

"T'WAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS..."

The Christmas season at Wagner is again in full swing. Beginning last Friday, various organizations began their seasonal festivities. The FMRA sponsored a semi-formal Christmas dance in the dining hall, featuring the popular "Blue Beats." Holiday-clad couples danced, snacked and were visited by St. Nicholas, who bore gifts for some lucky ladies.

On Saturday and Sunday, Wagner again thrilled to the College Choir Christmas Concert. The 65-voice choir, under the direction of Dr. Sigvard J. Steen,

presented traditional and contemporary Christmas selections. Dr. Arthur O. Davidson read the Christmas Gospel, and the concert band presented several musical offerings.

Also over the weekend, most of the College's fraternities and sororities held Christmas dances and parties.

Tomorrow, the annual Weihnachts-fest will take place in Beisler Lounge, highlighted as always by Dr. Adolph J. Stern's inimitable reading of "The Night Before Christmas." Admission is \$.50.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Alpha and Omega Fellowship will be having a Christmas party in Mastick Lounge. The party will begin at 7:30, and it will feature the Pacemakers Quartette from the King's College in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Refreshments will be served, and all Wagner students are welcome to attend.

The traditional S.C.A. Candlelight Service will be held in the Chapel auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The Service will consist of scripture readings, Christmas carols, and a special Christmas message.

Pastor Heil will lead the service, but Dr. Davidson and students belonging to the clubs that comprise the S.C.A. will also participate. The service will be highlighted by a Christmas message given by Dr. Edmund A. Steimle, one of the foremost radio speakers in the U.S.

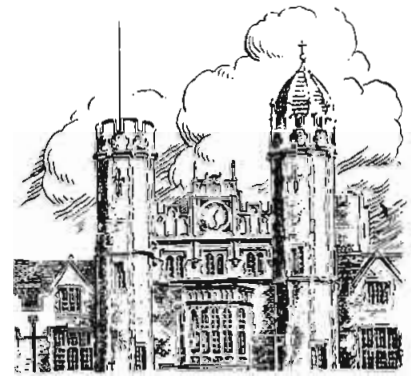
Dr. Steimle is a graduate of Princeton University, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania. He is the holder of several honorary degrees. He was the University pastor at Harvard, and professor of Homi-

letics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Currently, he is the Brown Professor of Homiletics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

After the service the annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Christmas tree by Cunard Hall. From there, various groups will leave the campus to go caroling to the homes of faculty members and nearby shut-in people. The groups will wind up the evening by going to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Davidson for refreshments and more caroling.



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JAZZ SPECIAL

"Born On This Day," a pre-taped jazz Christmas program, will be televised on Sunday, December 19 on NBC-TV (Channel 4), from 12:30 until 1:00 p.m. Most of the musicians are professional: Juanita Williams will participate in the twelve-voice choir and Joe Newman, member of the TONIGHT SHOW orchestra, will participate in the eleven-member band. A Wagner College faculty member will also take part. She is Miss Janice Kranz, instructor of ceramics and design.

The service will include traditional carols and a combination of soloists, instruments, and choir, all working in the jazz media. Original songs by Howard and Sandy McGhee will be included. The concept of a jazz service is unconventional yet it is stimulating, due partly to the talent and ability of the performers, partly to the involvement of the audience, which seeks a relationship to the music and the purpose behind it. It establishes a tie between the arts and worship and brings religion closer to the contemporary world.

This service will be repeated in an extended form on Christmas Day at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to this and other services, usually held each Sunday at five. The Reverend John Gensel ("The Jazz Pastor") is the Lutheran minister who is behind these voices. The temporary meeting place is the Biblical Seminary, 235 E. 49th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, Manhattan.

Prof Wins Sailing Medal

Wright Britton, Wagner College English professor, was recently awarded a medal by the Cruising Club of America for the year's "most meritorious amateur mariner."

The inscription on the "Blue Water - 1965 Medal", the thirty-seventh medal awarded by the C.C.A. for sea-going prowess reads: "To Wright Britton, who with his wife Patricia, cruised between June and October, 1965, from City Island N.Y. to Godthaab, Greenland, and returned in his yawl "Delight", 39 feet overall, encountering severe ice conditions en route."

The entire journey was carefully planned and well-executed. The purpose of the voyage was far more than a pleasure cruise. It was a dual reason: to discover whether two persons in a small vessel could sail across these waters in safety, and to collect plankton specimens for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Both of these goals were realized by the end of the trip, in spite of fog, cold, gales, icebergs, and generally bad weather conditions.

Mr. Britton and his wife, both experienced off-shore sailors, made this voyage despite the fact that two previous attempts to sail the same waters had ended in death and shipwreck. The couple had been preparing for this Greenland excursion for five years.



Photo by Neil Michelson

Walter Named MVP

Willy Walter climaxed his varsity soccer career at Wagner College by being selected as the most valuable player in the entire Northern Division of the Middle Atlantic Conference.

During the season Walter sparked the Green and White booters to a 5-4 ledger, scoring nine goals and contributing four assists. The senior standout played out of the center half-back slot, displaying the speed and agility which have marked his varsity stint with the Seahawk squad.

Because his playmaking abilities were needed in several positions last year, he never received enough votes at any one spot to place him on the Middle Atlantic Conference all-star team.

This year, however, coach Bill Lied kept Willy at center half-back, and the move paid big bonuses. MAC officials named the Glassy Hawk to a first-string berth on the all-North team, while tapping him as the league's MVP.

Another Wagnerite, junior Phil Erickson, received honorable mention in the voting. At center forward, he booted thirteen scores, while adding two assists.

Mr. Ward's talk was very valuable because it cleared up many questions on the situation in Viet Nam. In all of the noise and discussion on the subject of the Vietnamese war today, it is very helpful and important to know how it all started and where it seems to be going. Mr. Ward's talk was very profitable to all who attended.

STUDENTS HERE MORE CLOSED-MINDED THAN USUAL

On Sunday evening December 5, Dr. Lee A. Borsh, Associate Professor of Psychology, was the speaker at the Faculty Forum. Dr. Borsh, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and is in his fourth year at Wagner, spoke on the topic "The Wagner Student Mind: Open or Closed?"

Dr. Borsh began the evening with a quote from a group of professors at the University of California. "The very activity of education, for student and teacher alike, is the free exercise of opened minds. Whenever in pursuit of knowledge speech is guarded and minds are sealed, the educational dialogue deteriorates into monologue, arguable hypothesis harden into dogma, and the will to stimulate active inquiry yields to the demand for passive acceptance."

Background material on the study of attitudes and personality was given. Concentration was on the F scale, a measure of Implicit Antidemocratic Trends, or Potentiality for Fascism, developed by Adorno. The basic characteristics of the authoritarian personality seem to be: great concern with authority relationships with people; heavy stress on conventional behavior values, and morality, overcontrol and denial of their own "immoral" impulses and feelings, and projection of this to the out-group, and an exaggerated sense of self-righteousness; social relations are depersonalized; and rigidity of thought processes occur.

It was stressed that the authoritarian personality transcends social class, occupation and ideology and can be found in any group, club, or union, including the church and the classroom. A great deal of work has been done in the area of attitudes and personality. Many descriptive names have been placed on this type including authoritarianism, rigidity of thinking, an open or closed mind, or a measure of breadth of perspective.

The discussion then oriented itself on the Wagner campus. Research was done during the spring semester 1964 on the authoritarian personality. The F scale of Adorno and the Dogmatism scale of Rokeach were used. No differences were found between the identifiable groups in the classes' studies. The questionnaires were administered again later in the semester to the same classes. The means of both scales showed

no change between the two administrations. A statistically insignificant trend was noted on the dogmatic scale. The high scorers showed less fluctuation from the first administration to the second as compared to the low scorers. Although a small trend, Dr. Borsh stated that it indicates, "that you cannot influence the rigid student, and it is only the flexible student whom education can effect."

The results of this research were compared with data published from other schools. It appears that Wagner College ranks high in comparison; in fact the results obtained were higher than any reported data from other colleges. Data collected on a nation-wide survey of which Wagner was a part supported these findings. Wagner ranked fifth of twelve schools for authoritarianism. The first two places were occupied by schools from the deep south and the third and fourth positions by northern schools. The other two New York City colleges involved were ranked the least authoritarian.

From these results, the conclusion was drawn "on the average, Wagner College students are more closed minded, or authoritarian, or have a more limited breadth of perspective than most college students."

The causes of the authoritarian personality type were then discussed. Emphasis was placed on the home. Severe discipline coupled with insistence on obedience to the rules of the family was the major point. Although the syndrome is established in childhood, it is reinforced by many situations encountered in later life. The college campus with its excessive regulations and the inability of the faculty to accept questioning from the student is one of these situations. It was also stated that the student in many cases forces the faculty to assume the authoritative figure.

After all was stated, it was realized that one characteristic of the Wagner student-body is a "closed mind." It would seem as Dr. Borsh quoted from Dr. B. G. Gallagher of City College of New York that, "freedom to 'think otherwise' and to say so, freedom to disagree, and to defend that disagreement without hindrance, freedom to inquire and to question, and freedom to act and take the consequences of action...these are among the inescapable requirements of academic life as we know it."

I.R.C. Hears Viet Talk

By Richard O. Hill

Mr. William F. Ward, a member of the American Friends of Viet Nam, was the guest speaker at the recent meeting of the International Relations Club. Mr. Ward is a graduate of West Point and the Graduate School of Harvard University. He has been a lecturer at many universities and the Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives. He is presently a Major in the United States Air Force Reserve.

Mr. Ward presented a very interesting history of American involvement in Indo China, particularly Viet Nam. He spoke about U.S. pre-World War II involvement and the American activities in Viet Nam during the war. He said that many of

today's problems began in the years immediately following the war when the U.S. was very concerned with the economic recovery program in Western Europe. He gave a very interesting and colorful summary and the analysis of the war between the French and the Viet Minh which resulted in the eventual division of Viet Nam into North and South. He discussed the legal question with regards to the U.S. involvement in Viet Nam. Mr. Ward offered a short description of the political set-up in Viet Nam, the rise of Premier Diem, and the present-day sentiments of the people in Viet Nam. He concluded his talk by giving his opinion on what strategy the U.S. should use in the Vietnamese war.

From The Editor's Desk

A PLACE TO STUDY

As the dining Hall situation rapidly improves thanks to the Board of Dining Activities and the cooperation of the Servomation Mathias Company, the finger of student censure turns to the Library for suggested improvement (see letters at right).

We are aware that the library is or could be an excellent place to study. Yet there are too many little irritations as mentioned by Mr. Stephen Robinson regarding the dimming lights or the constantly-in-repair phonograph decks; or the Tuesday - Thursday Chapel hour period which seems to be open invitation for everyone to come in and talk with his friends (out loud, of course), much to the distraction of those students who are there to study; or the librarians who make no attempt to be quiet themselves.

Once again we approach finals week and, as always, the question of extended library hours is revived. Why not open the library until midnight? Why not all day Saturday, and Sunday evenings? And, just as regularly, the question is proposed at College Council and Dean Stern answers, "I'll try to do what the students want - if you want the library open 24 hours, why not?"

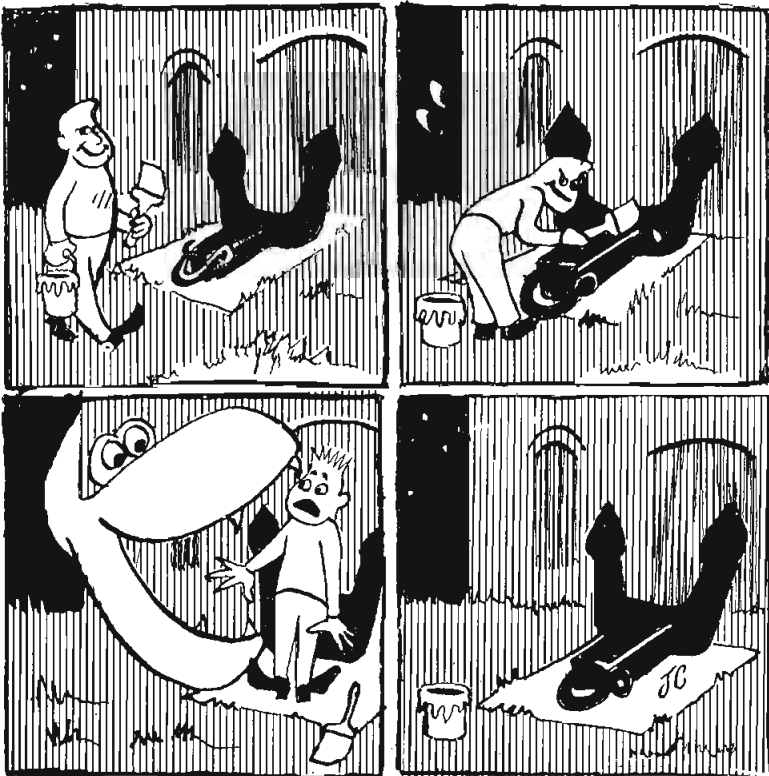
And then the issue dies.

Let's see if we can raise it early this year, and settle it satisfactorily before the year is up. What are we asking for? To keep the library open every night of the week until midnight? This would add about 22 hours to the librarians' work load. We feel that it is quite possible to run the library on a skeleton crew during the evening hours - it is usually done at any rate, and is quite successful.

Since the dormitories are becoming more and more increasingly used for social functions, the quiet solace of one's room is no longer a reality. The library could provide quiet atmosphere, safely distant from the twang of electric guitars and the aroma of coffee.

Last year a survey was made to determine the advantages of extending the library hours. It was concluded that it would not be worthwhile. The sampling was done in about four supposedly "representative classes," and the results, weighted almost evenly, were labelled "inconclusive."

We suggest a more valid approach: Open the library for a period of a month, and see how many students avail themselves of the opportunity. We would like to see more direct action (as utilized by the Board of Dining Activities) in other fields. Might this not be a good second move?



ὁὐδὲν ἰς ἑωφείας φησὶν ὁ ἀποστόλος

NO PHILOSOPHER
PHILOSOPHIZES

By Jerry Alex Vassilatos

Most people stick themselves with one religion or another; and thus have solved their problem as to whether God protects them or not. Also, there is a small percentage that are placed under "no religion."

I am sure indeed, that even these people do "believe" but their beliefs may be so vague that they can no more express what they believe. Most of these people say "Well yes there is something." If they were asked if they could identify that with "God" they would say "No", that's different."

These kind of people dislike the church's ceremonies and the church's so definitely known theories. Protestantism, as the name calls it, is one of those branches that have tried to elaborate yet simplify the so-personalificated environment of Christianity.

Some other people have tried - since they said that they had realized that Christianity and the present religion in general hypnotize the masses - to find no "God" but something new, "perfect."

Different people may believe different things, and therefore, may lead their lives accordingly.

Indeed, I have long searched this matter; and I have found that religion is a good helper, or rather an excellent helper for the people who had no opportunity to search through education.

I believe that religion is an obstacle for a person with a higher education while it is an excellent help for the common person.

It is an excellent mean for the common person because it gives him hope and hope brings joy to him. On the other hand, it is an obstacle for a person who searches further. It is a certain that unfortunately one has to tear out and look into deepness. I say unfortunately, because his conscience that has left the track he was placed on (may disturb him). Still, if he is able to see through the curtain, he may, as they have said, be found in a different world where the word "God" is not present but it is the all-surrounding present, all cosmos present and he is part of it. He may then feel satisfied

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Some colleges keep their libraries open all night; so why couldn't Wagner keep its library open until 12:00. On Sunday nights it is often difficult for students to study in the dorms.

I shouldn't forget to mention exam week. This is one time when the library is packed and when there seems to be a lack of time and an excess of tension.

Students often are unable to leave the library because of closed reserve books that can not be taken out.

Last year efforts were made by various students to extend the open hours of the library. If the administration complains about money one might suggest a library fee of \$1.00 or a small increase if there already is one. Any surplus could be used to buy more books. This fee would not ruin anyone.

If this school wants its students to learn, one way to encourage learning would be to keep the library open until midnight. I would like this advantage and I am positive I would not be the only one to do so.

Yours truly,
Fred "Fig" Newton

Dear Editor:

I am sitting in my shadow in our new library; every week my shadow gets darker. I wondered a few moments ago what must be done to have 18 ceiling spot lights, 30 upper deck fluorescent, 8 lower deck spot light, and 12 lower deck fluorescent bulbs replaced. The rational, clear thinking, Wagnerite that I am, I decided to mention this impending darkness to the librarian.

The librarian is a pleasant woman by nature and she pleasantly informed me she was aware of the loss of light. She told me; however, that a bulb changer with a ladder cannot be found on our hill top campus.

I hope that the study hours for my courses gets shorter or the days get longer. I sure as hell can't read in the dark.

"Wagnerite being kept-in-the-dark".
Stephen Robinson

Dear Editor,

Just a postscript to the letter which appeared in the December 6 WAGNERIAN: Certainly it is part of the upward trend in awareness and participation on this campus that students should be looking for and finding the positive aspects of life at Wagner. That's a refreshing change from the usual grumbling and Friday afternoon trek toward the north gate. A very hearty thank you to Vivian Hodson and Frances Valenti for their active and spoken interest in Wagner life.

Very sincerely yours,
Phyllis McClelland

Dear Editor:

Letters play a very important part in many departments of life. A great amount of good can be generated by an inspiring letter to a friend or a relative or a newspaper. Many should write who do not.

There is food for minds
By just adding two lines
As keys do open chests
So letters open breasts.

Military leaders stress the im-

asking no more, searching no longer, for the place in his mind previously ready to receive has been all-filled, and therefore no anxiety or anything longer may be reflected upon it. Of course, we may say that the curtain he tore once may make him discover a so-true world he may feel lonely, for he is among the few that have realized and travelled in the path of the mind that most have not.

Indeed, I think that an extensive ownership of what you are educated with will lead you in a satisfactory way of leading your life. May "God", "perfect", "all-surrounding" help you - in so doing.

Next: Do you think in black and white or in color?

portance of sending letters to members of the armed forces as morale builders. Humanitarian workers recognize the value of letters both to the writer as well as the receiver. To those who may not have tasted the joy and inspiration of this activity, I dedicate this communication.

Like many others, I had no special liking or desire for many years to write letters. About ten years ago, a Christian worker in the prisons described a simple experience which I shall never forget. Since, then I have found it much easier to get started on a letter as I have made it a rule to always mentally declare that I am writing a "love letter," no matter to whom it may be addressed.

A certain Christian religious worker was making his rounds in the prison when he came across a young prisoner who was busy writing a letter. Knowing the importance of quickly arousing the prisoner's interest, and feeling a great sense of love for the Christ message which he was spreading, the worker was inspired to open his remarks by addressing the prisoner as follows: "Oh, I see that you are writing a love letter."

The prisoner looked up very much surprised and said, "How can I be writing a love letter when I haven't even got a sweetheart?"

The worker then replied, "Do you mind telling me whom you are writing to?"

The prisoner replied, "My mother."

With great feeling in his voice the worker replied, "Well, I am sure you love your mother and that she loves you even now when you are in prison and that she will do everything she can so as to help you; she will love to hear from you." (This heart warming experience will never be forgotten by the writer who gratefully remembers the loving and most unselfish deeds of his own spiritually-minded mother.)

Perceiving a receptive attitude on the prisoner's part, it was now a simple matter for the worker to relate appropriate Bible stories illustrative of God's love for man.

This ends the experience, but who can predict how far reaching it will be?

If God is love and love is the greatest thing in the world and we recognize the value of putting love into everything we do, then we should not hesitate to make every letter a channel for love.

Yes, you have guessed it. This is a "love letter" to the entire Wagner community but especially

to the readers and staff of the WAGNERIAN.

I sincerely trust that some of your readers will find it easier to get started on a letter to a friend or a relative or members of the armed forces, especially those who are far away.

Gratefully yours,
Clifford R. Johnson
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

It constitutes neither an endorsement nor a criticism of our government's policy in Viet Nam to point out that many of our servicemen there need morale - boosting. Some students at Wagner have already joined me in baking cookies and cakes, which local American Legion posts forward by overseas mail. It occurs to me that many of us, while at home for the Christmas holidays, will be baking (and partaking of) Christmas cookies, fruit cakes, etc. Certainly some of our students could bring back packages after vacation to be sent to our G.I.'s. The type baked should stay tasty and intact for at least a month, and be packed in airtight containers. (Notes or letters can be included.)

Packages should be wrapped in brown paper, tied and labelled, and weigh no more than five pounds. They can be delivered to the Chaplain's office or home and will be forwarded.

One student, Paul Britton, also mentioned that his brother, stationed in Viet Nam, says many of the men in his air-cavalry unit are eager to correspond with people from home. If interested students will contact Pastor Heil or me, we will see that names and addresses are sent.

Another student, Van Bucher, who has spent time in Viet Nam, tells me there is a desperate need among displaced and often orphaned Vietnamese children, for clothing, toys, soap, etc. Again, we will see that such gifts are forwarded. All items can be left at the Chaplain's office or home.

At a time of year when we will be recalling God's greatest gift to us, and luxuriating in affluence among our families, it seems to me we should also remember those who are caught up in the shackles of a tragic war, far from home, and do what we can - mundane though it may seem - for them. Human need transcends political imperponderables.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Heil

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THEATER SPOTLIGHT
By Arno Minkinen

By presenting Eugene O'Neill's tragic, autobiographical, Pulitzer Prize winning "Long Day's Journey Into Night," great efforts must have been expended by the Varsity Players. Their one-hundredth performance was one of their most surpassing attempts at drama-on-stage.

In "Long Day's Journey," O'Neill endeavors to handle the frustrations of his own family, bringing out every hate, guilt and jealousy in that long, tormenting day, until nothing is left but bared souls facing the impossible. Mary (Mara Ragone) is the dope fiend mother who despised the life of "ugly hotel rooms" and "cheap quacks" of doctors that she was led through by her miserly husband, Tyrone (Aldis Gailitis). Mr. Gailitis was convincing as the one-time Booth-admired actor but lost character as the play progressed. Jamie (John Arico) has been able to convince his younger brother, Edmund (Virgilius Bagdonas), that morose and self-destructive tendencies in life are romantically sophisticated. Edmund, as young O'Neill, suffers from consumption and scorns his father as he tears at him, "I won't go to any damned state farm just to save you a few lousy dollars to buy more bum property with! You stinking old miser...!"

"Long Day's Journey" was meant to be a journey. This is probably why the last scenes seemed so boring. The excessively accelerated emotion in the morning, especially prodded on by Mr. Bagdonas' somewhat impetuous acting, prevented the night from reaching its tragic conclusions adequately. Edmund also seemed too immature to harbor such profound poetic thoughts as he expressed to his father. His consumption was forgotten until a line called for it and he coughed on cue. Miss Ragone handled her role excellently and often one felt she really did escape to the spare room for another dose. Mr. Gailitis was admirably portrayed, but lost character in some instances and remained unaffected in spite of all the agonizing revelations he had to cope with. The greatest hand is due to Mr. Arico's superb and often brilliant handling of the older brother's role. His sharp, clearly biting diction and natural movements on stage held the audience captive throughout. The drunk scene with Edmund, evidenced that a fine new talent has been found for the Wagner stage. Miss Heist as the maid, Cathleen, was stiff as a board. From the continual outbursts of laughter near the end of the play, either the cast failed to convince their audience or more probably, the audience wasn't quite ready for anything quite like O'Neill.

John Hruby, who directed Long Day's Journey Into Night, was presented with a plaque in commemoration of his tenth year in drama work on the Wagner College stage.

Dr. Hruby has, in addition to directing the majority of the Varsity Player productions, has been the drama group's advisor since 1955.

EXHIBITION

Mr. William Eggleston from Memphis, Tennessee, who is presently teaching photography for the Art Department, has a one-man show of his photographs (50 photographs) on the second floor of the library.

A JOYOUS SEASON TO ALL

THE WAGNERIAN STAFF

NEWS SHORTS

"Scholarship for Service" will be the topic of Dr. T.K. Thompson's address at the January 4 chapel service. Tapping of new members to Omicron Delta Kappa, Men's Honorary Leadership Fraternity will take place at this time. Plan to attend.

Deutscher Verein will sponsor the annual Weihnachts fest on Tuesday, December 14, at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$.50. Everyone is welcome and cordially invited to attend.

L'Institut Francais will celebrate the traditional feast of the Epiphany with a party in the Mastick Lounge the sixth of January at 4 p.m. Everybody who speaks French is invited to join the festivity.

The Wagnerian needs typists to work on Monday and Friday mornings and afternoons until 3 p.m. No superior competence required. Contact Jane Hald, C 408.

The Panhellenic Council has announced that Linda Frazee, sister of Delta Zeta, has been nominated for both the Woodrow Wilson and the Danforth Fellowships.

On Jan. 6, 1966 the Tuesday morning chapel service will include a Communion service for the Feast of the Epiphany. Although the service will be a Lutheran one, Pastor Hell hopes that many students will plan to attend, if not to participate simply to see how the Communion service is offered.

Inorganic Text To Be Published

By Arna Kaada

A number of different publishing firms have expressed interest in a book which Dr. Anthony Vassiliades is in the process of writing.

Dr. Vassiliades is a professor of physical chemistry here at Wagner. His specific field is that of colloid chemistry, which deals with the large chain molecules from which items such as plastics and soaps are produced.

He is familiar with the Wagner surroundings, since he did his undergraduate at Wagner. He received his M.A. from Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

The major object of his book is its use in the inorganic chemistry (Chem 5 and 6) courses and those of a similar nature. Dr. Vassiliades is extremely interested in chem 5 and 6 because he believes that although it is a "semi-advanced" course, it is taken largely by freshmen chemistry majors, and it forms the basis of knowledge of chemistry.

In his investigation of the different text books for this course, he heard many complaints about them. They seemed to be either too difficult, too easy and unchallenging, or their language was difficult to comprehend. Unfortunately, what seemed to be the most troublesome was the extreme amount of mathematical equations used. He felt that many freshmen are not greatly familiar with mathematics. When using these books, students can easily panic and form a mental block towards chemistry.

He then decided that instead of using any of the books already written he would base his course on his own lecture notes. Through these notes he wanted to present advanced ideas and concepts so that the student could absorb without getting lost in the complexity of the mathematics. He wished to present a course with a minimum of mathematics but on a high and challenging level directed to the bulk of the class. At first he had no intention of writing a book for publication. He set out to write the lecture notes along with the progress of the class, presenting the material in a logical sequence. He felt that, through presenting the material in this logical order, the student would not have to concentrate a

great deal on rote memorization. Instead, he can understand the material to a much greater degree, and consequently he will retain much more.

A number of people and also a number of publishing firms became interested in these lecture notes, so much so that they would like him to compile them into a book for publication. It will be his first book. He is also publishing the laboratory manual used in the same course. It is a joint effort between Dr. Vassiliades and Dr. Spiro Loucas, formerly of Wagner, now with Columbia University. This manual is written with the intention of giving the student a challenge, but it is also directed to the bulk of the class. He feels that the student must not only be able to write a good chemical analysis in his laboratory report, but also be able to express himself in clear intelligent English.

Dr. Vassiliades also teaches advanced courses in physical chemistry. He finds it much more rewarding however, to work with the introductory courses.

A number of other interests are enjoyed by Dr. Vassiliades. Last year he presented a paper at the Fourteenth International Symposium in Brussels. He also does consulting work for certain chemical companies within the field of colloid chemistry. He has filed four patents as a result of research in the same field.

Even with these interests, Dr. Vassiliades main interest is teaching students how to understand, comprehend, and enjoy chemistry. He feels that his book should be a major contribution to helping students who are just beginning to study chemistry.

IN THE CITY

By Daniel Remine

William Alfred has written a consistently interesting and often engrossing play called "Hogan's Goat" now at the American Place Theater.

The setting is Brooklyn in the 1890's and everyone around is obviously Irish. Politics in its roughest forms is the subject and the main point of the play seems to be that the lust for power is just as destructive as power itself.

Matthew Stanton, the play's less than perfect hero, heads a "reform ticket" with designs towards the ouster of Edward Quinn, mayor of Brooklyn and political boss par excellant. Another source of conflict between the two is that they have shared a mistress, Aggie Hogan, and blame one another for her death.

Stanton's chances look good for he has proof that Quinn has embezzled fifteen thousand dollars. (Quinn coolly informs him the amount was twenty thousand.) and threatens to expose him unless he withdraws from the race. The only darkness on Stanton's horizon is a civil marriage without church sanction. This gives his wife Kathleen much worry and he promises to remedy it right after the election.

The scenes are tight and separate but join in a gradual movement towards Stanton's destruction. One might question the dialogue as being overly expansive but since these are Irish characters, the fault is minor if not non-existent.

Ralph Walte will pass as Matthew Stanton as will Fay Dunaway as his wife. The blunt and knowing parish priest, Father Coyne (Barnard Hughes) is excellent and possibly even better is Tom Ahearne as mayor Edward Quinn. We might also mention Tresa Hughes who plays Aggie Hogan's vindictive sister.

All in all, Hogan's Goat has power balanced by more than a little feeling. It is one of the best plays of the season.

Willowbrook Chaplain to Speak

Senator Robert F. Kennedy recently made headlines while on a tour of Staten Island by criticizing in harsh terms the conditions prevailing at Willowbrook Hospital for the Mentally Retarded. As a result of his criticism, investigations have been initiated, more funds from Albany sought, and the needs of the human beings in that institution brought forcefully into the public eye.

Daniel Ramm, president of the Student Christian Association, has announced that a meeting will be held on January 9 at 8 p.m. at which the Rev. Arnold E. Ostlund, Lutheran Chaplain at Willowbrook, will describe the conditions and needs that prevail there, and at which he will also detail ways in which Wagner students, faculty and staff, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to this meeting for an eye-opening probe into the problems of mental retardation and geriatrics as they exist in our "own back-yard."

'THE KNACK'

Off-Broadway's longest-running non-musical, the comedy hit, "The Knack," which N.Y. Times drama critic Howard Taubman described as "one of the funniest evenings in town," has scheduled extra performances during the Christmas holiday vacations, and those seeking a theatre evening of ideal fun, should plan ahead. Seats may be ordered by mail, or at the box-office of the New Theatre, 154 E. 54th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022, PLaza 2-0440.

Mike Nichols, who directed Broadway's hit comedies, "The Odd Couple," "Luv" and "Barefoot in the Park," and who is now directing Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" before the Hollywood cameras, directed Ann Jellicoe's British comedy. It details a merry chase by three young London bachelors of a country lass (Carol Booth) new to town. One of the lads (Paul Savor) has the knack to interest her, another (Frederick Combs) hasn't the knack - but wishes he had, and the third (Gerome Ragni) acts as "referee" of the contest.

The Establishment Theatre Company production has played some 650 performances since it was launched - on a wave of laughter - in May, 1964.

The holiday performance schedule is: Dec. 24 & 25 - 7 & 10 pm; Dec. 26 - 3 & 8:40 pm; Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, - 8:40; Jan. 1 - 7 & 10 pm; Jan. 2 - 3 & 8:40 pm.

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Intra-murals

By Brian Morris

The newspapers showed only twenty-two shopping days left till Christmas on November 30, but for the Alpha football team, Christmas came very early. The G.D.I.'s opened the grab-bag and Tony Vitadomo's Alpha team dipped in for three touchdowns in the first half, alone.

Bob Joseph and the G.D.I.'s elected to receive the opening kick-off of the first semi-final game, but promptly fumbled the ball. Alpha recovered and two plays later Harry Nelson stood in the end zone with Alpha's first touchdown.

The G.D.I.'s took another stab at a kick-off return. Determined not to fumble again, they let the ball roll until Alpha's Freddie Gold pounced on the free ball. This time Nelson took the air and found Rotelli for the second score.

Joseph could not muster a sustained drive for the G.D.I.'s. The bitterly cold wind had made the hands of Bill Chapman and the other G.D.I. men totally ineffective.

Phil Volz recovered another of the "Santas" fumbles late in the first half, and the Nelson-Rotelli combination put across another 6 points.

The second half was relatively uneventful, although the G.D.I. secondary managed to stall all of Alpha's drives. However, with 30 seconds left to play, Steve Geislar intercepted his third pass of the day. Nelson took it from there and pitched to Terry Price for the fourth tally.

If anyone ever tells you, "Christmas comes but once a year," don't pay any attention! On December 2, Brian Morris and his six Kappa reindeer stuffed the stockings of the Delta Nu football team.

Jack Ryan, Delta signal-caller, completed no more than three passes against the Kappa secondary. A big hearted and erratic-armed Knights' quarterback decided to help him out and completed two passes to Steve Zuntag picked the ball off and was tagged inches short of the goal. Three plays later, Ryan skirted the left end for the score.

For the remainder of the first half Kappa kept up a continuous threat but could never make it pay off. The half ended at a tight 6-0 score in favor of Delta.

In the closing half, Delta broke the game open with a bomb, Ryan to Zuntag, and with Zuntag's second interception. Delta maintained the 18-0 lead for the remainder of the period.

Kappa threatened again to put a token score in the books with passes to the "Bobs" -- Osborn and Patrick. But the final drive was stalled as the clock ran out.

So "Santa" jumped in his sleigh, yelled to his reindeer and went away to plan for next year.

The Winter Carnival will take place January 23-25 at the Concord Hotel. Reservations can be placed in Room 614, Tower "D" for girls or in Room 219, Freshman Men's Residence on or before December 14. A \$10.00 deposit is required.

The Panhellenic council has announced that as a result of the 1965 Fall Rush, the four sororities have received 13 students into pledgeship.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Steinnour will hold Christmas open house in their apartment on Tuesday, December 14. The invitation is extended to residents of Freshman Hall Parker Hall. FH men are invited to stop in between 7 and 9 p.m., and PH men from 9:30 until 11 p.m.

FDU RIPS HAWKS IN OPENER

A devastating fast break spelled the difference on Wednesday, Dec. 1, as the Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson University outran the hosting Hawks 77-60, in the Green and White's season debut.

The visiting Knights took advantage of sloppy Seahawk ball-handling in chalking up the un-spectacular win. Few FDU baskets were scored from outside, most of the attack being centered around 5-9 senior Danny Rosen and his driving lay-up.

Early in the game coach Sellitto's charges commanded a fine fast break of their own, setting up Arnold Obey and co-captain Rich Hunsicker for the easy buckets. With the Hawks mentor employing a heavy substitution plan, the Wagnerites traded baskets with the FDU cagers for most of the first half.

With 2:50 left in the half, Obey threw in two successive field goals, to give the Hawks their last lead of the game, 29-28. A few steals and a tap-in later, the Knights left for the half-time intermission with a 38-33 edge.

Obey, whose all-around ability was a joy to observe during the entire game, opened the second half with a pair of jumpers, closing the gap 38-37.

At this point, however, the over-anxious Wagner five started throwing the ball away with amazing ease, and the visiting Jerseyites roared to a commanding 48-38 lead with 13:50 remaining.

Dick Fiege, the Hawk center, put on a one-man offensive and defensive show early in the fourth quarter, pulling the shaky Green and White crew within six, 55-49, via a quick seven points and pair of blocked shots.

With 8:49 left in the game the 6-5 junior fouled out, and the game was all over. The versatile Obey, a mere six-footer, assumed the rebounding chores from then on, but could not best the opposing giants.

At the 4:42 mark FDU was on the front end of a 70-58 bulge. Wagner kept throwing the ball away through poor passing, and the Knights continued to rip the defense with its blistering fast-break.



Photo by Neil Michelson

High scores for Wagner were Dick Fiege with 21 and Arnold Obey with 10.

A 32-point flourish by 6-4 Albie Grant, coupled with Larry Newbold's 23-point contribution, gave the Seahawks their second home loss within four days, as the Blackbirds of L.I.U. soared to an 85-67 triumph.

The defeat, however, was somewhat of a face-saver for the Green White cagers, who played heads-up basketball before dropping the decision to the defending Tri-State champions.

Junior Dick Fiege and sophomore Arnold Obey kept the Hawks in the game during the opening minutes. Fiege, the 6-5 center, broke up the Blackbird defense with twisting drives, while Obey's dribbling magic made a complete shambles of the visitors' would-be press.

After seven minutes of play the Blackbirds jumped to a 17-9 lead. Four quick points by sophomore Russ Selger, and two by Obey, pulled the Wagnerites within a single basket, 18-16, after an L.I.U. free toss.

The home crew commanded the action for a few minutes, as Fiege, Ray Burgos, and Ron Thomas swept the boards clean. At the 10:30 mark Fiege scored on one of his smooth quickies underneath and completed a three-point play, evening the game at 19-19.

Both teams traded buckets at an even pace until, with 6:27 remaining, the Hawk center picked up his third personal foul. With Fiege sidelined the Birds rolled to a 44-34 advantage at half time.

In the second half Grant made his presence felt even more acutely than before, pouring in soft one-handers from around the keyhole. The Hawk defense couldn't handle the big senior who, if he wasn't gunning, was passing off to a red-hot Larry Newbold.

By the start of the third quarter it was fully obvious that the L.I.U. five couldn't be bested. But in the waning moments of the game 6-4 Russ Selger forced the crowd to the edge of its seats.

For almost the entire fourth quarter the lanky soph was the best big man on the floor, pumping in jumpers from the corner and the top of the key. With Fiege out on fouls, Selger picked up the rebounding slack as well, and, in short, ended the night on an optimistic note.

Grant and Newbold were high scorers in the game, followed by Selger with 20.

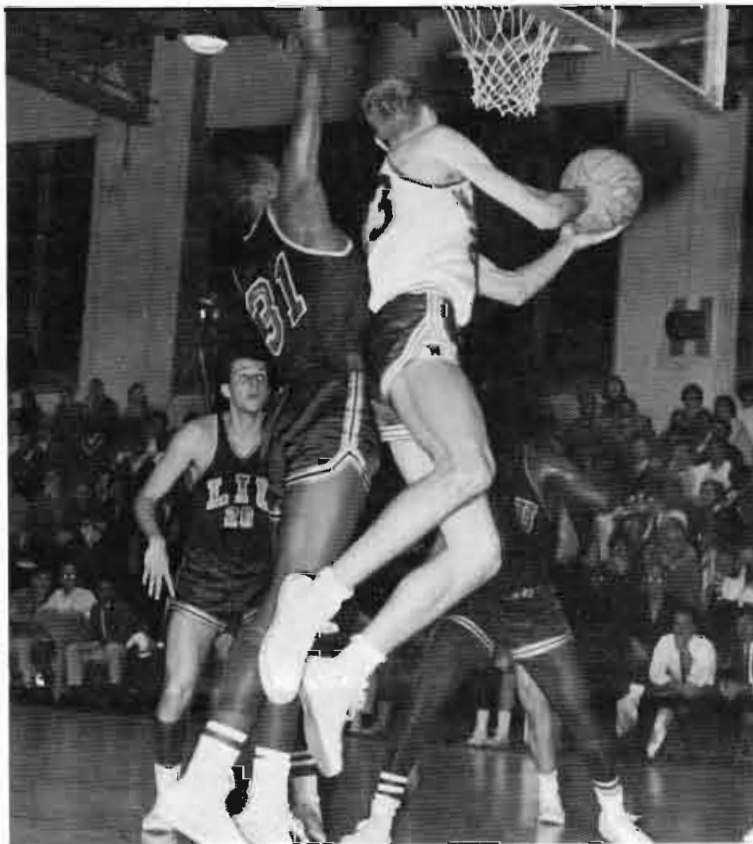


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