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## Ten Will Receive Honorary Degrees and Other Awards At Commencement

There will be eight persons receiving honorary degrees and two more will receive distinguished citizenship awards at commencement, which will be held on June 7th, it has been announced by the Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Carl Frederic Yaeger will be granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Rev. M. Yaeger is the Associate Secretary of the Lutheran Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. He has taught in several high schools and has traveled widely on several continents.

The Rev. Albert Philip Stauderman will also receive the D. D. degree. He served as Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Teaneck, from 1935-1951, and is now a full-time editor for the United Lutheran Church Board of Publication.

A Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be conferred on Mr. Salvatore Baccaloni, Metropolitan Opera Star. Mr. Baccaloni started his opera career in his native Italy in 1920. In 1939, he accepted a bid to the Chicago Opera Company. He has been with the Met. since 1940 and has given many free concerts at Wagner, at which he appeared with several of his friends from the Met. He was decorated as a Knight in 1934 by the Crown of Italy.

The Rev. Louis H. J. Kenze will also receive a D. D. degree from the college. Pastor Kenze is the Executive Secretary of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and is also a Trustee of the New York City Lutheran Immigrant Society.

The degree of Doctor of Letters will be given to Dr. Edward S. Mooney. He is an educator and has been a high school principal and New York State Inspector of Schools. In

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## Special Choir, Air Force Band Draws 900

An audience of 900 visitors heard the First Air Force Band of Mitchell Field and 300 singers from the Metropolitan area on Sunday, May 4, in a free public concert in the gymnasium.

Dr. Sigvart Steen, chairman of the Music Department and director of the Wagner College Choir, directed and led the large choral group. The Air Force Band, directed by Adam Schaffer, accompanied the choirs. The band also joined Miss Margery Mayer, soloist with the New York City Opera Co., in her performances of "Deep River" (Burleigh), and "Annie Laurie" (Scott). Margery Mayer, in real life, is Mrs. Sigvart Steen.

The band opened the program with the "Air Force Theme" (Crawford), a medley of sea songs in a special arrangement by Phillip Lang and two selections from Scheherazade (Rimsky-Korsakov), "The Young Prince and Princess" and "Festival at Bagdad."

The combined choirs then presented Mendelssohn's "The Lord is a Mighty God," Cain's "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," Poole's "Man of Sorrows," and Darst's "Ride On! Ride on in Majesty."

The next numbers heard were "There is a Song on Zion's Mountains" (Christiansen), "To Thee We Sing" (Arensky), "My God how Wonderful" from the Scotch Psalter.

The Wagner choir sang "Alleluia" (Thompson) and "Wake Awake" (Nicolai), which will be given on their European tour this summer.

Closing numbers of the program were "Amperito Roco" (Tevider), Piano Concerto No. 1 (Tchaikowsky), "Waltzes" from "Der Rosenkavalier" (Strauss), a special arrangement of the "Hungarian Rhapsody" (Brahms) and "Tap Roots" (Skinner).

## Jansen Will Address 244 Graduates At Commencement

One hundred seventy-eight students now completing their work will join sixty-six August and June graduates in receiving degrees on Saturday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. William Jansen of the New York City Board of Education will address this, the first commencement to be held in Wagner's new gymnasium.

Most of the graduates will be receiving Bachelor of Science degrees; 133 of these will be presented as compared to 81 Bachelor of Arts and 29 Bachelor of Science in Education degrees. For the first time an Associate in Applied Science degree for two years' work will be presented. Ten nursing diplomas will also be awarded.

Those currently finishing their undergraduate studies include 49 men and ten women working for a B. A., 73 men and 16 women about to receive a B. S. and three men and sixteen women expecting the B. S. in Education. All these figures are, however, subject to satisfactory completion of current courses.

Seven men and two women completed B. A. requirements at the end of the last summer session, as did 19 men and six women seeking a B. S.

January graduates account for ten men and three women among the B. A. candidates, 18 men and one woman who worked for a B. S. and two men and eight women of those receiving the B. S. in Education.

The commencement speaker, Dr. William Jansen, is Superintendent of Schools for the New York City Board of Education. A trustee of Wagner and member of the New York Youth Board, the noted educator has been president of the Lutheran Hospital of New York City and a member of the executive boards of the New York City Welfare Council and the New York City Boy Scouts of America.

He received B. S., M. A. and Ed. D. degrees from Columbia, and in 1947 was awarded an honorary L. L. D. degree from Union College. The following year Gettysburg College gave him the same honor.

The school official is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the American Education Fellowship, the New York Academy of Public Education, the New York Society for the Experimental Study of Education, the National Council of Geography Teachers and the National Society for the study of Education.

## Seniors Vote Gift Of Chimes

At a meeting last week the senior class voted as its class gift to add to the fund started by the class of 1951. This money will be used to buy a set of electrical chimes, which will be installed in the administration building.

The senior class gift will be presented to the school by the president of the class of '52, Charles Hubner. The presentation will take place on May 22nd, at the Student Body Banquet, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the new gymnasium.

## Dr. Stern Appointed Undergraduate Dean

### Baccalaureate Service Scheduled For June 1

The Baccalaureate Services, in honor of the graduating class of '52 will be held on Sunday, June 1, at 4:00 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, Staten Island.

The Rev. Joseph B. Flotten, a member of the Wagner College Board of Trustees will give the address at this ceremony. Pastor Flotten is the minister of Resurrection Lutheran Church, St. Albans, Long Island, and is president of the Queens Federation of Churches. A Wagner alumnus, Pastor Flotten was graduated with the class of 1926. He has recently returned from a month's survey tour of Israel.

The Wagner College Choir will also participate in the Baccalaureate Services. Customarily, this occasion is the final appearance in which a choir member of the senior class will sing. This year, however, the choir's summer touring season will permit participation of graduates. The choir will sing some selections which will be used on their European tour.

The members of the college faculty and administration will participate in a full academic procession, a tradition in the Wagner Baccalaureate Services.

Baccalaureate is a special service held at most Colleges and Universities at which graduating students are exhorted to lead a Christian life, to offer service and devotion to the church, and are advised of the Christian approach to the professional and business world.

Rev. Frederic Sutter, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, and Rev. Carl Sutter, assistant pastor, will also participate in the service.

All students and friends of the college are invited to attend this service. Trinity Church is the official College Church and Pastor Sutter is the president of the Board of Trustees of the College.

## Special Ascension Day Service Set

Tomorrow morning, during the regular chapel period, a special Church-on-the-Hill Service will be held to commemorate the Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord. Ascension Day is one of the major festivals of the Church Year, as contained in the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church. It is the day upon which the Church commemorates the bodily Ascension of Christ into heaven.

Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated forty days after Easter, and falls on May 22 this year.

A special speaker, the Rev. J. Victor Banson, of the Lutheran Church of our Saviour, Jamaica, will preach at this service.

## Dean Bacher To Be In Charge Of Graduate Courses

At a faculty meeting held on Friday, May 2, Dr. Walter C. Langsam, president of the College, announced that Dean John R. Bacher has been appointed to be full-time dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Adolph Stern, currently chairman of the Chemistry Department, has been appointed to the post of dean of the College, to replace Dr. Bacher.

Both appointments will become effective at the beginning of the fall semester. The appointments have brought a great deal of favorable comments from leaders of the faculty and the student body.

Dean Bacher was asked to accept the new position when it became apparent to the College that in order to have a fully effective graduate school, a permanent executive would be necessary.

The new dean of the graduate school is currently dean of the College and Professor of History. When he takes his new position it is expected that he will continue with some of his teaching duties.

Dr. Bacher received his bachelors degree at Fargo College, and his masters degree at Oxford University. He then attended the Northwestern Lutheran Seminary and was ordained a minister of the Lutheran Church. He later received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He taught at the University of Paris and College of the City of New York.

Dean Bacher said that the enrollment of the graduate school is expected to jump almost thirty per cent by the fall semester. His first plans for his new position call for a meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies to consider enlarging the courses offered to meet the demand of the rising enrollment.

In commenting on his appointment, Dean Bacher said: "I am looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the development of a graduate school that will be of service to the community and to the Church."

Dean-elect Adolph Stern, upon accepting his new position, will continue as director of the summer session and as chairman of the Chemistry Department, a position he has held since nineteen-fifty when he succeeded Dr. Lee Y. Davidheiser, who retired.

Dr. Stern received both his baccalaureate and doctorate degrees from the Technical University of Munich, in Germany.

Dr. Stern has taken an active part in the affairs of the Wagner family, and for the last two years has taken the post as chairman of the annual Faith and Life Weeks held at the college.

## Holy Communion Given Wagner Students As Part Of Retreat

A special celebration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar was held for Wagner students at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, on Saturday, May 3. The Communion service was a part of the annual retreat of the Pre-Seminary Association of the College, but all students were invited to partake of the Eucharist.

The celebrant was the Rev. Paul J. Kirsch, college chaplain, who was assisted by the Rev. Carl Sutter, one of the pastors of Trinity Church.

The Rev. Berthold von Schenk, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Bronx, was the retreat marshal, and Rev. Robert Ayers, Pastor of St. David's Lutheran Church, Long Island, was the moderator of the retreat.

Pastor von Schenk spoke to the retreatants on the significance of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and on

the Office of the Holy Ministry. Pastor Ayers led morning and afternoon devotions, and led the period of personal witnessing.

After the afternoon session, before the administration of the Sacrament, Pastors Ayers and von Schenk heard private confessions and offered absolution, a traditional practice of the Church to all students who requested it. Almost all of the retreatants took advantage of the opportunity for private absolution. The Order for Public (general) Confession was held immediately before the celebration with Chaplain Kirsch officiating.

Pastor von Schenk, speaking on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, pointed out that the sign of the cross in the Christian Church is a constant reminder that the believer has been "claimed" by God, and has been "dis-

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## Two Cheers . . . . .

The editors of the *Wagnerian* join the faculty and student body of the College in offering our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the Administration, to Dean Bacher, and to Dr. Stern for their parts in the recent appointment of a new full-time dean of the Graduate School. In our opinion, these new appointments not only are favorable to the student body because of the personalities involved, but also because the creation of a full-time dean of the Graduate School is indicative of the College's intention of making the new graduate division into an effective and important part of the College's services to the Church and the community.

This change of officers is bound to have a very positive effect upon the program of the College. In our congratulations we cannot help bringing personalities into the issue.

Dean Bacher is recognized by students and faculty alike as a scholar and a gentleman, and we feel sure that he will be very happy using his efforts for the strengthening and development of the newly-formed division. He will, as a result of this appointment, be relieved of many of the formalities and paper work which fall to the dean of a college, and will have more free time to work with the scholastic aspects of his new position.

Dean Bacher has our best wishes for continued success as he takes charge of the graduate division of the College.

Dr. Stern, known and admired by almost everyone who has any connection with Wagner, is just about the perfect selection to fill the position vacated by Dr. Bacher as dean of the College. Personable, a devoted Christian, competent, human—all gathered in one, we trust that he will do much to enhance the office to which he has been called. Dr. Stern has proved his capability over and over as chairman of the chemistry department, director of the summer session, and as chairman of the recent Faith and Life Weeks held at the College.

We extend to Dr. Stern, too, our confidence and trust that he will do his job well—and offer our congratulations on the occasion of his promotion.

We cannot think of any other change in the administration that could please us more, or one that would show such an obvious effort to keep up the tradition of advancement which has become such an integral part of the Wagner picture.

## . . . And A Third

This seems to be our issue for throwing bouquets, but here we go anyway. We express our congratulations to Bill Bodamer on his election as president of the Student Association, and our best wishes to him and his fellow officers for a very productive and serious year in their new positions.

The fact that three of the four candidates elected were nominated through petitions is perhaps an indication that there has been a renaissance, or an awakening, in the student body. Perhaps the overwhelming attendance at the last Student Body meeting is also an indication of this increased interest in the actions of the student government. At least, we hope so.

Bill has proved himself to be an able and reliable leader and a good worker. He was the very efficient co-chairman of the Faith and Life Week committee, and has also been elected to the presidency of the Pre-Seminary Association.

We pledge here and now continued support of the new state of officers, and also express our confidence that next year's student association will be an important and vital organization on the campus, one which the administration will respect and consult as to the attitudes of the students regarding changes in the College.

## "Gettin' Culture"

By Richard Pankow

Now that spring is finally here I imagine there are many of you who wonder what to do with a spare Saturday afternoon. Here is my suggestion for a very satisfactory and profitable way to spend it.

The Cloisters is a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and is located on the Grounds of Fort Tyron Park in upper Manhattan. It houses the most extensive collection of Medieval Art in the Western Hemisphere.

In the early nineteen thirties John D. Rockefeller took an interest in the project and donated the land, the building and a large portion of the collection. Mr. Rockefeller had done nothing else this munificence would have made him famous.

Everything about the Cloisters is original in the sense that it is not copied from any earlier work. The building, while remaining in the spirit of the middle ages, is not a replica of any earlier Cloister.

Before we go any further, perhaps a definition of cloister would clear up a few questions. A cloister is usually: "a covered walk adjoining a church commonly running around an open court and opening onto it with an open arcade or colonnade" . . . *American College Dictionary.*

Its main purpose was to offer a secluded place where the religious could find peace and inspiration. The center garden or garth was often planted with herbs that were used as seasoning or for medicinal purposes.

In essence this New York Cloister is much the same. The building is flanked by four cloisters that were transported from Southern France. These cloisters are the **Cuxa Cloister**, the **Bonnefont Cloister**, the **Trie Cloister** and the **Cloister of St. Guillelm.**

### What To Look For . . .

Before you go into the building, walk around the outside and take a good look at the combination of Architecture. Parts of its exterior were directly imported from France while other parts were developed here in the States on the site.

When you get around to the cloister of **Bonnefont**, turn around and take a good look at the view of the Hudson River.

As you enter the building, you will be struck by old worldliness, yet its complete modernity. No matter which way you go in the building you never run into a "dead end" room.

Be sure to see the **Hall of the Unicorn Tapestries**. These hangings are from the fifteenth century and depict a hunting party as they track down and kill a legendary unicorn. They were a wedding present to Anne of Brittany on her marriage to Louis XII.

Of interest to many will be the **Chalice of Antioch**. This chalice for a long time was considered to be the cup that was used in the original Lord's Supper. It is set in another ancient chalice that dates from the third century.

The **Chapter House from Notre-Dame-De-Pontaut**, is included in its entirety. This Chapter House was the first one of the Benedictine Order of Roman Catholic Monks and was used for their earliest meetings.

Be sure to see these things too. **The Gothic and Romanesque Chapels**, **the Twelfth Century Spanish Crucifix**, **the Tomb of the Count of Urgel** and **the Fifteenth Century Sculpture Hall**.

## Side Show

by Neil Leonard

I have seen the future and it works but it really didn't for they left the poets out and everyone knows poetry is a theorem of a yellow-silk handkerchief knotted with riddles sealed in a balloon tied to the tail of a kite flying in a white wind against a blue sky in spring so how could anything function let alone dialectic materialism and it went bang but they wouldn't let it die like a decent animal even though they had murdered it with their razor minds and iceflint hearts so they rouged its pallid cheeks and shot the snow into its veins and the zombi walked but it is really human for all things are human as all things are animal are animal are animal or mineral or vegetable and they are human too (turn the darkness on and who can tell who is who or who is you) and there is no silver bullet just the wooden stake whose edge lusts for the silent heart but who shall plunge it is the question that was asked the little mouse who planned the bell around the tom-cat's neck but don't forget we have almost met the enemy and they are ours for they are us but we don't talk about that anymore and when you call me that smile said mr smith who owned a house and a wife and a flock of pigeons not necessarily in that order or preference for mr smith was inordinately fond of pigeons but not of poets either comrade and not even fond of genii or geniuses or gallia est divisa etcetra but then poets are sometimes wrong (or is it relative) for it's not the people yes it's the people maybe always the people who tremble and lash out and kill and kiss and maim and caress and maybe yes no maybe and the woman shrieks my god I see what he means at the twisted bit of beauty on the wall while elsewhere and for fifteen years the water tinged with garden green asparagus and milk-fed spring chicken sloshes wet and bubbly against the cold-creamless pores of a woman questionmark and she wonders when the whirlwinds of rebellion will shake all sinks but does it matter whether we bang or whimper really since it ends and end is an infinite finality but yes the three score and ten are interesting and don't you want to live history mr smith and by the way which is the zombi or was orwell right you couldn't tell which were pigs and which were men but that's ridiculous I've thirty years on you whippersnapper when you're my age then you can spout such trash but sir wasn't it holmes that said I can conceive of no patriotism incompatible with justice (and holmes wasn't a poet or maybe he was) but what's that got to do with the price of flesh in arlington and anyway meanwhile the intense color and nobility of sunrise rose and gold and amber flowed up the sky wet rocks were shining a little wind stirred the leaves of the forest and the marsh flag-flowers the soft valley between the low hills became as beautiful as the sky but no one ever saw the future and furthermore it never works not even for poets because although they ken the past they only can the future so let's go then you and I on our joyous errand and when we reach the spot let's watch the ignorant armies clash by night and turn down an empty glass.

## GIBSON

On Friday evening, May 2, 1952, Barbara Gibson made her first local appearance when she sang a benefit performance for The United Cerebral Palsy Association.

A near capacity audience was present in the Wagner College Gymnasium for the concert sponsored by the Staten Island Teachers Association.

From her initial appearance on the stage, Miss Gibson proved herself an able performer. It is not frequent that one hears a coloratura sing with such precision and fullness of voice. She moved through the intricacies in the Rossini aria with the finesse of the most precise coloratura.

I think Miss Gibson was at her best in the "Fire Aria" from Maurice Ravel's little performed opera-ballet "L'Enfant et les Sortilèges." From the vitality of the performer and the music itself, one could easily visualize a lively fire.

The accuracy of Miss Gibson's voice was again apparent in her excellent singing of the Bell Song from the Delibes opera "Lakme."

Other numbers on her program in-  
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## MACBETH

On Friday night May 9, I had the pleasure of hearing the middle performance of the Varsity Players three day run of Macbeth. I had gone to see the play with a great deal of apprehension, even the best companies hesitate to perform Shakespeare for obvious reasons. Needless to say I was very pleasantly surprised.

In a cast that was better than expected, George Sander and Joan Campion were the most at home in their task. As Macbeth, Sander read the lines of Shakespeare with a great deal of understanding. His stage presence was at once convincing and appealing.

Joan Campion made a power-mad Lady Macbeth want for our sympathy. Whenever she was on the stage she quite competently held her own and always moved about in her lines and on the stage with complete sincerity. Others in the cast who capably filled their rolls were Ed Bosch, Ted Klemens, Bob Rogan and Bob Belknap.

I wondered as I sat there whether Chris Crowley was playing the King of Scotland or some deposed Irish  
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# SPORTS CORNER

by Mark Weisner

Protoplasm the "life substance," is composed mostly of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen. Yet a biologist, skilled though he or even she may be, cannot consolidate these materials and create life. This instance is analogical, as inappropriate as it seems, to sports in general and Wagner's baseball team. The ingredients are there, in the persons of Frohlander, Wachsmuth, Weber and the like. It would appear to be a simple thing for the coach, Herb Sutter, to blend these ingredients together and come out with the desired effect. However, just as the biologist is not at fault, the blame cannot be laid at the feet of the thorough pilot,

At the time of this writing the team's record is 4 wins and 10 losses, which isn't too impressive. Already people are mixing this squad up with football team since the ratio of wins to losses is approximately the same. At any rate, yours truly (pretty truly anyway) decided to seek some solutions to our present plight. I wracked my brains to think of someone whose knowledge of baseball was so vast, he could tell me what was wrong with the squad and how to correct it.

Suddenly a bright light flashed on; no it was no inspiration, just the bar near my house turning on its neon sign. Well, after long deliberation I found my man. Who could it be? Who else but "Three Base Bill" old-time major leaguer. For the younger generation who thinks immediately that Bill must have derived his nickname because of a propensity to hit triples, I will tell you the real reason. In the old days, or I remember, there was only one umpire working each game. From this resulted the practice of running directly from first base to third and from second to home when the umpire's back was turned. At this Bill became the most adept and hence the nickname.

I promptly set out for Bill's residence. The section of town where Bill is located seemed to have an abnormal abundance of children who darted in and out of the wheels of my car with amazing alacrity. When I parked my car the kids put it to use at once using the roof as first base in a tickball game. This I shrugged off, but melting down my tires to make rubber balls, I drew the line. Thus I walked quickly away avoiding a run-in with their leader, a tough pug-nosed kid of about seven. With the cries of "chicken" and "yellah" echoing in my ears I outdistanced those mobsters and turned into the comparative darkness or it might be termed dinginess of Bill's street. On my trek I was accosted by four women in black whom I sorrowfully say I had to refuse since I had no money with me to give to the salvation army. Well, I finally arrived at Bill's flat, exchanged amenities, and told him of our problems.

I gave Bill the fee which he customarily receives and he drank it down at once. Bill was from the old "oriole" school of baseball that believed in playing the game all the way, disregarding injuries and the like. In fact it was this "oriole spirit" that implicated Bill in the Blacksox scandal of 1919. Bill had been trying to shrug off a broken leg, playing with it for 4 games. Needless to say his performance was not up to par and when the scandal broke, Bill, though entirely blameless, was involved.

Anyway, the advice he gave me was from the "oriole school." He said that baseball players are babied too much nowadays and the only way to produce a winner is to make the team work harder. I was especially interested in the advice he gave concerning Joe Russell's sore arm, and was anxious to import it to Herb Sutter. He said the only cure for this ailment was to "run it out." I didn't exactly see what running would do to cure a sore arm but who can question an authority such as this? At any rate I'm sure Joe won't mind trying it. Thus if there is a notable improvement in the team's play in the next two weeks you can attribute it to Bill. Oh yes, this deal about working harder applies only to baseball and not to any other sport.

## BASEBALL SEASON

Though it's true that our baseball team hasn't lived up to expectations, the brand of ball displayed lately is vastly superior to that of the beginning of the season. Coach Sutter's insertion of John Campagnino into the catching position has turned out to be most advantageous. Campy's presence seems to have a steadying influence on the pitchers and his bat has been a potent one.

Wagner's game against New York University was one of the most exciting viewed on the Wagner campus in a long time. Going into the ninth inning Ziggy Wachsmuth, our hard luck hurler, was twirling shutout ball against the New Yorkers. With one away in the ninth, a single and a three-base error by our centerfielder plus a fly ball long enough to bring in the second run tied the score up. It remained tied until the thirteenth inning, wherein N.Y.U. pushed a run against the tired moundster. This was one time the fans went away doubting the better team won.

Since we have lost our chance for contention in the New York Conference, Wagner has delegated itself to being the "spoiler." Such was the case when Wagner faced first place St. John; our hitter belabored six St. John's pitchers for ten hits and eleven runs. Bob Weber's double and triple and Ziggy Wachsmuth's three hits paced our attack. Wachsmuth also came in to relieve Don Finley in the ninth and quickly put out the fire. The final score was Wagner 11, St. John's 5.

Venturing out to the wilds of New Jersey to face Moravian, Wagner returned home on the short end of a 3-6 score. Moravian hitters pounded pitcher Clem Bosco for 17 hits while we accumulated 15 against the Moravian staff. Lionel Rotelli and Bob Klumpp each belted out 3 hits for our club. The absence of Captain Al Frohlander due to injuries was felt.

The next game saw Don Finley pitch his best game of the season against Upsala. Don twirled a seven hit shutout, making Wagner's one run go all the way. Don showed real ability in the sixth where with the bases loaded and no outs, he proceeded to strike out the sides. Singles, by Wachsmuth, Campagnino, and Leonard accounted for our one run.

Wagner's record now stands at 4 wins and 10 defeats.

## Tennis Team

Playing in the top position for Wagner, as he has for the past four years, is Ralph Powelson. The hard-hitting senior, who has rolled to seven consecutive triumphs without losing a set, has suffered few defeats throughout his college career, and thereby, has established himself as one of the outstanding netmen in the East. Playing in the number two singles slot is Bruce Oxley, a junior whose task it has been to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Pete Landis, while Nat Webster, playing his third and last year of varsity competition, operates as the Seahawks' third player. Bob Snedeker, with six victories in seven matches to his credit, holds down the fourth singles position, and Gene Long, with a 4-3 record, occupies the No. 5 berth, while George Richon, stranger T. F. Kerr, Jim Bishop, and Ed Weiskotten round out the squad. Tony Franza, who led the team to a 9-3 record last year, once again assumes the managerial reins of the club.

# Facts And Figures

The Wagner College Student Association is to be commended for the work that they accomplished while working under the handicap of poor attendance at meetings.

- The World Day of Prayer
- Permissions for the girls at Guild Hall
- Increase in Student Allotment
- New installations for Student Body members
- Debate Club office
- Reinstating of the Nimbus
- Friday, May 23, the day before exams, a holiday
- Supporting of the Greek war orphan

Mr. Ralph Carloni President wishes to thank the administration for the wonderful cooperation that the Student Association has received this year and to wish the officers elect success for the future.

# THE S.C.A. RETREAT

May 22, 1952

Dear Angus:

On Friday morning a group of students started out for Bear Mountain to begin three days of planning a program for next year's religious activities.

At noon, six cars drove up to a rather rustic YMCA camp and 25 councilmen began the long and hard task of discussing S.C.A. activities. The Retreat was started by an informal service outdoors and a short sermon was given by Norman Dinkel. The discussions started about three o'clock and except for an hour break for supper they went straight through until 10:00 that evening. Reports were given by last year's councilmen and recommendations for the following year were made. These recommendations were thrashed out and voted upon by the group. At times as much as a half hour was devoted to one recommendation. Before retiring another short service was held which included a short reading from "von Schenic."

Everyone rose at 7:30 and the day started with a service conducted by Fred Hill. This service included a ten minute meditation. Most of the students left the place of worship for the meditation and walked in the woodland. After the service the program planning for the next semester started. The group voted to recommend Church on the Hill every Sunday to the Administration. Meetings of Bible Study, actual social work, book reviews, speakers and discussions were planned. Men who represent controversial issues in the Church were chosen as next years speakers in order to stimulate more interest on the part of non-members.

Sharp criticism was given of the members of the S.C.A. and of the administration for their lack of cooperation and spirit behind the religious activities on the campus. Everyone took a short recreation period in the afternoon and when we returned Pastor Kirsch had arrived. In the evening the councilmen went over some recommendations with Pastor Kirsch for the next year. Many of the recommendations were voted down as being impractical.

At nine o'clock the meeting ceased and some of the students went dancing at the Bear Mt. Inn.

On Sunday morning everyone rose at 7:00 and had a hurried breakfast. Pastor Kirsch left the group because of a preaching engagement at Mt. Kisco. After breakfast the entire group went to Newburg for Sunday morning service. In Newburg we met George Handley who had left us Saturday in order to visit his father who is quite ill. George took us to the church that he attends. Christ Church was small, orthodox and quite colorful. It was most interesting to all of us who are used to the more austere type of service. After church we returned to camp and had dinner prepared by two of the councilmen. Then a hurried period of packing followed and we started home.

On the way home I was struck by the fact that when Christians come together and work for Christ it brings about a fellowship that one does not find at other organizational meetings. The spirit of Christ that these people radiated gave one hope that our religious activities here on campus will become more activated next year and that the S.C.A. will be a prosperous Christian Association bringing more students to Christ.

Affectionately,  
Lydia



## Wagner's Music Fraternity Joins National Group

Beta Gamma Chi, Wagner's Honorary Music Fraternity, became Zeta Theta chapter of Phi Mu Alpha-Sinfonia Fraternity of America at a formal installation in the Music Building Wednesday night, May 14, 1952.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ernest E. Harris, Province Governor, Beta Gamma chapter from Teachers College, Columbia University officiated at the ceremony.

Wagner College is the first undergraduate school in the Metropolitan area to have a chapter in the National Music Fraternity.

It shall be the purpose of the fraternity to advance the cause of music in America, to foster the mutual welfare and brotherhood of students of music, to develop the truest fraternal spirit among its members, and to encourage loyalty to the Alma Mater.

The officers of the new chapter are Dick Dupré President, Fred Bohrer Vice-President, Martin Gonser Recording Secretary, Burton Helgeson Corresponding Secretary, Kenneth Dorkof Treasurer, and Daniel Uzpup Program Director.

Faculty brothers are Dr. Sigvart Steen, Harald Normann and John Bainbridge, all of the Music Department.

## Night Students Contribute

The Evening School Association of the College presented a check for one thousand dollars to the College at the annual dance of the Association, held this year at Harmony Park in Grassmere on Friday evening, May 2.

The presentation was made by Victor Severino, President of the Evening School Association, and was received for the College by Mr. Frank Jacobsen, business manager of Wagner.

The check will be used to raise the endowment of the College.

## MACBETH

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monarch. One could only hope that Royce Watson was better on Saturday night than his replacement was on Friday night and on wished that Malcolm had been played with a little more maturity.

The settings could not have been more effectively done. The witches scenes (because of staging and lighting) were some of the most dramatically powerful ones in the whole production. However a little less scening would have made it even better.

All in all I think this was the best production the VP's have put on in the three years I have been here. Bouquets to Mr. Moss.

## Gibson Concert

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cluded two groups of English folk songs and a concert premier of a work by her accompanist Maestro Dale Sandoval called "Tarentella-Intermezzo."

Maestro Sandoval appeared in a group of piano pieces. He is pianist with an unfortunate flair for the spectacular. This was also evident in his two compositions that were heard.

The evening was a fine one in all respects. I think the administration should be commended for allowing such activities to come into the sphere of college activities.

## Exams To Start This Saturday

The schedule for final examinations has been released by the Dean of the College. The examinations will run from Saturday, May 24 to Thursday, May 29.

Each day will be divided into three two-hour periods, beginning at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

In the following table, the roman numeral designates the examination period; the symbols the classes taught at the times indicated. Examinations in science courses will be given at the time corresponding to the lecture part of the course.

The gymnasium will be used for examinations in nearly all cases.

To obtain grades, students may leave a self-addressed postcard with the teachers before the examination or may place it in the bluebook at the time of the examination.

Saturday, May 24th

- I M.W.F.3
- II T.3, Th.2, 3
- III M.W.F.4

Monday, May 26th

- I T.4, 5 Th.4
- II M.W.F.5
- III T.6 Th.5, 6

Tuesday, May 27th

- I M.W.F.6
- II T.7, 8 Th.7
- III M.W.F.7

Wednesday, May 28th

- I M.W.F.8
- II T.9 Th.8, 9
- III M.W.F.9

Thursday, May 29th

- I M.W.F.1
- II T.1, 2 Th.1
- III M.W.F.2

## WAGNERIAN STAFF ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FALL TERM

Joan Bansemer was re-elected editor in chief of the Wagnerian, at an election held May 15 during chapel period. Others elected to editorial posts were Lloyd Berg, Neil Leonard, Carol Plumb, Fred Frick, Elleneva Kamp and Arlene Adcock.

This will be Miss Bansemer's second term as editor. She will be a senior, majoring in history, and has been active in the Debate Society, the IRC, and SCA. She will be the secretary of Faith and Life Week in the spring semester.

The managing editor, Lloyd Berg, will also be continuing in his position. Berg is in his senior year, and has been a member of the Debate Society, the IRC, and the SCA. He was the advertising manager of the 1952 Kallista. His major is psychology-sociology.

Neil Leonard assumes the position of news and sports editor, a new position on the staff. News and sports were formerly separate departments of the paper, but have been joined to make one position for next year. Leonard succeeds Norman Dinkel as news editor and Mark Wiesner as sports editor. Leonard was editor-in-chief of the 1952 Kallista, a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams, and a former editor on the Wagnerian staff.

Carol Plumb, a news writer on this year's paper has been elevated to the position of feature editor, succeeding Richard Pankow.

Fred Frick takes over the position of business manager. Frick is a pre-seminary student, a junior, former president of his class, and a member of Delta Nu.

Elleneva Kamp and Arlene Adcock continue as circulation managers.

## Letters

To the Editor of the Wagnerian, Wagner College

Dear Miss Bansemer:

I think you would agree with me that one of the primary responsibilities and greatest glories of newspaper work is respect for and fidelity to the facts. Should this attitude toward facts not be as incumbent on editorial writers as on reporters?

I was therefore astonished to read in your lead editorial of May 1, 1952, "There have been, for many years now, many activities and ceremonies which have been scheduled to take the place of the regular religious service for that day."

If the foregoing were a fact, I would deplore it as much as your writer does. However, in reading the Chapel log for the current school year, I see only one case in which a chapel service gave way for something else. That was on October 15, 1951, when the chapel service was moved from Monday to Tuesday to make the chest X-ray program possible.

On the other hand, there are many cases of the reverse, other activities giving way to chapel services, as for example the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, 1951, and the Wednesdays in Lent, 1952, when the Student Association graciously relinquished its traditional time for meeting, in order that chapel services might be held.

What is not true this year cannot be said to have been true "for many years now."

Your sincerely,  
Paul J. Kirach  
Chaplain

Editors Note:

Sorry, we remain unconvinced. We need only to point to the Student Body meetings to show what we mean. The writer mentions a few cases when these were moved from the regular chapel hours. It is regrettable that we must drop the cloak of subtlety and point to the definite examples but obviously it is necessary. The Editors

## Honorary Degrees

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In addition to writing professional articles, Dr. Mooney is very active in church work in his home town of Albany.

Dr. Carroll V. Newsom will be awarded an LL.D. for his work in mathematics and science. He has been head of the math department at both the University of New Mexico and Oberlin College. At present he is Associate Commissioner for Higher and Professional Education in New York State.

Dr. Donald E. Law, attending obstetrician at Staten Island Hospital, will receive the L.H.D. degree from Wagner. He is a member of several State medical societies and the American Medical Association.

The Secretary of the Wagner Board of Trustees for seven years (1943-50), the Rev. Conrad R. Reisch, will receive a D. D. degree. Pastor Reisch had several parishes before accepting a call to Bridgeport, Conn., where he now heads a Parish.

The Distinguished Citizenship Awards will be given to Miss Mary A. Coleman, Executive Director of the Staten Island Visiting Nurse Association; and to Judge Frederick L. Hackenburg, posthumously, for their contributions to the life of the community.

## Pre-College Day Held

Last Saturday, May 10th, Pre-College day was held on the campus. High school juniors and seniors registered in the gym and were officially received at 10:30. This was followed by an inspection tour of the campus which included laboratory demonstrations and an art display.

As 12:15, the participants were served luncheon at Cunard Hall. Speakers at the one o'clock assembly in the Chapel were Dr. Frederic Sutter, President of the Board of Trustees, President Langsam and Ralph Carloni, President of the Student Body. The Wagner College Choir sang two selections which it is preparing for its European tour this summer.

The films, "Beautiful upon a Hill," and "1951 Homecoming" were shown at 2:00 in the recreation room of Guild Hall. At the same time the many visitors watched the Wagner-Upsala game.

For any guests wishing to remain, dinner was served at 5:00 in Cunard Hall.

## APO Chapter Inducted

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity officially accepted the Wagner College chapter into the organization at an induction ceremony held on Saturday, May 10. The induction service was conducted by a ritual team, headed by Dr. Henry Miller of Queens College, at four o'clock in the new gym.

The local group received a new charter, which was accepted by Dr. William Greenleaf, Assistant Professor of Biology, who is the chairman of the advisory committee.

Other members of the faculty who are charter members of the fraternity are Mr. Theodore Collins, of the Chemistry Department, Mr. Roswell Coles, Chairman of the Sociology Department, Mr. Charles Gilbert, of the Economics Department, and Dr. George Cook, of the English Department.

Following the induction ceremonies a formal dinner dance was held at the Molly Pitcher Hotel in Redbank, New Jersey.

## Students Receive Holy Communion

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tinguished by the sign of His Holy Cross." He explained that this is the reason for blessing oneself with the sign of the cross at the Invocation, Benediction, and any other reference to the Holy Trinity during the service.

Discussing the Office of the Holy Ministry, as pertaining to pre-seminary students at Wagner, Pastor von Schenk said that the minister must cease being subordinate to the congregation, since often the Church Council or congregation would approve actions which are not in accord with the teachings of the Church. This is possible because the congregation has not had the opportunity for the advanced education that the minister has had.

Pastor von Schenk expressed the fear that unless a change is made in the Protestant Churches, the Office of the Ministry will soon die out, and be replaced by congregational rule.

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