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Expression or Suppression

It was with an air of understanding and optimism that over seventy members of the Wagner College community gathered in Mastick lounge last Sunday as active participants in the Wagner College Forum for Individual Freedoms panel discussion on the question "Are college channels open for student expression?"

The five panelists were led in discussion by Velvet Miller, general chairman of WCFIF.

Lee Schrader in his opening statement suggested a dialogue in which all parties participate with the goal of advancement as opposed to a negotiation in which all parties meet in an atmosphere of distrust due to their own individual prejudices.

William Durand outlined the problem as being a student reluctance to use channels because of their inefficiency, as well as an administrative reluctance to accept and implement any student expression. He stressed the need for "A balance between unity and efficiency without autocracy."

Dean Babb's view was that there must be a recognition of what is possible and what is impossible in our situation. We must realize that solutions to some problems take time.

Judy Nelson stated that channels are open for expression, but that we do not always use them effectively. She emphasized the importance of finding the facts and dealing with them fairly.

Dr. Wendel suggested that many of the chronic complaints voiced by the students in College Council were minor criticisms, possibly indicative of a more serious concern.

Two questions were then asked: Is it really safe to express our opinions? And more important, how can a meaningful dialogue be appropriately encouraged? The general reaction to these questions by the panelists was that the student's greatest threat to free expression was other students themselves by their willingness to become involved. At the same time, the necessary dialogue can be effected only by involvement of the students as a voice in policy decisions concerning them (curriculum, visiting hours, etc.) and by the faculty and administration through non-academic interest in college life.

The following thought-provoking questions were raised by the audience. Is Wagner here to teach me or should I do what I can for the College? Is it the or the administration's duty to student's hold to seek the facts provide them? Is Wagner growing and changing or merely growing? Does the fact that we do not see rapid change mean that we are not heard?

A gratifying number of positive suggestions were also voiced. Dr. John R. Bacher: "Students should keep agitating for more of a chance to be heard." But at the same time, faculty and administration might be more apt to receive comments if students agitated more modestly and discreetly.

Peter Schlagel: There is a need for shared responsibility between students and administrators. Students are more apt to accept rules given with reason. Mr. Robert Barth: The administration is expected to feel the way students do, but students must also put themselves in the administration's place to develop a mutual understanding. Dean Frederick Kilander: Get complaints in writing - they will be less apt to be lost in channels.

Dean Miriam Schneider: Communication takes one who says and one who listens. Clarification of a problem is also necessary: "the traffic situation" or "the administration" are terms too broad and general. Dean Walter Babb: Students are told why things are done through their student leaders. The line of communication may be broken by their failure to transmit information to the general student body. Mr. Clifford Johnson: A representative government must act through its representatives. Verbal or written expressions of many people are the means of making laws more effective, or changing them completely.

Several definite suggestions were offered: That newspaper deadlines be sent to every campus organization so that they may use this means of communication. That there be a mandatory convocation called to define college purposes, means of communications, etc. That off-hill students be reached more effectively through an addressograph system. That more panels of this nature be set up for future dialogue.

In summation, Velvet Miller suggested that the problem of communications would be solved by mutual understanding springing from shared responsibility, by both the student body and the administration.

NOTICE

The Board of Dining Activities announced that beginning Monday, March 22, the week-day breakfast period will be extended until 8:30 a.m.

College Sponsors Debate Tournament

On Saturday, March 20, eighty-eight debaters representing twenty-two schools from all five boroughs, Long Island, and near by New Jersey will converge on the Wagner campus to attend our first annual High School Debate Tournament.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Admissions Office and the Speech Department, and run by the Wagner College Debate Society under the direction of Charles Breiner. Mr. Breiner is being assisted by other members of the Society and by Mrs. Martha Kessler and Mr. Dennis MacDonald of the Speech Department.

This is probably the biggest single event ever held for high school students here at Wagner. Many more schools than we

OUR S. A. NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the S. A. constitution, a nominating committee prepared the following slate of S. A. officers for 1965-66.

PRESIDENT: Naomi Kle, Charles Walz

VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard Herberger, Judith Larsen, Paul Sandberg

SECRETARY: Connie Burr, Ethel Gordon, Velvet Miller

TREASURER: Susan Collins, James Landry, Russ Johnson
OFF-HILL COUNCILMAN: Ruth Kolbjornsen, Mary McAuliff, Hilvie Zuntag

Any other student wishing to run has the right to petition. The minimum required number of signatures on a petition has been set at 100 students. A student is allowed to sign one and only one petition for each office.

To be eligible for the offices of President and Vice-President, a student must be at this time a second-semester junior; for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, a second-semester sophomore; and for On-Hill and Off-Hill Councilmen, a second-semester freshman.

The petition forms may be secured from the main desk in the Towers Complex. The petitions must be returned to Chet Brodnicki, 401 Tower B, before Thursday, April 1, 1965. Once all petitions have been received, all candidates will be notified of proposed plans for the campaign.

S. A. COOPERATION

An officer of the Student Association told the Wagnerian this week that he preferred not to place an announcement of the S. A. nominations in the Wagnerian. The S. A. should be reminded that mere talk of improving campus communications, without SINCERE support is meaningless.

have room to accommodate wished to attend. One of the high schools will be St. Brendan's (Brooklyn), the 1964 national Catholic High School Debate Champions. Stuyvesant and New Dorp, the only public schools in New York City having debate teams, will also attend.

The national high school topic for this year is: "Resolved: That nuclear weapons should be controlled by an international organization." Orthodox high school debating involves two men on each team, the affirmative and the negative, who each give ten-minute constructive and five minute rebuttal speeches.

Debaters are judged on analysis,

FAITH AND LIFE WEEK

Dr. Willy Ley

by Pauline Clarke

On March 8, Dr. Willy Ley began this year's Faith and Life Week with a speech entitled "The Development of Astronomy." He spoke on the history of astronomical science from the time of Aristotle to the 1970's, after which we are supposed to learn more than we have in the past 2000 years. In covering this period of time Dr. Ley brought in such interesting facts as: Columbus and the men of his time knew the world was round and their conflict was not over shape, but size. The development of instruments — the telescope, the astronomical camera and the spectroscope — played an important role in the expansion of knowledge. Kepler, Galileo, Herschel, and Gauss provided keys to unlock parts of the mystery of the universe. In summing up his talk, Dr. Ley discussed the projects which this country hopes to complete in the near future — an orbiting astronomical station, a soft robot rocket landing for close-up pictures and finally a moon expedition. By 1970 the government plans to have a manned moon landing and by 1980—?

Dr. Paul Lehman

By Margaret MacLachlan

On Tuesday, March 9, Dr. Paul Lehmann presented a lecture based on a quotation from Pascal: "Jesus Christ is the center towards which all things tend; whoever knows Him knows the reason for everything."

Dr. Lehmann pointed out that man's main problem is self-identity. Man wants to find himself, yet is afraid of what he might find. Christ puts a center to man's quest for meaning and direction. The end of God and the end of man are inseparable. Theology must take a positive approach, as science does, and have its own reasons for what it says. "Science alone is unable to keep the unity of the two truths."

Dr. Kent Knutson

By Veronica Cattani

At 1 P.M. on Wed., March 10, Dr. Kent Knutson, Professor of Systematic Theology and Direc-

tor of Graduate Studies at Luther Theological Seminary, spoke on: "Can Christianity be Investigated?"

Dr. Knutson feels that, in the past, Christianity has relied on faith and has never faced the real task of being investigated. Christianity can be investigated because there is enough historic evidence to allow an investigation. Since many people do not rely on faith alone, this is important. The Incarnation can be investigated because of historic fact; the Resurrection cannot, because the subject of investigation has been taken away.

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Evaluation

by Katy Perry

On Thursday, a very provocative panel evaluation of Faith and Life Week as a whole was presented by Professor Gardner, Miss Gail Greet, and Professor Schultz, with Professor William Wiley as moderator.

First to speak was Miss Greet, who was pleased to see that the coffee hour played such a central part in the discussions. She felt Dr. Lehmann's forum was the "best," but that he was limited by the nature of our understanding and ability to ask appropriate questions. She suggested that a committee be formed for the purpose of reading the speaker's works to be able to ask more relevant questions. Miss Greet also suggested more intense faculty participation throughout the week. She felt no one really knew how to react to the play.

Professor Gardner expressed first his disappointment in the publicity of Faith and Life Week. Next he brought up the idea that the theme was so complicated that comparisons were either ignored or were forced. Dr. Ley saw no conflict; Dr. Lehmann went over the heads of many; and Dr. Knutson, he said, did not seem really impressed with the seriousness of the conflict. To narrow the topic, he suggested that stress be put on what should be discussed in a week where this topic is the emphasis.

Dr. Schultz felt that we should not limit our speakers to outsiders, or else the speaker should be given a topic and submit an outline of his talk beforehand. Perhaps he should be given the ideas of the other speakers so as to complement the other talks. He felt that, due to the breadth of the topic, a real meeting of the minds was missed; we never got down to specifics.

There was disappointment that the students did not talk more about the forums and the ideas presented or raise new questions themselves. The conflict was never really grasped.

What impact would the week have provided had the title been, not "Science and Religion — Two Truths in One?", but "Science and Religion — Two Truths or One?"

From The Editor's Desk

The Yellow Jacket, American International College, Springfield, Mass., announced recently:

This newspaper has adopted a new policy as regards "The Greek Forum." Beginning with this issue, there will no longer be such a forum.

Judging from the complaints we have already received, we expect that there will be some tears. We truly sympathize. But, as anyone who is a fan of the column will clearly recognize, the Greeks really have nothing to say—and this is a weekly occurrence.

The fraternity and sorority articles, in our opinion, are repetitious and, in many cases, sound as if they are written only because they HAVE to be written.

News of any import in regard to individual fraternities and sororities is reported anyway by the Yellow Jacket. Therefore, we see no reason to devote 2½ columns of space a week to idle banter.

Our action was not motivated by any desire to harm the Greeks, or to impede any of their methods of campus communication. Rather, we are continually striving to improve the Yellow Jacket and its content.

The above statement is indicative of some student attitudes here and at other colleges. Would anyone like to comment?

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To the Editor:

Last Sunday, March 14, I attended the WCFIF Forum, and I saw demonstrated to me an attitude of one of the school's administrators that I had heard much about, but which I had never had the chance to observe. I am referring to Dean Hruby's antagonistically defensive attitude toward any criticism of his policies. He verbally attacked two students who stood up to speak in an atmosphere of moderation that was soon broken by Dean Hruby's outbursts.

Dean Hruby made two interesting points in his speech from the floor: 1) he does not make the rules, he only reports them, and 2) students should have any complaints backed up with concrete facts. But these two vital points were definitely overshadowed by the contentious attitude that Dean Hruby used in expressing them.

Dean Hruby probably has one of the most difficult and thankless positions at Wagner. He is the focal point and scapegoat of all student and most administrative body. If the psychological strains of his position affect his personal relationships with the students, I suggest that he either re-evaluate his attitude toward the students, or step down from his post as Dean of Students.

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ON THE PORT by Van Bucher

Ultra-liberals and ultra-conservatives alike have frequently been clamoring for the U. S. to get out of Viet Nam. Although the motives of the two groups differ, a decision to quit aiding the Republic of Viet Nam in its battle against Communist aggression would have several immediate and detrimental effects.

An American withdrawal would mean, as a top Pentagon official recently commented, that the Communists have been able to defeat the strongest nation on earth by the use of guerilla tactics. Consequently, we could expect similar Communist attacks wherever such tactics might be deemed feasible. Our pullout in Viet Nam would, in fact, encourage such attacks since the Communists could hope that they would be successful in the long run in their avowed goal of burying us and in their unstated, but all-too-obvious goal of subverting Southeast Asia.

If the U. S. were to renege on its promise to help South Viet Nam fight Communist aggression, then the sincerity of our promises to all the rest of our allies might soon be questioned. We have mutual-defense treaties with Pakistan, Thailand, Japan, and the Philippines. But of how much worth would they be to these countries if they saw us back down in Viet Nam?

If the U. S. were to fail in halting subversion in Viet Nam, where then, would we decide to draw the line? Would it be in India, and might we not give up there? Or perhaps we'd stand firm in Thailand (it's well-known that Red China considers Thailand next on her list). This method of uncertainty and appeasement, however, might eventually bring about a rude awakening.

How happy would we be if we found that our first and last lines of defense were drawn at Honolulu?

It is frequently heard that Viet Nam is hardly worth defending since it is 10,500 miles away and has little direct relationship with the security of the U. S. This is not very heartening talk for the South Vietnamese, nor is it calculated to raise morale in other countries in Southeast Asia which are concerned with the growing menace of Chinese imperialism, and who look to the U. S. as the ultimate defender of their freedom.

Advocates of a negotiated settlement in Viet Nam are also naive, and for the following reasons: a large part of the Viet Cong effort (though by no means all of it) is supported by North Viet Nam. Until such time as that country ceases its armed support of the Viet Cong, and until it ceases its general aggression against its southern neighbor, talks of a negotiated peace are senseless. If a disagreement exists, then a conciliation is certainly to be sought after. But aggression cannot be negotiated. In any case, settlements in the Indochinese peninsula have been negotiated twice before at Geneva, both in 1954 and in 1962. The Communists have repeatedly violated both of these accords. What assurance do we have that this would not occur again?

ON THE STARBOARD by Donald A. Matheson

"... a case of the chickens coming home to roost." If ever a man spoke his own epitaph, it was Malcolm X when he spoke these words on hearing of the those who cannot take courses assassination of President Kennedy. Malcolm X was a vicious preacher of hatred and he has paid the penalty for his doctrines in a most appropriate way.

The assassination of Malcolm X has brought to the public the threat of so-called "Black Nationalism" and its most powerful and most hateful advocate, Elijah Muhammad. Elijah is probably the greatest religious faker of this or any other century. While he poses as a follower of Mohammad and a true Muslim, he is actually as true a Muslim as is David Ben-Gurion. The true followers of Mohammad, whose home base is Mecca and who have spread from there to all corners of the globe, do not recognize Elijah, and in fact want nothing to do with him. Elijah has hit upon the racket of all rackets and he is growing richer and richer peddling a commodity which seems to be in great demand these days: hate. Elijah is a hate-monger of the first (and worst) order. He exploits the fear, ignorance and resentment of his own people and uses them to serve his own ends.

If Elijah was merely running a religious racket we would not be overly concerned. Father Divine did this for many years and apparently never seriously injured any-one, but Elijah has stepped into the field of politics where he constitutes a very serious threat to our way of life. With a devoted and growing following, and a group of storm-troopers called the "Fruit of Islam" who are well trained in judo and the use of weapons, Elijah's power is steadily increasing. Elijah is actually as much a segregationist, if not more so, than such white-supremacists as George Wallace and Ross Barnett. Elijah wants several Southern states to be reserved for Negroes only, for he believes that the Negro is superior to the white man, and should be segregated to prevent him from being contaminated by the vices of white society.

Almost all responsible Negro leaders have refused to have anything to do with the Black Muslims, and in this they have shown a great deal of good sense. An exception to this is Adam Clayton Powell, U.S. Representative from Harlem, although calling Mr. Powell a "responsible" Negro leader is stretching a point quite a bit. Powell, in his unending struggle to uphold the power and prestige of Powell, doesn't seem to care with what trash he associates, and seeing political advantage in being friendly with the Muslims, he has been very buddy-buddy with these spewers of hate, a strange position indeed for a Baptist minister, although it has been well demonstrated that in Powell's mind at least, the Glory of God takes second place to the glory of Powell, especially in election years.

The American Negroes would do well to shun the Black Muslims of Elijah Muhammad, and should reject as leaders all Muslims and other Black Nationalists.

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Interview With Dudley Donothing

Interviewer: Bill Durand

The Dept. of Anarchy and Bomb Throwing is pleased to announce that in place of Mr. Dudley Donothing's article on student apathy at Crumbly College we are presenting the text of an interview with Mr. Donothing. Mr. Donothing was cooperative enough to come to Wagner for the following interview which was given in Wagner's answer to the student union, the Hawk's Nest.

Donothing came attired in a sweatshirt (minus sleeves), an impressively grimy pair of levis complimented by a pair of ancient canvas deck shoes which were held together by some tape. After Mr. Donothing had mooched a cup of coffee and a cigarette from the interviewer we sat down and started the questioning

Wagnerian: What do you think of Wagner campus, Mr. Donothing?

D. Donothing: Nice relaxing place. I notice lots of kids are wasting time playing cards and watching T. V. in this here Rat's Nest.

Wagnerian: Hawk's Nest!

D. Donothing: Oh yeah. Hawk's Nest. Sorry.

Wagnerian: As we understand it, you spearheaded a program for student apathy at Crumbly College. Would you mind explaining why you promoted something which is considered an anathema at most other schools?

D. Donothing: Well, I suppose the chief reason for this was personal social acceptance. You see, I'm lazy and only in a place over-run with apathy can the lazy person find social acceptance. Besides, in our society where everyone is letting the other guy do it, student apathy is good preparation for taking a place in society. You know what I mean?

Wag: That's an interesting point Mr. Donothing.

D. D.: Why don't you just call me Dud? That's what all my friends at Crumbly call me. It's easier than saying Dudley.

Wag: O. K., Dud. Now, what were the conditions you faced when you arrived at Crumbly College with your program of student apathy?

D. D.: I must admit, it was pretty fertile ground for any program of apathy. As you may or may not know, Crumbly only only accepts students from a very limited area, so there were a lot of kids running home every weekend. You know, a regular exodus with suitcases every Friday afternoon. Know what I mean, huh?

Wag: All too well, Dud.

D. D.: You do?

Wag: What were your first steps in promoting apathy at Crumbly College?

D. D.: Well, I started by griping, you know? Not at student government meetings, mind you. No, just general griping around the campus. Mostly about problems or conditions that nobody could do anything about. Get the picture, huh?

Wag: Surely.

D. D.: Well, anyways that was the first step. Pretty soon kids just sat around complaining. The best part was that nobody was doing anything constructive. I

was making real progress. then, I organized some other lazy people into a group called the malcontents.

Wag: What specific techniques did you use in your campaign?

D. D.: Well, one thing that was pretty successful was getting the kids to sulk at cheerleaders. Cheerleaders can be a real nemesis to any apathy campaign if you don't watch them. It works like this: when there's a time-out in a game and the cheerleaders run out and go through a cheer, you just sit there and sulk at them. You also have to get across the idea that it is very sophisticated not to cheer at games. Anyways, pretty soon we had everybody just sitting there complaining about the team and sulking. Pretty good, huh?

Wag: Interesting, Dud, but I don't think it's quite original.

D. D.: No?

Wag: Briefly, Dud, what was the outcome of your program?

D. D.: Complete success. Before we knew [it we had succeeded. Student government meetings would have more officers than kids; Ha! Ha!

Wag: I don't think you always need an effort to get those conditions, Dud.

D. D.: Oh, no. Well..

Wag: As we understand it, Crumbly is now a hotbed of student activity. What happened at Crumbly College? Where did your program fail?

D. D.: It all started with this one small nucleus of freshmen students. At first we just ignored them. You know? They were really yelling up a storm at the games, and just ignoring all our sulkers. Well, before we knew what was happening, they were getting our best sulkers excited at the games. They had them cheering right along with the cheerleaders. Well, they weren't satisfied with that. They started getting people to go to student government meetings. Then they started getting the kids to bring their problems to student government... You know, things like parking problems and so on. Well, let me tell you, fella, it spread just like some cancerous disease, very contagious.

Wag: I see, and that's how your program fell through.

D. D.: Yep, well those are the breaks. Now the place is a veritable hell for the lazy person. Kids running around organizing dances, parties, working on yearbooks, and the like. It's a hopeless situation. You tell me fella, how are those kids going to go out in the world and learn to let the other guy do it? Huh?

Wag: Beats me! What are your plans now, Dud?

D. D.: Well, naturally I'm going to transfer. Say, this is a pretty nice place. How's the attendance at your student government meetings?

Wag: Forget it, Donothing! I think Wagner is going the way of Crumbly College right now.

D. D.: You sure? Maybe with my techniques...

Wag: Can we give you a lift to the ferry, Donothing?

D. D.: Yeah thanks, but can you give me a few minutes to do a little writing on the walls first?

Wag: Let's go, Donothing!

Spring Formal

Wagner College's annual formal dance has been renamed this year and will henceforth be called the Spring Formal. The fundamental purpose of the former Junior Prom, that of honoring the graduating seniors, has been retained.



Lee Castle

For dancing and entertainment, the Junior Class has contracted the fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra under the direction of Lee Castle. Mr. Castle, a well known trumpeter in his own right, does an excellent job of conducting. During dance intermissions, Marilyn Mitchell, the orchestra's vocalist, will entertain.

The theme this year is Three Coins in a Fountain". The price for seniors is \$ 3.50 per couple and \$ 4.50 per couple. For underclassmen. To enable the greatest number of students to participate, the Student Association has arranged a discount on corsages and is trying to arrange a discount on tuxedo rental.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, April 1, in the booth outside the Hawk's Nest. The supply is limited, so, for an evening of fun and god entertainment, get one at your earliest convenience.

Theater

"How would you feel if Jesus were a member of your family?" That this the question to be posed by "Family Portrait" the Varsity Players' Lenten production, on March 25, 26, 27 at 8:30 in the Wagner Auditorium.

Lenore Coffee and William Joyce Aowen have taken as their theme: "A Prophet is not without honor except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

The Varsity Players production will approach the dimension of a spectacle, with four sets and over 40 new costumes being constructed in the shops, and with a cast of 29. The play is being directed by Prof. Dennis Macdonald and designed by Prof. Al Wagner.

Heading the list of players is C. Bernadette Webber and Patricia Bugden, as Mary and Mary Cleophas, respectively.

"Family Portrait" was selected for two reasons: it is appropriate for the Lenten season, and it has much to say about human attitudes today. The family resents His taking three years away from work in the carpentry shop, promoters try to capitalize on His popularity, neighbors scorn His downfall, fickle crowds shout for His crucifixion, His family and disciples retreat in disgrace, and when it's all over, there are some who have never heard of Him.

Individual ticket reservations may be made on March 17, when the box-office opens outside the Hawk's Nest. Group sales are already underway. (See other story.)

Myths

by Dick Mollette

"Student opinion has no value on this campus, so why bother?" "What good is the S. A.? Any suggestions it makes are turned down by the Administration anyway." "We can't communicate our opinions to the Administration because there are no channels to do so." The above are the three most often expressed "gripes" in relation to the supposed lack of student pressure and the worthlessness of student opinion on our campus. In this article an attempt will be made to prove their invalidity, for it is about time that we realize the Wagner student is more to blame for existing situations than the Administration to whom he passes the buck. The case in point is analogous to Mohammed (the student body) wanting the Mountain (the Administration) to come to him; it can't be done, it is we who are going to have to do the walking, and it will require a little time and effort from all of us.

There are four principle ways by which students can make their opinions and constructive criticisms known to the Administration. The first and most probably efficient way is through the S. A., which unfortunately is going through a trying period. In the Student Association Constitution's Second Article it is stated, "The purpose of the association shall be to provide a means of dealing officially and effectively with all matters pertaining to the interest and welfare of the students of Wagner College." If this is so, why don't the students work through it and with it? The reason cannot be that the Administration will reject any suggestions presented, as will be shown below.

The WAGNERIAN is another major means by which the students can make themselves heard. The paper should be a source of information and expression for the faculty, administration, and students, but, as Dean Babb stated, "... especially for the students." Students, it must be mentioned, should not be apprehensive in expressing their opinions in the WAGNERIAN by letters to the editor for fear that they will be sought out and taken to account. Any constructive criticism is welcomed; not only will the Administration read it, but so will other students.

Another efficient way to make student pressure felt is through the Boards of Publications, Religious Activities, Social and Cultural Affairs, and Traditions, on which both students and administrators serve.

It will be remembered that several petitions were passed around for various causes last year, which came to no avail. A more effective way to present a protest for desired change would be for the students to write individual letters to the administrator directly responsible.

The methods mentioned do take a little time and effort. They would also be more effective if, as Dean Schneider remarked, "The student express his opinions and recommendations instead of his habitual gripes."

Some of the following have always been thought to be changes wrought by the Administration when, in actuality, they were brought about through the efforts of the students themself-

ves. Sunday hours for the library were arranged through the original efforts of the Circle K.

Through the efforts of the S. A. the "cut" system was modified. In 1955, there was one excused and one unexcused cut per credit. The students then requested an unlimited cut system which was granted and under which a majority of students went on academic probation, so that the present system, a compromise between students and faculty, was put into effect. The present "cut" system allows one cut per credit unless otherwise specified by the individual professor.

The Lenten Policy, which in 1955 stated that no activities except academics and scheduled sports were to take place, was modified through the S. A. to the present policy which is that any activities other than those mentioned above are discouraged, but may be brought up before the Board of Religious Activities for approval.

The Dining Hall Committee was also formed by the S. A. because of the discontent of the students toward various conditions in the cafeteria.

Two things were requested by the resident. The first was that they be allowed to have a judiciary court composed of students, in order that they might deal with their own problems. The second request was that the rule that their beds be made by 1:00 every day be done away with. Both requests were granted.

The women residents also made two requests: one, that they be given full-length mirrors, and the other that they be allowed to wear slacks in the lounge after 6:00 P. M.

Again, both requests were granted. These are just a few examples of what can be accomplished when students take the initiative, time, and proper procedure to accomplish things. In the end, the Mountain will come to Mohammed.

L'Institut Meets

by Court Sweeting

CHARLES DE GAULLE; THE MAN, will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Wagner College French Institute to be held next Tuesday, March 23rd at 3:00 P.M. in the Markham Library. CHARLES DE GAULLE; THE MAN, will be the third in a series of panels devoted to great French personalities and their influence upon 20th century Western civilization.

Some of the various aspects surrounding the personality of De Gaulle to be discussed by the panelists are: the inception of the Fifth Republic, the European Common Market, De Gaulle's position for France on nuclear test ban, the gold standard, and De Gaulle's role in European and Far East foreign policies. Although everyone is invited to attend and participate in this panel, students with majors in French, history, or economics will find this discussion of particular interest.





From the Grandstand Intramural Swimming

The American Way
by Russ Johnson

Americans eat, breathe and sleep sports. The athletic arenas get bigger each year, and the turnstiles get their daily workouts. More people get the bug every day, and slowly but surely recreation turns into big time finance. Let's not get off the beam, though, because I'm not looking for an argument concerning the pros and cons of athletic professionalism — I'm looking for a simple answer to the question, "What is the psychology behind athletics in America?" Why do Americans reserve the playing field for the men?

A few years back, at the Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden, a tall, blonde German lass made her American debut, and made a lot of people think about the same question I have posed. Jutta Heine, the queen of the German sprints, shed a new light on sports — at least for Americans.

I have to qualify that statement, because European nations gave women their place in the athletic limelight a long time ago. That's exactly why the Russian women dominate the Olympic track and field scene, running their American counterparts into the ground.

I recognize that athletics have taken great strides in America, mainly through the single-handed efforts of Wilma Rudolph Ward, four-time gold medalist at the Rome games of 1960. After her have come others — the new super-stars, and the new women's track clubs — but the American scene still needs revision. There's a psychology in the United States which rules athletics off-limits for the ladies.

Names don't stick around too long, but the situations connected with them do. I remember reading about a few girls from Pomona, California, whose track and field antics hit the feature page in the Sunday News last year. Unfeminine? The one girl was a beauty contest winner, Miss Pomona, and I think I can stop right here.

Times are changing, but the American outlook remains unshakable. There is nothing wrong with female participation in athletics. It's about time American high schools and colleges, particularly in the East, woke up to the fact.

by Brian Morris

On Thursday, March 11, Mr. John Knudson, Wagner's Neptune held his first intramural swimming meet of the Spring semester at the Y. M. C. A. pool

Ray Neville led the field in the first men's event, the 40-yard backstroke, with a time of 27.0 seconds. Ron Erickson finished a close second.

The men's 40-yard breaststroke event produced two winners. Bill Chapman and Dave Carlstrom tied at the finish line with a time of 30.4 seconds.

Bruce Thomas proved to be the best butterfly swimmer as he spanned 40 yards of water in 31.3 seconds. Dick Moffet's efforts were good enough for second place in the race.

The co-eds took over the pool for two contests. Linda Hagenbucker bested Katy Perry in the 40-yard freestyle, but Miss Perry turned the tables on her opponent by capturing first place in the breaststroke.

Erik Natti, the most versatile swimmer of the afternoon, captured first place in the 80-yard individual medley. The medley race consisted of four different styles: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. Natti's winning time was 66 seconds.

Three first place swimmers joined forces to cop top honors in the medley relay. The team of Ray Neville, Bill Chapman, Erik Natti and Jim Lenzer was clocked at 1:52 for the 160-yard race.

The 160-yard freestyle relay was won by a team of two new faces and two old ones. Gus Constantine and Stan Bishop teamed with Dave Carlstrom and Ron Erickson for a winning time of 1:39.

The coming weeks will not be dry ones for the intramural mermen and maids. The plans have been made for a 60-yard men's freestyle contest. Among the qualifiers for competition are the familiar names of Natti, Bishop, Erickson and Carlstrom. Other events projected on the aquatic calendar will be a diving competition and a water polo tournament.

INTRAMURAL CAGERS EYE PLAYOFFS

by Kris Kiefer

Wagner College intramural basketball fans were treated to the season's most exciting night of play, as one game was decided in overtime, a second by two points, and a third by only one. Added excitement came from the fact that these three games figured prominently in deciding playoff berths.

The evening started off with the Faculty vs. the Operators, a Frosh team. The Operators led at half time, 24-23, on the strong play of Rich Salinardi; Jim Krieger's strong shooting kept the faculty close behind. A clutch lay-up by Jeff Safford in the last minute of play enabled the faculty to come off the court with a 53-51 victory. Krieger had 23 points for the victors and Albright and Delander had 15 and 14, respectively, for the Operators.

A pledge-bolstered Phi Sig first team gave Delta's Bombers the scare of their lives by leading by three points with a minute to play. They had been put there by the sharp-shooting of Erickson and Jack Felver (18 points). However, Teddy Williams of Delta scored and Artic Otchy was fouled at the buzzer. He sank the crucial shot and the game was sent into overtime. Williams then canned three more for the Bombers and a hard-fought 51-48 victory. Otchy finished with 19 points and Williams had 10.

The third close one was the Alpha Aces vs. the Magnificent Seven. This game promised lots of action, with both teams having the potential for a possible upset of the Delta Devils in the finals. The game started slowly, with sloppy and rough play. At half time the score was tied at 27. Geisler (Alpha) with 16 points and O'Donnell (Magnificent Seven) with 13, kept their teams rolling in the second half. With one minute left, Siegel scored on a

lay-up and the Magnificent Seven won 47-46. Both teams showed good balance but the Alpha team seemed to forget that it was not playing football.

In the other games of the evening, the Hillbillies kept alive their play-off hopes with a 66-54 win over the Rejects.

Alpha "B" almost assured itself of a play-off berth with a 67-20 shellacking of Phi Sig's second team. Harry Abrahamsen was high for Alpha with 14 points.

A 74-38 victory over the fast-improving Delta "C" team kept the slight play-off hopes of the frosh Zekes burning. Four Zekes hit double figures; Meyers led the way with 26 points. Thress had 18 for the Delta Choppers.

Kappa's hope for a position with the best eight was also kept alive with the Knights' 42-18 win over Alpha "C". Bill Gowski, with 14, was high for Kappa.

Theta's "B" team edged TKE "Z" 22-21 to close the evening's play.

The up-to-date standings show that in Division I the Delta Devils and the Faculty, both with 3-0 records, are assured of play-off berths. The Magnificent Seven (3-0) and Alpha's Aces will probably represent Division II with the Zekes (2-2) having a slim chance of replacing Alpha. Delta's Bombers (3-0) head Division III, and there is a good chance of a play-off for second between the Kappa Knights (2-2) and Theta's "A" (2-0). Division IV could end up with a three-way tie depending upon a victory by the Hillbillies (2-1) over TKE "A" (3-0). If TKE wins, they will enter the play-offs with Alpha "B" (3-1).

A safe bet for the top four this year would be the two Delta teams, the Magnificent Seven, and the Alpha Aces, with the Devils and the Seven matching baskets in the final.



Sometimes I wish Tom would forget He was on the Football Team.

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