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## DEFENSE BOARD ISSUES GUIDE TO COLLEGES

### Place of Nations Schools in Civilian War Effort is Explained

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16—The role of colleges and universities in the nation's war effort was suggested in an official guide issued today by the Division of Youth Activities, Office of Civilian Defense. Civilian protection measures, conservation programs, consumer and nutrition education, civilian morale service and defense stamp sales promotion are among the activities proposed by the youth division.

"It is imperative for schools, as well as communities, to set up defense committees through which defense activities can be co-ordinated," Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant director of Civilian Defense, said. "What American youth think and do on the college campuses today will be reflected in action throughout the world during the next ten years."

The "College Defense Committee Informational Bulletin," according to Jane Seaver and Gilbert Harrison, co-directors of the Division of Youth Activities, makes certain suggestions for adoption by schools and the proposals are based on "experiences on many campuses throughout the country."

The bulletin which is being sent to every student government and administrative head through each state defense council, is the first official set of recommendations that the Office of Civilian Defense has made to colleges and universities.

For schools where "war councils," "defense councils," or "defense commissions" have already been established by joint action of the students, faculty, and administration, the bulletin will offer additional suggestions and plans for the utilization of all the resources of the campus.

The campus, according to the division, can correlate its defense program.

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## STUDENT COMPOSERS OFFERED "BREAK"

Wagner students who yearn to be future Cole Porters now have an opportunity to test their ability in the song-writing field. Station WNYC, New York City, is sponsoring a contest for popular songs written by college students. Any Wagnerian who would like to submit an entry may get information in the publicity office.

The students will be required to write both the music and the lyrics, but when the song is played on the air, the title will be chosen by the radio audience.

The contest will start in the early part of February and further requirements will be announced soon.

## Schroeder Tendered Farewell Banquet

Martin O. F. Schroeder, president of the Student Association, recently was tendered a farewell banquet by the brothers and pledges of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, in Clove Park restaurant.

Marty, who was vice president of the chapter, received an engraved wrist watch and fraternity key from his hosts. Leonard Klemann, president of the fraternity, presented the watch, and Conrad Schroeder, his brother, presented the key. Connie will succeed his brother as vice president.

Having completed his work for a degree in three and a half years, Marty will graduate in February. Among the offices which he has held are president of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes, and treasurer and later president of the Student Body.

His father, the Rev. C. E. Schroeder of the Bronx, was a guest, and spoke at the dinner.

## SCANT POSSIBILITY OF RAID POST HERE

Many inquiries have been made by men students concerning the possibility of the establishment of an air observation post here on the campus.

According to Mr. Cook, chairman of the school defense council, there is very little possibility of an air observation post being set up here at Wagner. The posts are established by the O.C.D. (Organization for Civilian Defense) and so far they see no reason to have any other in this locality except the one at the Goethals bridge. The only capacity which the O.C.D. has deemed necessary for the students to participate in is spotting planes at the bridge post and to serve as air-raid wardens for the school and surrounding territory.

## Wagner Library Conducts Drive for Used Books

In conjunction with the Victory Book Campaign for service men, the Wagner College Library is gathering all kinds of books in good condition and of recent publication from members of the faculty and student association.

Mr. Cecil C. Sullivan, college librarian, requests that everyone participate in this drive by the gift of at least one volume from his library. All contributions may be left in the library.

## Sociologist Remains on Wagner Campus

Dr. Bertha Paulsen will not teach at Muhlenberg during the second semester as previously announced earlier in the semester. Instead she will remain on the campus for the balance of the school year. Details of her teaching schedule for the next semester are incomplete.

## Dr. Dunham Revises Events Course

During the next few weeks, plans to extend the Current Events course will be completed by Dr. Harold Dunham. Since the United States entry into the war, conditions have demanded that more attention be given this subject.

In addition to the study of current news literature, various speakers will be brought to the Wagner campus to discuss problems with the students and faculty. These speakers will represent both the nation's armed forces and different branches of the business world which will be affected by particular situations.

Emphasis is being placed on the students' opinions in the extension of the course. Honor credits will be offered for written criticisms containing suggestions for constructive help. These papers are to deal with the question of stressing international relations or the economic problem as it will affect this country alone.

## SPANISH TEACHER MAY RESIGN SOON

"I like being part of the Wagner family, and hope to continue teaching until I go," said Mrs. Mimi Kingsley, when interviewed concerning her leaving Wagner in the near future for Mexico City where Mr. Kingsley's job is taking him. Mrs. Kingsley came to Wagner in September as an instructor in Spanish.

Mr. Kingsley, as a representative of the American Library Association, will organize a library of American Publications in Mexico City. His work will keep them there for at least a year. Mrs. Kingsley hopes to continue teaching until she goes.

Their date of departure depends upon when Mrs. Kingsley receives her citizenship papers. She was born in Mexico and cannot get a U. S. passport to go back until she becomes a citizen of the United States. Their fourteen month old son will go with them.

## TRUSTEES INCREASE FEES AND BOARD

The athletic fee and board will be increased, according to decisions made by the Board of Trustees.

The present athletic fee of \$5.00 will be raised to \$15.00. The move, long contemplated by the Board, was made in order to meet the expenses incurred in the expansion of the athletic program.

The board fee will be increased from \$225 to \$240 if food prices make it necessary. The Board has reserved the right to waive this decision if conditions do not warrant the proposed increase.

The changes in fees will not become effective until September 1942.

## DANCE TONIGHT ENDS DRIVE

### Student Body Raises Funds For Girls Who Lost in Dormitory Fire

Tonight's dance culminates the Special Benefit drive by the student body to raise money for those girls in North Hall who lost personal belongings in the recent fire.

As has been indicated on the graph displayed in the Administration Building throughout the campaign, the goal of 100% contributions from students is well on its way to being reached, and the \$300 goal set for the alumni has already been passed.

Excellent cooperation and deep interest have made the above figures possible. The many hours spent writing and sending the more than 600 letters to alumni have proved worthwhile. Sentiments expressed in many letters received by the committee show the whole-hearted interest of alumni in Wagner affairs.

Among the many contributions are such notable ones as the recent pledge of \$50 by the Junior Class, and the \$37 check sent by the alumni at Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia.

The campaign has been a success mainly because of the "all-out" cooperation of students, alumni and friends.

## Defense Council Maps Plans

According to the plans and programs now being formulated by the Defense Council, the students and faculty of Wagner will be participating actively in the defense program of the nation and community.

Among the plans now being considered by the Defense Council are changes in curricula, speed-up of college training, defense courses, a program of social service for women, use of men students in government offices.

Students are already actively participating in defense work. Several of the men are serving as aircraft spotters, air wardens, and auxiliary firemen. The campus is rapidly being equipped for air raids—sand buckets, extinguishers, and other equipment are being placed throughout the grounds for combating fires in case of raids.

Certain rooms in the dormitories are being equipped for blackouts. Members of the Student Association are being assigned to posts as wardens in the event of alert signals.

## Wagner Quintet Bows to Manhattan Five

Sending in a steady stream of reinforcements, Manhattan College forced Wagner into the short end of a 67 to 44 score last night when the local quintet journeyed to Van Courtlandt park for its fifth loss of the season. (Continued on Page 2)

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**A Tribute**

A tall blond young man, who completed his baccalaureate work in three and a half years, will leave the halls of Wagner College in February, bound for Iceland . . . Fort Dix . . . San Antonio . . . Trinidad . . . Manila . . . he says it doesn't matter much where.

It isn't because he finished his work in record time, or with unusual honor, nor is it because he will go into some branch of the armed service, that we pay tribute to him here. Others have joined the army and graduated with honors, but . . .

Few there are who go and leave behind a lasting reputation for brotherhood, fellowship and leadership, such as this fellow Schroeder. Martin O. F., are his first name and initials, but to the school he always will be Marty, the leader in student activities and the goal toward which underclassmen well may strive in the way of academic life. To Marty we wish good fortune and Godspeed in his plans. He is a real college man.

**"Hen De"**

"Hen de. This one thing I do." In its typically efficient manner, the Wagner Student Association has come through quickly to provide those girls who need it most the necessary funds for the purchase of clothes and other personal property lost in the fire.

The response to the call for workers in the organization of the campaign was quick and wholehearted. Under the leadership of the Student Council, plans were quickly drawn up and put into effect. The results are also characteristic of the true spirit of co-operation and action pervading the Student Association.

CAMPUS TOGS  
FOR WAGNER BOYS

**EGBERT'S**  
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**TIMELY GRIPE**

Dear Mr. Editor:

I don't know if your "gripe" column is still included in the Wagnerian, but if it is, I have a gripe that I wish someone would take action on.

Wagner has stepped into the ranks with many other American colleges and universities as regards the war situation and national defense. Our curriculum has been streamlined to a new high. It is going to require many more hours of study and work for each and every Wagner student.

Nearly all students will be taking more semester hours of work and will probably be required to do more work in each; probably we shall all have to take physical education courses, not to mention the five hours per week that students are expected to spend in direct defense.

Our vacations have been shortened or eliminated altogether, and examination periods have been cut to a minimum. Here, Mr. Editor, is the rub. Most other colleges have eliminated final exams. Why doesn't Wagner eliminate these unnecessary three-hour exams? Can't our professors give one hour exams each month to include the work covered in the month? These final exams are no criteria of what a student knows about the subject at hand. I have yet to see one that covers a subject completely. Furthermore, I am of the opinion that our professors are clever enough and shrewd enough to judge the students by their work in class and quizzes throughout the semester, and can grade them on that basis.

This would not only inspire students to more intensive daily studying but would mean the covering of at least two weeks more work in the course of the school year.

Yours for national defense,  
(Miss) Pearl Harbor '42.

Dr. Stoughton has offered the facilities of the college for a first aid course. It will be taught by accredited Red Cross instructors as part of the civilian defense program. The course will be open to students and members of the community.

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**Sports Ramblings**

With the campus in the grips of winter, the spotlight shifts to indoor sports. Basketball tops the field of activities. With 8 games of a 19 game schedule already past history, the team, despite excellent material, has failed so far to live up to predictions. Here's hoping the hoopsters will improve, and finish the season with a good percentage of the tilts on the win side. The squad certainly has the makings of a good outfit. If they start to work together, they'll be a hard bunch to hold back.

The girls' basketball team dropped its opening game. We have a feeling that the long layoff during the vacation had something to do with it. Here's hoping you have your best season ever, girls.

The fencing teams took a rest over the holidays, but activities are being resumed today. There is a joint meet with the Mercado Fencers Club. In the only previous meet, the men's squad defeated Hudson College.

Coach Ray Miller is optimistic concerning the balance of the meets. The fencers have been getting into condition through hard practise and competitions in the Amateur Fencer's League of America meets. Bernice Mikkelsen, women's captain, recently moved up from novice to junior rank in the AFLA.

Both teams are strong this year. Don't be surprised if the girl's team defeats some of the country's top ranking clubs.

The congratulations of the sport department go to "Jumbo" LaHart who captains the 1942 edition of the football squad. "Jumbo" certainly deserves the honor. He has been a letterman for three years. He held down the left tackle position during the recently concluded campaign. His fine play was one of the main factors in the Hilltopper's successful season.

United States defense stamps of 10 and 25 cent denominations are now on sale in the school office. They will also be sold at the door before all home basketball games.

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**Wagner Defeated**  
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The team from the "big city" placed a total of 16 players on the floor during the course of the game, as against the Green Wave's eight.

Bobby Messina, Wagner's diminutive guard, was high scorer for the night despite the fact he was taken from the game for personal fouls during the last quarter. Bob netted 14 points, eight of which came in the third period.

The game was played before a crowd estimated at 500 persons.

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gram with the efforts of community youth groups through the appointment of a student representative to the Youth Defense Auxiliaries, which are clearing houses for non-college youth organizations working for defense.

Developments in the work of the campus defense committees will be reported to the regional Office of Civilian Defense Representative in charge of Youth Activities.

Members of the Wagner Defense Council are Mr. Charles R. Cook, chairman, Dr. Harold H. Dunham, Dr. Lee Y. Davidheiser, Dean Milton T. Kleintop, Prof. Albert V. Baez, and Prof. Theodore W. Gibson.

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