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SAINT JOAN
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WEEK END

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ANDERSON'S "JOAN" OPENS TONIGHT

Opening tonight at 8:30 p. m. will be the Varsity Players' production of Maxwell Anderson's version of the story of Joan of Arc titled, "Joan of Lorraine." The play is staged and costumed by Professor John F. Hruby with the following cast:

Joan	Hope Machina
Jacques d'Arc	Dick Korth
Pierre d'Arc	Walt Hartung
Jean d'Arc	Scott Andrus
Durand Laxart	Mike Simon
Alain Chartier	Dick Schneider
LaHire	Walt Bohlen
DeMet	Hal Brown
The Dauphin	Bruce Wood
Archbishop	Dick Zimmerman
Dunois	Ken Snyder
Courcelles	Dominic Crocitto
Cauchon	Carl Westedahl
Inquisitor	Bill Rusonello
Aurore	Helen Stucki
St. Michael	Larry Maloy
St. Catherine	Ann Cannizaro
St. Margaret	Eve Willig
Al	Al Wagner
Tessie	Diane McDonough
Terry	Carol Marschhaus
Marie	Audrey Emery

Technical direction by Al Wagner.

Tickets are on sale in the Hawk's Nest today through Saturday morning at the rate of \$1.00 for students, faculty and staff; and \$1.50 for all others. Special theatre parties have



A scene from the V.P.'s "Joan," the crowning of the Dauphin by the Archbishop. Joan stands by.

been sold for Thursday and Saturday nights amounting to approximately forty seats for each of these performances. Reservations are being made daily by phone and mail and if you do not wish to be disappointed we recommend that you buy your ticket now while you have the opportunity.

The play is in two acts divided

into three and four scenes respectively. These scenes trace the life of Joan, the Maid, from Lorraine, to Orleans, to the Trial and to her last day in a prison cell. It is a faithful representation of her history as may be noted in the column by Tom Falk elsewhere in this issue.

Sigma Affiliates With Phi Sigma Kappa National

After 34 years on campus as a local fraternity Sigma Delta Phi will become Lambda Tetartan Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa in initiation ceremonies that will take place this week-end. Initiation teams from West Virginia University and Gettysburg will arrive on Friday night to perform the ritual.

STUDENT HEALTH PLAN EXPLAINED

Last year it was brought to the attention of the Student Association that a large portion of the Wagner Student Body does not hold any form of sickness, hospitalization, or accident insurance. At this time, Rudy Oudheusden was appointed chairman of the Committee.

With the specific purpose of helping the students to protect themselves from the present day high costs of hospitalization and medical treatment, the student health committee is presently distributing a questionnaire in order to determine how many students would participate in a group hospitalization and accident insurance plan during the next school year (1958-1959). Such a plan would provide complete coverage 24 hours a day for a nine or twelve month period. The student would be protected at all times, on and off the college campus. The insurance would cover the cost of all hospitalization expenses, including hospital room, medicine, X-ray, surgery fee and operating room. It would also cover medical treatment outside the hospital, doctor's office visits, and medication. This plan will apply to both resident and non-resident students.

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Representing the national office will be Mr. Herbert L. Brown, National Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Robert B. Neseschy, Wagner Dean of Men, and National Scholarship Director. Mr. Donovan H. Bond, Regional Director, will represent Region II.

Climaxing the week end induction ceremonies on Saturday will be an induction banquet held at The Staaten at 8 p. m. The main speaker will be the Reverend Stewart W. Herman who is executive secretary of both the Lutheran World Federation's Committee on Latin America and the National Lutheran Council's Division on Lutheran cooperation in South America. President David M. Delo will bring greetings to the group from Wagner College, and National Secretary Brown will extend best wishes from the national office.

Sigma Delta Phi is the oldest fraternity on campus. It was founded in May, 1923 by five members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes — George Aus '25, Joseph Flotten '26, Edwin Lehr '26, John Schott '26, and Theodore Tappert '26. Alan Kamans '58, president of Sigma, said that down through the years the Fraternity has shown some interest in

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BLOOD BANK DRY

Because of the need for numerous withdrawals during the last two years the Wagner College Blood Bank is now completely dry. In order to replenish the supply of blood a drive will be held in the later part of April.

In order to donate blood you must be 21 years old, if younger parents consent is needed, and you must pass a physical examination.

The Blood Bank at Wagner is unique in that any person who contributes has the right to give access to the Bank to any member of his immediate family (brother, sister and parents, etc.) in time of emergency.

Donors must register for appointments which begin March 26 to the 28. Registration continues on March 31-April 1 and on after the holiday — April 10 and 11. Final registration takes place on April 14 and runs until the 18th.

The Blood Drive is being sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega National service fraternity which announces that special calls are being made to groups such as fraternities, sororities, and clubs. An organizational participation award will be awarded by the Nurse's Fellowship, any group numbering over 20 may participate.

Attention Wagnerian Staff

THE KALLISTA has announced that on Monday, March 24, at 9:45 a. m. a photographer will be at Wagner to take a staff picture for the WAGNERIAN. This picture will appear in the yearbook. The place is Mastick Lounge. Be there!

Walt Baumhoff Chairs Student Fund Drive

Mr. Howard Braren, Director of Alumni Relations, in conjunction with Mr. Dougal E. Young of the firm of Marts and Lundy have announced the formation of a student committee to assist in the 75th Anniversary campaign for \$1,000,000 to construct a library and chapel. Mr. Walter Baumhoff, a Junior History major, has been selected to head this committee. Other members include Phyllis Ernske, Diane Borst, Ann Paschke, Alan Kamens, and Carl Westerdahl.

At a meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 1958, the student committee was presented with the plans for the coming drive, which will include Staten Island and the United Lutheran Synods of New York and

New England, and New Jersey. The formation of the student organization was explained by Mr. Young and Mr. Adrian Nader, Director of Development. It was noted by Mr. Young that in the ten colleges served in the past year by Marts and Lundy, 75% of the students have pledged contributions exceeding \$202,000 to their schools' campaigns.

The Wagner College drive will kick off on April 10, 1958 and will end on April 29, 1958. During these weeks, the student committee will attempt to contact every student of the college in an effort to enlist his or her active support in this Diamond Campaign to build Wagner's library and chapel.

Debators Meet This Afternoon To Discuss Segregation

The Wagner College auditorium will be the scene of intense debate at 4 p. m. Thursday, March 20, when Mercer University meets with Wagner's Debate Club to discuss segregation and its maintainance in the South.

As the Mercer team has had much experience with teams at La Salle, Princeton, Amherst, Williams, Brandeis and Clark, the session scheduled this afternoon should prove to be a most worth while and interesting discussion.

Representing Mercer are Martelle

Layfield, Jr. and Beverly B. Bates who will argue the viewpoint of segregation as it is related within the United States. Being native Georgians and pre-law students, the Mercer team appears to be well-informed on the topic and their views should be inductive to controversy both by the Wagner Student Body and their defending team.

Gunther Bischoff and Bill Elliott of Wagner's Debate Club will combat the famous team with views concerning America's position in the world as a result of the continuance of segregation.

Segregation is a problem which concerns all of us. It can not be clearly understood until its pros and cons are considered objectively. Since college students of today are confronted with this and many similar problems, it seems evident that we, the young people of America, open mindedly inquire into this problem.

Such will be the purpose of this debate. It is hoped that the debate will stimulate the audience to participate in the discussion following the opinions of the debate teams.

A T M Presents Noted Tenor In Recital

Mr. Lee Fowler, tenor soloist, will be the guest of the sisters of Alpha Tau Mu, honorary music sorority, on March 30, 1958 when he will present a recital of sacred song and operatic selections at 4 p. m. in the college auditorium.

Mr. Fowler is a student of music at Boston University, and at the New England Conservatory of Music. Most recently, he has appeared with the Boston Symphony. He has made solo appearances with the Cambridge, Massachusetts Festival Orchestra, the Fitchburg Civic Opera, the Waltham Symphony Orchestra, Boston Television WBZ-TV, and the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood, Massachusetts.

Critics have commented that "his voice is produced with a surprising degree of facility," and "he sings with fine tone quality and an intelligent technique" (Hugh Ross).

Patron tickets for Mr. Fowler's recital may be obtained from the sisters of Alpha Tau Mu at a cost of one dollar. Tickets to the concert will be 60c and will be available at the door.

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EDITORIAL

SEGREGATION

Prejudice. It's an ugly word to talk about in tones of obvious condemnation and disgust. Surely you were righteously outraged at Little Rock? You must have applauded the Supreme Court decision to desegregate Southern schools. But, before you attend the debate this afternoon, ask yourself sincerely — am I prejudiced against Negroes?

If your answer was a quick "No!" consider the following statements quoted from respected, intelligent middle-class white individuals:

"I am afraid of, suspicious toward and antagonistic to Negroes as a group."

"I have had some good personal relationships with Negroes, but these individuals were exceptions."

"I know that white people of the lower class have much in common with Negroes of the same class, but I do not know many lower class whites; I tend to forget they exist."

"The Negro has his place."

"I wouldn't have a Negro in my home."

These thoughts are not pretty, but the fear, distrust and bias they express is sincere. Can you honestly deny having had any of them at any time? Ask again, "Am I prejudiced against Negroes?"

If the above statements come close to what you really believe, give the following some serious thought:

The Negro group, which it has been said, is an object of fear, is composed of individuals who are subject to the normal emotions, thoughts, and ideas, as is any individual.

From observation, we feel justified in saying that the "white" race has always placed the Negro in an all-inclusive group, and then described them as a people who are not interested in achievement and advancement. It must be here pointed out that the Negro group, which for the purpose of naming may be called a caste, contains class levels, just as there are within the white caste similar class levels. They advance themselves to a higher class within their caste in the same manner as do any individuals who possess intelligence and initiative. Because we seldom hear of a Negro crossing the caste line, and entering into a higher class in the white caste, we assume that this characteristic is lacking, even completely absent in the Negro people. If we consider the question, does not this very same movement take place within the caucasian caste? And yet, generally speaking, because our experiences have been limited, it is a completely natural assumption for us. So then, the fear is not of the people themselves or of caste, but of a biologically harmless pigmentation in skin.

If your answer to the first question posed was yes, can you still justify your views?

WAGNERIAN ON TIMES FORUM

On Sunday next, Henry Heil will represent Wagner on the New York Times Youth Forum. The Forum features, this week, a panel composed of students from the colleges of the Metropolitan area. Mr. Heil is a junior history major and a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The topic cited for discussion is, "Should We Increase Our Foreign Economic Aid?" The guest speaker will be Dr. Lincoln Gordon, Professor of International Economic Relations at Harvard University.

Discussions on the Forum are completely spontaneous, consisting of an informal discussion of the question at hand by the panel, the guest speaker and the moderator, and ending with a brief period of questions from the audience.

The Forum will appear on WABD-TV, Channel 5, on Sunday from 12:00 to 12:30 p. m. and will be re-broadcast on Saturday, March 30 on WQXR from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

Muhlenburg Charges Wagner For Art Work

A week ago, Dr. David Delo received a letter from Dr. J. Conrad Seegers, President of Muhlenburg College, which stated that Dr. Seegers believed that on the night of February 25, Wagner students "white-washed" the Muhlenburg campus. Enclosed with the letter was a bill for \$40. The letter and bill were turned over to the Student Council which mailed Dr. Seegers an apology and a check for \$40.

The story of the alleged painting extravaganza runs something like this — on the night of the 25th Wagner basketball fans went to Muhlenburg and decided to announce the arrival of our Five. They did so by painting the name Wagner College on various buildings and statuary.

The Student Council now asks that all people involved in the incident reimburse the Council.

THE LIBERATING ARTS

by Tom Falk

Preparation for the forthcoming Varsity Players production of Maxwell Anderson's play, "Joan of Lorraine," is not only desirable, but also essential for the comprehension of this play. Thus, this week we will devote this column for recalling the historical background of the play. Mr. Anderson does not merely relate the history of the Maid of Orleans, but gives us a play which creates an interesting and stimulating experience.

The French saint and national heroine, Joan of Arc, was born around the year 1412. She early began to hear "voices" — those of St. Michael, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret. When she was about sixteen, the voices exhorted her to bear aid to the dauphin, Charles VII, then kept from the throne by the English. After a first rebuff, Joan won Robert de Baudricourt, military governor of Vaucouleurs, to aid her in obtaining an interview with the dauphin and undertook the journey in male attire, with six companions. She met the dauphin at Chinon castle and conquered his skepticism as to her divine mission by some "sign," which she would never explain, and, after the suspicion of heresy had been removed by an examination before the theologians, she was furnished with troops. She succeeded (1429) in relieving Orleans, took other places along the Loire, and defeated the English at Patay. After considerable persuasion Charles VII consented to enter Rheims, and Joan stood beside him at his coronation.

This was the pinnacle of her fortunes. She was eager to push her victories, but the king was indolent, and her enemies at court counseled treating with Philip the Good of Burgundy, an English ally. In 1429 Joan unsuccessfully besieged Paris. The following spring she went to relieve Compiegne, was captured by the Burgundians, and later sold to the English, who were anxious to destroy her influence over the people by putting her to death. In order to leave her captors clear of responsibility, she was turned over to the inquisitorial court at Rouen and tried for heresy and sorcery before Pierre Cauchon.

The records of the lengthy trial cast doubt on the fairness and regularity of the procedure. Threatened with torture, she made a retraction but was nevertheless condemned to life imprisonment. However, when she revoked her abjuration shortly afterwards, she was turned over to the secular court and was burned at the stake (1331). In 1456 her sentence was annulled, when Charles VII, who had made no attempt whatsoever during her trial to come to her aid, made tardy recognition of her services by a rehabilitation trial.

Letter of Presentation

by ALAN W. KAMENS

After my introductory letter in the last issue about the revisions in the S. A. Constitution, I will discuss this week the changes in the responsibilities of the Student Council, the enlargement of the Student Council, and the new schedule for S. A. and Student Council meetings.

Under the new constitution the S. A. still confers upon the Student Council primary responsibility for transacting business. However, in order to provide for greater efficiency in the passage of legislation, S. A. approval is no longer needed on all legislative matters. Yet the S. A. may veto any legislation passed by the Council. Complete minutes of each Council meeting are to be made available to the general membership of the Association.

Since the Student Council has been given more complete responsibility in regard to legislative matters, its membership has been increased by two additional councilmen. These Councilmen-at-Large shall be representative of the entire student body and may be members of any class. To provide more even distribution of representation, one of the Senior Class Councilmen must be a non-resident.

The Student Council will meet at least twice monthly instead of once as under the present set-up. The S. A. is required to meet four times a year. However, it may also be convened by a 10% petition of the student body, a simple majority vote of the Council, or the S. A. President. The quorum at an S. A. meeting has

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LETTERS

TO THE STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY OF WAGNER COLLEGE:

The Executive Committee of Faith and Life Week wishes to express to each of you our sincere thanks for your financial contributions so we were able to not only reach but surpass our goal of \$200.

We also appreciate the support you gave by attending the forums, coffee hours, breakfast retreats, and bull sessions.

The Committee hopes that some of the spirit which arose during this week will carry over into our religious activities such as chapel, Student Christian Association meetings and dorm Bible studies.

Sincerely,

JOAN HENKE

GUNTHER B. SCHOFF

HATTIE MEIER

PAUL WALLEY

Oh, Yes

The next issue of our paper, The Wagnerian, will be out on Thursday, March 27. If your club or group, fraternity or sorority, have any news items or announcements, please let us know care of Box 142. All copy is due no later than 10 a. m., Monday morning, March 24.

CONFIDENTIAL

by

Skip Knight

FRATERNITY

The Wagner College Greek world is honored to have its campus graced with the presence of a chapter of a highly respected National, *Phi Sigma Kappa*. The sixty-fourth chapter of this widely recognized organization brings with it quite an impressive history and tradition.

With the arrival of the *Lambda Tetartion* chapter, comes the colorful history of *Phi Sig*, which is what this column will attempt to elucidate today.

The glorious traditions of *Phi Sig* started in 1873 at the University of Massachusetts. The College itself was only five years old then, and the surroundings of the original chapter were, to say the least, most inauspicious. The founders of this fraternity were spirited men who provided the group with the initial impetus that has resulted in over three-quarters of a century of leadership on other campuses.

Phi Sigma's original founders, Brooks, Campbell, Clark, Clay and Barrett, developed the impressive symbolism and ritual that has not been modified since its early adoption, and appears as if it will endure for quite a while. These brothers, and especially Barrett, were the guiding influence of the growth into a national order.

The nationalization of *Phi Sigma Kappa* began in 1888 when the first branch chapter was established at the Albany Medical School. It is here that the group ran into its first taste of trouble: every conceivable obstacle was encountered. The public was against Fraternities; the treasury was empty; the central organization was naught; and a small alumni body were some of the factors that might have retarded the growth of *Phi Sig*, but it was not just luck that this organization survived, where others failed.

Phi Sigma Kappa survived in those years because of the character of the founders. The faith, vision and loyalty of these men carried the group through this period of crisis.

The difficulties in developing a great social organization were overcome by 1900. At that time there were twelve chapters, for the most part well organized and disciplined.

Between 1900 and 1920, *Phi Sig* further expanded into carefully selected institutions, increasing its chapter roll in this period to 30. In the following decade, the general demand by college men to affiliate with a national increased the number of chapters to 49.

During the depression and war years, some chapters went inactive; some have returned to active status. Between 1947 and 1954, 23 new chapters were added to the growing roster. With the draft laws hurting membership, the alumni responded and helped the fraternity through this new crisis.

The expanding organization naturally demanded a much more efficient central office to control the group. At the National Convention of 1938, steps were taken to give the Fraternity more administrative direction.

The undergraduates and the alumni have contributed to the financial support of the fraternity. In addition, the *Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation* was

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organized to further the welfare of the chapters. Provision was also made to provide for life subscriptions to the National Fraternity magazine, *The Signet*.

Changing conditions have periodically required modifications in the administration of the fraternity, and By-laws governing it have been revised to meet the demands. The impressive initiatory ritual was rewritten and adopted by the Convention of 1948.

Today *Phi Sigma Kappa* continues to be recognized as one of the leading national Greek-letter fraternities. *Phi Sig* has expanded to 64 colleges and universities; more than 30,000 students have enrolled as members. It has had a steady, reasonable, and healthy growth. *Lambda Tetartan* Chapter will carry on at Wagner the traditions of *Phi Sig* in fine spirit.

KAMENS

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been reduced from twenty to ten per cent.

Basically, these revisions mean a representative Student Council whose legislative powers are checked by the veto power of the S. A. In my opinion these changes will permit maximum efficiency in the legislative branch of our government.

SIGMA AFFILIATES

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national fraternities but has never taken any definite steps toward materializing the idea. In the fall of 1957, however, the group took solid steps toward nationalization, and after many considerations petitioned *Phi Sigma Kappa*.

Mr. Kamens stated, "We feel that *Phi Sigma* offers our brothers and Wagner College much in the way of brotherhood, and we are more than confident that *Phi Sigma* will be an asset to fraternal life at Wagner."

MOVIES

ST. GEORGE

March 19 - 24

SEVEN HILLS OF ROME
and
UNDERWATER WARRIOR

March 25

ROBINSON VS. BASILIO FIGHT
THEATRE TV

PARAMOUNT

March 19 - 26

PEYTON PLACE

RITZ

March 19 - 20

OPERATION MAD BALL
and
MY MAN GODFREY

March 21 - 25

RODAN
and
BATTLE HELL

HEALTH PLAN

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The cost would not be more than \$24.00 per year. The greater the number of participating students, the less the cost will be. Group insurance plans are usually less expensive than individual or family plans. Furthermore, the committee wishes to remind students that most family plans do not cover children after they reach the age of nineteen.

The Student Health Committee urges you to seriously consider the great need for an insurance plan as that described above. Few, if any, can afford to be without this protection. If you wish to participate in a Wagner group insurance plan, please fill out and return the questionnaire you have received, or exhibit your interest by contacting Rudy Oudheusden, box 114, Student Mail.

SUMMER SERVICE AND COUNSELING

Dr. Mildred Winston, a member of the ULCA Board of Higher Education, was the speaker at the vesper service in the Chapel on Tuesday evening, March 18. She spoke on "Opportunities For Wagner Students in Summer Service."

A coffee hour was held following the service. Dr. Winston was available for conferences with students interested in summer service the rest of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. She also talked with girls who are planning full time church vocations.

If there is further interest in summer service, such as camp counseling, Dr. Winston may be contacted through the office of the College Chaplain.

GREEK BANQUET

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and strawberry shortcake. The pledges of the various organizations will act as waiters and waitresses.

The main speaker of the evening will be Mr. Lloyd Cochran, past president of *Alpha Sigma* Chapter of *Alpha Sigma Phi*. Barbara Cole will sing, Bill Elliott and Dick Peterson will also provide some musical entertainment and *Alpha Omicron Pi's* Bottle Band will present some music in a lighter vein.

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HARRY ORLANDO	27	117	39.4	100	58.2	157	334	12.4
HAROLD JUNTA	27	95	37.4	44	66.6	220	234	8.7
MILFRED FIERCE	27	70	36.6	46	66.6	88	186	8.4
TOM DRAKE	18	53	40.8	32	74.4	29	138	7.7
BRUCE WITZEL	26	65	36.9	18	50.0	113	148	5.7
FRED BLACKWELL	27	55	36.9	26	52.0	170	136	5.0
PAUL BAILEY	25	28	32.9	36	52.9	145	92	3.7
DICK SIMLER	16	21	41.2	4	36.3	24	46	2.8
BOB KOTTERMAN	1	1	50.0	0	00.0	0	2	2.0
LARRY SULLIVAN	1	1	100.0	0	00.0	0	2	2.0
DAVE YORKSTON	7	3	27.3	3	100.0	5	9	1.2
DAVE LAMB	7	1	16.7	5	83.3	5	7	1.0
HERB WENDELKIN	1	0	00.0	0	00.0	0	0	0.0
WAGNER TOTALS	27	725	38.8	411	59.9	1364	1861	68.9
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	27	658	36.5	426	66.0	1260	1742	64.5

THE WARMUP
by Scott Andrus

About this time it is customary, in publications like this one, to write a column about spring. You know, *March came in like a lion but now has turned into the tamest of lambs* stuff. And I was about to tear off a beauty, sort of lyric poetry in prose, because the weather was really beautiful. Last Tuesday this was. Last Wednesday the heavens opened and deposited on our sinful and undeserved heads several inches of the coldest of blessings, effectively ruining my masterpiece.

I mean, really, this is silly. Baseball, tennis, track, and nature-love enthusiasts were ready to go. The outdoor-class season was here. Campus strollers were coming out. And then, overnight, we were back in January.

The whole thing was so out of place that it seemed to shock people. When we had snow during the season when we were supposed to have snow, nobody minded. Snow is just the thing for throwing at people or for pushing girls into. But this snow went almost entirely unused. Nobody had the heart for snow-throwing or girl-pushing when they had been playing tennis in their shirtsleeves only the day before.

Sports on the hill were brought almost to a standstill. With Herb Sutter's boys finished for another year, coaches John "Bunny" Barbes and Hank Majesky had been getting their squads ready for track and baseball seasons. Baseball practice was being held outdoors for the first week, and the trackmen had begun occupying the newly-prepared track, when the frustrated white stuff fell. Incidentally, this nipped in the bud my optimistic reports on how well practice was going. All of a sudden practice not only stopped going well, but stopped going altogether.

All in all, I didn't hear any favorable comments on the snow. Athletes were unable to work out, scholars had to remain closeted in their dark dungeons, picnics hurriedly planned had to be just as hurriedly cancelled. The only group that benefitted was composed of the three or four people who read this column, and who were spared my lyric prose on spring.

CAGERS SET MANY
NEW RECORDS

by Bill Doran

The Wagner College Seahawks finished the 1957-58 basketball season with a fine 18 and 9 record and for the first time in the school's history were involved in a National Tournament Playoffs. Taking all the honors in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

On Dec. 3, (opening night) The Seahawks, in beating Upsala 111-81, set two new Wagner records. One being a single game scoring record and the other a new single game field goal total of 44.

The Seahawks during the 56-57 season averaged 72.8 points a game, this figure decreased however during this past season to a 68.9 game average. This was due to a large extent, to a strong emphasis on defense. During the 56-57 season the opposition scored an average of 72.8 points a game against the Hawks, while the 57-58 campaigners held them to a neat 68.5 average.

Lonnie West in accumulating 1512 points during his college career fell just 20 points behind Bosley's record of 1532 set during the years of 1949 through 1953. Lonnie maintained a 16 point average throughout his 4 years of college ball. He also, during this past season, set a new single season total field goal record by tossing in an amazing 215 two-pointers. Against Upsala he established a new single game rebound record by grabbing 27 off the boards. His total 4-year rebounding is second only to Charles Harreus who holds the record with a total of 1,096 as opposed to Lonnie's 1,069. From the free throw line for 4 seasons Lonnie holds the record of total conversions with 344.

In a look at Wagner's little men one is very much impressed with their performances. Starting with Harry Orlando who scored 334 points this season and had a 12.4 game average. In his first year at Wagner, Harry scored 390 points. He needs 276 points to become the first player in Wagner's history to score 1000 or more points in three years of college ball. He had a 5.8 rebounding average which is worth mentioning for a backcourt man. Milfred Fierce and Co-Captain Tommy Drake turned in fine seasons, the former shot for a 8.4 average and the latter hit 7.7 per game.

MAJESKI HEADS HAWK NINE

A Tribute To
Charles "Lonny" West
by Dave Martin

When the Wagner Basketball team makes its opening appearance next season, a tall, slender figure, familiar to all Wagner fans, will be missing. Charles "Lonny" West will no longer be present to thrill, excite and delight spectators with his spectacular and colorful shooting and rebounding — he has played his last game for the green and white.

Lonny will be gone, but his actions will never be lost in the memories of those who saw him lead the Seahawks to four of their most successful court years. Everyone will recall and relate tales of the affable star who played in more winning games than any other player. In 70 of the 95 games in which he appeared, the Seahawks came out on top!

Lonny came to Wagner in the fall of 1953 from Boy's H. S., where he played with All-Americans Si Green of Duquesne and Vinnie Cohen of Syracuse. For two years, under the guiding hands of his coach and personal friend, Herb Sutter, Lonny worked hard developing his gifted jumping ability and scoring touch. Then in his Junior year, he led the Seahawks to their best seasonal record.

With Lonny averaging 24 points a game, a record high, the Hawks posted a 20-3 record. For the first time public attention became posted on Wagner; the little school on Grymes Hill had a big team. In recognition of his ability, the Metropolitan Sports Writers picked Lonny to the All-City second team, the only Wagner player ever to be so honored! Everyone looked with hopeful anticipation for an even better showing the next season. But, as luck would have it, Lonny broke his leg during the summer, playing ball in a playground. Without him the Seahawks had a dismal record, losing more than half their games.

Displaying the tenacity and bulldog courage that characterized him throughout his career, Lonny came back and his talents led the Hawks to their first national post-season tournament. For his achievements, he was again selected to the All-City second team, picked as the center of the ECAC All-Star team, and selected to play with N. Y. in the N. Y.-N. J. College A.S. game on March 23.

Lonny ended his career with a total of 1512 points, just 20 short of Bob Bosley's record. Bosley, a 1953 graduate never played with West while at Wagner, but the two will be on the same team in a special N. J. tournament, and Seahawk fans who will see them together will most certainly be delighted.

The personable, friendly star was always more than just a scoring asset to the team. His good humor helped to ease tensions in tight games — and always lost graciously. More than any other, he was responsible for the team's good morale.

A mystery to Wagner fans for years, was why the name Lonny? Well, as far as I can ascertain, it's a distortion of his middle name, Tre-lawny. I hope that explains it!

Lonny's father, the late Rev. Charles West, a Wagner College graduate was Pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in N. Y. for 25 years. Following his father's footsteps, Lonny will enter Mt. Airy Seminary in the fall to study for the Lutheran Ministry.

According to the Associated Press, which released a story about the Wagner sports program, the college is obtaining much better coaching for its teams than would normally be available for the money we can pay by hiring on a part-time basis men of really high caliber. Four cases in point are cited in the AP story, three of them being Mickey Sullivan, Dr. Frank Goodell and Jackie Hynes.

The fourth is an ex-major leaguer named Hank Majesky, who will coach the baseball team. The hiring of Majesky is about the best move Athletic Director Herb Sutter could have made. One of the finest players to come out of Staten Island, Majesky spent 11 years in the big leagues, playing with Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and Baltimore.

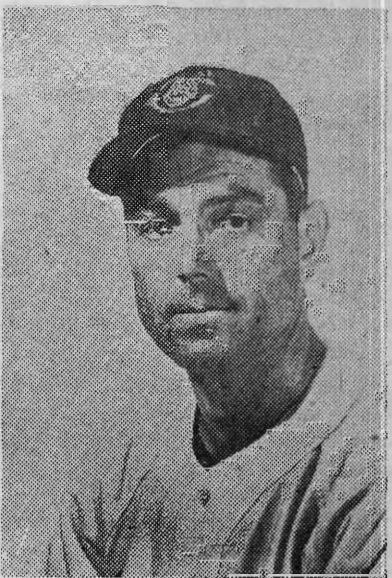
During his active career, he compiled a fine .282 batting average, and was an excellent glove man in the bargain. In 1947 he fielded at a .982 clip, and that's still the major league record for third basemen.

Since his playing days, Majesky had done some managing in the Cleveland farm system. He handled Daytona Beach and Cocoa, of the Florida State League, in 1956 and '57. After the last baseball season he accepted a position with the Prudential Insurance Company's Staten Island staff. He will continue to hold this spot as his full-time job, while coaching part-time here.

Majesky is a home-grown product, having been born and raised on the Island. He went to Curtis High, and then broke into organized ball in 1935, with Eau Claire, of the Northern League. He also played with Moline of the Three Eye League and Birmingham of the Southern Association, before making the break to the big time in 1939.

His best season was 1948, when he batted .311 with the Athletics, under Connie Mack. This was also the year when he set one of the game's little-known records. One August 27 he hit six doubles in a double-header.

Wagner was able to get Majesky chiefly because of his interest in the game. He first heard that Sutter was interested in him for the job from mutual acquaintances, at various banquets on the Island. Sounded out, he replied that he was interested, and the arrangements were made.



Hank Majesky

Majesky feels that his job at Wagner will be quite similar to that of a minor league manager. He will concentrate on fundamentals, because the players he coaches will be mostly boys with talent, but little experience or knowledge of the game. He is very happy to be at Wagner, since it is an institution which he has always admired and which he feels is bound to grow. He has nothing but praise for the campus, which is one of the most beautiful he has ever seen.

As for the shape-up on the team, it's too early to tell as yet, particularly since the weather has made it impossible to practice outdoors. The only thing he has been able to see is the pitching, which has looked pretty good. Last year's aces, Warren Tunkel and Ken Snyder, are in good form, as are Mike Josue and Tony DeVita. The greatest improvement has been shown by Matt DiTheresa, who has taken well to instruction.

Last year's team, under the tutelage of Jeff Safford, now in the service, had a 7-13 record.

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