



Wagner College

Teaching An Old Dog New Tricks

By Daniella King
Wagnerian Editor

The Wagner College Coffeehouse is in the news once again.

Now, more than ever, the students here on campus are able to enjoy a steaming cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, while in the midst of more entertainment than previously imagined.

Thanks to the efforts of current manager Darren Greco, and the ever present support of SGA and other administration, the Coffeehouse has received the proper funds in order to establish a new pool table, games, and equipment.

"SGA was nice enough to donate a pool table," says a modest Greco about the changes.

However, make no mistake, Greco himself has a lot to do with the new and improved hangout.

Dawn Galluccio, an employee of the

Coffee house says, "Darren donated a lot of the board games."

Referring to the sounds of popular music coming from the speakers, she added, "practically his whole CD collection is here!"

Greco won the position as manager last year when he filled out an application and made his way through a series of interviews.

The job is not without its rewards. For Greco, it has cause him to acquire a new skill.

"As a biology major, it's taught me real leadership skills. I understand what it must be like to run a small business."

The Coffeehouse first came on the scene in September of 1995. At that time there were fewer tables, less menu choices, and generally a lot less action.

All that has changed now, notes

Galluccio.

"We've really been busy in the past few weeks... I hardly get a chance to breathe."

Along with the throngs of students now attending the hangout on a regular basis, several new additions have been made to the menu, and overall appearance.

Now, besides just coffee, students can now purchase snacks such as pizza, cookies, chips, etc.

"We're also going to be getting a hot dog machine in the next few months," Greco stated.

For those that may feel the Coffeehouse is only for certain groups of people, Galluccio had this to say, "I see all kinds in here!"

Among the different groups, "baseball players, coaches, theater majors."

Even the new comers to the Wagner

family have found their way into the former North Hall basement.

"I also see a lot of freshmen faces in here" Galluccio observed.

So why is the Coffeehouse so popular? What about it makes so many students want to hang out there?

Tricia Jennings, a sophomore, and regular at the Coffeehouse, says, "the friendly atmosphere keeps me coming back."

Sandra Parisi, another frequent visitor says that, "hey, with the addition of the new pool table I can get more practice to hustle at bars!"

Whether it's to hang out and have fun, or participate in questionable activities, the Coffeehouse has made it's mark here at Wagner.

LETTER TO A FRESHMAN

By Dr. Benson
Faculty

Dear

Welcome to Wagner my young friend, and to what I hope will be four of the best years of your life. But whether this happy forecast turns out or not, these four years will certainly be very critical years, possibly the most important four years of the rest of your life. And that is what brings me to write this letter, for I have seen too many who have gone before you and have taken the wrong road, missing the single most valuable thing that Wagner has to offer you.

What is that SINGLE MOST VALUABLE? For many, the answer is obvious: making the team, starring in the play, acquiring professional skills, or at least the necessary educational credentials. For some, the answer is even simpler: the "SMV" is just having fun, finding romance, seeking adventure. But as valuable and important as each of these may be as part of your college experience, they are not the "SMV". I would like to ask you to consider the following: that above and beyond all the other opportunities that the Wagner experience will provide you, the single most valuable opportunity is: to become a self.

Now it is easy to say briefly what it

is to be a self, but I would single out two main features: consciousness, especially self-consciousness, and freedom (by which is not meant, of course, obeying the impulse of the moment).

As one great philosopher put it, "The more consciousness, the more self." Becoming or building a self involves expanding and deepening one's awareness. It involves finding larger rooms in which one's mind can dwell, wider vistas to look out upon, more complex understandings in which to interpret the meaning of self and world. And throughout this process of "expanding horizons" runs a central strand of self-awareness: what is life adding up to as I live it? Where am I going? Where do I want to go? What am I amounting to as a person (not a status question)? What am I coming to stand for? Am I building a deeper, more authentic self, or am I just drifting, wasting time, trying to live someone else's life?

To the question, how does one do this, how does one go about becoming a self, there is a many-sided answer, but one thing is certain:

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WAGNER STUDENTS REACT TO DI

By Debbie Lahti
Wagnerian Staff Writer

August 30th, 1997 would start off as any other day, but by the end it would become a day to go down in history. As the news promptly reported, Diana, Princess of Wales had been killed in a car accident in Paris. Speculations and accusations began to fly. Was it the fault of the paparazzi, the drunken chauffeur, or maybe a secret plot by the British government? The controversy is still underway. After a week, the tragic story of Princess Diana is still heavily covered by the media. People cannot seem to get enough, but, how do students at Wagner feel about it?

Reported by survey of a selected number of students, 3% feel that Diana's death was not covered enough; 48% feel the news was adequate; 49% feel there was too much information reported on by the media.

The biggest reaction from students was that although Princess Diana was an important figure in British government, the coverage of her death should not have overshadowed the death of Mother Teresa. There is no dispute over the fact that Diana Spencer accomplished a great deal in working with charities during her reign as Princess, but most students surveyed feel that Mother Teresa was

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a greater figure and should have been covered with as much respect as Princess Diana.

Diana's funeral was aired last Saturday on television to an audience of two billion people. Mother Teresa will be buried in a small church in Calcutta.

NEWS

INSPIRATION
FROM
A
PRINCESS

By Alysun Neidich
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The entire world was left shocked and saddened by the tragic news of Princess Diana's untimely death. As I'm sure everyone has heard, Princess Diana, along with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed, and the driver were killed in a car accident in Paris. Diana's bodyguard, who was also in the car, survived.

Almost immediately following the news of Diana's death, everyone around the world went into a state of grief and mourning. Princess Diana represented all that was good and unselfish in this world. She contributed to many charities and gave so much of herself.

About a week later, news of the death of Mother Theresa was again felt all over. Mother Theresa was a kind, giving and selfless humanitarian. Many described her as a saint right here on Earth. The thought of losing her and Princess Diana in the same week seems inconceivable for so many.

While the current focus on Princess Diana's death has turned to the controversial aspects of her death, I feel the focus should remain on her life, not death.

The world, including college students everywhere, need to give of themselves as these two exceptional human beings lived to do. We, individually and collectively can change this world. We need to volunteer our time and start contributing to charities. We need to give to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Everyone, especially college students, are stressed and very busy, this I understand very clearly. However, one day a week, once a month, whatever you are capable of giving, isn't too much to ask of you.

Princess Diana and Mother Theresa lived just to give and spread their message of love and peace throughout the world. The most fitting tribute to them would be to give of ourselves and in doing so, they will always live on.

Here are some organizations you can call to offer help:

AIDS hotline 212-807-6656
American Cancer Society 987-8871
Alzheimer's Disease of SI 667-7110
Volunteers of America of Greater NY 984-7900

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Surprise and
Sympathy

Students Respond to the Tragedy of Diana



The entire nation has been shocked and saddened by the death of Princess Diana. Now, journalism students here at Wagner give their responses to the terrible loss felt around the world and what role the media played in it all.

"It is wonderful that the media is giving this truly remarkable woman the attention that she deserves. However, I feel it is sad that people such as Barbara Walters are popping out of the woodwork, claiming to be her friend and biggest fan. The coverage of Diana's death seems

to make other people somewhat greedy for their share of the spotlight."

---- Michele Shapiro

"The death of Princess Diana was broadcasted and exploited in a fashion not seen since the Challenger explosion."

---- Gwen Clark

"I think it's terrible that some media are considering buying the pictures of Diana's dead body after the crash. I don't believe the public has any right to see her or her boyfriend's dead bodies. There are too many people's feelings to consider."

---- Debbie Lahti

"No matter how fast the Mercedes sedan was going, I do not believe the car would have been going at such a high speed were it not being chased by paparazzi on motorcycle taking flash photographs of the Princess and her beau."

----Melissa Roman

BLACK CONCERN
IS BACK

By Jada S. Williams
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Are you looking for a group that discusses topics related to minorities on campus? Do you have issues that you feel need to be discussed about the racial harmony at Wagner College? Do you want to contribute to an organization that reaches out to all students and has fun doing it? If the answer is yes to any one of these questions, Black Concern is a group you should consider joining.

It is imperative that Black Concern, as a whole, acknowledges the success of various minorities. We try to do this by organizing a number of different events during Black History Month, going on trips, inviting speakers to the meetings, and so on.

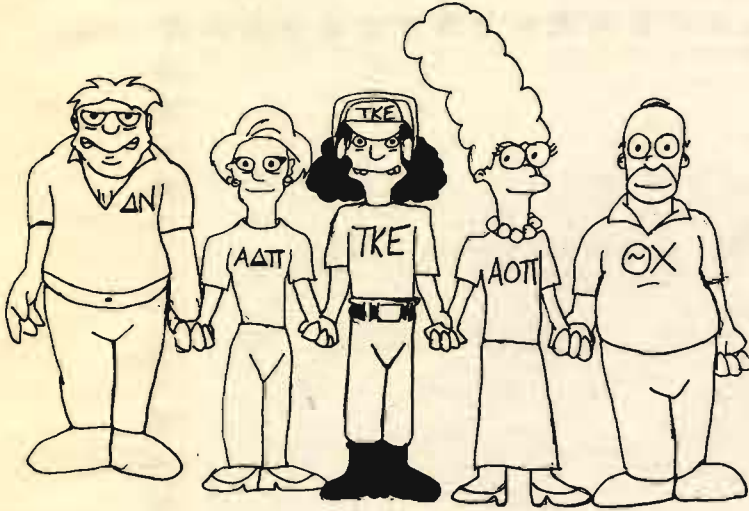
Black Concern is basically a multicultural coalition that celebrates diversity. It is definitely a new year for the organization.

Everyone is welcome to join Black Concern. Meetings are held every other Tuesday, starting September 9 at 8:30pm in the Gatehouse Lounge of Harbor View. Please come and show your support.

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OPINION



GREEK

By Eliut Cuevas
Wagnerian Staff Writer

I was elected to write about Greek life because I am an unbiased Greek. I joined a chapter of Theta Xi at my previous school, but am not affiliated with any house on this campus, and can give an objective view of the system.

For those who don't know, Greek refers to anyone in a fraternity or sorority. Every issue I will give an update of all events that the campus Greeks will be sponsoring and any special achievements. This week I will give a summary about Greek life in general.

First of all you have to realize some of the things Greek life offers. The Greek Senate is the largest group on campus. It contains approximately 25-30% of the students and is active in most other organizations. If you want things done this kind of support will help. Then there are all the statistics: nearly all the recent presidents have been Greek, more than half the CEO's for fortune 500 companies are Greek. It is something to be proud of. Many of these organizations have traditions dating back over a hundred years. I feel there is a fraternity or sorority out there for everyone. Finding the right one is well worth it.

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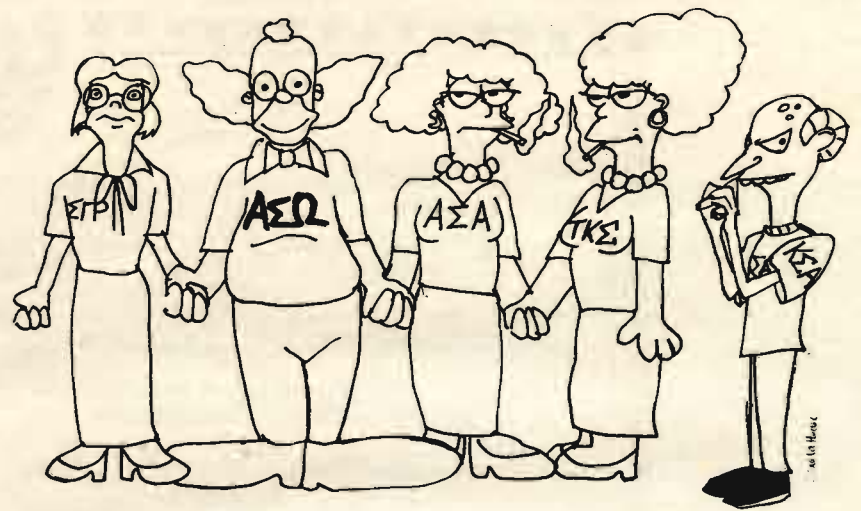
the kind of broadening and deepening consciousness just referred to is perhaps the major goal of the academic program, especially courses like literature, psychology, sociology, history, philosophy, religion, and others. To avoid a serious engagement with the academic core of one's college experience is to forego vital nutriment for the growing self, essential materials for the building of self. That so many students choose to do that is the astonishing fact that prompts my letter.

And this is where freedom comes in. It is not enough to know what is involved in building a self; one must also have the strength and courage to do it. It is difficult, even painful, to become a self, in part because it usually requires us to make decisions that separate us from valued others. The project of selfhood typically brings us into conflict with some portion of "Society" which is only too eager to divert us from that project and to offer us many gratifying rewards if we will only relinquish our self. At Wagner, this society is that influential subculture that considers a serious engagement with the academic component of college life decidedly "uncool." Of course, the rules of this culture have

been written by losers, but unfortunately, by the time those students who have bought in wake up to this fact, their loss is unrecoverable. To remain true to the project of selfhood means asserting your freedom in the face of rewards of conformity (validation by the "cool", the disdainful, the detached). Freedom means being your own person.

Freedom also means being your own master. The enemy dwells within as well as without. A poem by one of America's finest poets ends with the poet's reminding himself not to tarry longer, as pleasurable as the view may be. "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep." Robert Frost knew well how hard it is to keep a wise balance between pleasurable pastimes and self-building tasks. Remember, you too have promises to make and to keep. Above all to yourself, to become a self. Don't forget the most important thing: build your self!

Best regards,
Prof. Robert L. Benson



SPEAK

Lots of people ask why should I join a fraternity or sorority? Becoming Greek is probably one of the biggest decisions of your life. If you choose a major you can always change it, even marriages aren't permanent anymore. However, if you decide to become Greek and make it, it is for life. Don't be scared, you won't be *rushed* into it. Every year members graduate from these Greek organizations and membership declines, so to make up for the loss of members, there is a recruitment process for new members called rush. This is the period of time where Greeks become your friends; you hang out and become comfortable with the sister or brotherhood. After rush bids are extended. A bid is an official invitation to join. If you decide to join it still is not final. Then comes pledging. Despite what you may have read or seen on TV these new friends of yours are not going to make you drink every night until you throw up, sorry. This period is a trial period to see if you would like to join

them. At any time during pledging you can feel free to say, "sorry this isn't for me" and leave. An organization never wants a member that doesn't want to be there. You get out of an organization as much as you put in.

Forget "Animal House" that was the 60's. Yes, it is true you will have a new enhanced social life. You will get to meet new people, people from other campuses through mixers and other private parties, but there is so much more. You learn budgeting and fundraising; you gain leadership skills through all the different positions you can hold.

If you are interested in becoming Greek don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions. This is the only way to really know what a fraternity or sorority stands for. Meet all of the different organizations because different fraternities and sororities will have different strengths and weaknesses.

ODK APPLICATIONS IN

This fall initiation for Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society will be Friday, October 24. Juniors and Seniors interested in applying for membership should contact Dr. Joedy Smith, ODK Faculty Secretary, or Mrs. Rosemary Anarumo (Parker Hall 313) to obtain an application.

Applicants must be fulltime students with 60 or more credits, have a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA, and have completed more than one semester at Wagner. Graduate students who have completed more than one semester and have a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA are also eligible to apply.

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How to Ace the Interview Process J.P. Morgan V.P. for Human Resources, Laura Marhefka '81	Wednesday, October 15 7:30 p.m.
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