

Ferry terminal construction forces Wagner to move shuttle drop-off location

By **CAROLINE LATORRE**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Be prepared!

You may want to consider getting ready to run when the ferry docks in the St. George terminal, as it will take you a few extra minutes to make it to the shuttle back to campus this semester.

As part of the Staten Island Ferry Terminal rehabilitation project which began last November, the Wagner shuttle drop off and pick up location at the terminal has been moved until further notice.

The north ramp, which shuttles had been using to pick up students at the bottom of the Grand Staircase, has been torn down by construction crews. The new pick up and drop off location is at an MTA bus stop on Richmond Terrace across from Borough Hall.

Director of Public Safety Anthony Martinesi said he does not know how long the shuttle change will be in effect but assures students the change was not Wagner's choice. "The ferry terminal management controls the area assigned for drop off and pick up, Wagner does not."

When asked about the distance of the new location in relation to the terminal Martinesi said, "The van



Photo: Katie Rusnock

Seniors Jamie Worker and Liz Hauley exit the shuttle across the street from Borough Hall.

schedule in place compliments the ferry schedule. I cannot guarantee a student, just like any other transportation service, will make perfect connections."

Senior Matt DeZarlo who is a frequent shuttle rider sees the change as an added stress on students. "If the ferry is late you are screwed. The shuttle won't wait. Then I think to myself, great I'm not going to get back for another hour. It would be

better off if the shuttle was more flexible in their schedule to accommodate students."

DeZarlo thinks Wagner needs to make more of an effort to be flexible with students and the ferry schedule. "It's a solid five minute walk now getting to the shuttle after the ferry. There needs to be better communication. They need a way for the drivers to know if the ferry is running late or backed up. The ferry does have a

schedule but it is almost always wrong. There are always delays."

Martinesi explained that Wagner does have a system in place students can use to help when they are on a delayed ferry. "When students call ahead about a late ferry arrival a radio transmission is given to the driver to wait if he is not filled to capacity."

Senior Katie Welch, a full time intern at Radio City Music Hall, takes the shuttle everyday to get to her in-

ternship. She feels the new location is inconvenient but doesn't believe it's Wagner's fault or that students should be blame the school. "It's not like they chose to change the location. They are doing construction so there is nowhere else for the shuttle to go. It just stinks for everyone now...there is nothing we can do about it."

In regards to the new pick up and drop off spot, Welch, a native Staten Islander, doesn't think it is in the best area. "I can see why people would be uncomfortable," she says.

The added distance between the terminal and the pickup location of the shuttle is another one of Welch's concerns. "It's a little bit hard now that it's parked far because it still leaves at the same time. You have that extra part to walk or run to make it before the shuttle leaves."

Vice President of SGA Ashley Korbey recently spoke with a shuttle driver about the change and explained they are aware of the new burden it causes on students. She said it is important for students to understand "this could be a change that is in effect until next year" because of all the construction that is taking place, and that Wagner is willing to work with the students to make sure their commute is as smooth as possible.

"It is a free service so there is not much you can do. You just want it to work," DeZarlo adds.

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Hawk's Nest evacuated after freak gas leak

By **MARISSA DIBARTOLO**
Editor-in-Chief

A loud crash, a big flame and the powerful hiss of gas leaking rapidly inside of the Hawk's Nest led to a swift evacuation last Saturday evening.

An unknown refrigerator malfunction led to the leak of Freon gas in the Starbucks area of the eatery; but luckily, there were only a few students in the Hawk's Nest at the time and no one was injured in any way.

Once the issue was identified as a gas leak, Food Services Manager Tony, made sure everyone evacuated the space and immediately notified public safety about the incident. He then got in touch with Assistant Director of Dining Services Jason Seavey, who notified the Senior Director Robert Soltmann. "I was very impressed with Tony," said Soltmann, "Everyone did exactly what

they were supposed to do."

No food was contaminated by the gas, but the Hawk's Nest was closed for the rest of the night. Once the space was aerated and inspected, it was able to reopen at the normal time on Sunday morning. The fire department was not involved.

The refrigerator company came to campus on Wednesday to investigate the cause of the leak, but the evaluation was inconclusive. "We were unable to confirm the cause today, the vendor took the unit apart, looked at the damaged parts and confirmed where the flame originated," said Soltmann in an email. The dining services team is still unsure what caused the leak, but suspects an electrical malfunction.

"It was shocking and everyone seemed a little frazzled at first, but they moved us out of there pretty quickly," said Brandi Adduce, a senior who grabbed her dinner to-go just before the incident.



Photo: Dave Saffran

Wagner bids 'farewell' to baseball coach Joe Litterio

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By VIOLETA CAPRIC
SGA President

Message from the 'Oval' office

SGA wants to hear your voice

The SGA officers are officially consumed with preparing for the Big Name Act and Wagnerstock coming up at the end of the semester. SGA and WagCAB will be working together on Saturday, April 21 to bring you a day filled with several activities, entertainment, music, free giveaways and much more. The day will end with—what is sure to be—a phenomenal performance by Gym Class Heroes.

This year, our theme for Wagnerstock is "Let the Games Begin," which I am anticipating to be a lot of fun. Though the event seems far off, it will be here before you know it.

As for ticketing for the Big Name Act, please keep in mind that each student will be allowed two guests to the performance of Gym Class Heroes. Tickets will cost \$5 for each Wagner College Student and \$10 for each guest. Details on how to register will be sent out in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for more information.

Although the Big Name event seems to be the main thing on all of our minds, our senators are still continuing to work on the progress of their proposals from last semester. As we continue to work on these, senators are also welcoming any new ideas or points of concern from students on campus. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these

proposals or ideas for a new one please feel free to email Vice President Ashley Korbey.

In hopes of accomplishing a few more of the changes students would like to see on campus, we are going to try and make it easier for students to tell us what is on their minds.

As a whole, SGA decided we would like to hear more feedback from students and so we will be allowing all of you to give us just that. SGA senators will be sitting outside of the office and asking students for their input or feedback on certain topics. We hope that having senators outside the office and asking questions directly will allow for more immediate feedback from students and will help us to generate effective future proposal decisions.

In addition, our door is always open and we are more than willing to help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

One a closing note, SGA is finishing up the process of renewing club information, updating rosters and accepting budget request forms. I would like to remind you that each of our currently existing clubs and organizations must submit all of these forms in order to receive a budget for this semester. As always, these forms are available on our SGA website at: http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/sga.

Summer program in Peru offers learning ... and surfing

By DANIELLE
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The opportunity to travel to Peru this summer isn't only for those interested in anthropology. You can learn to surf too, while experiencing another culture.

Alicia Boswell, a doctoral student at the University of California, San Diego, and friend of Dr. Celeste Gagnon, professor of anthropology, is working on a project in Callambay, Peru, and is looking for student volunteers to help with her research.

Student volunteers will teach health and English classes at the local school, work on archeological digs, build latrines for families and conduct public health surveys in homes in the area.

Students do not have to be anthropology majors to take part in the five-week experience. The time spent abroad in Peru can count toward the mandatory 100 hours for an internship.

"[The program] has potential to bring together students with a lot of different interests," says Dr. Gagnon.

Students begin their experience in Trujillo and continue to Callambay. On the weekends, time will be spent in Huanchaco visiting ancient archaeological sites—and surfing.

The program begins July 6 and runs through Aug. 10. The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,120 which covers lodging, three meals per day for six days a week, fees for sights and

museums, and instruction.

The cost of airfare, Sunday meals, laundry, passport fees, transportation to Huanchaco and personal expenses are not covered.

Interested students must be over 18 and do not need to be fluent in Spanish. There are no prerequisites.

"It will be a great opportunity," says Dr. Gagnon.

Seniors Rose Tobiassen and Violeta Capric spent this past summer in Peru examining skeletal remains with

Gagnon during the week and spent time surfing on weekends.

According to Tobiassen, the experience is not what anyone would expect.

"You've got to have an open mind."

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Gagnon at celeste.gagnon@wagner.edu or Alicia Boswell, project director, via email at boswell@savethemoche.org or visit www.savethemoche.org.



Photo: Rose Tobiassen

Huanchaco, a beach town in Peru, is where students on this once in a life time adventure can spend their weekends.

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The lost manuscript comes to life on stage

Before diving into Super Bowl madness this Sunday, head over to Stage One at 4 p.m. to see a reading of Elizabeth Polwhele's 17th century comedy, **"The Frolicks; or, the Lawyer Cheated."**

The manuscript was rediscovered and edited by **Dr. Ann Hurley**, professor of English at Wagner, who gave a presentation on Polwhele and the document at a faculty forum last spring.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Giants vs. Patriots



Who do you think will win Super Bowl XLVI?



The Giants will win, of course! You can't live in New York and root against the Giants in the Super Bowl!

-Sarah Braun

"I think that because we lost to the Giants once before at the super bowl, we're going to try even harder to pull a win this time."

-James Lee



"I want the Giants to win because they have a good defensive line and they'll get a good pass rush. They've been playing well together in the post season."

-Julian Stanford

"I think the Patriots are going to win because they have a great offensive line and Tom Brady is the man."

-Lexi DeLeon



I grew up watching the Giants and have ALWAYS supported them, even when they played terribly. The Patriots have nothing on them!

-Valeria Caniglia

"Brady is definitely the better quarterback over Manning, and as long as he and the offense carry out their plays that I know they're more than capable of, we will take back the title in this game."

-Nicole Curci



"The Giants have been my favorite team my whole life. Eli Manning is the best quarterback in the NFL."

-Ryan Casey

"I may be the worst Patriots fan in the world, but they are going to win because they beat Tim Tebow (God), and if the Patriots can defeat God, then who could possibly stand up to them?"

-Patrick Richards



Program spotlights sex-trade horrors

By **ALYSSA BROWN**
Assistant News Editor

It is not every day you hear a nun talking about sex.

It happened last Saturday, Jan. 28, when the Staten Island branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) hosted a meeting on campus featuring Sister Rosemary Sullivan.

She spoke to AAUW members and Wagner students about the harsh realities of the human sex trade, trafficking and slavery.

Sister Sullivan informed attendees that, contrary to popular belief, human slavery is still in existence all across the world, including here in the United States. She continued to explain the various types of human trafficking and slavery that occur: domestic jobs, various forms of labor (such as in sweat shops), and prostitution.

According to current statistics, 98 percent of children and young adults involved in sex trafficking and prostitution are female, while only 2 percent are male. However, many estimate that these numbers are slowly beginning to change.

Males who are trafficked usually face harsher labor than females, such as working in mines. Those who

work in the mines never see daylight, since they enter the mines early in the morning and do not come back up until late at night, causing many health problems.

Five Wagner students were in attendance at the event, representing a current special topics honors class, the History of International Human Rights, taught by Professor Abena Asare.

"I found the event to be quite interesting. In our world today, we know that slavery was abolished, but human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that we must not ignore. A frightening aspect of the reality-check that I received on Saturday was the fact that there are numerous forms of trafficking that are currently rampant in certain parts of America," said junior Bareah Alam.

The presentation concluded with ways anyone can help stop human trafficking. Spreading the word and sharing knowledge is the quickest and easiest way. Sister Sullivan offered attendees postcards, encouraging them to mail a message to the governor of Indianapolis, the location of the upcoming Super Bowl, since female sex trafficking is in high numbers during large male-dominated sports events. For more information, and ways to help, visit lifewayaction.org.



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IT blog offers advice, news, feedback

By **KRISTEN HAGGERTY**
Copy Chief

Wagner's Information Technology (IT) department has a new blog, established in early January. The blog promises to supply updated information regarding IT, and to occasionally highlight student questions regarding popular on-campus concerns. The blog is updated regularly by Associate Provost Dilawar Grewal.

Several entries have been posted to the blog already, all of which provide detailed information for students and staff about service changes on campus. Entries include a notification about a training session for Wagner's newly implemented phone system, and a detailed explanation of the plan for acquiring new printers throughout Wagner's library and computer labs.

Another blog post details Grewal's plan of action for the IT department. One of his objectives, as stated in the Jan. 19 post, is for the "services to be consistent, predictable, and above reproach. Whenever there is a cause for reproach, I want everybody to know exactly the process to escalate the issue in order to generate a chance at redress for each step of escalation."

Also included in the post are a list of the steps Grewal and the department plan to take in order to increase both employee and student satisfaction with IT's performance. Eight

steps are outlined, including "establish[ing] communication touch points where both IT and IT service users can contribute ideas to better the system performance, as well as user and service provider satisfaction."

Grewal encourages students to contact him with problems or questions, and the most recent post from Jan. 20 addresses a common frustration among the student body.

A student identified as MG is quoted on the blog asking about the slow speed of wireless on campus, especially in residence halls. Grewal provides a detailed answer and explanation of the issue, which is that "as more and more students connect to the wireless Access Point in a particular location, the speed gets slower and slower because everybody is sharing the same bandwidth and getting a smaller and smaller slice of it." Although Grewal's answer is not a solution to the problem, it is a concise explanation of the issue so the student body has a source of open communication about their problems.

Questions, comments, and suggestions about the blog can be sent to dilawar.grewal@wagner.edu. Information Technology's blog can be found at

<https://www.wagner.edu/in-fotech/blog/>.

Keep in mind that the blog is not accessible off campus, in order to maximize security.

(how) waggish {trans.} adjective:

like a wag; roguish in merriment and good humor; jocular:
i.e. Fielding and Sterne are waggish writers.

the world according to GOOCH

Sh** Wagner students say

YouTube showed us what New Yorkers, bridezillas, and the people of DC have to say, but here's what is said on Grymes Hill.

I would make a video on YouTube but I'm lazy and Mike Brillante is busy.

Just imagine an array of students, jocks, theatre peeps, PAs and everyone else who obviously just isn't as important because they don't major in those things.

Any time we're referencing Wagner College food:

I need blocks.

I swear I'm never going back there.

I can't believe I can only transfer \$5.

They burned my chicken.

I literally eat the same thing every day.

Hi (Lucy, Ann, Andres, and man that looks at me mysteriously)

I asked for cheese on this.

Yeah, can I get a chicken roll?

Sorry Chris. (For obviously being in his way.)

I need to take a nap now.

I was going to get a salad but the chicken tenders looked so good.

Um, I said on a wheat bun.

Wait, can I transfer?

Wait, you're sitting on the left side?

We just sat there for four hours.

Any senior at any time says:

Main Hall better be done by graduation.

I'm like so scared about next year.

See ya later, Wagner.

I just don't care anymore.

TIBBS

I can't wait for real life to start.

Who are these people?

I'm just going to pull the "I'm a senior" card.

Wagner girls at any time say:

I should not be allowed to text when I'm drunk.

See you in the library.

Wow, why are all the cute ones gay?

He's just not "tryin'" to be in a relationship right now.

There are literally no guys here.

I'm just so busy.

My education teacher is so hot.

FML

I was so hammered last night.

A man with a guitar, I died.

He texted me!

Wagner guys at anytime say:

Dude, she was crazy last night. No like, literally crazy.

Well, that was unexpected.

I just hate texting.

(Grunts) (at the gym)

Did you see that freshman girl last night?

I need to stop waking up at 3 p.m.

Dude's always tryin' to start something.

Headin' to the bar.

I'm just tired.

Yeah, we gotta get up for practice.

Party on the floor tonight.

You comin' to the game?

Freshmen say:

So this guy invited me to a party.....he's from this frat called TKE?

Love my floor.

I love college!

I heard she went to the hospital last night.

My parents are going to kill me.



I just really have to make a good impression.
Do you guys know anyone in Towers?
Fire. Drill.

Theatre majors say:

Skank it (Copyright: Erica Wiederlight)

Are you auditioning?

What are you singing?

Is the cast list up?

Can you teach me the choreography?

I have to go make copies in Diane's office.

I'm memorizing and then I'll have a glass of wine.

I don't hate it.

The cast list is up.

Guil.....ly.

Is John in his office?

Wait, what did we have to do?

(Belting)

#seniortheatermajorproblems

We better get out of rehearsal by 2 a.m. at the latest.

When's the audition?

Treat yourself.

See you at the Waggies.

All students say:

Is the Wag open?

Ugh, where's the shuttle?

Yea, everyone's going. Like ADPL.

Wait, seriously how am I going to pay for this?

Wagnerian.

What happened to the TV?

I think there's a game today.

HEY, how're you?!

Good.....what's her name again?

Call Public Safety.

Did you see all those theater people dressed up?

They billed me again.

Where's Monica?

SHUT UP! The RAs are here.

This is the fourth time this week you've blown the socket.

We were on some list for having the No. 2-most beautiful campus.....I think.

I have no money.

The city's just so far.

President Guarasci went to the White House.

I literally hate the Registrar.

Lee Manchester sent that out in an email.

Welcome to Wagner.

And here we are, my first screenplay ladies and gentlemen. I know it's of superb quality and you wonder just how does she do it? Well, I can assure you it ain't easy bein me.....zy. So enjoy and if you're ever trying to make a movie soon.....I'd like to be a part of it. Bye.

LAUGH BAKED

Short-lived New Year's resolutions



By **ANDREW
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Wagnerian Staff Writer

Hey, guys, sorry I'm late! There was a long line at the concession stand and then when I got up there I started to pay but I was a few cents short for change and the guy was a stickler so I had to go around asking people for nickels.

Just kidding.

"Why don't you ever start these normally, Andrew?" Because I'm not normal! I'm very weird and very handsome. But enough about me, let's talk about a different aspect of me.

We're through with January now, the month named for the two-faced Roman god Janus. (I know this isn't about me, but we'll get there.) Janus was literally two-faced. I mean he would do that thing where he's really nice to his friends in front of them but talk smack behind their backs, but he also actually had two faces pointing in different directions.

Fittingly, January is a month of changes and transitions, like the change Janus made when he decided to stop being a terrible friend and start cleaning high schools. That is where the word *janitor* comes from, and it was also the first New Year's resolution ever.

I know people tend to make a pretty big deal out of New Year's resolutions and then promptly

break them—that's an observation every terrible sitcom has made. (Watch NBC's new hit show *Winter!*) And fair enough, some people are really awful and need to be improved, like, for example, anyone who posts on Reddit. Still, I'm not going to risk falling over the border into and then getting deported from cliché territory here when I tell you guys that New Year's resolutions are a pretty useful way to get your goals out there into the world so that your friends can ruthlessly hold you to them.

Some people need to make promises to themselves in order to accomplish them. They then lock these dreams up airtight, like nuclear launch codes. I'm not one of those people. I have to announce to the world what I plan on doing so that if I mess up there are scores of people who are going to shame me into either successfully reaching my goals or never setting any ever again.

Unfortunately I chose not to resolve anything this year. I just got kind of busy playing Nintendo 3DS and daydreaming about fighting crime and it never really happened, but I still think the practice is valuable. You've probably already broken your resolution, because you're all only human (except CollegeBot v.3.21 who is in all my classes and will not stop raising his cold metallic hand), but just in case you haven't, this is my message to you: Stay strong.

Eat less of whatever it is. Work out more or less (I guess? In case you decided you needed to work out less? Which is weird but it's your resolution, weirdo).

Regardless of the promises you did or didn't make, I believe in you. Unless you are the Tooth Fairy, because at this point I'm fairly certain that's my mom.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

WITH FUNNYMAN, TREVOR SIDERIS

A man left Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address, he did his best to type it in from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor dead. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Your Loving Husband.

P.S. Sure is hot down here.

in our opinion...

(where you'll find columns, editorials, letters to the editor, and more.)

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Publishing: A new chapter



By MISTY ROSSO
Opinions Editor

Over the past few years, e-books have unfortunately begun to take a toll on book publishing, changing the beloved industry indefinitely.

The technology takeover is nothing new. We are glued to our iPhones, laptops, TVs; and more recently, contraptions known as e-books have seemingly taken over the world. As a book lover and an intern for Abrams Books, I am adamant about my disdain for e-books and their havoc on the print publishing industry.

Digital technologies such as the Kindle, the iPad and the Nook have greatly changed the publishing industry; they allow readers with a credit card and a computer to buy and download books while barely moving a muscle. E-books are not new, yet their popularity is quickly deteriorating the publishing industry.

In 2007, Amazon introduced the Kindle book reader. Since its release, it has outsold hardcover books, and Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos has predicted that Kindles will surpass the sell of paperback books this year. With the Kindle boom, a massive transformation is taking place in the long-standing publishing industry, which has been operating for over 500 years.

Companies such as Borders have already lost the battle against the metamorphosis in the industry - Barnes and Noble paid \$13.9 million for Borders' brand name, website, and customer loyalty list. The customer list consists of millions of names, email addresses, home addresses, phone numbers and purchase information.

William Lynch, Barnes and Noble's CEO, wrote, "We are readers like you, and hope that through our stores, Nook devices, and our bn.com online bookstore we can win your trust and provide you with a place to read and shop" in an email to over 40 million Borders customers.

Unfortunately, just three months after buying Borders, Barnes and Noble is standing on shaky ground.

In the first issue of Publishers Weekly this year, co-editorial director, Jim Milliot wrote an article entitled "Barnes & Noble May Spin Off Nook Business." In his article, Milliot states that Barnes and Noble is not only looking to sell Sterling Publishing, but also wants to put Nook into its own company.

In response to this rumor, Lynch said, "in order to capitalize on the rapid growth of the Nook digital business and its favorable leadership position in the expanding market for digital content, the Company has decided to pursue strategic exploratory work to separate the Nook business."

For 2012, the Nook business is anticipated to generate approximately \$1.5 billion. If Nook becomes a separate company, it will be comprised of four categories: devices, digital content (including e-books, textbooks, etc.), accessories, and warranties and extended service plans.

Although the Nook business has been doing well, the high investment for development has cut into the company's profits, as did the Nook Touch, which did not accumulate as high profits as was expected. As a result of this, B&N's earnings for the year dropped from \$210- \$250 million to \$150- \$180 million. This drop led the bookseller to seek out partners to help lead to an expansion of the Nook business.

Digital publishing has taken the world by storm. People cannot get their hands on devices such as Nooks, Kindles and iPads fast enough. The drive for more readily available technology is not by any means slowing down.

Even I am guilty of wanting more high-tech devices - I am enamored by my iPhone. However, I think we need to stop for a moment and consider what this technology is doing to the publishing industry.

For me, there is nothing comparable to holding a book in my hands, or running my fingers along the text or tucking my nose into its pages to smell the scent of paper, ink and age.

I know that asking you to refrain from purchasing these digital technologies is not a very reasonable request. I hope this article makes you understand the gravity this beloved industry is facing, and perhaps the next time you think about downloading a book on your Nook, you can stop and think about the publishing industry and go buy a good old fashioned paperback instead.

Textbooks or text crooks?

The fight against rising textbook prices

By STEPHANIE
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As you check your bank account and realize you cannot put gas into your car or buy groceries, remember that a new semester has begun. Every student suffers from the ever rising costs of textbooks. Just last year, the College Board reported that students spend an average of \$1,000 on books and supplies.

When thinking about a college education, students are never truly warned about the extra thousand dollars needed each year. Many students take out loans or work multiple jobs to reach the total tuition on their college bill, but that bill fails to calculate the fact that your books may end up needing their own loan.

I knew that a college education would cost me an unfathomable amount. As a result, I applied for numerous scholarships. I was so thankful and relieved to have so much of my tuition taken care of without having loans big enough to buy me a house. I failed to remember that textbooks were still awaiting my Visa.

According to a survey by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group,

seven out of 10 college students stated that they chose not to buy a textbook because of its cost. It seems that the publishers' need to make a profit is compromising the students' education.

Additionally, statistics show that over the last four years there has been a 22 percent price increase in textbooks, which, based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, is more than four times the rate of inflation. I know that there are bigger problems with today's economy and its rising prices, yet it would not hurt to start somewhere small.

Although I am thankful that the internet offers numerous textbooks at significantly lower costs, I believe schools should offer those same low prices and include those books in tuition. If students knew they would receive the best price and it was calculated into their tuition, not only would there be considerably less stress at the beginning of each semester, but students would have the option to have books covered by scholarships or loans, rather than from their pockets. It would also guarantee the right books are waiting for you when you return to school.

However, I am well aware this may never happen. In the meantime,

I will give my support to a group called the Textbook Rebels. They are an organization petitioning to have the publishing companies cease the unnecessary production of pricey new editions. The group is also striving for schools to adopt open textbooks online for access to all students. In my opinion, if they reach all their goals, the value of education could be restored, and not have such a high price.

Wagner attempts to help their students by offering a 10 percent discount on textbooks if their tuition is paid. Unfortunately, this semester, the book store was not provided with the list of students. As a result, students are required to go the business office for help. While I appreciate this thoughtful discount, I believe as students we deserve more. Not to mention, not everyone is capable of paying their tuition in full at the start of every semester.

Whether a new book or used book, a rental or an e-book, prices remain high and remain on the rise. As students there is only so much we can do. Save your money, buy online, and join the Textbook Rebellion. Go to textbookrebellion.org now to sign the petition, and possibly save yourself a few hundred dollars.

'Pray the gay away'

By JOSEPH MESSANO
Wagnerian Staff Writer

With the legalization of gay marriage across the U.S., the Grand Old Party (GOP) candidates don't stand a chance.

A few weeks ago, GOP primary candidate Rick Santorum was asked by a New Hampshire college student to explain why he objected to allowing two men the same marriage rights as a heterosexual couple. "Well, what about three men?" Santorum retorted. The crowd—mostly young and largely conservative—replied with vicious booing.

Unfortunately for young conservatives, Santorum's social views are painfully ubiquitous in the GOP. Rick Perry has been an openly enthusiastic supporter of "pray the gay away" camps in his home state of Texas and has aired notorious TV ads pointing the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell as a sign of American cultural decay.

Much to the chagrin of satirists like Jon Stewart, Newt Gingrich and his wife/former mistress strongly support the sanctity of "traditional marriage"—the right has finally realized that it's easier to be in favor of "traditional marriage" than to be opposed to equal rights.

Mitt Romney too has taken up the

rhetoric of "tradition." Romney, the tentative favorite to win the nomination, who courted the votes of gays while running for governor of Massachusetts in an aggressive flip, has flopped back to the small-town discomfort with LGBTQ rights currently in vogue for Republicans.

However, despite spouting the party dogma, Romney has managed to hang on the reluctant endorsements of conservative LGBTQ groups like the GOProud and the Log Cabin Republicans.

At best, libertarian Ron Paul, the patron saint of cigarette smoking young men in esoteric T-shirts, insists that states should be allowed to decide on marriage-equality policies for themselves—hardly a hopeful prospect for the southern LGBTQ community. The folksy bigotry of the mainstream Republican Party plays well in the primaries, where the home-schooling Christian right and the Tea Party have a disproportionate leverage.

However, if the culture wars are pushed into the spotlight on the national stage, as I believe Obama hopes they will be, conservative prudishness about the civil liberties of gay Americans may calcify the disillusioned left, and away frighten the a socially moderate center.

Young Republicans are faced with a choice: compromise on social issues as well as risk massive cuts to student lending programs, or vote for the Democrat.

Romney, assuming he gets the nomination, will carry a good chunk of them away from Obama—who is frustratingly vague about his own position on gay rights. I think many will stay with the Democrats, especially if Obama finally takes a concrete position in favor of marriage equality. He supported gay marriage while in Illinois, but has been weakly feigning ambivalence ever since.

The Republicans cannot win a national election with only their base. Ultimately, the GOP risks alienating a sizable youth vote which is convincingly up-for-grabs.

Inevitably, it will depend on the course of the national conversation. If the economy shows convincing signs of improvement, conservative ammunition against the president will be largely depleted and the right may have to lean on its cultural agenda to garner the support of its lower-class white base. If the likes of Santorum are made publicly accountable for comparing homosexuality to bestiality and pedophilia it will have seriously repercussions on Election Day. One can only hope...

LIFE & STYLE

Valentine's Day for the attached AND the single

By **ALYSSA AHERN**
Life & Style Assistant

Beside the usual cliché of sitting at a romantic, luxurious candle-lit dinner table and asking your girlfriend out on Valentine's day, here is a list of things to do whether you are single, dating or just looking to hang out with a prospective amour.

Single and hating the V-day

The best things to do if your bitter about your past V-day experiences-- maybe you got dumped on Valentine's day in the seventh grade or your boyfriend forgot all about you on that special day when you could have been looking for love elsewhere. Let's treat Valentine's day like the ultimate vent night with the girls. Guys can slightly alter these suggestions, making them less feminine (or not!).

1. Pizza, hershey kisses, watching "A Walk to Remember."

2. Remember grade school Valentine's day? Decorate an old shoebox to become your V-day mailbox, create cute Valentines for your friends and deliver them on the most hated/loved day of the year.

3. Here's the kicker-- crazy exes or unnecessary baggage lying around? Spend the night burning old love letters and items from that psycho. But if you're living in the dorm, tear the letters up and throw out old teddy bears to avoid mass evacuation on a night people really have no interest in leaving their dorm rooms.

4. Looking to get out? Kumo Sushi in Manhattan is located at 214 1st Ave. This place has All-You-Can-Eat-And-Drink for \$31.95.

5. If you're feeling local, take a

walk to the Roadhouse at the bottom of the hill on Clove Rd. Monday through Friday from 4-7 is 1/2 price happy hour including 12 and 16 inch pizza pies.

Let's spend Valentine's day with our significant other!

1. The most romantic idea is to cook dinner for your significant other. Guild has a kitchen, or you can even whip up a good microwave meal. Recipe suggestion: Shrimp Scampi. This recipe only takes a total of 20 minutes for the shrimp and 20 minutes for the rice to serve the dish over. The full microwave recipes can be found at:

www.busycooks.about.com/od/scafoodrecipe1/r/mwshrimpscampi.htm and www.food.com/recipe/perfect-easy-microwave-rice-195326.

2. Opentable.com has already posted its Valentine's day specials. You can make reservations right on the site for over 40 restaurants in the City for under \$30 per person.

3. The typical hopeless romantic date includes dinner and flowers followed by a Central Park carriage ride. Luckily for our college budgets, some carriage rides can be found for only \$20-30 (plus tip) for a 20 minute ride through the park. If that's not straight out of a love scene, I don't know what is.

4. To go with the Central Park theme the Belvedere Castle is full of romance. Easiest access to this sentimental spot is at W 81st St. and Central Park West. Also try the Brooklyn Bridge for a "Scenic NY Kiss" location.

5. Keep it simple! The Buttercup Bake Shop is located at 973 2nd Av-

enue between 51st and 52nd St. Try their famous cupcakes for only \$2.50.

Looking to take someone on low-key adventure

1. In the next week or so, check out murphguide.com. This site has Valentine's parties for all of your favorite city bars; Turtle Bay, Calico Jack's, Irish Exit and many more.

2. Mexican is the perfect place to take someone out that you are just starting to get to know. It's fun and laid-back, which creates a relaxing atmosphere for your new potential Wag fling. Try Hecho En Dumbo in East Village at 354 Bowery. They are now taking reservations for their \$25 Valentine's prix fixed meal. Looking for an all-female Mariachi band to liven up the night?! Email reservations at events@hechoendumbo.com

3. Let's not get too serious on the possible first date. Try going to a bakery for special Valentine's treats. City Bakery has a lineup of flavors for its 20th annual Hot Chocolate Festival. This year's Valentine's Day flavor is called "Love Potion." City Bakery is located at 3 West 18th St.

4. Want to stay on the island? Try some ice skating at War Memorial Rink in Clove Lakes Park. The Valentine's day sessions are noon-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Admission: \$8 Skate rental: \$5.

5. Let's get active! Rab's Country Lanes, located at 1600 Hylan Blvd will have Cosmic Bowling from midnight to 3 a.m. Check for a coupon on page 23 of the Staten Island Advance's AWE entertainment and events paper for a free shoe rentals and a free rose.

Campus do's

A column dedicated to students around campus who have an impeccable sense of style.



Amber Costa
Freshman

Chunky orange sweater:
Urban Outfitters, \$40

Black lace shorts: Market in
LA, \$20

Brown fur boots:
endless.com, \$40

Black pleated tights: forever
21, \$13

Black knit bow: forever 21,
\$10



David Garzon
Sophomore

Black framed glasses:
Burberry, \$300

Blue jeans: Diesel, \$210
printed belt: Louis Vuitton,
\$130

Red&gold flannel: Brooks
Brothers, \$80

Blue&white boat shoes: Polo,
\$100

-Antoinette McCarty

Teens, decor or design: Your choice for an internship

Another semester, another chance to intern -- Check out these opportunities if you're interested in building up your resume.

By **ANTOINETTE MCCARTY**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Teen.com: Freelance Contributor Position

This position can be done from the comfort of your dorm or home. The company is looking for ambitious writers who are excited to write about all things teen. The ideas for stories must be pitched weekly and the editors are not interested in word count but stories that will start discussions on social media sights such as Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr. To find out more about this internship look at Ed2010.com. To contact this company and apply for the position send a resume and at least three clips of similar writing to dan@teen.com

Studio One Networks: Freelance Editorial Assistant

This established online editorial content publisher is looking for a freelance editorial assistant right here in the Big Apple. The position is three days a week, so roughly 27-30 hours a week. This position includes proof-reading, creating online traffic reports, and doing research on new website concepts. Must have relevant editorial experience, a willingness and passion to grow and learn, being organized and detail oriented is also essential. To find out more about this position go to Ed2010.com. To contact this company email editorial.programming@gmail.com with attached resume and tell them why you are the best candidate for the job.

Elle Décor: Freelance Art Assistant

The location of this position is in New York City. This company is looking for a passionate editorial assistant that will have a strong interest

in design and photography. Good communication skills, attention to detail and time management skills is also essential. In addition to assisting the creative director, one would also be responsible for, scanning all film, or printing out digital images in contact sheets and trim for editing, setting up and dropping in art for all layouts, creating issue preview PDFs, creating mock-up book for Editor in Chief, creating PDFs of pages for iPad previews. This also includes, basic office duties such as: scanning, ordering supplies, printing layouts and updating film cabinets and server with all film requirements, and any administrative duties that are required. To qualify, an internship to one year of experience is desired. To find out more about this internship check out Ed2010.com. To apply email Marina Drukman at mdrukman@hearst.com with resume at-

tached.

Joel Fitzpatrick Design: Three part-time marketing interns

This company has this position available to be year-round and it is unpaid for college credit and is in New York City. Responsibilities include researching press contacts, contacting retailers about JF home products, writing and sending email blasts and press releases. As well, one must help in organizing events for JF products, develop marketing and PR tactics to raise awareness about the company. This company is looking for someone who has communication skills, as well as, experience in Microsoft word, Mac interface, and if possible experience in graphic design. To find out more and apply, Sign up and log in at internships.com

YourTango: Two part-time social media interns

This company has the position

available for four months, part-time for either college credit or a small monetary compensation. They are located in New York City, specifically at 236 West 27th Street. They are looking for someone who will help to manage and grow their presence on the web through social networking and bookmarking sites. This company wants a candidate to have strong writing and communication skills and a background in English or Journalism. Experience in online media such as, basic HTML, CMS experience and knowledge of SEO are a must. To find out more and apply, sign up and log in at internships.com

If you did not find what you were looking for in these positions, feel free to check out: ed2010.com, internships.com, nyc.gov/internships.com or go to the Careers Center right here at Wagner to see what positions through school are available.

Dress to impress on Valentine's Day

Going out and don't have a clue as to what to wear? Check out these ensembles to get some lovey dovey inspiration.

Reported by Alexa Lyons



Black and white bow blouse:
Juicy Couture, \$158



Black blazer:
Forever 21, \$27.80



Black leather jacket:
H&M, \$99



Peach blouse:
Free People, \$58



Black and white sweater:
Brandy Melville, \$38



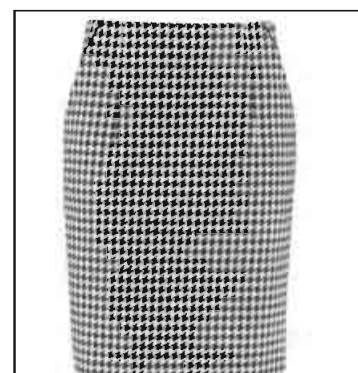
Sliver skirt:
Express, \$54.90



Purple and pink polka dot
dress: H&M, \$29.95



Denim and lace dress:
asos.com, \$80.57



Houndstooth high-waisted
skirt: H&M, \$39.95



Black skinny jeans:
Forever 21, \$10.50



Colbalt blue shoes:
Lulus.com, \$42



Black wedges:
Forever 21, \$26.80



Tan suede boots:
Frye, \$378



Black leather boots: Sturat
Weitzman, \$225



Black suede booties:
Steve Madden, \$100

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Interning at Vera Wang Celebrity sightings, Fashion Week, and a job possibility

By ALYSSA AHERN
Life & Style Assistant

Every fashionista's dream internship includes an opportunity with a prestigious designer such as Vera Wang. A big name like Vera Wang on your resume leaves a lasting impression and for this junior marketing and management major, interning has been far more than a dream.

Liz Faglio recently begun her internship with Vera Wang as a retail intern, where she "works closely with upper management, learning skills necessary for luxury fashion."

Faglio got her start in retail by previously working for Nordstrom and Forever 21. She recalls, "I've loved fashion all my life. I have always had a passion to put outfits together and be in the business."

The store is located in Soho, with most customers being stylists and tourists. Employees and interns are expected to wear all black, business casual clothing. There are about 10 people that work in the Soho location and a run-in with the Ms. Vera Wang herself appears to be often. The internship itself includes a double dip learning experience with there being a huge factor of visual work.

Faglio interns Tuesday and Thursday from 11-7 each week. A typical day begins with simplistic daily tasks such as cleaning and straightening up

the store. Other tasks include inventory check, steaming, organizing shoes, price matching, sample tracking, send outs, and keeping control of all collections and displays. This fashionista will even get to attend and work New York's infamous fashion week.

As for her dream job, the answer is quite simple. "The hope of this turning into a job after graduation is the ultimate goal. However, my dream job is to be a stylist. I think I'll make plenty of connections to be able to branch out but I'd obviously take the job with Vera Wang if it was presented to me."

Another perk is the Hollywood-wow of the industry. On her first day, Alicia Keys' stylist had an appointment where she helped pull styles and make sure the stylist received all the pieces they needed. Faglio has even spotted Bon Jovi as a suspected neighbor.

Upon being asked for intern 101 advice, Faglio responds with an uplifting, "work your hardest and make an impression. If you ever get thrown a lot of tasks don't be afraid to ask questions. It's better to ask questions than to do things the wrong way. Everyone had to start somewhere and were previously interns so try to remember that." Faglio adds, "Don't stop interning! The more experience the better and don't give up the right one will find you."



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Snug Harbor and Stage One debut two new kinds of shows

By CHRIS LUNER
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The Wagner College Theatre spring season is looking bright filled with song, dance, one act plays and even the premiere of a new musical.

This spring semester, the nationally recognized theatre program will present *Urinetown the Musical*, *Goddess Wheel*, *The Dance Project* and *An Evening of Tennessee Williams' One Act Plays*.

Urinetown the Musical is a hilarious musical by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis. The show, which satires musicals as a whole, is about politics, the corporate world and other legal systems controlling basic rights – in this case: peeing. The musical finds a way to portray its serious message in a hilarious manner with funny characters, songs and one-liners. *Urinetown* is directed and choreographed by John Carrafa, the original Broadway choreographer who received a Tony Nomination for his work.

Goddess Wheel is a premiere mu-

sical that will be debuting for the first time ever in a staged production here at Wagner. The show by Galt MacDermot, the composer of *Hair*; and Matty Selman is the classic tale of *Lysistrata* with a modern take on the story. *Goddess Wheel* will keep the original Aristophanes tale that has lasted centuries but add a 21st century spin to the plot. Direction and choreography will be by Wagner's own head of dance, Rusty Curcio. If you saw *Lysistrata* last semester, then you are sure to love *Goddess Wheel*.

Both of these musicals will play at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Gardens at the Music Hall. *Urinetown* will run Feb. 22-25 and Feb. 29 to March 4. *Goddess Wheel* will play April 18-21 and April 25-29.

Over in Wagner's Stage One Studio Theatre, *The Dance Project* will go up Feb. 28 - March 4. This year's *Dance Project* is very different from productions in past years as this entire show is dedicated to the history of tap. Yes, that's right, from Vaudeville to Hollywood to Broadway;

this year's *Dance Project* will give you new appreciation for this form of dance. All choreography is by Margo Hammond.

Closing the Stage One season will be *An Evening of Tennessee Williams' One Act Plays*, appearing on Stage One April 24- April 29. This will include "From Whom The Southern Bells Toll," "In Our Profession," "Magic Tower" and "Summer At The Lake." All four one acts will feature different directors and a different cast. The night will be brought together by some of the history behind Tennessee Williams and his incredible theater career in his lifetime. This production is something totally new and exciting for Wagner College Theatre that you definitely don't want to miss.

Make sure you get out and see a show this spring semester! You may find yourself enjoying tapping through history, experiencing the *Goddess Wheel*, honoring Tennessee Williams or remembering it's a privilege to pee with the Spring 2012 theater season.

'American Horror Stories' brings thrills, chills and romance

By SAMANTHA
KNOERZER
Entertainment Editor

When hearing the song "Twisted Nerve-Bernard Herrmann" many immediately think of the movie *Kill Bill* or possibly, if you're into British psychological thrillers, the original movie it was made for called by the song's name. Recently however, this song is spurring up new entertainment connections. The new show *American Horror Stories* has congregated quite a crowd of loyal followers, which is impressive since the show is only in its first season. The show is written by Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk, widely known for their smash-hits *Glee* and *Nip Tuck*, as well as a few other famous writers who have signed on since the pilot to add to the show's crazy suspense.

This new TV hit, taking home a few awards at the Golden Globes--including Best Supporting Actress in a Television Show, won by Jessica Lange-- as well as being nominated for a few more-- Best Television Show of the Year-- has sparked up a lot of talk with over three million viewers for its pilot on FX.

Many claim that its success is due to its unique artistic advertising technique, using interesting and mysterious photos to grab people's attention and force them to have to look it up to know what it's about,



Photo Credit: Google

The cast of *American Horror Stories*, a new series chilling the blood of Americans week after week.

following them getting severely hooked to the show itself.

However, advertising gimmicks aren't all the show has to impress its viewers. The manic plot line and suspense filled episodes add to its attraction.

At the beginning of every episode, the show goes back in time, showing a little part of the 'Horror House' history before jumping back into the present, where members of the Harmon family have just moved in and immediately begin to experience the hidden horrors of the house.

The show keeps a variety of audience members falling into all different type of genres while still staying within the realm of horror. *American Horror Stories* also deals with social problems that keep viewers wanting more. Love triangles, adultery, and other everyday life problems mixed in with its wacky-yet-attractive-and-crazy ghosts that haunt the house fill

every episode with horror, romance and something pretty to look at.

The show takes a dramatic spin as things start to slowly fall apart, then build back up again, just so they can fall apart once more, episode after episode.

American Horror Stories, with all of its success, has been signed on for another season, promising more crazy story lines to come.

The season one finale sent all its viewers for a spin, causing them to yell for more as the last seconds of the final episode ticked away.

The show did however make some risky sacrifices that caused viewers to wonder about the show's future, but keeps them watching and waiting for the next season nonetheless.

Catch up on the first season of the show and keep your eye out for season two, being aired soon. With the show's success, it's obvious that you won't be disappointed.

Listen Up!



Lana Del Rey- *Born to Die*
Label: Interscope
Date Released: October 2011

The number of times Lana Del Rey's song "Video Game" has grabbed attention over the past few weeks is strange- since it throws listeners off guard each time. The song begins very pleasantly- the soft simple chords of a piano accompanied by the warm strums of a harp, and an occasional soft church like bell in the background. This gentle instrumentation carries onward in a trance like manner. Then Lana begins to sing and everything changes. Though at first you might wonder what you are listening to, you will not be able to stop. Rey's voice is deep, contemplative, and husky. Her music begins off key as Rey begins to sing, narrating her lyrics along the way. Her questionable accent within her lyrics adds an added mystery to her character. A name like Lana Del Rey- outfitted in long eyelashes, dark lipstick, and auburn colored hair- immediately brings the one of a kind style associated with Lady Gaga to mind. It is therefore hard to forget a character like Rey? Who is this person? Where does she come from? Many critics as well as listeners wonder just the same question.

Rey grew up in Lake Placid, about a five hour drive upstate, away from the city. Her father is Rob Grant, CEO and President of an internet domain company. She was recently heavily criticized for her performance on SNL, but her shows are known to sell out quickly in New York City and Los Angeles.

The artist, whose track *Video Game* made the top 100 tracks of 2011 list on *Pitchfork*, has a surprisingly different personality off the track than she does on it. In interviews, Rey, whose original name is Lizzy Grant, appears timid and shy. Critics have conflicting opinions about the newly found artist. Many commentators write that they just want to hug her and keep her away from all of the evils of the world, while others write that they are pained when watching her performances. Throughout interviews though, her responses are thoughtful, and reflect on her strong sense of self. However, overall, *Born to Die* has articulated a generous following. The artist continues to gather fans as her music continues to gain popularity in the music world.

You'll love it if you like: Amy Winehouse, Lady Gaga, Florence and the Machines

-Anna Zarzecki

Check it out!

Eight minutes to set up the stage, twelve minutes to perform a show that will be remembered forever and seven minutes to take it all down for the second half so that the game can continue as if never interrupted. That is how long America's favorite singers get for their halftime show performance in the Super Bowl every year.

This year's Super Bowl, taking place in Indianapolis, is no different. What is new, however, for Super Bowl XLVI are the combinations of performers.

The old and the new come together for a halftime show that is sure to be remembered for years to come. As most already know, Madonna will be headlining this year's Super Bowl halftime show, with guest appearances from the Billboard topping band LMFAO, famous for their song "Party Rockers."

News is now spreading that Madonna will also be performing with famous R&B artist, Nicki Minaj. The two will be performing "Give Me All Your Luvvin'," a collaboration concocted between the two of them. Rehearsals have already started between the two as they practice for their performance.

Madonna and Minaj promise a performance that will not soon be forgotten. As they prepare for what they promise to be the performance of a lifetime, the list continues to grow as sources promise for more special guest performers to come.

Make sure you don't miss Super Bowl XLVI this Sunday, Feb. 5!

-Samantha Knoerzer



Photo credit: Google

Cursing, a dog and Gervais bring laughter to The Golden Globes

By **CHELSEA FODERO**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The 2012 Golden Globe Awards took over Tinseltown on Sunday evening Jan. 15 bringing all of Hollywood under one roof. After months of speculation as to who would be the host, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association chose Ricky Gervais for the third year in a row. To much of Hollywood's surprise, the in-your-face comedian who was criticized in the media with his performance as last year's Golden Globe host for being to mean to the nominees, received the honor of being this year's host again. Some of the stars had noted prior to the event and on the red car-

pet that they actually weren't angry about last year's digs by Gervais but were hoping they would not be in the limelight at this year's ceremony.

With jokes about the sink-poop-ing scene in *Bridesmaids* and references about Madonna being "like a virgin," Gervais was at it again poking fun at some of Hollywood's most buzzed about celebs. During the ceremony some celebrities even played along, like Johnny Depp, which many believe is due to his appearance on Gervais' upcoming series, *Life's Too Short*, which will be aired soon on HBO.

Some highlights of the night included Uggie, the dog from *The Artist*, rolling over on stage when the film won Best — Motion Picture, Comedy and Musical. Other

highlights include the clip reel celebrating Morgan Freeman's career, including footage of him as a vampire taking a bath on *Electric Company*.

While accepting her award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture or Drama for *The Iron Lady*, Meryl Streep forgot her glasses at her table and miss read her speech on the prompter letting a few curse words to slip pass the bleep button.

With a few weeks left until the Oscar's, the Golden Globes allowed for a great opener to the 2012 Award season.

The nominations have already been announced for the Academy Awards. Make sure to check them out before its airing on Feb. 26!



All you need to know about the latest celebrity gossip!

A new year, a new list of celebrity divorces

By **AMANDA HASTINGS**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Divorce is the air for Hollywood stars. The year 2011 started with "Governator" **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** cheating secret past revealed, with **Kim Kardashian** following later on in the same boat. Now the epidemic is continuing to spread among some of America's favorite and most notable people.

There is nothing *Punk'd* about this! What started out as a shocking "rumor" became a much predicted ending for one A-List couple. After months of speculation, some of the most anticipated gossip of the year was finally given a true answer when **Demi Moore** and **Ashton Kutcher** announced that they were separating. While the usually PDA-happy former couple have not been denying or confirming the split, on Nov. 17, the 49 year old actress filed for divorce from her *Two and a Half Men* hubby of six years. The turmoil began when the 33 year old actor was seen partying without his wife, on the weekend of Sept. 24. That date also happened to be the couple's sixth wedding anniversary. It was said that the *Punk'd* producer cheated on Moore with a 22 year old woman that same weekend.

The former super couple will have a hard time not bumping into one another, considering they are both found at celebrity hot spots. On Jan. 16, the day of the *Gold Globes Awards*, both were in attendance. At a pre-party the two collided into one another, and a source has described the union as "awkward." While Demi is very close to her ex-husband **Bruce Willis**, many believe that this split will not end in the same light. The *Ghost* actress plans to make a very intimate \$13 million tell-all book about her divorce from the *That 70's Show* star.

The year 2011 didn't end in high spirits for **Katy Perry** either. **Russell Brand** shocked not only fans, but also his wife, when he filed for divorce on Dec. 30, claiming irreconcilable differences. The couple, who married on Oct. 23, 2010 in India, were said to have gotten in a major fight that led to spending this past Christmas apart. Rumor has it that while the two would smile for the cameras, the actor was not very supportive of his *California Gurls* wife. Those close to the duo say that when Perry year old hosted *Saturday Night Live* on Dec. 10, the comedian did not attend, also stating that she did a terrible job.

The *Last Friday Night* singer is worth millions of dollars, much more than Brand. In 2011 she tied

the King of Pop **Michael Jackson** with the most number one hits on a single album, with her *Teenage Dreams* album. Many believe that the comedian has an ulterior motive when it comes to his ex-wife to be, and it is said that he may be after her bank account. Depending on the outcome of the split, the actor could walk away with a large sum of her money. Back in 2010, he threatened to call off the wedding due to Perry's "hard partying." Brand is in talks to write a tell-all book, which means *Fireworks* are about to explode. Perry has already expressed her dismay, when she stopped following Brand on the social network site, *Twitter*.

Divorce has also hit for basketball star **Kobe Bryant** when his wife, **Vanessa Bryant**, filed for divorce in late December. The couple, who met when she was a backup dancer in a music video, married in May 2000. The pair has two daughters together and plan to share custody. The Los Angeles Lakers player notoriously gave his wife a \$4 million ring back in 2005 in exchange for her forgiveness, when he was involved in a cheating scandal. Many speculate that Vanessa deliberately waited for the 10 years mark so that she could gather a large sum of the 33 year old superstar's money, who is worth over \$150 million. He did not have a prenuptial agreement before they were married and the two will most likely share his salary.

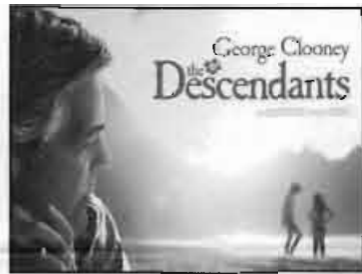
Even **Zoey Deschanel**, known for her part as the love confused beauty in *500 Days of Summer*, has separated from her husband **Ben Gibbard**, the front man for the band *Death Cab for Cutie*. The Hollywood splits seem to be falling very close together, as the couple officially parted ways on Oct. 31, the same day **Kim Kardashian** filed for her divorce from **Kris Humpries**. The *Elf* actress formally filed divorce papers two months later on Dec. 27. *The New Girl's* financial records were leaked to the public, and it shows that she is quite wealthy, being worth an estimated \$3.2 million. While "irreconcilable differences" is cited as the cause of the split, many speculate her new-found fame is what led to the end. People are praising these exes because, unlike Perry and Russell, these two are keeping it low-key and are trying to stay on good terms.

The year 2011 has ended, as well as some high profile marriages! 2012 only means one thing- what will the celebrities do next? Stay tuned for more *Hastings on Hollywood*, because Hollywood never sleeps!

A few of our 2012 Golden Globe award winners



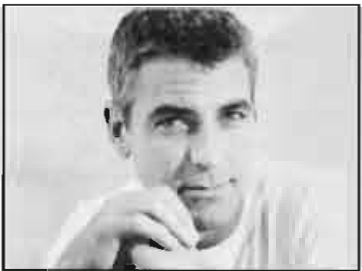
Best Supporting Actress in a TV Drama:
Jessica Lange



Best Motion Picture – Drama
"The Descendants"



Best Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical:
"The Artist"



Best Performance by a Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama:
George Clooney, "The Descendants"



Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama:
Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"



Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical:
Michelle Williams, "My Week With Marilyn"

Photos: Google

There's fun to be had outside Snug Harbor and Stage One

By **SAMANTHA KNOERZER**
Entertainment Editor

Student run productions are at it again with a variety of new performances for the upcoming semester.

In the past couple of years, student productions have gone from a few backstage little performances to full out, overly packed, widely anticipated performances. The new craze with student performances has produced two student run production based clubs consisting of Completely Student Productions (CSP), with President Sarah Sutliff, and

Student Run Musical Theater (SRMT), with President Billy Aberle. Both clubs were started as an opportunity for students to get a chance to get their plays performed on campus, as well as to allow the students more performance opportunities outside of the Wagner-run theater program.

This season promises all new performances from full out musicals, to one act plays, as well as some productions completely written and controlled by students. This semester CSP will be performing *All Shook Up* directed by Brendan Stackhouse, which will be on Feb. 8, 11 and 12 at 2 and 8 p.m. in Gatehouse Lounge with a suggested do-

nation of \$2. Some other CSP performances this semester consist of *MacBeth* directed by Eric Petillo, *The Vagina Monologues* by Nicolette Fiasoni, *Student Written One Act Play Fest* directed by Paige Strothmann, and *PLAY* directed by Zee Cohen as well as a few others. Some of the plays for SRMT this semester are *Spring Awakening*, which will be performed on March 2 and 3, and *Company* on April 27 & 28.

Make sure to look out for more performance dates and other details to be announced in future issues and be sure you make time to go out and see these new and promising student run performances.



Nation and World

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Photo: AP

The Costa Concordia lays on its side after it ran aground off the coast of Giglio Island, Italy.

Death toll hits 17 in cruise ship disaster off Italy coast

By ELLE TRUDEAU
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Italian divers have found the body of a woman in the wreck of the cruise ship Costa Concordia, bringing the number of deaths to 13.

Rescue workers are still looking for 20 people who are believed to be missing.

The cruise ship sank on Jan. 13, after hitting rocks near the island of Giglio, off the coast of Tuscany.

Only 8 of the 13 bodies discovered have been identified.

4 victims were French, 1 Italian, 1 Hungarian, 1 Hispanic, and 1 German.

There were known to be 4,200 passengers on board the cruise ship at the time of danger.

The captain, Francesco Schettino, is being detained under house arrest while his actions are being investigated.

He is accused of multiple manslaughter, causing a shipwreck, and abandoning ship before all passengers were evacuated. He denies

these allegations.

Prosecutors say the 57 year-old was sailing too close to the island of Giglio on an unauthorized course in order to perform a "salute" – a greeting to islanders.

The Italian media has received a new recording in which Capt. Schettino appears to say he will be the last to leave the ship.

In a previously released tape, an official is heard repeatedly ordering him back on board.

The deputy mayor of Giglio, Mario Pellegrini, has claimed that while on board he never saw the captain of the ship helping remove passengers.

At 9:30 pm on Jan. 13, the cruise ship hit a patch of rocks off the coast of Giglio. An hour later, confused passengers were given the abandon ship signal.

As passengers began to go ashore, some called the police telling them that there was a problem with the ship.

As Coast Guard responded to the calls, the crew told them the ship was experiencing a blackout and that they

were checking conditions on board.

Most passengers were rescued by lifeboats, but as the ship started to tilt the Coast Guard started removing passengers by helicopter.

At this point, the captain evacuated on a lifeboat, before all of the passengers had been rescued.

The captain later told officials that the rocks were not marked on maps, nor detected by navigational systems.

He admitted "making a navigational error", and told officials that he "ordered a turn too late".

Coast Guard and Navy divers have been exploring submerged areas of the vessel using explosives as an effort to find victims unaccounted for.

Emergency officials said they would not end the search until the whole ship had been examined.

More than 600 members of the Italian emergency services are working on the search operation.

BBC correspondents say they are under time pressure, amid fears the ship could slip off a ledge into deeper water with a risk of fuel tanks being ruptured.

GOP debates continue; Romney receives criticism

By ALYSSA BROWN
Assistant News Editor

As we near closer to the 2012 presidential election, we are left with only four Republican candidates in the race.

So far this year, Rick Santorum has won the Iowa primary with 24.6 percent of votes with Mitt Romney in a very close second.

Romney won the New Hampshire primary with 39.3 percent of votes, with Newt Gingrich winning the South Carolina primary with 40.4 percent of votes.

Most recently, Romney won the Florida primary with 46.4 percent of votes. Gingrich came in second. Santorum in third, and Ron Paul in last place. Paul is the only candidate who hasn't won a primary.

The only candidate who hasn't won a primary yet is Ron Paul.

When Rick Perry dropped out of the race, he decided to endorse Paul, but has only helped raise his votes about 4 percent.

In the most recent Florida debate, it became a two-man battle between Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich. Rick Santorum, who is strapped for funds, said he couldn't keep up with the other two in Florida, and took a short break from campaigning.

Interestingly, Romney's opponents have tried to keep focus on Romney's tax returns, which showed that he made \$21.6 million in 2010. It also showed a 13.9 percent tax rate on Romney's income. Romney also received criticism regarding the fact

that more than half of his income is from capital gains and dividends, which are taxed less than ordinary income.

Romney donated \$7 million to charity in the past two years, including \$4.1 million to the Mormon Church.

Romney and his wife, Ann, released the tax returns to prove they have satisfied their obligations as tax payers. Ben Ginsberg, Romney's campaign attorney, said, "Governor Romney has paid 100 percent of what he owes."

However, Romney's tax returns are not the only criticism he is receiving. On Jan. 29, Newt Gingrich accused the former Massachusetts governor of running a dishonest campaign.

He believes that Romney is covering up some "liberal stances" that he took while governor.

These accusations came just before the Florida primary, in which both are front-runners.

In particular, Gingrich stated that Romney's claim that he had never voted for a Democrat when a Republican was on the ballot, is false. To Gingrich, a question of honesty raises questions about Romney's ability to become president.

This kind of back and forth campaign rhetoric is making Republicans nervous that fighting within the party will only aid President Obama in his chance of re-election.

The Maine and Nevada Caucuses take place tomorrow, followed by the Colorado and Minnesota Caucuses on Feb. 7.

As London readies for the Summer Olympics, concerns are raised about public transportation

By ANNA ZARZECKI
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Ring in the New Year has a different meaning for people all around the world. For some, it meant the encroaching possibility of the end of the world, for others, a new beginning.

For London's Olympic organizing committee, it meant hosting the Summer Olympics was finally here.

With less than 200 days to go, London is the first city to host the Olympic Games for the third time, after previous hosting the games in 1908 and in 1948.

London was officially awarded the hosting job at the International Olympic Committee vote in Singapore, where it defeated Paris in July

of 2005.

The city has spent the last seven years preparing for this world class event. Most of the sites have been built and are ready for 10,000 athletes from more than 200 countries to come together for 16 days of competition in 26 sports and 300 medal events.

The goal of organizers in hosting this urban spectacle specifically is to provide transportation to sporting events around the city via public transportation, or by walking and cycling.

In order to achieve this goal, a free "Games Travelcard" will be provided to ticket holders for the day of their event. The travelcard will allow access to the Tube, buses, London Overground, National Rail Services,

and Docklands Light Railway, on the London transport network.

Specific cycling routes have also been cleared and mapped for the event.

London has experienced quite a few challenges during these past few years of preparation. Homegrown bombers killed 52 people in the city's public underground and bus network the day after London was awarded the games.

Several instances of terrorist bombings have since occurred in public places throughout London, like air ports and train stations. Upon its nomination, London, along with the rest of the world was also in a much better economic circumstance.

Costs associated with the transportation improvements necessary to

accommodate the influx of athletes and tourists, along with the budget needed for the construction of sporting facilities has strained the city financially, drawing criticism from local Londoners, who worry that the increase of people the games are sure to bring will strain the already bustling transportation network.

In addition to the regular crop of tourists, and West End Theater audiences the city already draws during the summer months, this summer is sure to test the limits of the city's transportation system.

What can we expect? Tickets have already gone on sale, and are selling fast. There are a number of events that are free of charge, and promise to be captivating provided that you get there early enough to secure a

good spot.

These events include the men's and women's marathon, 20 km race-walk, triathlon, cycling road race, individual road cycling time trials, and the men's 50km race walk.

The London cultural festival also promises to host world class artists, performers and orchestra's from around the world.

Not traveling to London this summer? For viewers with 3D television sets, Panasonic and NBC have announced that they will be broadcasting the games in 3D.

The games have done much to improve the transportation infrastructure of London. These technological advancements will undoubtedly stay with London for years to come.

SEAHAWK SPORTS

Longtime URI rivalry ignites Seahawks' drive

By SAMANTHA ALDER
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Swimming and diving team faced the University of Rhode Island Rams (URI) on Seahawk territory for an out of conference meet. It came down to a close score of 155-145 resulting in URI's victory.

The Green and White took control of the game immediately by securing both second and first place positions in the starting events. In the opening 200-yard medley relay consisting of Breanne Sweeney, Kelsey Thomas, Alanna Gibbons, and Samantha Sides finished with a time of 1:52.99.

The next event was orchestrated by sophomores Kristiana Kalibat, Alexandra Cooney, and senior Mary Courtney Ryan. They received the top three spots while Kalibat earned a time of 1:43.05 earning her first place. Sweeney and Sides continued to rack up the points for the remainder of the meet awarding a gold medal to Sweeney in the 100-yard backstroke, followed by Sides who finished third with a time of 1:02.75.

Freshman Lynn Tay won a time of 25.42 in the 50-yard freestyle and following close behind was Sarah Menendez who placed third with a time of 25.56. Sophomore Meredith Ketchmark reserved her own first place position in the 100-yard freestyle with a 54.05, Menendez kept up her second place streak cutting a close time of 54.37. Sweeney was once again victorious receiving a first place spot in the 200-yard backstroke followed up by Kalibat's second place earning.

Contributing points to Wagner's score were members of the diving team. Freshman Mallory Lee scored



Seahawks were looking confident in their strokes.

Swimming and Diving
Wagner- 145
URI- 155

both 196.57 on the one meter board and a 170.02 on the three meter. Her teammates also pledged some points to the cause, freshman Marikate Villano scored a 142.05 and 156.2 while sophomore Josephine Ieraci posted a 134.77 and 152.77.

The Seahawks were looking confident in their strokes holding a number of first place positions, until the mood changed when URI's Jessica Andruzzi set a Wagner Pool record in the 200 breaststroke with a winning time of 2:28.46.

Cooney and Kalibat held onto second and third place spots in the 500 freestyle, Ketchmark and Gibbons did the same in the 100 butterfly. With two events remaining the score was tied 138 each.

Thomas did her best to keep Wagner afloat winning second place in the 200 yard individual medley relay but URI's 400 yard freestyle relay team received another Wagner Pool record ultimately ending in their victory.

Senior Captain Breanne Sweeney said, "This past weekend was huge

for our program. We raced against a team that is in a very competitive conference and has double the amount of girls as us. We knew we had a solid shot at winning, but the stakes were even higher because of our coaches history with URI. Kelly dove for them and Colin coached them for many years they were devastated when they heard Colin was leaving to coach here at Wagner. We knew they would be gunning for us, so we gave it everything we had. We had a chance to meet them and hang out with them a little bit during training trip in Florida, which made this weekend even more fun. Even though we lost, it was probably the most exciting meet of the season and I couldn't be more proud of my team."

This loss was the first time Wagner has fallen to an opposing team on their home facility since January 2010.

Head coach Colin Shannahan said, "If you go back and actually score the final relay from the meet last year the score would have been 178-113. The fact that the meet was as close as it was this year is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication all season. A loss like this not only builds character but helps us to refocus our larger goals."



Coach Litterio gives team a pep talk before the game.

Goodbye and good luck Litterio

Head Coach of men's baseball leaves after 12 years to take new opportunity at Rutgers University

By EMILY REKSTIS
Assistant Sports Editor

While most people were relaxing and enjoying their care-free winter break, the baseball team received word of a serious issue that would change the game of Wagner baseball.

With the spring season soon approaching, Head Coach Joe Litterio has chosen to leave the team.

"It's a tough situation for our team," says sophomore Ryan Casey, "but we are working hard getting ready for the season and whoever comes in."

Return to his alma mater

Litterio has coached the baseball team at Wagner for over 12 years.

He received an offer to work as an assistant baseball coach at Rutgers

"I get a chance to learn more from a future Hall of Fame coach," he states.

Leaving his mark

Litterio has impacted the program tremendously since he arrived at Wagner in 2000. He was only in his first year of coaching when he took the team to its first ever NEC Championship.

He has directed eight players to the Major Leagues, including current Red Sox pitcher, 2009 American League Rookie of the Year and MLB All-Star, Andrew Bailey.

Starting in 2004 Litterio led the Seahawks to six out of seven play-offs. Within that seven-year streak, Litterio led the Green and White to its first NEC Regular Season Championship in 2009.

During that season the program record of 31 wins was achieved. It was also in 2009 that he earned NEC Coach of the Year.

Athletic Director Walt Hameline comments, "Wagner serves as almost a stepping stone for young coaches. He put himself in a great position."

Litterio holds 240 wins, marking the most wins in Wagner history.

"We were lucky to have him for as long as we did" states Hameline, "Joe did a great job and was successful."

Litterio explains, "The kids understand that this is something that happens within college sports."

"We are happy for him and will miss him," claims Hameline.

Next up to bat

The athletic department has gone through several resumes and contacted multiple eligible replacements. On Wed, Feb. 3, they announced that Jim Carone, who previously served as the pitching coach at Villanova, will be the new baseball head coach.



Litterio in Rutgers attire.

University and took the job.

"It's a unique opportunity for me," Litterio comments.

Litterio graduated from Rutgers in 1994 and played under Fred Hill, who is now the head baseball coach at Rutgers. The two will now be colleagues.

Although Litterio will not get a head coaching position equivalent to his current Wagner post, he is not concerned.

January Athletes of the Month



MEN'S BASKETBALL
LATIF RIVERS



WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
TIFFANY DAWSON

How was your first semester?

The Class of 2015 speaks out about



Danielle Geli
Staten Island
Nursing
"It was a lot different than high school. It was exciting to be on my own and independent."

Alyssa Manfredini
Staten Island
Nursing
"Working in a nursing home (with her LC), helped me realize I want to go into nursing."

Stephanie Salinas
Long Island, N.Y.
Chemistry/Pre-med
"My classes helped me realize I wanted to do Pre-med. I'm glad we have a strong chemistry program."

Kelly Yamahiro
San Francisco, Calif.
Undeclared
"It was magnificent. I liked meeting people from all over the country."



Grace Rezendes
Pawcatuck, Conn.
Undecided
"I enjoyed my LC and the girls on my floor are really close and awesome."



Matt Kane
Montgomery County, Pa.
Undeclared
"It's definitely not high school."



Timothy Mendez
West Haverstraw, N.Y.
Biology/Pre-Vet
"I liked that the classes were small with few students. The teachers actually care about the students."



Patrick O'Connell
Fleischmanns, N.Y.
International Affairs
"I liked meeting new friends and I'm planning to go abroad next year."



Victoria Sorrells
Yorba Linda, Calif.
Sociology and Psychology
"The professors are amazing and my class got to go to the city three times a week."



Andrew Dunn
Staten Island, N.Y.
Business
"It's different than living at home. It's an adjustment period, but it's worth it. It was good to make new friends."

Anthony Canella
Howell, N.J.
Business
"It was very eye-opening to what real life is all about."