

The Wagnerian

Raising awareness at Wagner College since 1918

Wagner College

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Photo: Bryan Grandison

The restoration of 82-year-old Main Hall is nearly finished. The project included new furniture in many classrooms.

Main Hall back in action

By **EMILY REKSTIS**
Managing Editor

Students received their class schedules over the summer with some reading “MH,” or Main Hall. Wagner’s icon is back. Pre-construction, a typical day in a Main Hall classroom came along with strange noises from the pipes and a faint smell of old furniture.

Post-construction, the atmosphere is learning friendly.

Most of the classrooms have new wooden floors, black sleek windows, a fresh coat of paint and furniture that includes rolling desks and chairs. Although these chairs may be distracting for some students, it does make things easier when a teacher likes to change the room set up for discussions instead of lectures.

The opening of Main Hall also meant the opening of the Main Stage theater. As the theater is another huge aspect to Wagner’s reputation, new chairs and curtains were installed.

“It’s really nice being back home on our Main Stage,” said junior theater major Jesse McCaig. “The stage finally reflects the talent and hard work that students put in the reputable program that Wagner has.”

The biggest surprise out of all the

renovations? The clock located directly in the center of Main Hall above the double doors is finally running. It is a contribution to the 82-year-old brick building, but has not actually had any use but for its added decorative component. It is unsure how long the clock has not been working. Lee Manchester is looking through archived photos to see if the clock was ever meant to be a functional clock. Even so, now students and faculty can look up and see the big concrete hands pointing to the exact time.

This is not the only clock on the building. There is also an identical one in the back of Main Hall that is in the process of becoming a working clock. The works and the hands need to be added. While the clock in the front had only hands that did not move, the ones on the back clock fell off.

Another change still in the works, a trench has been made around Main Hall to inspect the foundation. Once they are finished with the inspection, the trench will be sealed and covered.

There is also an added abundance of foot traffic through the stairwell closest to Spiro Hall. This is due to the workers still in the process of checking to make sure that the inner and outer face of the stairwell are

joined and secure.

Although only in the back of the building the green and silver scaffolding stand, it is still an eye sore to the beautiful gothic style building. The scaffolding is still up in order to inspect and make sure that everything is completed the correct way. If the scaffolding comes down before the inspection is complete, a cherry picker would have to be brought in to lift a worker to fix the problem.

All of the work still being done is “basically finishing work,” according to Manchester.

Does the construction still taking place prove that there was a rush to open the building because of the lack of classroom space? “I don’t think that [the pressure] forced them to rush the job,” said Manchester. “Trust me everyone knew there was a lot of pressure to get the job done. But there certainly wasn’t any skimping on the work that was done. With all the time that we put in to this, they weren’t going to artificially push forward and potentially short cut some job that should be done.”

About \$15 million later, Wagner has its iconic view back— looking onto campus across the Sutter Oval is the large brick building of Main Hall standing beautifully and strong, representing Wagner College.

Harsh economy impacts enrollment

An interview with the director of admissions

By **ALYSSA BROWN**
Co-Editor

First-year student enrollment has dropped six percent since last year, but overall new student enrollment including first-year, transfer, and second-degree students has dropped only two percent.

Total enrollment at Wagner has not changed significantly in recent years, but there has been a decline in undergraduate enrollment due to the economy, according to Jake Browne, director of admissions. Because of the decline, 15 administrative positions have been frozen or eliminated, he added.

In interviews last week in his Pape House office, Browne attributed the enrollment changes to the weak economy. He also said it has become increasingly difficult to secure loans, often a necessity for a private education.

First year and new student enrollment

Undergraduate enrollment includes both first-year enrollment (students entering Wagner after high school) and new student enrollment (including transfers and second-degree students). This semester, there are 574 first-year and new students. This time last year, there were 583 new students— three more new students than in 2010, explained Browne, who earned an undergraduate degree in 2005 and a master’s degree in 2008 from Wagner.

First-year enrollment at first seemed lower in May 2012 compared to first year enrollment in 2011. However, first-year enrollment fluctuates over the summer at most colleges. There are always students who, even after sending in a deposit, will change their mind to attend another school.

Browne calls this the “summer melt.” Last summer, there were about 42 withdraws from Wagner over the summer. This past summer, there were only 15 “melted” students.

In addition to fewer “summer melts,” there were students who withdrew at another school to attend Wagner. Athletic recruits account for late first-year students, especially this year with two new basketball coaches

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Get to know your SGA Executive Board



President: Gregory J. Balaes
Hometown: Staten Island
Year: Senior (Graduating 2013)
Roles and Responsibilities of Position: To advocate for positive changes at Wagner and continued improvement, based on the input from the student body, SGA Senators, alumni, faculty, and administration.

Vice President: Gina Auricchio
Hometown: Staten Island
Year: Senior (Graduating 2013)
Roles and Responsibilities of Position: I assist the President and assume the duties of the President if the office becomes unoccupied. My primary task is to run weekly Senate meetings and oversee Senate projects, proposal groups, and committees.



V.P. of Finance: Frank Gallinaro
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Year: Junior (Graduating 2014)
Roles and Responsibilities of Position: The Wagner College Campus Activities Board (WagCAB) encourages student unity through positive opportunities and interactions both on and off campus.



Next SGA meeting is Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. in Spiro 4

Slater moves on, Amerson steps in

By DANIELLE LUCCHESI
 Co-Copy Chief

Co-Curricular programs welcomes Charles Amerson as their new director since the departure of former director Sabrina Slater.

On Tuesday, June 5, students were invited via e-mail to join Richard and Carin Guarasci in the President's Office for a farewell reception honoring Slater as the former director of co-curricular programs.

While Slater is pursuing her studies at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N.J., Amerson thereafter assumed the position.

Amerson's main focus is to build a sense of community within the student body through his many responsibilities. He mainly manages office operations while hiring and supervising six student office assistants. He will also co-advise WagCAB (Campus Activities Board) and supervise a graduate assistant.

Throughout the years, Amerson plans to coordinate and manage transition programs like the first year and transfer student orientations, and to oversee commuter student life, Greek Life, Coffeehouse staffing, intramurals and leadership development programs.

He hopes students will connect through sharing common experiences on campus.

Amerson opines students to join clubs and, if none of the clubs on campus spark an interest, he will see if other students have the same interest and try to start a new club. He also encourages student clubs to hold meetings and activities after classes end at 9 p.m., as well as on the weekends so any student can become involved.

"Students need to voice their opinions, a lot of what I do is driven by the students," Amerson said.

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Smooth move-in relaxes incoming freshmen

By **BRYAN GRANDISON**
Head of Photography

The long awaited day for every incoming first year student at Wagner finally arrived on Thursday, Aug. 23. Starting at 7 a.m., the class of 2016 began moving into Harbor View Hall to start their new college adventure. The first student to arrive pulled down the road towards Harbor View to hear the battle of noise between the blasting music and the large group of cheering move in volunteers. The volunteers included orientation coordinators, peer leaders, Resident Assistants (RAs), and Greek

organizations. Among these returning students is senior Alison Tusick, an RA for the 14th floor in Harbor View. Alison loves greeting the incoming students and families and feels that everyone is very welcoming. She recalls her first day at Wagner and claims she "felt at home right away." As students pulled up to retrieve their keys, their cars were immediately bombarded by the move in volunteers who unloaded all of their belongings and took them to the new student's rooms. First year student, Jessica Roberts, called the move-in process "well organized" and "well run." Kellie Griffith, an RA in the first

year dorm remembers everyone being excited when she moved in. She wanted everyone to feel as welcome as she did her freshman year. Serina Figueras, another incoming student, said she was having a "great time" during move-in day and thought that "everyone was very friendly." Agreeing with Serina, Shea Gegan thought everyone was "really helpful, nice, happy, and awesome." With everyone in high spirits, even parents were extremely pleased with move-in day. "Not having to unload the car is wonderful," was the common phrase heard from the front seats of the cars.

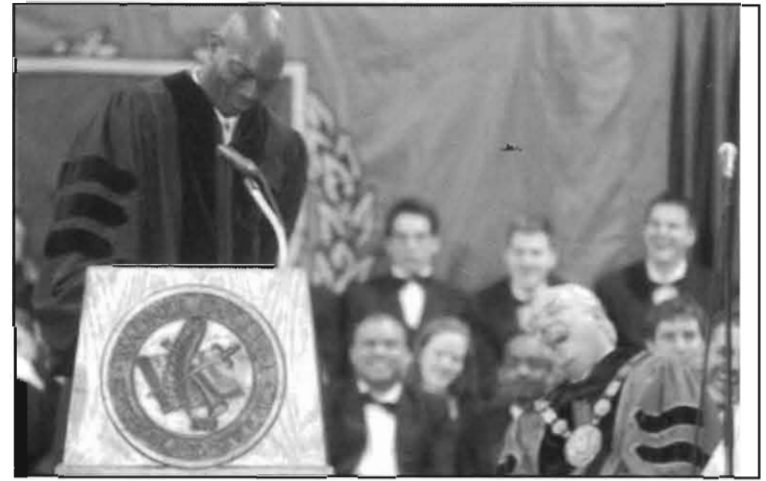


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Former public safety supervisor Thomas Tibbs spoke at the 2003 commencement ceremony.

Investigation continues about popular supervisor

By **ALEXANDRIA GRECO**
Co-Editor

Students returning to campus after summer break were surprised to learn Public Safety Supervisor Thomas Tibbs was no longer at Wagner.

The Investigation

Mr. Tibbs, 52, was terminated from his position after he was arrested on June 16. According to court documents, Mr. Tibbs stole a target gift card from the mailroom in May. Mr. Tibbs was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny and fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property showed court papers. "The investigation is in the hands of the NYPD," said Lee Manchester, director of media relations, in a story published in the Staten Island Advance in June. "We are cooperating and doing anything we can to assist them."

Other Wagner College administrators would not comment on the ongoing investigation.

The United States Postal Inspec-

tion Service is also investigating the incident, a spokeswoman said.

Tibbs is missed on campus

Even though Mr. Tibbs no longer works at Wagner, students came to know and like him.

"I have the utmost respect for that man: we all have a past and we all have things we're not proud of," said junior Morgan Roach. "But when he was here he would do anything to help out the students, I can't tell you how many times he helped me out. Even if I needed to chat and he had a minute he would be there."

Junior Bronwyn Whittle agrees, "He was reliable for RAs (residential assistants) to have. He was always the first to an incident with Monica and always around when other events were going on. It made me feel really safe."

Mr. Tibbs was present in court on Aug. 16. No new charges have been filed according to Peter Spencer, spokesman for the Richmond County District Attorney's office.

He is due back in court on Oct. 18. The investigation is continuing said Spencer.

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and sports with later recruitment seasons.

Social media connection

The admissions director credits orientation supervisors Allie Dufford and Chris DeFilippi with this year's lower "summer melt." The duo successfully used social media to stay involved with new students, and answered all of their questions via Facebook and Twitter. They also hosted two LiveStream chats.

"I think regardless of size and the number of students, they (the first-year students) are very connected," said Browne. He said new students feel a connection with their peers before even arriving on campus because

of social media.

Browne stated that enrollment decreases in the past years have adversely impacted the college's budget. Some of the 15 administrators who have left Wagner took other job opportunities, while others were let go. Some of the positions have been frozen indefinitely.

Wagner has, however, been able to find other streams of revenue. For example, over the past year, enrollment for the second-degree nursing program has doubled. The program, which attracts many older students, has added new faculty and staff. This has helped strengthen the college's overall enrollment and budget.

9/11 Rememberance
Tues. September 11
11:30 a.m.
Trautmann Square



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



This year's theater line-up holds promising excitement

By **CHRISTOPHER LUNER**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

From honoring Broadway's greatest composers to honoring the girls of Delta Nu, Wagner College Theatre is about to kick off its 2012-2013 season with a mix of musical theatres finest, as well as one of Broadway's biggest blockbuster hits.

Kicking off the 2012-2013 season will be the Stephen Sondheim revue show, *Putting It Together*. The show showcases Sondheim's hits from some of his most popular shows including *Sunday In The Park With George*, *Company*, *Merrily We Roll Along* and *A Little Night Music*. The production is directed by Drew Scott Harris, who has directed previous Wagner shows such as *My Fair Lady*, *Cinderella* and *Beauty and the Beast*.

The production will run from Oct. 3 to 6, as well as Oct. 10 to the 14.

Next up on the Main stage is the Broadway blockbuster hit, *Legally Blonde the Musical!* Directed by Brian Patrick Murphy and choreographed by Sara Sheperd. Both performed on the first national tour of Legally Blonde. They plan on bringing to life the girls of Delta Nu and Elle Woods who travels to Harvard Law School just to prove how "Serious" she is. The production will run from Nov. 14 to the 17, and then pick up again after Thanksgiving break, running Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

The Stage One season kicks off with the German play, *Springs Awakening*, which criticizes the sexually oppressed of 19th century Germany but also provokes thought and conversation about serious topics such as abuse, suicide, homosexuality and abortion. The newest Wagner College theatre faculty member,

David Ledoux, will direct this piece. The production will run from Oct. 9 to the 14.

Finishing off the first semester in Stage One will be the brand new piece, *The School for Lies* by David Ives. In this piece, Ives takes a 21st century spin on the classic French comedy *The Misanthrope*. Wagner College theatre faculty member and Staten Island artist, Mickey Tenenbaum, will direct the piece. The production will run from Nov. 27 to Dec. 2.

Along with these promising performances is the newly renovated Main Hall theatre in which they will be performed. New, bigger and comfortable seats await those who get to check out the Main Stage musicals as well as a new floor and fresh theatre experience.

Make sure to support your fellow students and check out this semester's promising performances!

From *The Full Monty* to an original student written musical

CSP and SRMT release their musical performances for this year

By **SAMANTHA KNOERZER**
Entertainment Editor

This upcoming season promises much excitement for CSP and SRMT, Wagner College's two student run performance clubs. The two clubs have already started working hard, teaming up for the *Revivals Cabaret* that will occur the Friday night of Parent's Weekend. The rest of CSP's lineup this year is as follows: *The Full Monty* (End of September), *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (A special Halloween weekend event), *A Concert version of American Idiot* (November) and *A Brand New Musical Review* by composer Bobby Cronin (December). Specific dates will be noted at a later time.

SRMT's lineup is as follows:

[title of show] goes up October 19 and 20, followed by *The Normal Heart* (November 16 and 17). [title of show] is a one-act musical, with music and lyrics by Jeff Bowen and a book by Hunter Bell. The show chronicles its own creation as an entry in the New York Musical Theatre Festival, and follows the struggles of the author and composer/lyricist and their two actress friends during the initial brief (three-week) creative period, along with subsequent events leading up to the show's production.

Both clubs are very excited for the upcoming year. "I'm genuinely excited to attack the 2012-2013 as the new president of CSP." Says Senior Maxwell King, CSP's newly appointed president. "We have given the organization a much-needed facelift, represented by an extremely talented and devoted e-

board, a great season for this upcoming fall, and a newly renovated website. Our goal is to help this campus put on the best student run theatre possible, and our organization is here to support anyone else at Wagner looking to do the same! We strongly encourage anyone interested in the arts, no matter of your major, to get involved, whether you would like to act, work behind the scenes, or just watch your friends and peers perform, everyone is welcome!" President of SRMT, William Aberle, reflects CSP's excitement.

"We look forward to entertaining Wagner for this year and hopefully many more to come!" Adds King. For updates on CSP and SRMT performances this year, check out their Facebook pages and make sure to 'like' them, too, to show your support!



All you need to know about the latest celebrity gossip!

Lohan entangled with law; celebrity summer babies

By **AMANDA HASTINGS**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Welcome back Wagner. Hastings on Hollywood is the no. 1 stop for all the celebrity gossip news. It was a fun and interesting summer in Hollywood. Here are some of the major stories that happened over the break!

Lindsay Lohan has once again found herself in the center of police business. On Aug. 18, the *Mean Girl*, who has been working on her comeback as an actress, visited a multimillionaire friend's home in Hollywood Hills. The next day, \$100,000 worth of jewelry, sunglasses, credit card holders and cash was reported stolen. Police presented evidence that led the 26-year-old to become an official suspect. It was later revealed by L.A. police that she will not be prosecuted due to insufficient evidence.

Couple alert! Fresh out of her marriage from **Russell Brand**, **Katy Perry** started a summer romance with Hollywood bad boy **John Mayer**. However, the *California Girl* claims that her romance with Mayer was nothing more than a summer fling that ended in late August.

In other break-up news, *Twilight* stars **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** have called it quits. The 22-year-old actress was caught having an affair with *Snow White and the Huntsman* director **Rupert Sanders**. This caused much buzz and destroyed the relationship. Since the ordeal, Pattinson has sought comfort from many Hollywood A-Listers. He has been staying at *Legally Blonde* actress **Reese Witherspoon's** home, reportedly texting singer **Rihanna** and was seen on a dinner date with **Katy Perry**.

Summer 2012 left Hollywood filled with engaged superstars. The 19-year-old singer and actress **Miley Cyrus** is engaged to her 22-year-old boyfriend **Liam Hemsworth**. He popped the question to the former *Hannah Montana* star on May 31. The duo, who met on the set of their film *The Last Song*, says they are in no rush to walk down the aisle.

In other wedding bell news, **Jennifer Aniston** is engaged to boyfriend **Justin Theroux**. Theroux asked his *Wanderlust* co-star for her hand in marriage on his birthday, Aug. 10. There is news swirling



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Snooki looking like her old self while she goes about her usual day to day with her new baby boy, Lorenzo.

that Aniston does not want a pre-nuptial agreement. This will be the second marriage for the 43-year-old actress, who was previously united to actor **Brad Pitt**. After Pitt had an affair with **Angelina Jolie**, the two divorced in 2005. While Pitt and Jolie became engaged and had six children, the *Friends* star found it hard to move on, until now. Both weddings are sure to be a hit! Who do you think will make it to the altar first?

While some stars have a new beginning, there were also plenty of nasty divorces in Hollywood. A-List couple **Tom Cruise** and **Katie Holmes** have ended their six-year marriage. This came as a shock to fans, as well as to *The Mission Impossible* star himself. Holmes, who shares custody of six-year-old daughter **Suri** with Tom, filed for divorce on June 29. The 50-year-old actor is a very private person, and wanted to deal with the divorce settlement outside of courts to avoid any confidential information being revealed. On July 9, Tom agreed to give the 33-year-old actress primary custody of Suri. The former Mrs. Cruise will receive \$400,000 per year in child support out of Tom's \$250 million fortune.

This was also the summer of celebrity births. Jersey Shore Star **Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi** gave birth to a baby boy named Lorenzo on Aug. 26. Rumors are swirling that the pregnancy was filmed and will be a special on MTV. But that wasn't the only exciting birth this summer! *Take Me Home Tonight* movie star **Anna Faris**, gave birth to a baby boy named Jack on Aug. 25.

Stay tuned for more *Hastings on Hollywood!* It's a brand new school year and there's bound to be plenty of surprises, because Hollywood never sleeps!

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LIFE & STYLE

Must-see museum exhibits



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Above: *Rise and Fall of Apartheid*
Left: *The Weegee: Murder is My Business*



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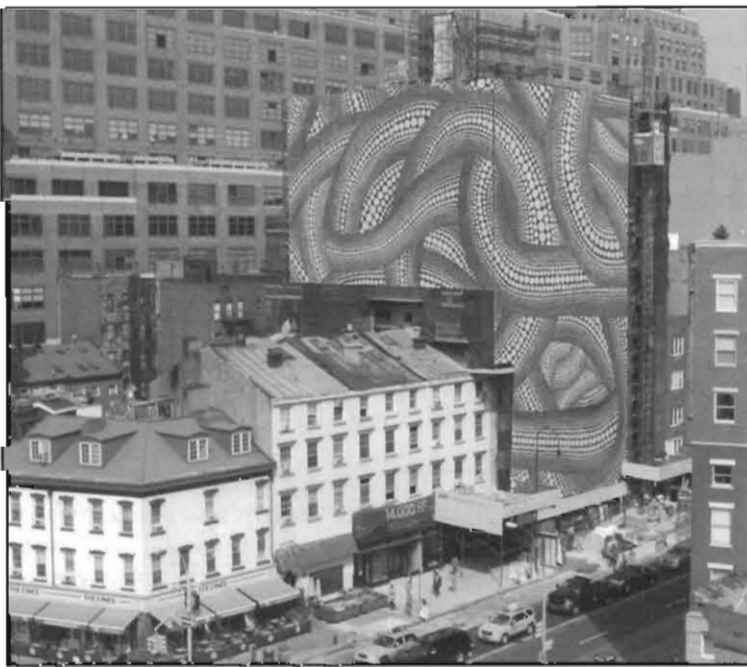


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You may have passed this MePa billboard and wondered what the 120 foot wrap represented. Yayoi Kusama is an 83-year-old Japanese pop artist. DDG Partners collaborated with her to put together a classy "product" to defer the appearance of construction of 345meatpacking. On Sept. 30, the Kusama's *Yellow Trees* curtain will fall and the Kulumba brick façade will be revealed. However, at the Whitney Museum, the Yayoi Kusama exhibit opened on July 12 and will remain open until Sept. 30.



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Photo: www.amnh.org

By Alyssa Ahern
The Weegee: Murder is My Business Exhibit just ended. However *The Rise and Fall of Apartheid: Photography and the Bureaucracy of Everyday Life* opens Sept. 14, 2012 thru Jan. 6, 2013.

Where: International Center of Photography Museum
About: This exhibit includes 500 photographs, films, books, magazines, newspapers and assorted archival documents. It covers more than 60 years of historical records of South Africa. The collection depicts and examines the legacy of the apartheid system and how it dominated almost all aspects of South Africa.

Where: American Museum of Natural History
Exhibit: *The Butterfly Conservatory*
When: Oct. 6, 2012 - May 28, 2013
About: This is one of the museum's most popular annual seasonal exhibitions. The Butterfly Conservatory exhibition features butterflies from three of the five families.

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In my own words: "People say I live nine different lives, so I created a tumblr for my friends to actually see what I do in all nine lives. [keepbeingyou.tumblr.com]"

Best NYC restaurants

College budget-minded eateries and specials

By ALYSSA AHERN
Life and Style Editor

KumoSushi: This sushi restaurant is unlike the rest. Here you can get "All You Can Eat Sushi" for \$25.95. This special includes Sushi, Maki, Hand Rolls and Special Rolls. If all you can eat sounds like too much food, try the 3 Rolls for \$9 special. Kumo Sushi is located in both the East and West Village. [kumonyc.com]

Calexico: This once street cart only turned restaurant has been Zagat rated as the no. 1 Mexican restaurant in New York City. Located at 645 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, Calexico is not only known for its amazing Mexican food, but also for its happy hour. Happy hour in Greenpoint includes a two-for-one house margarita

and draft beer every wecknight from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and then again from midnight to 1 a.m. [calexicocart.com]

East Village Tavern: This low key restaurant includes a Saturday and Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., where you can get one entrée for \$17 with an hour of open bar. If you do not drink or are not of age, try the same brunch menu where you can get one entrée for only \$9. [evtnyc.com]

Dallas BBQ: This restaurant has multiple locations throughout three boroughs. It is one of the best restaurants for wing lovers. For example, you can order five giant sized chicken wings for only \$8.99. One person alone cannot take on those five wings, making Dallas BBQ the perfect family-style diner. Dallas BBQ also serves ribs, chicken, steak, corn bread and fresh cut fries as their most popular items. [dallasbbq.com]

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notes from a novice

Can Armstrong's death inspire another giant leap for mankind?

By **STEPHANIE HINKES**
Opinions Editor

While our minds were occupied with packing and unpacking during the transition back to school, the world lost a significant man in history. According to CNN, on Saturday, Aug. 25, Neil Armstrong died at the age of 82 from complications from recent cardiovascular procedures.

Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon in 1969, and has remained a hero of space ever since. Although he had many influences in his field, Armstrong's fame will always revolve around his first step on the moon and his famous words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

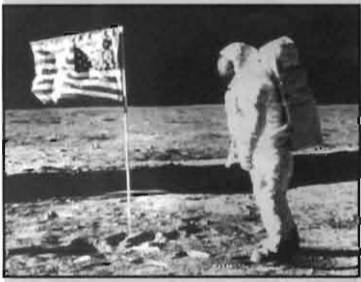


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Neil Armstrong taking his famous first small step.

In my opinion, these are words we should remember and act on. His one small step onto the surface of the moon amounted to a leap in astronautics and world history. I think many easily recall his words, yet few look at the true meaning.

If we all just took a few "steps" every once in a while, imagine what the world could leap into and become. The same concept goes for the trip to the moon. If the world has accomplished such a monumental task, it seems as though society can accomplish anything with the right mindset.

As we begin yet another semester, there is nothing stopping us as students from doing something monumental ourselves. We do not need to find cures for diseases or win a Nobel Peace Prize; we only

need to make a difference at Wagner. Something as simple as helping a student who looks to be struggling, sitting with a freshman who is eating alone or even volunteering at more campus events can make a huge difference in our future. If every student was to take one small "step" in the right direction, I truly believe campus would become a much more enjoyable place.

Complaints could turn into enthusiastic comments, stressful times could become more relaxed, and loneliness could be comforted by a group of friends. The possibilities are endless and all we need to do is take one small "step."

When Armstrong was taking his first step onto the moon, he was not pushing people aside and being selfish; he took that step for all of mankind and shared the victory with the world. Therefore, when we take our steps, it is not to be done for bragging rights or for everyone to see. It's to be done to make a small difference so that all of our baby steps will help Wagner become a better community.

Small steps have already been taken, as the athletes and theater students began to bridge their gap. I know that this can continue to progress through the coming years if more people will join in. There is so much we can do to make campus a better place and to help Wagner take a giant leap this coming year.

I believe that with Armstrong's death comes the memory of what he accomplished along with his words of wisdom, and as a result, I think it is a call to action for this coming year.

Armstrong's family said it best when telling CNN that "While we mourn the loss of a very good man, we also celebrate his remarkable life and hope that it serves as an example to young people around the world to work hard to make their dreams come true, to be willing to explore and push the limits, and to selflessly serve a cause greater than themselves."



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Paul Ryan reveals his views on abortion following rape

By **MISTY ROSSO**
Co-Copy Chief

Sometimes political figures make statements that leave me questioning the sanity and judgment of United States citizens. Vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan's views on abortion following a rape is a prime example of that.

In a recent interview, Ryan stated that, in his opinion, rape is simply another "method of conception," and not a valid reason to get an abortion.

In the past week, Representative Todd Akin's assertion that women could not get pregnant from "legitimate rape" has been a wildly popular topic of debate. "From what I understand from doctors, that's really rare [pregnancies from rape]. If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut the whole thing down," Akin's said in an interview on a St. Louis television station, KTVI-TV.

My first issue with Akin is his insolence. What gives him the right to dictate what "legitimate rape" is? According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, the definition of rape is as follows: 1) the unlawful compelling of a person through physical force or duress to have sexual intercourse, 2) any act of sexual intercourse that is forced upon a person.

No where in that definition does it

say only violent unwanted sexual intercourse is necessary for it to be defined as rape. What about rape by way of incest or rape of a mentally impaired individual? I believe that rape can occur in various scenarios, and if the female says no or the predator knows she does not want it, it is rape. In my opinion, this is a black and white issue.

When WJHL, a branch of CBS, reporter Josh Smith asked Ryan if he thinks a rape victim should be able to choose to abort her pregnancy, he commented, "I'm very proud of my pro-life record, and I've always adopted the idea that, the position that the method of conception doesn't change the definition of life."

While his ideals about abortion are not directly in line with those of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, he is on the Republican ticket and could be the next vice president of this country. Even though Romney may believe in exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother, he has refused to comment on the ramblings of Akin or abortion. Refraining from separating himself from Akin's ludicrous theories places the Republican candidate on the same level as Akin, and gives the general public the idea that he agrees with this man.

MSNBC reporter Steve Benen stated in a recent report, that "Republicans can only distance themselves so much from Akin before we realize

they share his views." I completely agree.

Although not everyone in this country may find Akin as deranged as I do, I believe that comments such as these from Ryan agreeing with Akin will hurt the Republican party and rightfully so. The pro-life/pro-choice controversy is longstanding in the U.S., yet I think the emphasis on the mother is often omitted.

Yes, abortion ends a potential life. That's horrible and I wish no one ever had to choose to terminate their unborn child. However, I firmly believe in a woman's right to choose regardless of the circumstances, and I feel strongly about a woman's right to an abortion if she is raped. A pregnancy affects a woman's body, her life and her future. No one should be able to dictate or judge what a woman decides. If she chooses to nullify the pregnancy, that is her choice. If she chooses to keep the baby, that is also her choice. Either way, the woman has a choice.

I think that asinine fanatics should keep these doctrines to themselves. Ryan should shut his mouth and Romney should speak up if he truly believes in exceptions for rape. In my opinion, the people of this nation should band together to protect the inherent right of women to have power over their body, especially when a woman's body is left powerless to an attacker.

Cutting the cord: Living away from home

By **NICHOLAS WOODMAN**
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I did laundry for the first time today. Honestly, it wasn't hard. You separate the lights from the darks, put in some detergent and fabric softener, and then wait. I read for my American Literature class to pass the time, poring through pages upon pages about colonial America. I'll admit that I found it tedious to read, but I didn't care. I just needed something to keep my mind off home.

People keep telling me that I'm lucky, that I live "only" 25 minutes away, that I could come home at any time. These people are missing the point: Wagner, although commuter friendly, is geared more towards residents. You connect with others through your shared experiences at Harbor View. If I went home, I would have never visited another friend's dorm. It's easy to just leave after class when you commute. My house is my comfort zone, and college, to me, is all about leaving that zone. I think it is better for me if I stay, anyway. I need

to assert my independence. Besides, I would regret what I missed: the parties, the dorm life, the shared experiences. These are things that you only experience once.

There are days where I wish I could live at home. During my first week away at college, I periodically felt pangs of homesickness. My whole world was turned upside down. Walking around campus, I looked and felt like a freshman. Friday was the worst day. Of the friends that I had made, I was the only one who decided to stay on campus for the weekend. I spent a good portion of Friday evening wandering around campus, sulking. I had spent the first few days building a safety bubble, making friends with whomever I could, but once those friends left, that bubble popped. It was the worst feeling in the world.

Yet, despite these moments, I can honestly say that I love being here. I live for the moments when my professor cracks a joke, when I hang out with my friends in the common room, when I do something for the first time on my own. I have a beau-

For any student feeling homesick, or the need to talk to someone, Wagner offers 2 counselours, a psychiatrist and psychologist. You can make an appointment by calling the Center for Health and Wellness at (718) 390-3158

tiful campus and the city at my doorstep. I have met some absolutely amazing people. Honestly, I can't see myself at any other college, and I know that going here was the right decision.

I know that I shouldn't be afraid to explore my inner psyche. The only way to get over homesickness is to embrace it. It's something that needs to be talked about and dealt with. I want college to be the best four years of my life. I'm not paying for four years of doubts and regret. So I'll face my inner demons. I'll accept my homesickness and have fun despite it, not because of it. And in the end, my longings will fade away. My friendships will grow stronger, my future will become clearer, and my time here will be amazing. I know it.

SEAHAWK SPORTS

Football falls short in season opener

By AUDRIANA MEKULA
Wagnerian Sports Editor

Seahawks fell short Friday Aug. 31 in Boca Raton, FL., against Florida Atlantic University (FAU) owls with a score of 7-3. The Green and White were able to hold a 3-0 lead over FAU for three quarters before the Owls scored a touchdown early in the fourth.

Senior kicker David Lopez gave the Seahawks the 3-0 lead with a 39-yard field goal and 11:13 remaining in the first half after previously missing a 43-yard attempt. On the Seahawks punt, the Green and White received golden field position after freshman defensive back Abedwale Godwin recovered the ball after an FAU player inadvertently touched the ball. The recovery granted Seahawks a first and goal at the 6-yard line with 4:44 remaining in the half.

Senior quarterback Nick Doscher threw an incomplete pass before being sacked for a 1-yard loss on second down. On third down, the Owls created one of the biggest plays of the game with an interception from D’Juan Smith in the right corner of the end zone.

After the first half, the Seahawk defense had limited FAU quarterback Stephen Curtis to 4 of 10 passing for 37-yards. The Owls started quarterback Graham Wilbert in the second half instead. The switch caused the Owls to gain offensive momentum as he completed passes for 14 and 9-yards, respectively in the first Owl drive of the second half. The drive ended with an unsuccessful 39-yard field goal attempt from kicker Sean Kelly.

Seahawks next drive looked prom-



Photo: Wagner Athletics website

Running back Otis Wright avoids a tackle.

ising with Doscher finding sophomore fullback Patrick Gibbons for a 12-yard gain. Senior running back Williams followed suit with two completed runs of 9 and 11 yards, respectfully. The drive ended, however, after Williams’ 1-yard loss and a pair of incompletes.

At the start of the fourth quarter, FAU wasted no time getting into scoring position. Owl running back Mason Jackson ran for 28 yards to the Seahawk 43-yard line.

Wilbert then found Byron Hankerson for a 28-yard pass up the middle, placing them at the 17-yard line. On the next play, the Owls ran the ball up the middle, but were stopped by senior linebacker C.O. Prime, who caused a fumble, recovered by junior safety Patrick O’Conner.

While FAU’s drive did not lead to points, it allowed them to keep some momentum as their defense forced Wagner into a quick three-and-out. On the first play of the following Owls’ drive, Wilbert connected with Hankerson for a 39-yard pass which resulted in a touchdown for the Owls, bring the score to 7-3.

Wagner’s following drive looked productive with a 15-yard run from

Williams, but was cut short again by the Owls’ defense. The Owls took control of the ball with 8:27 remaining in the game. The Owls were able to shave 8:07 off the game clock with an 18-play 76-yard drive. Backup transfer junior quarterback Kramer Berg was able to give the Seahawks a little hope with a 25-yard completion to sophomore Anthony Carrington, but could not continue the momentum with two incompletes as time ran out.

For Wagner, Doscher was 7-of-17 passing for 91 yards. Fifth-year senior wide receiver David Crawford, seeing his first action since an injury in the 2011 season, led Wagner in receptions with three for 25 yards. Carrington had two receptions for a career-high 41 yards. Sophomore kicker A.J. Firestone had a very solid evening, averaging 41.6 yards on five punts, including the career-long 51-yarder.

On the defensive end, O’Connor registered 10 tackles while senior defensive back Matthew McGuinness, senior linebacker Mike Lombardo, and senior linebacker Theodore Clahessy had seven tackles a piece.



Photo: Quintin Anderson’s Facebook

Quintin Anderson is now playing for the Buccaneers.

Alumni living the NFL dream

By AUDRIANA MEKULA
Wagnerian Sports Editor

Wagner College’s Julian Stanford, Jeremiah Brown and Quintin Anderson, all former football athletes, have all been signed with NFL teams just a few short months after their graduation in May.

Stanford made the final 53-man roster of the Jacksonville Jaguars. After signing as an undrafted free agent, the 6 feet 1 inch 230-pound linebacker gave it all he could during training camp and is now in line to become the first former Seahawk to make a NFL regular season roster since Rich Kotite in 1972.



Photo: Jeremiah Brown’s Facebook

Jeremiah Brown, Jaguars.

“I would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported me and continues to support me ... it truly means a lot to me thank you!” Stanford said on Twitter.

Stanford is not the only athlete from his graduating class to begin his career with the NFL. Brown signed his free agent contract in May also with the Jaguars as a safety. Unfortunately, Brown suffered a concussion in practice on Aug. 2 and was not listed on the injury report for team in their last game.

Defensive end Anderson has also made his name known in the NFL after signing as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and reported to their preseason training. He, too, does not appear on the active roster this season



Photo: Julian Stanford’s Facebook

Julian Stanford now plays for the Jaguars.

Stanford clinched his spot on the roster after a team-best five tackles in Jacksonville’s 24-14 win over Atlanta.

Seahawk Football 2012



Sept 8.....	vs. Georgetown	1:00pm
Sept 15.....	vs. Monmouth	1:00pm*
Sept 22.....	vs. Central Connecticut State	7:00pm*
Sept 29.....	vs. Bryant	1:00 pm*
Oct 6.....	vs. Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
Oct 20.....	vs. St. Francis	12:00pm*
Oct 27.....	vs. Robert Morris	1:00pm*
Nov 3.....	vs. Albany	12:00pm*
Nov 6.....	vs. Monmouth	1:00pm*
Nov 13.....	vs. Albany	1:00pm*
Nov 10.....	vs. Holy Cross	1:00pm
Nov 17.....	vs. Duquesne	12:00pm*

* Conference Game: The Seahawks play in the Northeast Conference (NEC)

Football field to be dedicated to Walt Hameline at the home opener game Sat. Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.



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Welcoming the Class of 2016 on Move-In Day

Upperclassmen bond with the incoming first-year students while assisting them with move-in on Aug. 23.

