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Pipe bursts over Spring Break, flooding four Harbor View floors

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Maintenance crews, Residence Life, and Campus Operations joined forces to clean up after a pipe in Harbor View Hall burst over Spring Break, around 8 a.m. on March 5, affecting at least 20 rooms and causing several students on the third floor of Harbor View Hall to wake up in a pool of water.

A riser pipe (a vertical-standing pipe that distributes hot water to the building) located on the even side of the fourth floor had sprung a large leak due to age and wear (the Harbor View building is more than 40 years old). Water had made its way from the fourth floor all the way down to the basement. At least 20 rooms were affected by the flood, which made its way down the building by cascading down the staircases, through the center walls, and dripping through the ceilings.

Timothy Cushing woke up to the sound of the fire alarm and what he described as a "loud roaring." In 10 minutes, two inches of water had collected on the floor of his dorm room. He threw his things onto his bed, but his computer power adapter was damaged.

Tim Pratt, who was sleeping on a futon cushion on the floor of this third floor dorm room, found himself floating in the water, thanks to the rubber mats that covered the floor. When he got up, he noticed water seeping out from under the mats as he walked over them and then quickly grabbed towels to mop up the mess. When his roommate, Adam Chatfield, left the room, he found that the hallway had accumulated about two inches of water. In a joint effort, the pair used three towels to soak up as much water as they could and made multiple trips to wring out the towels and return to the flood.

Andrew Daly, who lives in the room where the leak occurred, adjacent to Daly and Chatfield's room, was luckily not in the room at the time. Jimmy Atkins, who works in the maintenance department, said that the pipe was "spewing hot water and steam at full force," and could have easily injured anyone in the room. Daly and his roommate were at a lacrosse away game. The night before the flood, Daly was in his room, but did not hear any noises or see any signals that a potential problem was brewing. When he finally returned to his room at 6 p.m., he saw that the beds were moved and his belongings were piled on the bed.

Robert Ruggiero, the chief engineer of Wagner's powerhouse, was there with two of his co-workers to repair the leak. First, they shut down the main valve in order to stop the flowing water. Then, they had to break the walls in order to get to the pipe, which was cut off and replaced with new pipe that had to be welded



Photos by Timothy Cushing

Students returned to find their things in disarray after a pipe burst in Harbor View Hall over break.



on. Twelve hours later, the valve was reopened and allowed the hot water to flow back through the building.

At this point, a second pipe had burst, this time on the odd side of the second floor. Ruggiero explained that since this water flows at a pressure of about 120 to 150 psi (pounds per square inch), any other weaknesses in the system would present themselves in the form of a leak. Fortunately, the second leak was "caught right away and made minimal damage," according to Ruggiero.

In the meantime, workers from Residence Life, Maintenance, and Campus Operations were all on hand to assist. John Resto, the Res-

ident Director of Harbor View, along with four Resident Advisers, helped move all the furniture and checked all the rooms and basement storage units. Tom Daly and his crew from housekeeping, a Campus Operations department, helped by pulling out all the carpeting from the rooms and bagging all the wet clothes. They cleaned up all the water, shampooed the carpets and sent the damaged clothes to be professionally cleaned, which was financed by Campus Life.

Dean Anne Love, Lavina Panjabi, the director of Residence Life, and Ruta Shah-Gordon, the associate dean for student development, called the parents of those students who had

left for vacation and had damage to their rooms.

According to Panjabi, "parents and residents took [the news] well." No final numbers were available regarding the amount of damage incurred.

All in all, the flood was serious, but was taken care of quickly and properly. Atkins explained, "something like that happens, [and] it could be devastating." According to Panjabi, the flood served as a "true test of how well we work together." Panjabi is thankful to all those who stayed up to take care of the problem.

Library basement offers tutoring

By ERIN VOLSARIO
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Have you ever been to the basement of the library and seen the studious individuals accompanied by neon yellow and pink signs? Ever wonder who they are? Those library basement lurkers are the Peer Tutors, and they are waiting to help you.

Currently, there are 26 Peer Tutors, one in nearly every discipline and some with overlapping responsibilities in various content areas. In order to become a tutor, an individual must be recommended by two faculty members who feel that the student has mastery of a certain subject. Therefore, tutors are "hand-picked" and certified for the job. An interview is arranged with Professor Mary Zanfini, director of the Peer Tutoring Center (PTC).

Tutors work approximately five hours per week, with some tutors working by appointment, and other within set hours. Tutors can help undergraduates in a content area with which they are experiencing difficulty, and tutors can also provide study help.

Primarily, tutors work one-on-one with students by appointment; however, a group meeting can be arranged. The tutors are also free to undergraduate students, making them very accessible.

If a student wishes to request a tutor for a certain subject, he or she can contact Mary Zanfini via e-mail at

A student can also go to the basement of the library and fill out a "Tutor Request Form." He or she can drop it off at Professor Zanfini's office, and she will have the tutor get in touch with the student.

Students should not feel embarrassed about seeking assistance in an academic subject. The Peer Tutors are students themselves; therefore, they are well aware and understanding of the problems and difficulties others face. If you are having trouble with a certain subject, a class, or just need a little study help, come to the library basement and visit a tutor.

Caught on tape: vandals to be charged for damage to cars

By DAN OZZI
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The newly installed security cameras in the campus parking lots once again aided security guards in catching four young males on film damaging student cars in Tiers parking lot.

Four suspicious young males were spotted in the middle lot of Tiers by Jessica Parente, a driver of Wagner's escort van, early Sunday morning March 21.

After Parente noticed that they had been in the lot for over an hour, she asked them if they needed a ride to one of the dorms, thinking they were Wagner students. One of them, who was intoxicated, approached the van and acted erratically toward the driver and the passengers in the van. "He said, 'Are any of you guys

cops?'" That tipped me off that they were up to no good," said Parente.

She then called Monica Wohltjen, the supervisor on duty, who radioed to the guard in the booth at the entrance of the lot. The guard then used the surveillance cameras to locate the individuals who appeared to be kicking and damaging cars in the lot.

In total, three cars in the lot were damaged, having bent gas tank covers. Two of the cars belonged to Wagner students.

The four were able to enter the parking lot without Wagner ID cards because the security gates were not functioning. They were repaired the next day.

After calling the police, the guards approached the students, causing three to run off toward Howard Ave. The remaining suspect used his cell phone to call his parents who ar-

rived just before the police. He was released, as was his Ford Mustang, which was parked in the middle level of Tiers, to the custody of his parents.

After releasing the suspect, the security guards reviewed the video footage and were able to get clear descriptions of each of the four suspects, three of which were responsible for the vandalism.

The vandals will be charged with a minimum of criminal trespassing. The driver of the Mustang is also currently on probation from a prior incident.

The newly installed cameras were also responsible for catching two Wagner students vandalizing cars last month. They were arrested but are not being expelled, according to Dean Love. But they are subject to individual disciplinary action, she said.

Panhellenic Council aids sororities

By ELENA BETH PUSHAW & CASSIE TORTORICI
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You've seen the brightly colored flyers, flashy banners, and more than one hundred girls decked out in Greek letters of every color, but what is it that makes you take a second glance? Curiosity of the unknown.

There are 140 women dispersed between four different sororities on campus: Alpha Delta Pi—national, Alpha Omicron Pi—national, Alpha Sigma Alpha—national, and Tau Kappa Sigma—local. A national sorority has chapters on many campuses, either nationally or internationally, where as a local is the only one of its kind and is unique to its campus. Each member contributes to her organization through holding leadership positions and/or participating in her organization's philanthropies and activities.

The Panhellenic Council is the governing body which oversees all of the sororities' activities throughout the school year, but mainly recruitment. It holds its own fund raisers and activities as well.

"Panhel," as we call it, is comprised of a five person executive board (e-board), as well as

two delegates from each sorority, totaling 13 girls. We have a faculty advisor, Carmela Valles, who also works in the co-curricular office.

President of Panhel is Libby McPike. Libby runs Panhel meetings on Wednesday nights and is in constant communication with members of Wagner's administration such as Ruta Shah-Gordon.

Vice President of Panhel is Julia Tenbroek. Julia makes sure that everyone is well-disciplined: following our bylaws and being kind and considerate to all sorority sisters.

Treasurer of Panhel is Lauren Pizzariello. Lauren collects dues from every sorority and keeps track of budget and spending.

Secretary of Panhel is Melissa Oliveri. Melissa records minutes—what is discussed at each meeting—keeping them on record as well as e-mailing them to every member on the Panhellenic Council.

Recruitment Chair is Jayne Aiello. Jayne organizes and runs recruitment activities to invite potential new members into each of the four sororities.

The most recent event that the Panhellenic Council organized was Spring 2005 Formal Recruitment. Held back in the very first week

of February, freshman, sophomore, and junior girls all came out to Towers to visit with each of the four sororities, following their hearts for the week, and eventually finding the sorority that fit them best.

Upcoming Panhel events include the new *Greek Forum* newsletter, put together by Libby McPike and Chad Sandifer, director of Co-Curricular Programs. It will be placed in every organization's mailbox, Greek and non-Greek. Also being planned, in cooperation with Greek Senate, are events during Greek Week, April 16-22. Greek Week is a special time set aside for sororities and fraternities on campus to have fun and strengthen unity.

The day that kicks off Greek Week, April 16, is Songfest. Be prepared to see fun, outrageous, and choreographed dances in the Spiro Sports Center.

The Panhellenic Council is not the only Greek-governing body on campus. The Inter-Fraternity Council governs all of the fraternities on campus (Alpha Sigma Omega, Delta Nu, Kappa Sigma Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi), and the Greek Senate governs all sororities and fraternities.

Sorority Spotlight

Alpha Delta Pi:

"We Live For Each

Other:"

Gamma Pi Chapter at Wagner: current president, Jana Kelskey, established 1950

Founded: 1851 in Macon, Georgia

Flower: Woodland Violet

Colors: Azure blue and white

Jewel: Diamond

Mascot: Alphie the lion

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House

Alpha Omicron Pi:

"One Motto, One Badge,

One Bond, and Singleness of Heart."

Theta Pi Chapter at Wagner: current president, Sarah Shaker, established 1951

Founded: 1897 at Barnard College of Columbia University, New York City

Flower: Jacquemenot Rose

Color: Cardinal Red

Jewel: Ruby

Mascot: Panda

Philanthropy: Arthritis Research

Alpha Sigma Alpha:

"Aspire, Seek, Attain."

Zeta Theta Chapter at

Wagner: current president, Ashley Paskalis, established 1994

Founded: 1901 at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia

Flowers: Narcissus and Aster

Colors: Crimson, Pearl White, Palm Green, and Gold

Jewels: Pearl and Ruby

Mascot: the ladybug and Raggedy Ann

Philanthropies: Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center for children with developmental disabili-

Tau Kappa Sigma:

"No One is a Stranger, Just a Friend You Haven't Met Yet."

Founded at Wagner College: January 31, 1991

Flower: Red Carnation

Jewels: Ruby

Mascot: Dove

Philanthropy: March of Dimes

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Amnesty fights for global human rights

By **ALEX JACOBS**
Wagnerian Editor

Wagner's chapter of Amnesty International is continuing to strive to raise awareness about genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, and in its efforts to help a Sudanese student bring his younger brothers from the violence-wracked country right here, to Wagner.

Amnesty worked to get hundreds of student and faculty signatures on a petition urging President Bush to send help to Darfur. Several members of Amnesty were able to attend a conference for student leaders from universities across the country to learn more about how they can take a stand for human rights and raise awareness about the violence in Darfur. The chapter has also held an informational night to give students the facts about the crisis, and organized a moment of silence in remembrance of its victims.

Leslie McDermott, president of Amnesty International, said, "The situation is growing more dire everyday, and we are trying to bring the Wagner community's attention to this human rights crisis so they can incite change on their own."

Amnesty has held fund-raisers to raise money for Malual to get his brothers safely out of Sudan, and to the United States, so that the family members can be reunited and Duot and Mabior can have the opportunity for higher education. "This is a unique opportunity to help our friend be reunited with his brothers, and we're thankful for all the support the Wagner community has given us," McDermott said.

The challenge now is to get the two student visas and to secure housing and funds for the brothers.

"We are researching what it takes to bring Malual's brothers here safely and legally," McDermott said. "We don't want any loose ends."

Proceeds from the March 31 fashion show will go toward bringing Malual's brothers to Wagner, and Dr. Guarasci has promised his support in securing funds so that Duot and Mabior can attend Wagner for free.

Amnesty International meetings are every Monday at 9 p.m. in Towers D3 lounge.



Facing genocide: An editorial

(why you haven't seen these pictures, and why you should care)

By **ALEX JACOBS**
Wagnerian Editor

These pictures were originally put on display on Trautmann Square on March 17 by Amnesty International for a national moment of silence for the genocide in Sudan's Darfur region.

You may not remember these photos, however, because they were only up for 2 hours—President Guarasci ordered that they be removed by 11 a.m., later saying that he requested this because Trautmann Square is considered a memorial, and it is preferred that nothing is posted there.

Rules for where signs and displays may be posted are being scrutinized, and a possible student board for these posting issues was proposed at the town hall meeting April 6.

Unfortunately a common illusion is that the systematic wiping out of an entire ethnic group is an issue for politics.

Sudanese politicians may gain from the

genocide in Darfur, but this most certainly is not a political issue.

There aren't two sides to quibble on Darfur. It's a tragically simple issue of human rights. People are being forced from their homes; villages are being pillaged and burned; women and girls are being raped; thousands have died, and all will continue to do so unless some global action is taken.

This is a crisis that the Wagner community should decry.

Wagner is a member of Project Pericles, a group that is founded on the ideals of social responsibility and participatory citizenship. A key facet of the Wagner Plan is that students will put into practice what they learn in the classroom. Students learn about genocide and its devastating effects in many courses offered at this college—history, sociology, anthropology. What could more emulate these ideals than an effort to bring awareness to the campus about genocide?

Face it: on Darfur, it's time we all opened our minds, our mouths, and our hearts.



Photos by Larissa Randall



A memorial plaque was placed under an apple tree outside Campus Hall in remembrance of Surgan.

"For those who experienced (the murder) on the campus, it was very horrifying."

-- The Rev. Lyle Guttu, recalling Helen Surgan's murder

Remembering Helen Surgan: A campus tragedy in 1974

By **LARISSA RANDALL**
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Helen Surgan was only 19 when she was stabbed to death seven times in the upper neck, chest, and arms on this very campus. The murderer was a Wagner College employee.

It was a brisk, fall day in 1974, and Helen was a junior nursing major from Tenafly, N.J. She had gone out on two dates with Gerald Melton, who was a 27-year-old resident of Staten Island and was working as an assistant



Surgan

at the Horrmann Library. When Melton asked her out again, Helen said she wasn't interested, so Melton attacked her in an angry rage.

Helen had been walking down the Harbor view hill from the Student Union with a friend to her room in Guild Hall shortly before 5 p.m. on Thursday November 7, 1974. Melton ap-

proached her behind Reynolds House while her friend continued walking. Seconds later her chilling screams echoed throughout the campus. Nearby students chased Melton, but he fled into the woods to escape. A few hours later, Melton was found walking on Cunard Place, Concord and was arrested.

Helen was taken to the Staten Island Hospital and was pronounced dead upon arrival.

That night, over 400 people including students, professors, staff members and trustees piled into Gatehouse Lounge to attend a memorial service for Helen. Her friends and classmates remembered her as a sweet and friendly soft-spoken girl who "never had a harsh word for anyone." Contacted by the Staten Island Advance, Helen's father had told reporters that she was "very good in school, had good marks, and was very dedicated to nursing. She was about the nicest girl anyone could imagine," he said.

ONE MAN REMEMBERS

Reverend Lyle Guttu, the current Special Assistant to the President and campus Chaplain, was minutes away when Helen was murdered.

Rev. Guttu was in his office in Campus Hall when it all happened. In 1974, he was the campus Chaplain and was serving as the Interim Dean of Students. Shortly after Melton attacked Helen, a student pounded on Rev.

Guttu's door screaming, "A student has been stabbed!" The Rev. knew the informing student to be rather excitable, so his first impression was that it was "probably something rather minor," he said.

Rev. Guttu soon realized that it was anything but minor. "She had been stabbed multiple times and was trying desperately to breathe... it was a bad scene," he said. As one of the first to arrive at Helen's side, Rev. Guttu said he could hear the ambulance sirens coming down the hill.

After emergency vehicles took Helen away, the Rev. immediately went to get Helen's file so he could notify her parents. He then took on the unfortunate duty of driving with the President of the college, Fran Horn, to Helen's home in N. J. to tell her parents what had happened. They were accompanied with the family's Rabbi and a local police officer.

"For those who experienced (the murder) on the campus, it was very horrifying," Rev. Guttu said. "When I think or talk about it, it comes right back. It has the power of post-traumatic stress- it could just sort of collapse you, overtake you," the Rev. said softly. Although Wagner's campus was grieving, "students went to school, teachers taught, groundskeepers cut the grass, we all went on," said Rev. Guttu.

When asked about Gerald Melton, Rev. Guttu said that he was "not mentally stable." "He never did stand trial for murder but was

sent to a facility for the criminally insane," said Rev. Guttu. Declaring mental illness, Melton was never held accountable for his actions and was instead, sent to South Beach Psychiatric Center for treatment.

THE AFTERMATH

A year after Helen's death, her family filed a \$1.25 million lawsuit against Wagner, charging that the administration knew that Melton was dangerous. The college was found to not bear any liability in the matter and the suit was subsequently dismissed.

In 1982, Gerald Melton killed himself. He was found drowned in Brooklyn. Authorities believed that he had jumped off the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge into the New York Harbor. He had been on a weekend vacation pass from the Psychiatric Center to visit his family.

Helen's mother, Edith, became active with victim's advocacy groups. She helped found The Crime Victims Assistance Organization and assisted in lobbying for various legislation and bills which deal with victims and their families.

An apple tree and memorial plaque on campus was dedicated to Helen. The tree was planted next to Campus Hall, near the entrance to the nursing department.

SGA drafts, adopts official student bill of rights

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After multiple meetings and drafts, the Wagner College Student Bill of Rights, intended to protect all the freedoms of all Wagner students, was passed at the SGA meeting on April 29.

Alison Hay, a sophomore SGA senator and arts administration major, wrote the document, as seen on the next page. She said, "I feel, as well as Mel and other members of SGA, that it's incredibly important for the student body to have this document to fall back on."

According to Hay, the bill will be sent to all



Alison Hay, a sophomore SGA senator, wrote the bill of rights.

offices of the college, as well as to the administration, with the intention of guaranteeing that no staff or faculty member can "take a position of ignorance if and when a situation develops."

"Now, if problems sneak up on us, we can take the bill and point to specific articles to prove our point, ranging from adviser troubles to the silencing of protests and everything in between," said Hay.

Mel Powers, SGA president, and the SGA executive board came to the senators to ask them to draft a student bill of rights the beginning of the year, and it took several meetings

and revisions to get it honed to SGA's liking.

Hay added, "It's very important to remember that the Student Bill of Rights isn't quite complete: the twelve articles are simply a cornerstone for what it could become. Amendments and alterations are encouraged!" If you have ideas for the bill of rights, just come to an SGA meeting and voice your opinion.

"Also, this new Bill of Rights can only be what you make of it," Hay said.

As with any right, you must speak up and defend your freedoms to ensure them, not just for yourself, but for all Wagner students, present and future.

We, the students of Wagner College,

open this document in order to guarantee the rights of the student body at this institution. The following articles fall within the parameters outlined in the Wagner College Student Handbook, as well as set forth expectations of the Wagner community. The following shall not be denied to any student of Wagner College. Therefore, the Student Bill of Rights is as follows:

1

Every student has the right to freely propose and pursue ideas, including but not limited to peaceful assembly, petitions, and protests of grievances.

2

The student body shall have the right to participate in an open forum (i.e. Town Hall Meeting) at least once a semester in which any and all issues can be brought to the administration's attention.

3

Every student shall be treated in a respectful manner in any and all communications with college faculty and staff.

4

Students have the right to expect unambiguous and parsimonious processes in regards to all offices of Wagner College.

5

Requests, questions, and trepidations of students shall be addressed within a timely fashion by the concerned and appropriate college faculty and staff.

6

Each student at Wagner College has the right to receive thorough and accurate advising in matters of educational opportunities.

7

Wagner College shall strive to provide a safe campus and community for all students, especially in regards to housing and campus security.

8

The student body has the right to expect healthy options in the matter of food and nutrition.

9

Students shall not be subject to disciplinary processes in regards to off-campus events that are not sponsored by the College unless their actions relate to the security of the campus community or deface the name of the Institution.

10

Wagner College shall make every effort to provide students with direct access to adequate and up-to-date resource materials for their educational needs, including but not limited to books, periodicals, and technology.

11

All students are granted the right to participate in any club or organization, as well as campus activities, without regard towards ethnicity, creed, ability, age, and/or sexual orientation.

12

Students have the right to organize and serve on the Student Government Association, which will work closely with Wagner College in an effort to assure the included rights will not be overlooked.

It must be noted that future situations cannot possibly be foreseen and the above listing of rights is not comprehensive. In addition, it is here chronicled that students must do their part to guarantee their rights are granted during interactions with any and all members of the Wagner College community. Amendments and alterations may be considered and will take effect if approved by two-thirds majority of the Body of the Student Government Association.

The dish on delivery food

By PAUL ELDRIDGE
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With your favorite show coming up, or a good flick ready to go, all you need is some food to go with it; nothing fancy, just something good, and quick.

These are the best of the big three delivery categories (Italian, Chicken, and Chinese) to be found near Wagner.

Rita's Pizzeria & Restaurant

Rita's is the cheapest Italian restaurant that delivers to Wagner. At five bucks for a large cheese pizza, you might have some doubts about the quality, but rest assured, it's quite good. Don't get me wrong – this is not gourmet pizza, nor is it the absolute best you can get, but Rita's has the best combination of price and quality.

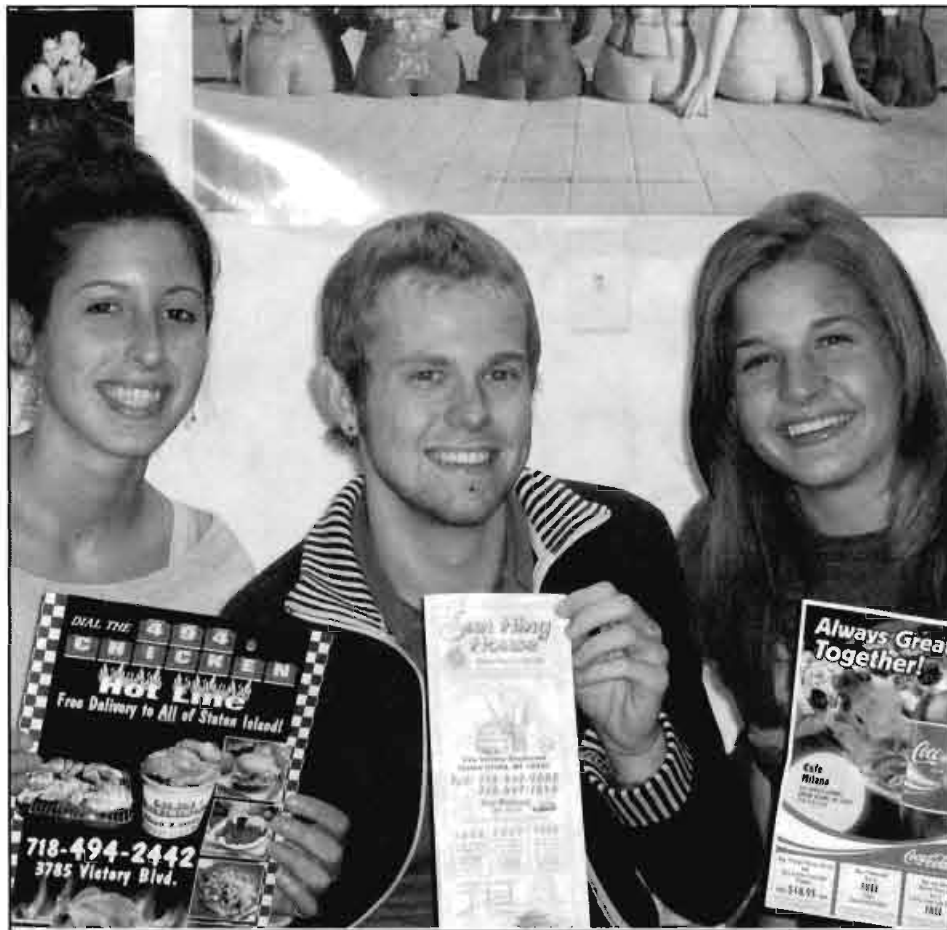
I asked Nick Rada, a senior, why Rita's was his favorite delivery place. "The prices are low," he told me.

Other Italian standards, such as pasta, heroes, and calzones, are available, as well as a few more unusual choices, such as beef patties, shrimp dishes, and veal. The pasta dishes are huge, and well priced, while the heroes are decent, but forgettable.

As for the more unusual items on the menu: I have learned the hard way that it's usually a bad idea to get items that people wouldn't normally order from a delivery place.

Of course, delivery time is always dependent upon when you order, and how many other people are ordering, but I've never had to wait more than 45 minutes for delivery, not to mention that I once had my food in 20 minutes – the fastest I've ever had food delivered.

494 Chicken



Brittany Corn (junior), Mark Reeves (junior), and Ashley Desplat (freshman) holding some of the top take out menus on campus.

While pizza delivery menus litter the dormitory front desks, chicken delivery is not as easy to come by. This leaves only one option for those with their hearts set on fried chicken: 494 Chicken.

Fortunately, the quality of 494 Chicken is good, comparable to Kentucky Fried Chicken in both taste and price. The variety available is impressive as well, with everything from tubs of chicken (which can be fried, roasted,

barbeque or skinless), to buffalo wings, pitas, and a decent selection of seafood, such as shrimp, batter-dipped fish, clams, and calamari.

494 Chicken also has online ordering at internetgrill.com, which is pretty neat, because you can put together your menu on the screen in front of you. This service was reliable when I used it, but it led to a nervous 45 minutes of not being positive that the order went through.

Speaking of wait time, although reliable, 494 Chicken is often on the high end of delivery times; I have had to wait an hour and fifteen minutes more than once for delivery. On the other hand, I save money on the tip.

Sun Hing House

Although this Chinese restaurant does not have the best prices available for delivery, they make up for it in quality.

The appetizers make a good start, and a wide variety of soups are available. The Wonton and Egg Drop soups have just the right amount of salt; they don't overpower you, nor are they too bland. Other appetizers include the tasty egg roll (but don't bother ordering this, you'll get one free if you order ten bucks' worth), crunchy fried wontons, and tasty teriyaki beef sticks.

The main dishes are standard Chinese food fare: various noodle, rice, and meat dishes. What makes these dishes so good, however, seems to be the quality of the meat. The meat in Sun Hing's dishes is not too stringy, or too fatty. For the vegetarian, there are several meatless and tofu options available as well.

Brad Seymour, a senior, prefers Lucky Garden for Chinese food. "We had a bad experience with Sun Hing. An argument with the delivery guy. He snatched our food and ran off."

While I have never had problems with the delivery guy, ordering from Sun Hing is still a specific affair. The person who answers the phone is usually a woman, and she always double checks the order and gets it exactly right. A few times, however, a man has answered the phone, and both times he took our order, we did not receive our food, ever. If you call Sun Hing, and get a man, hang up and try again until a woman answers.

Rocky road to the mashed potatoes

By JONATHAN DEUTSCH
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It was like any Wednesday night. Dinner was started at 4:30 p.m. in the dining hall. Students were hankering for something to tide themselves over for the night and a little social interaction. It was this Wednesday night in particular, March 16, that I will not forget for a long while.

As usual, there was some potato-themed food in the dining hall – in this case, mashed potatoes. As any good, carbohydrate loving person would do, I plated up some potatoes, and carted them off, with some turkey and stuffing, to my table and my friends, in order to get some sustenance, and interaction.

A few bites in, I found to my surprise, not a piece of potato I was trying to bite through, but a small stone – that, later, as I looked at it, appeared more and more to resemble a tooth.

Angered by this surprise, I immediately removed the unwelcome particle from my potatoes (this being after removing it from my mouth), and proceeded to get an explanation from Mitchell Shenker, Head of Dining Services.

Shenker, as well as the rest of the Dining staff that usually occupy the office near the entrance to the Faculty Dining Room, was not in.

I saved the rock, carefully rolled up into a napkin, until the following day, when I would be at lunch to discuss this with Shenker.

At lunch the next day, I carted my rock into the office and showed it to Mrs. Faye Kennedy, the Associate Director of Dining Services. Kennedy explained my plight to a woman only identified as Dina, and after apologizing, was told that she would get the head chef immediately.

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After a brief wait, I was approached by Mr. Richard Mancino, the Head Chef at Wagner for Chartwell's Dining Services. I showed the rock to Mancino, and asked where it could possibly have come from.

Rather than the expected response – something along the lines of "maybe it was in the bag the potatoes came in", I was told by Mancino, "I don't know. Maybe a student put it in there."

Outraged now for two reasons: as a patron, I don't appreciate finding rocks in my food, and as a student, I don't appreciate being blamed for it, I proceeded to wait for Shenker, whom I was told, was in a meeting.

A few minutes passed and Shenker arrived back, and took an urgent call from Dr. Richard Guarasci. During this time, I was asked to please wait outside the office – but asked, mind you, in such a way that it seemed as though I had no choice but to wait outside the office.

Finally, Mitchell had me come in to discuss

this. I explained the two reasons for my outrage to Mitchell, who then explained the policies in place for checking food for foreign bodies. These procedures, HACCP – Hazardous Analysis, Critical Control Points, are carried out as follows, according to the FDA: "the HACCP team conducts a hazard analysis and identifies appropriate control measures. The purpose of the hazard analysis is to develop a list of hazards which are of such significance that they are reasonably likely to cause injury or illness if not effectively controlled."

In addition, Shenker explained that Chartwell's does "everything possible to work on safety" of the meals prepared, but "we prepare 18,000 meals a week".

Mancino, who was present at the discussion with Shenker and myself, explained that Chartwell's at Wagner cooks some 250 pounds of potatoes each day, and while all the food goes through the HACCP checks, potatoes come from the ground, and sometimes foreign bodies can enter the bag when potatoes are picked.

Mitchell says that he chooses to use fresh food, meats, cheeses, potatoes, etc., as opposed to using pre-packaged, frozen foods, because he "believes in nutrition", but warns that "there are risks with this."

Shenker and the Chartwell's staff assured me that they are "taking every step to minimize [future occurrences] of that."

Attempting to dig a little deeper, I again asked where the rock could have come from, and Mitchell explained, rather patronizingly, "I don't know where it could have come from. It doesn't have a little sign that says, 'I lived

here for a while, or I lived here for a while."

Dina added, "Rocks don't come with tracking numbers."

This was not the first potato-related misstep for Chartwell's. A month and a half prior, potato salad was put out at the salad bar in the Dining Hall, which was made entirely from raw potatoes, and only a week before this instance, I found a half-cooked, whole potato in the mashed potatoes.

When told about these other potato problems, Mitchell said, "we will review our procedures for making potatoes."



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Softball team excels in Florida tourney

By **MARC McDERMOTT**
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"This is a really great way to head into our conference part of the schedule. We were able to play well against great competition the whole week. This trip should set the tone for the season," said junior centerfielder Christy Sykora.

Sykora was right on the money, as the Wagner women produced an 8-3 record in their annual spring break trip to Florida to play in the Rebel Games. The eight wins on the trip include a 4-0 victory against Michigan State, from the Big Ten, and a 2-1 nail biter against the University of Maine. The 8-3 record also marked the best record for a Wagner team at the Rebel Games. Wagner also was able to take home two individual honors during the week.

Sophomore pitcher Morgan Miller, a Las Vegas resident, was named the NEC Pitcher of

the Week award. The right hander went 5-1 on the trip, along with a save, while posting an impressive 0.34 ERA during the Rebel Games. Overall for the season, she has a 5-3 record, with a 1.22 ERA while striking out 31 batters.

Katie Stevens also received an award during the week. The freshman from Reno, Nev., took home the NEC Rookie of the Week Award for her performance in Florida. Stevens has led the Seahawks offense hitting at a .356 clip (16-45). The lefty also leads the team in stolen bases with eight and has a team-best five multi-hit games.



Miller

Miller shuts down the Big Ten

In the Michigan State game, Miller was the

story as she pitched a complete game shutout, while striking out three batters and allowing just five base runners. The Seahawks offense got things going in the first as their leadoff batter, sophomore Natalie Stevens, walked and stole second. With two outs, senior Kim Bruckner drew a walk to set up sophomore Christina Hopkins with two on. Hopkins dropped a double down the line to score both runners and give the Seahawks all the offense they would need. Freshman Victoria Batistelli would round up the scoring as she launched her first career homerun to make the final 4-0.



Stevens

Maine done in by walk-off homer

Wagner showed some heroics against the

University of Maine. In the bottom of the seventh, freshman Margaret Gallia stepped to the plate with the game tied 1-1. The right handed batter stroked a fastball high and deep over the fence for her first career homerun, but, more importantly a walk-off to give Wagner the 2-1 victory. In the game, Miller pitched another complete game as she allowed only five hits while striking out five.

The team is also receiving strong contributions from several other members on the team. Sykora is second on the team in batting as she is hitting .333 early on (13-39) along with leading the team with 10 runs scored. Senior Kate Refsnnyder is also giving a strong contribution while pitching and playing second base. She is 2-1 on the young season while posting a solid 1.94 ERA.

The Seahawks will open up their NEC portion of the schedule on April 2nd when they host Mt. St. Mary's.

Wagner swimming places fourth at ECAC

By **MARC McDERMOTT**
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The Wagner swimming team posted a school-best 298 points, as they finished in fourth place at the ECAC Championships held in Pittsburgh, PA. The team also set a new school record by having 12 swimmers qualify for the championships.

The women had many strong performances, but pacing the Seahawks was junior Jen Lees. The transfer from Arizona State placed second in the 500 meter freestyle and fourth in the 1650m freestyle.

Freshman Halley Allen also played a key role in guiding the Seahawks to their best finish ever the championships. The Bryan, TX resident finished third in the 50m freestyle and fifth in the 100m freestyle. In the 100m, her time of 53.02 broke the old school record.

The Seahawks also received solid contributions from their relay team. The squad of Lees, freshman Jess Radka, sophomore Kate Wilson, and sophomore Brigitta Roser were able to take home third place in the 800m freestyle relay.

The relay team comprised of junior Shannon Johnston, senior Katy Driscoll, Roser, and Allen took fourth place in the 200m freestyle relay. Earlier in the year the team finished third in the NEC Championships.

At the meet, there were eight new school records established. Headlining the list was Lees, who with a time of 16:56.48 smashed the NEC record. Other records broke at the meet were: Radka, 100m Fly and 200m Fly, 1000m freestyle by Lees, the 500m freestyle by Wilson, and the 50m by Allen. The 800m freestyle relay team, and the 400m freestyle relay team established new school records as well.

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Famous faces

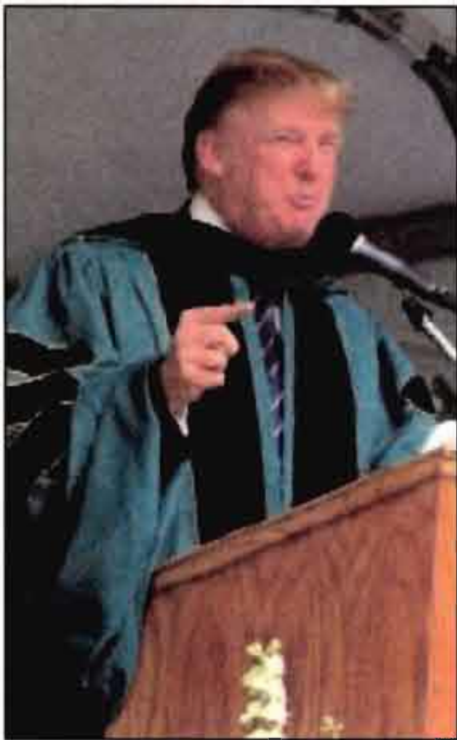
When Donald Trump graced us with his presence last year, we made a big deal about it. A BIG deal.

But Wagner has seen its fair share of celebrities for a small liberal arts college.

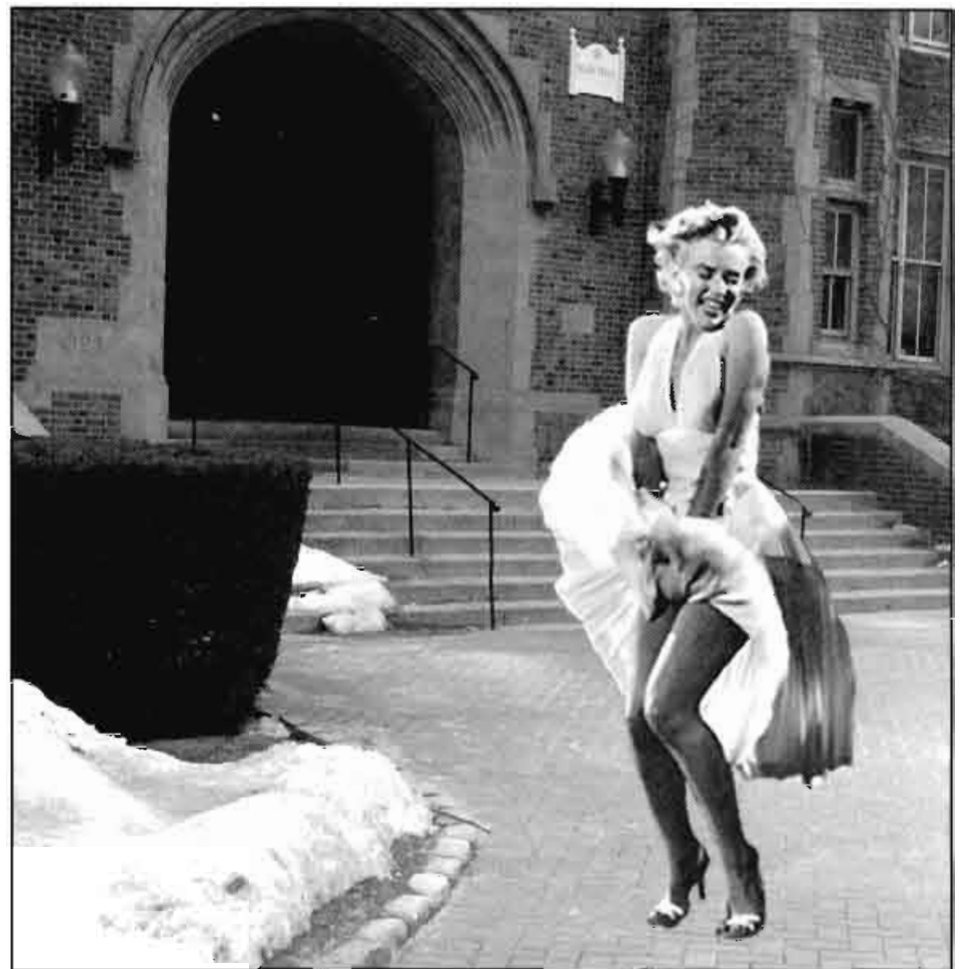
Here are some real, definitely not made up photos of famous people on campus.

And remember, they are not made up.

Photos by Dan Ozzi



Donald Trump speaks at commencement 2004.



Little known fact: the famous 'skirt scene' from "Seven Year Itch" was actually filmed in front of Main Hall.



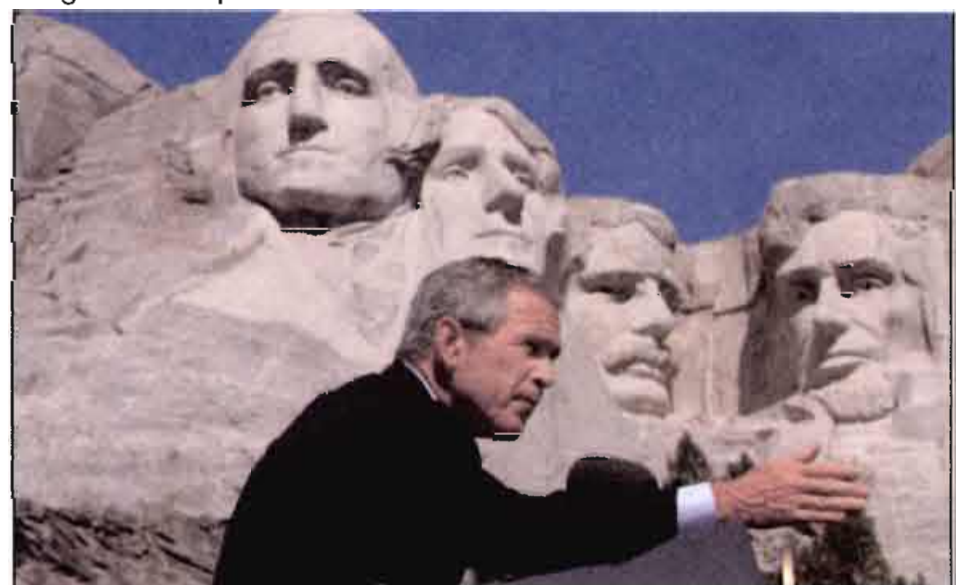
Academy Award winner Matt Damon cheers on the Seahawks at homecoming.



Kelly Osbourne caused quite a commotion when she visited Wagner's campus.



Tobey Maguire may look short on the big screen, but he is actually very tall, as seen in this photo of Trautmann Square.



President George W. Bush delivers a speech to the student body with Wagner's beautiful Sutter Oval as a backdrop.



Movie and television star Spongebob Squarepants gambols along the brick pathways of Wagner.