safford, Clem Bosco, Fred Viebrock, Bob Piela and Warren Tunnel, the Wagner squad rolled to victories over Vermont, Lehigh, Pratt, Manhattan, NYU, Kings Point, Stevens, Brooklyn, Moravian, CCNY, Fordham, Hofstra, and St. Johns.

Varsity Sketches

Haverford, Ursinus Also On Slate

A nine-game football schedule, featuring contests with two of last season's undefeated elevens, will get under way for Wagner College of Staten Island when the Seahawks entertain Hobart College on their Grymes Hill campus Sept. 24.

Hobart, unbeaten in eight starts in 1954, carries a twelve-game winning skein into its meeting with Wagner. Pennsylvania Military College, unbeaten in seven games last year, will be host to the Seahawks Oct. 22, at Chester, Pa.

Other home games for Coach John "Bunny" Barbes' squad include contests with Haverford College (Oct. 8), Kings Point (Oct. 29) and Moravian College (Nov. 12). Scheduled road games for the Staten Islanders, besides the P.M.C. meeting, are with Hamilton College (Oct. 8), Kings Point (Oct. 15), Susquehanna University (Nov. 5) and Brooklyn College (Nov. 19).

Wagner won but two of its nine starts in 1954, but with 19 lettermen slated to report for pre-season drills Sept. 1, Barbes feels that the Seahawk squad is in better shape than it has been at any time since 1949 when it won seven, lost one and tied one.

The Schedule:

Sept. 24, Hobart; Oct. 8, Haverford;

Dean's List Made By 134 Students; Top Three Cited For Achievement

One hundred and thirty-four students made Deans' List for the spring semester, eleven of these placing with straight A's.

Singled out for special awards at yesterday's Convocation were the three students having the highest grade point average for the spring semester from their respective years. Leading the Junior class with 2.94 was Dorothy Hoepfner; Paula Romero had a 3. average, topping the Sophomores; a 2.75 mark was achieved by Jena Larsen to lead the Freshmen of last year.

Special recognition was also given the 46 other students who placed on the honor list for both semesters of last year. They are: Barbara Bilow, Colette Blessman, Jean Bork, Jeanne Bracken, Annette Cirillo, Barbara Cole, Robert Coutant, Rosemary Dell'Edera, Genevieve DeWitt, Lenore Dimek, Nadine Dittmer.

Eduard Eberbach, Donald Fisher, Beatrice Geisberger, Ethel Goldstein, Arthur Gould, Varian Harris, Virginia Hernandez, Edna Hughes, Judith Johnson, Alma Kamens, George Kapsilis, Anne Mae Lorenz, Maria Loukopoulou, Erika Maier, Joe Meek.

My Neal, Arnold Nemore, Kathleen O'Connor, Fred Page, Rosemarie Pappalardo, Ann Paschke, Astrid Puga, Charles Robillard, Norma Rosa, Jeanne Rylance, Regina Sanchez, Pete Shinn, Donald Snyder, Patricia Sunshine, Ruth Traeg, Richard tum Suden, Joan Venes, Marilyn Walter, Carole White and Carlyn Young.

Students with no grade lower

Manfred Fleischer, Joanne Flotten, Mavis Freudenberg, Neophytos Ganiaris, Olivia Garand, Louise Garzinsky, John Graham, Louise Hahn, Arthur Haimeri, Dorothy Harris, Robert Hicks, Bernard Hitzig, Shirley Hornafius, Eileen Hultnick.

Anita Jacobsen, Marion Jansen, Joyce Kobak, Carolyn Lanahan, Robert Lapen, Robert Larsen, Ronald Larsen, Ted Melloh, Dorothy Meyer, Michael Miskulin, Hyacinth Mordey, Douglas Morton, Charles Needham, William Nellis, Gustave Nelson, Elaine Nyquist, Barbara O'Donnell, Edith Pecker, Carl Pederson, Richard Petersen, Barbara Praisner.

James Qualben, Harry Reis, Nicholas Rigopoulos, Doris Riker, Alfred Rohls, William Rolender, Laura Russell, Arthur Salverson, Una Schafer, Else Schroeder, Colleen Semel, Victor Shaff, Richard Spiro, Lawrence Stewart, Gertrude Strolin, Peter Suchman.

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Wagner Summer Includes Humidity, Classes, Theatre

Matter malacological and ministerial made midsummer melange. (At least, that's what the headline said).

Excluding 400 summer school scholars and the normal flow of people who came to view New York and New Jersey from Wagner's lofty heights, about 2,500 visitors used the college's facilities for conventions, an institute, a retreat, a picnic and a summer theater.

Almost 200 people attended the third annual Wagner-sponsored Pastors' Institute which college officials termed "the most successful." Among those present were 82 pastors and their families representing parishes in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey.

Just a week or so prior to the August 1-6 meeting of the Institute, the Wagner campus was a handy place for those who had any unidentifiable mollusks or crustaceans they wanted classified. Seventy-five experts in this field were available to answer any and all questions as they attended a convention of the American Malacological Union (Sea Shell Society). The star-shell-gazers took one afternoon off for a low-tide tour of Staten Island's Oakwood and Great Kills beaches.

The Wagner auditorium was again the scene of excellent dramatic productions, as it was last summer, staged by the Corn

Freshman, Square That Dink

Conference

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submitted to and approved by the Traditions Committee. It was also mentioned by some that the college newspaper be more representative of student life.

The Elections Committee proposed that campaigning be introduced into Student Associations elections, both to stimulate interest and to make the usually uneventful elections more colorful. Better methods of nominating candidates were also discussed, but no definite proposals were made.

The Finance Committee recommended that the editor for the "Kallista" be elected in the very early spring for the following year, so that he will be able to organize a business staff and receive pledges for advertisements in his future yearbook before he signs any binding contracts. The financial condition of the Varsity Players was also discussed, since they are \$600 in debt and are due to receive only a \$450 allotment. The Committee also recommended that the Student Council prohibit all S.A.-subsidized organizations from engaging in deficit spending, and to take steps to enforce this rule. The suggestion was also made that the increment system used by the college to distribute funds to the Student Association be reviewed in order to clarify student finances, with a view towards possible replacement of this system with a more efficient

Freshman beware! Freshman rules, which went into effect last Wednesday, are being enforced by all upperclassmen—and that means that everyone is authorized to harass the green dink wearers.

General rules have been released and posted around school:

1. Freshmen will wear the name tags provided by the Traditions Committee whenever they are on the campus.

2. Freshmen will wear the regulation green freshmen caps whenever they are on the campus.

3. Freshmen will memorize the Alma Mater, school songs, and the Educational Creed as printed in the Student Handbook by the beginning of Freshman Week.

Alma Mater—p. 50

School Songs—pp. 50-53

Educational Creed—para. 2, p. 3

4. Freshmen must know all the facts included in the brief history of the college—p. 3.

5. Freshmen shall remain standing until upperclassmen have been seated in the college dining hall.

6. Freshmen shall remain at their tables until all upper classmen have left the dining hall unless permission has been obtained to leave.

7. Freshmen may be requested to sing school songs by upper classmen during the dessert period.

8. Freshmen in the Guil-Den or Student Union, especially off-hill freshmen, may be re-

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