

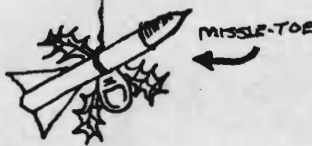
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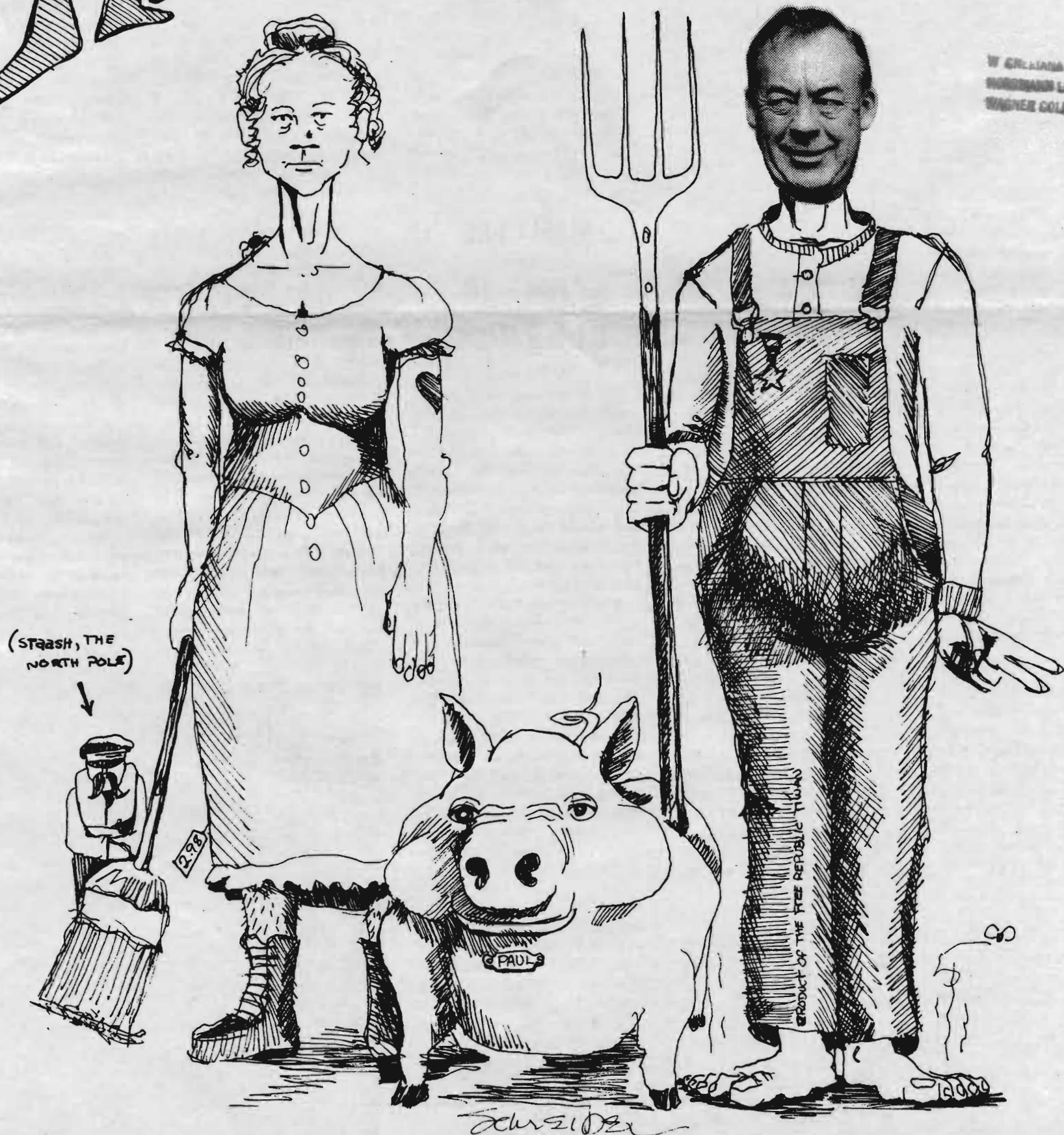
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KUNSTLER SPEAKS AT SICC

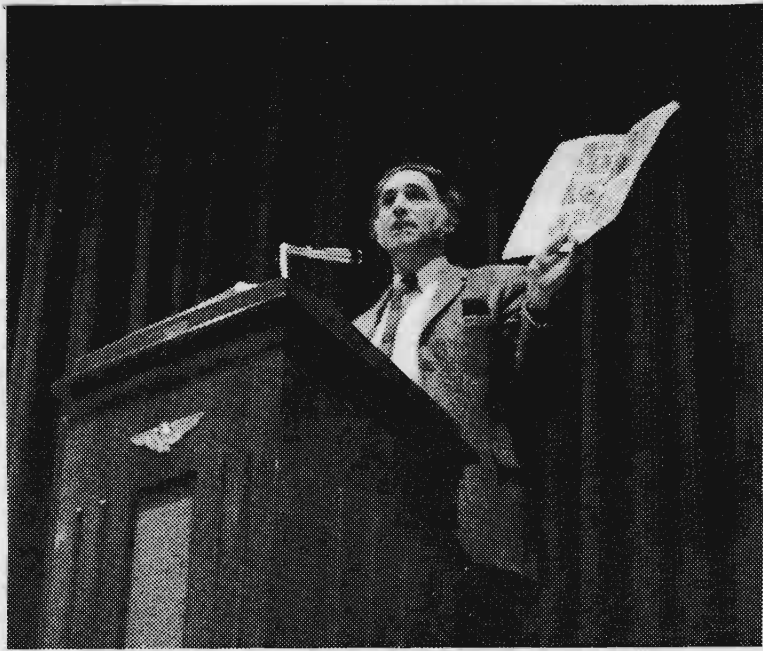
The Staten Island Community College lecture series sponsored a convocation with William Kunstler last Wednesday. The activist and movement lawyer spoke to an attentive audience of about 700, most of whom were students. Noting his visits to over 250 campuses, Mr. Kunstler began explaining the contemporary atmosphere at most colleges this fall.

To illustrate what he termed the "soft-sell approach" to students by college administrations, he presented the Kent State Freshman brochure containing eleven "position statements" of the administration. Among them were papers asking the students to cooperate with the Grand Jury inquest, statements affirming the Kent State commitment to non-violence, a statement requesting cooperation with the ROTC program, procedures for the evacuation of buildings in case of bomb threats, security procedures (in the form of a "how to" pamphlet) for male and female residence halls against bomb scares, the text of Ohio Law No. 1219 which makes it a crime to act in any way which "creates substantial risk of disruption" (and it also contains a conspiracy provision). There were also statements which had a familiarity with Wagner: the establishment of a review board (3 students and 4 faculty), the creation of "contingency plans" for crisis situations and the hiring of a "Special Assistant to the President for Crisis Operations." the bureaucracy has a stagnant consistency to it.

In referring to the failure of the judicial system in Ohio to remain impartial, Mr. Kunstler said that three students had been indicted on possession of one joint of marijuana (a charge carrying a 20-40 year sentence) along with the other 25. He explained how these three could be manipulated to testify they heard so-and-so say "off the pig" and thereby gain a lesser penalty for themselves. He said if he were faced with a 20-40 year rap he would seriously consider such an offer.

Elucidating the position of the student, he said "the student is the enemy of the state and must be controlled." He said further that the administrators were quite content when students would eat goldfish, see if they could get 30 people into a phone booth, or do the chauvinistic thing of panty raids, "but God help it if you get into politics...protest the war in Vietnam."

Mr. Kunstler also exposed J. Edgar Hoover and his role in the campus scene. He referred to Hoover's testimony at a Senate Committee hearing when he requested \$14 Million for 1000 new FBI agents that would infiltrate the campus. Linking that testimony with Nixon and Hoover's joint TV appeal against the sudden wave of bombings (5000 last year, 22 on campus, 4978 off), Mr. Kunstler raised an inconsistency of actions. He cited the recent unsolved Birmingham



William Kunstler

photo: Steve Kotzas

bombings (40) resulting in the death of four blacks and pointed out the absence of any appeal for more agents from those bombings.

Questioning who are the real murderers, he pointed to the six blacks killed at Augusta, the two blacks killed in the girls' dorm at Jackson State, the shooting of Clark and Hampton in Chicago, and the four whites killed at Kent State. He said, "it's only murder when we do it; if they do it, it's self-defense." Citing the example of the Hampton case in Chicago, he explained how the Chicago police lied before four separate Grand Juries, in contradiction to the factual evidence from investigation, "and they are still walking the streets of Chicago as policemen."

He asserted that this was all part of a massive (though not premeditated) effort to create the myth that all the violence is on the campuses. He said there was a "Trojan Horse" of lies, perversions and half-truths in middle America against the students. "In focusing on students and the Panthers" he said, "you forget about MyLai and all the indecencies that go on." The comparison between this and the Reichstag fire in 1933 Germany was made in that the Germans were made to fear the left-wingers, violent students, trade unionists and communists. "It starts by biting off one end of the spectrum; instead of Panthers, they had the Social Democrats." He said, "when you terrify the middle, you have captured the country."

In the question period following, Kunstler was asked about his opinion and position in regard to the Weathermen. Relating his ideology of struggle, he said that, although he did not agree with what the Weathermen were doing on political grounds, and although he has argued the use of "terror" with Weathermen, they should not be isolated from the left because they have the same goals, and isolation of groups would only split the movement. The revolution must move on as a whole and it is up to each individual or group to decide in what manner they are going to relate to that whole. Factional disputes are counter-revolutionary.

The question of the length of the war in Indochina was asked and to this Mr. Kunstler replied that there was a common practice in Vietnam among American non-officers, called fragging - rebellion against the officers ordering soldiers to fight in combat (rolling grenades under their tents, rebellion in the field, etc.). He said, "the Vietnamese can't be beat, simply because there's no will to beat them (among the draftees); and the officers who don't understand that - they're fragged."

COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS DRUG USE

by CHRIS LAUNER

On Wednesday December 9, the Committee On Campus Drug Use met in room 205 of the Student Union. A rough form of the questionnaire Dr. Leach proposed at the December 2 meeting was presented, discussed and revised. The final form of the questionnaire will be printed this week and distributed after Christmas vacation.

The Committee would greatly appreciate a serious response of each and every student. The questionnaire might consume as much as five minutes of your time and it may take you a few steps out of your way to hand it in, but these minor inconveniences are by far out-weighed by the fact that something constructive is being done concerning the campus drug problem. Please do your part by completing the questionnaire and handing it in.

Also, there has been student interest in a "hot line" whereby students could call in to a hot line located here on campus and rap, obtain counseling or report and obtain immediate help in case of an overdose on the campus. The ideas are still in the tentative stages, but any student interested in working on setting up a hot line and managing the hot line, are asked to attend a meeting held this coming Tuesday, December 15, at 3:00 in Rm. 205 of the Student Union.

STOESSINGER ON CHINA

by TOM GIBBONS

John G. Stoessinger, head of the political affairs division of the United Nations, spoke to an audience of approximately 200 at Wagner on Tuesday, December 8.

In relating the history of China since the 1800's, Mr. Stoessinger attempted to show why the communist revolution occurred when it did and with as much success as it enjoyed. He pictured early China, before the intrusion by the West, as an advanced culture whose philosophy and religion held China to be the center of the universe. When the West, Britain, France, and Portugal at first, began to sail to China, the emperor had communications with the government of Britain which expressed the belief that anyone other than the Chinese were barbarians, and therefore, these strangers sailing into their ports must desire the benefits of Chinese culture.

However, the foreigners were only interested in one thing ---PROFIT. Mr. Stoessinger, in his humorous, exciting style, illustrated this by reference to the opium trade introduced into China by Britain. Not only did Britain wish to exploit the Chinese for profit, but they also wanted to convert the Chinese to Christianity. The Chinese emperor, Mr. Stoessinger pointed out, was outraged by the "phony Christians who were selling opium on one side and bibles on the other side of their ships", and ordered a cadre of Chinese to dump the opium into the Shanghai harbor. Needless to say, the Chinese were not converted to Christianity, and in retaliation for the dumping, the British occupied some buildings along the harbor.

Mr. Stoessinger emphasized the philosophy of the Chinese and how it made them simply ignore the British in their buildings, thinking that the best defense was to allow the foreigners to live amongst them and see first hand how superior the Chinese culture and way of life was to theirs. The emperor did not count upon a similar superiority complex among the British!

Soon, by 1840, there were seven powers, including the U.S., controlling the port of Shanghai and even collecting the customs duties for themselves! At about this time Russia was getting into the land-grab by also stealing from the Chinese in Mongolia. The Chinese response to all this, Mr. Stoessinger said, was a series of five revolutions of "self-assertion against the West".

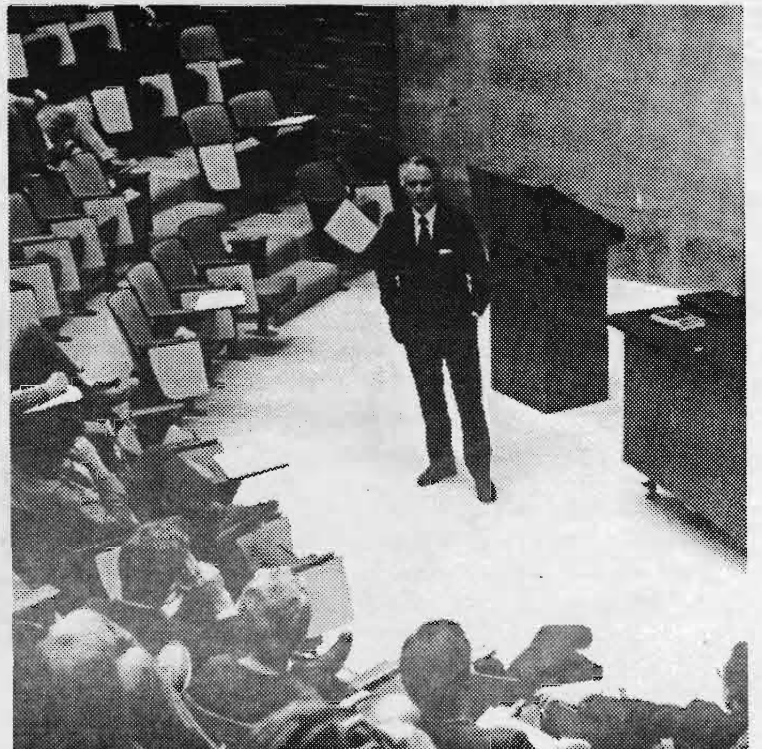
The movements began with the Tai-ping Rebellion, which Mr. Stoessinger gives credit for activation the peasantry, the Boxer Rebellion, the self-strengthening movement, which sent missions abroad to study the power of the West so the Chinese might use it against them, through the Nationalist Revolution of Dr. Sun Yat-sen (who, Mr. Stoessinger remarked, was prohibited from practicing medicine in a Chinese island which happened to be a Portuguese enclave) and finally culminating in the Communist Revolution of Mao Tse-tung. Mr. Stoessinger said the primary intention of Mao was to regain Chinese self-determination.

In the second half of his lecture, the U.N. diplomat emphasized the mutual ignorance, of each other, between the U.S. and China. He related his learning experiences in Czechoslovakia, Russia, seven years of China and comically added, "it wasn't until 1947, when I arrived in the U.S. that I learned the 'truth'".

Picturing the relations of the three nations as a "Machiavellian Triangle", he said, "each one is afraid the other two will gang up against her". During the explanation of the triangle concept, Stoessinger said the U.S. was the "girl being wooed" by both China and Russia, and the U.S.-Russian and U.S.-China relations are moving together while the Russian-China relations are splitting.

He also tried to break the myth that China is an aggressive nation by referring to the incident with India in the early '60's. He said China could have gone all the way down to Calcutta and captured India, but

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John Stoessinger

photo: Pete Gatti

College Council Counsels

A proposal for establishing credit compensation for the primary officers and positions in the Student Government was discussed last Tuesday at the monthly College Council Meeting. The idea was acknowledged by the Council and forwarded to various faculty committees for their discussion and action. President Jim Fox also plans to explain the full proposal to the students to allow campus-wide discussion. Several members pointed out that the proposal was not all-inclusive or final, and that modifications of some sort may be made.

A seminar course, listed in the College Catalogue and carrying six credits (three for each of two semesters), would be instituted if the proposal is accepted. "Political Science Seminar 80", as it is called, would be open to anyone. Its main objective would be to provide a discussion forum for the primary campus student leaders, in an academic setting. A faculty person would be present to feed in concepts and coordinate the class. In addition to this course and its three credits, there would be a sliding scale of independent

study credits, (from 1-4); the highest credits would go to the Student Gov't President and Editor of The Wagnerian, other credits going to the other elected officers, representatives, editors of other student publications and committee members. So, if the Student Gov't President were taking the seminar course, he would receive four instead of three credits, paid for at registration. The benefit being that he/she would be receiving credit while performing the functions of the S.G. President. Because of the complex nature of the job, the time would be seriously needed.

It was noted in a discussion of student funds, that Metropolitan Productions, the sponsor of the recent "rock concerts" owes us about \$6,000. The legitimacy of the company is questionable and President Fox and the Council are considering suing for the debt. (Part of the money owed is to be refunded to ticket holders for a past mix-up in the series). As soon as the finances with M.P. are worked out, you patient holders of the white slip will be paid.

In the final phase of the College Court changes noted in the No. 10 issue of The Wagnerian, the Council voted 26-0 to send the revision to student referendum (which will appear in this paper). The only change in the Student Gov't Constitution was a procedural change in the appeal process of the College Court. The Council had voted at last month's meeting to delete a revision proposed initially that would have created two Courts where one now exists. The fate of the several recommendations made at last month's Council meeting is still uncertain.

ON THE CAMPUS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This coming Wednesday, December 16, the Student Christian Association will sponsor the annual Christmas Candlelight Service. The service will be held in the Chapel Auditorium at 7:30 PM. The Rev. Ralph Peterson from St. Peter's Church in Manhattan will deliver the sermon.

Immediately following the service everyone is cordially invited to attend the lighting of the Christmas tree at Cunard Hall. From Cunard the people assembled will divide into three groups for the Christmas Caroling. The path of the Caroling will eventually lead to Dr. Davidson's home where everyone is invited for refreshments.

To All Groups, Departments, Organizations, Offices

The Wagnerian is accepting announcements of upcoming events, lectures, and demonstrations. If you want to have an announcement made, please submit them in writing to the Wagnerian Office, Room 229 - Wagner Union or call 390-3153, anytime before the Friday previous to publication on Tuesday of the following week.

Faith and Life Series Hosts Welfare Speakers

Thursday, December 10, Dr. Richard A. Cloward, Professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work, spoke in Chapel on the topic of: "The Welfare Crisis: Its Economic and Political Origins." In his presentation Dr. Cloward spoke of the Residence Laws which have been struck down by the Supreme Court. These laws state a person must be a resident of a particular locale before that person can be eligible for welfare benefits. The Court ruled the laws unconstitutional on the basis the laws punish people for

crossing state lines. Because of the suspension of the laws, families migrate to high paying welfare states which in turn makes a surplus of unskilled labor. The farmers, in particular, exploit this labor when crops are in season.

Cloward also spoke on the "Man in the House" clause of welfare programs. As long as there is an abled bodied male living with the mother and children, the mother and children automatically become ineligible for welfare benefits. This type of approach fosters

family breakdown by encouraging the male, who is unskilled and cannot support his family adequately, to leave, and thus the family unit is broken down.

Cloward related, "People on welfare roles are treated as objects of contempt." Welfare departments conduct midnight raids. Children are asked about the sexual behavior of their mother. Mothers are interrogated concerning the last time of their menstruation. Out of these demeaning welfare practices and massive unrest of the poor, sprang the National Welfare Rights Organization formed in 1966. This program works on three basic premises: 1. Grievance work; 2. Identifying welfare benefits for which most people are eligible but don't apply; 3. The program attempts to find people who are eligible for welfare but are not on the welfare roles.

Later on in the afternoon Mrs. Washington, a welfare mother, spoke in CCF-1. Mrs. Washington related the need of adequate income in order that people on the welfare roles could afford carfare, telephone, clothing for their children, and necessary medical supplies. She went on to state that welfare seemed to be the name of a people who were considered to be lazy, shiftless and corrupt instead of welfare being the name of a program.

Mrs. Washington, at the beginning of her talk, seemed upset. She stated, "We are not militant, but just a little mad, that's all." As she progressed with her talk it became easy to see why welfare mothers would be "just a little mad." Medicines which are not patented are used on the poor in order that these medicines can be perfected. Once these same medicines have patents they are not distributed to the poor. Prices in stores are raised when welfare checks come out. Sale prices are put on non-essential food products such as tomato sauce, but the prices are raised on essentials such as meat, so in reality there is really no sale.

Mrs. Washington maintained that the Whites can help the welfare people organize but shouldn't try and tell welfare mothers how to organize. "We have our thing together. The whites should get their's together."

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"Bombed" Again

by PAUL SCHULHAUS

In what is becoming more of a continuing story than Peyton Place, Wagner College has again been victimized by the Mad Bomber.

At about 12:16 PM, on Tuesday, December 8th, an unidentified male caller phoned the Main Hall switchboard and said that a bomb would go off in the Communications Center at 12:30 PM. Although the switchboard operator, having received only her first call from Wagner's "favorite maniac," was unable to identify the voice as that which had been heard in earlier bomb threat calls, security officials are fairly sure that it was the same caller.

As usual, the building was emptied and the police were called immediately after the bomb threat was received. Officers of the 120th Precinct arrived on campus at about 12:30 and along with Mr. McNamara, Chief of Security, they made a search of the building. And, as usual, nothing was found. The "all-clear" was sounded at 1:15 PM and the building was reopened.

Mr. McNamara was heard saying, "This is the third bomb scare in two weeks and I hope the administration is ready to do something about it." Let's hope they do; someday it could be the real thing.

Circle K Club to be Formed

A Circle K Club is a college men's service organization, sponsored by Kiwanie International, existing to serve the campus and the community. More than 500 Circle K Clubs are now in colleges and universities throughout the United States. One such club was organized at Wagner in 1956 and was an integral part of the campus community until 1964.

As of now, several Wagner men would like to establish an organization with enough dedication and mobility to attack the problems of Wagner campus and the Staten Island community in a constructive way.

A Circle K Club at Wagner would have the complete support of the Staten Island Kiwanis, over 100 businessmen representing all aspects of the Staten Island community. Active participants would be in close contact with these men, not only in connection with campus and community projects, but to exchange ideas with community leaders in reference to their own future careers.

A brief organizational meeting is planned for Thursday, December 17 at 3:00 PM in the

Union, room 203, to hear the views of the Wagner student, independent or Greek-affiliated. For further information, call Mr. Daly at 273-2199 or Mr. Moller, SA7-6236, on Thursday.

Blue Cross Expires

Effective midnight, December 31, 1970, teen-agers who became 19 during 1970 will cease to be protected under your family plan unless they transfer to their own individual membership now before it is too late. Parents may obtain transfer forms for these 19 year-olds from the Personnel Department.

This is the first year that Blue Cross/Blue Shield has extended the period of coverage for unmarried 19 year-olds on their parents' contract; that is, from their 19th birthday to the end of this calendar year.

Please do not take a chance of losing Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage for your 19 year-old at the reduced group rate. Please apply for your transfer form at the Personnel Department, House No. 2.



Dr. Cloward stated that people on Welfare roles are treated as objects of contempt. photo: Chris Launer



"We are not militant, But just a little mad," said Mrs. J. Washington from the Welfare Rights Organization. photo: Chris Launer



CORUSCATIONS

Speculative Theology

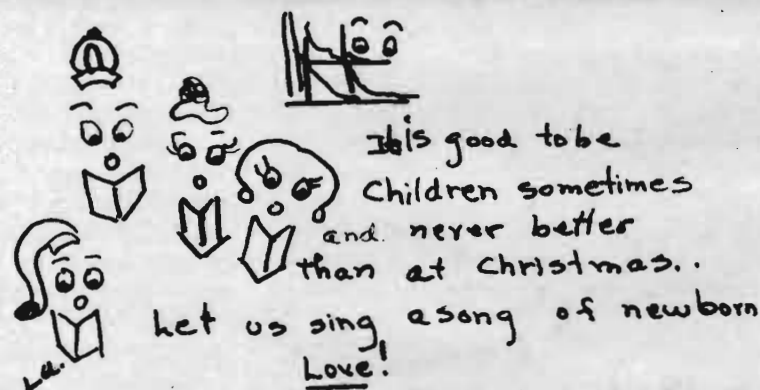
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Sitting at my desk for lunch
Steel legs anchor me in
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Click-clack of writing machines
too busy to notice me;
I fold the newspaper
munch a dry salami hero

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for crying our loud
and waiting in vain,
these "mind-forged chains"
and the loneliness of crowds -
by - c.a. carrol

Feminism and More

by Phyllis Neely

Betty Freidan's eloquent statement of my second favorite cause really excited me. It happens that I had already heard or thought about everything she discussed, but her punchy word choices made me glad to hear it again. However, there is one big hole in Mrs. Freidan's entire scheme. By instructing women to give up the home for the office, she is telling them to rip off one set of chains and lock themselves into another. Of course, Mrs. Freidan is well aware of this problem. She said that the office is a drudge, but at least it has life. Frankly, if I'm going to work very hard for a feminist revolution, I want it to offer more than another drudge for reward.

Here is where my favorite cause comes in. I've discovered a Biblical passage that illustrates Christ as a feminist who liberated for a purpose. When Christ visited the home of Mary and Martha, the The Wagnerian December 15, 1970 page 4

two women reacted in very different ways. Martha was preoccupied with preparations, no doubt doing the cultural equivalent of polishing the silver and fixing fancy appetizers. On the other hand, Mary left the kitchen and sat at Christ's feet to hear his teaching. Later, when Martha complained to Christ that Mary wasn't doing her share of the work, Christ told Martha that Mary had done the right thing, she had stopped fussing to care about the only thing that is important, his teaching.

Thus, Christ liberates us from a housewifely devotion to elaborate living because he rejects this as an important goal. Even better, he offers values to formulate goals that are meaningful. Therefore, sisters, if you want liberation that means more than a different form of drudgery, I recommend that you check out Christ.

Genesis account of the fall of man from Eden pinpoints the fall due to man's striving for knowledge. The science fiction film "2001, A Space Odyssey" portrays man in his final stage of evolution as an all knowing star child. Perhaps this all knowing or all knowledge corresponds with what Saint Paul is attempting to say in I Cor. 13:12. "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood." Heaven, then might be a state where we become all knowing or are caught up in and become members of a divine all knowing being so that our desire for knowledge and power become complete.

Speculative theology can and should probe at the word God. This word serves various purposes, including as a catalyst for emotion and subjectivity, as an object of endless philosophizing and theologizing, or as a nebulous noun of neutral nothingness. At any rate, classical Christian thought rules out some descriptive ideas about God such as pantheism and deism. One might speculate that the being of God has many organs or parts and the totality of God is composed of these parts. People may be cells in the living organ of God. This may correspond to what Christ meant when he said if a person helps another person, the first person is also helping Christ. This line of speculation could lead us to the conclusion that there is a bit of God or divinity in each of us. However, this speculation naturally cuts across the classical thoughts of man being steeped in original sin only to be washed clean by

the sacramental act of baptism which imparts the Holy Spirit.

Speculating one's faith and beliefs in the attempt to broaden and expand one's outlooks beyond the borders of conventional lines of thought can be a very enlightening experience. Theological truths are not exclusively contained in the Bible or credal and dogmatic statements. Much truth lies in the imagination and speculation of man's mind as he continually grapples with questions of his origin and ultimate destiny.

Editor's Note: The goals of this year's "Coruscations" are to initiate such theological speculation as well as action based on beliefs that may proceed from this speculation. Therefore, we welcome your thoughts on theological questions, as well as principles and specifics of personal and social action.

The Guilty Parties

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"Gimme Shelter"

by CAROL DIBARI

The Rolling Stones are no easy subject to contend with. I've begun this review at least six times only to throw away each copy with disgust. No one's been able to portray the Stones, as they are, except the Stones themselves. One round piece of plastic placed upon a turntable gave us a better understanding than any movie ever could. That's the way I felt about "Gimme Shelter" before I saw it. There's been a lot of talk - or rather speculation - about the film since it was first made public that The Stones' 1969 tour would be forever preserved. The Maysles (and co-director Charlotte Zwerin) picked one hell of a subject for a film, I thought, but how would they present The Stones to an audience that, probably, knows more about the subject than the filmmakers? We grew up The Stones and The Beatles and Bob Dylan. We all started out from the same place at about the same time. Anyone I've ever been close to has attended that all-important (looking back) Stones' concert at The Academy of Music back in 1964. We didn't know each other then but, somehow, found each other during the years afterwards.

Anyway, The Maysles were asked (by whom?) to do a film of the tour and I wonder if they were aware of the psychological pressures present for they make no real attempt to get "inside" The Stones for some sort of insight. Instead, the viewer is free to discover any insights he wants. The Maysles only hold the camera.

"Gimme Shelter" begins with a few quick shots of Charlie Watts on a donkey (wearing Jagger's Uncle Sam hat) for the cover shooting of the "Yas-Yas" album and then on to Madison Square Garden for "Jumpin' Jack Flash." All the excitement of last November was captured by the camera as Jagger struts around (almost so quickly that the camera cannot keep up with him) and the audience assembles at the edge of the stage. It was like a rush beginning at my toes and traveling all the way up my spine. That entire week came back to me in one split second: remembering The Stones on Ed Sullivan as Keith Richards scared the hell out of Middle America, Sullivan cutting off the mikes during "Honkey Tonk Women" while the camera dared not venture below Jagger's neck, the floor of The Garden literally trembling beneath 20,000 pairs of stomping feet, and the final climax of fluttering rose petals....

The camera then travels to Muscle Shoals (the recording session of "Wild

Horses"), London (mixing the "Yas-Yas" album), San Francisco (legal preparations for Altamont by Melvin Belli), and Altamont itself.

There's a few wonderful simple scenes worth mentioning that will, no doubt, be overlooked when thinking of "Gimme Shelter" in its entirety. There's a brilliant paradox present as Jagger and Richards leave one of those plastic Holiday Inns in true Stone fashion and another of Keith Richards proudly displaying his Marilyn Monroe T-shirt to the audience. It's little scenes such as those which personify the genius of The Maysles as much as the powerful ones. The Maysles also make it clear that a camera is always present but its all so informal that it really doesn't matter. A technician steps into a scene with a light meter and the film is discussed by Jagger and the director while viewing it on a small screen.

The scenes which gives "Gimme Shelter" its shattering impact, though, are those of Altamont. About one-half of the film is devoted to the subject (the free Stones concert outside San Francisco which resulted in the death of a member of the audience - Meredith Hunter - by The Hell's Angels). While the 1964 concert I spoke about earlier was the beginning, Altamont was the end. It wasn't the end of The Stones but, maybe, it showed that we've gone as far as we can right now. The camera doesn't see the joyfulness of Woodstock, only the eyes of death made that way by five years of speed. Somehow we've lost our way. Altamont was so prophetic of so many things that were yet to come: the deaths of Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, the break-up of The Beatles, the mediocrity of rock, and, maybe, even the senseless violence which emerged at incidents such as Kent State. It's not really right to get philosophical about the event, nor can the question of blame truly be answered. Who was to blame? Meredith Hunter because he was carrying a gun? The Angels? The Stones? I don't think it will ever be sorted out. It just seems to be a natural climax to the Stones tour and the 1960s.

If Altamont had never happened, The Maysles would have had a lovely little film of The Stones on tour but, just as The Stones are not lovely or little, neither is the film. Altamont did happen, though, and the camera showed that even Mick Jagger has no control over the forces of disaster. He sings, "I lay traps for the troubadors who get killed before they reach Bombay," and rolls his eyes upwards as an Angel looks on

menacingly. He sings about how great it is to be Lucifer and The Hell's Angels carry it to its fullest extent. If nothing else, "Gimme Shelter" proved that Jagger is not Satan, but only a fragile man who hides behind body guards as they remove rushers from the stage and is sickened as the violence he's always preached (and stood for) becomes the real thing. You must see "Gimme Shelter," especially if you've seen "Woodstock" and believed that's where America is at. The film will turn your head around. Even now, it's

hard to look back at the film without, once more, experiencing the horror I felt sitting safely in a theatre on 58th Street. No Hollywood movie could come close to revealing the ubiquitous tension present. Maybe it took The Stones to show us how ugly we've really become. Faces were turned pleadingly towards Jagger for an end to the madness but he's just as scared and confused as the rest of us. It's no easy task being a rock and roll star. It's no easy task being Mick Jagger. Let It Bleed.

Dimensions in Black

Pioneers in African-American History



by CARL BROWNE and LARRY HARDY

Askia Mohammed Toure (1480-1535) Emperor of Ancient Songhai.

After the death of Mansa Musa about 1335, the empire of Mali went into decline and was gradually absorbed by the growth of the last and greatest of the Ancient black Suckanses empires: Songhai. Within 150 years, Islamic Songhai had expanded its dominion over a territory larger than all of Western Europe and risen to a rare height of civility.

Askia Mohammed Toure, the consolidator of Songhai's conquests and the designer of the ultra-efficient imperial was unquestionably the greatest black ruler ever to have emerged in the Western Sudan. Almost single-handedly, this brilliant and progressive leader built an empire of such high purpose and sophistication that even today it is regarded with awe by scholars who look into its history.

The sum of Askia's achievements is so great that we can only begin to summarize it here. He divided the empire into provinces and appointed a governor to oversee each; created ministries of justice, defense, finance, commerce and agriculture; established a system of uniform weights and measures; instituted an equitable scale of taxation; initiated

law to regulate trade, banking and credit, and decreed the open tolerance of "foreign elements" such as Christians and Jews.

Most significantly, Askia turned the Songhai cities of Jenne, Gao, Walata and Timbuktu into citadels of learning and scholarship. Under his administration the great University of Sankore in Timbuktu became one of the Moslem world's greatest schools, to which students flocked from as far away as Egypt and Arabia. The studies of medicine and law, especially were advanced and successful cataract operations were being performed at Sankore as early as 1520!

A traveler who visited Timbuktu at the height of its glory reported that he found there "a great many doctors, judges, and many other learned men who are maintained at the king's cost and charges. More profit is made from the book than from any other line."

The glory of Songhai was not to last because in 1590 a Moroccan army equipped with man's newest weapon, the firearm, swept down on Songhai and quickly defeated its gunless troops. And so passed, one of the greatest medieval empires in world civilization.

FRA T S!?!

by CINDY LLOYD

It's that time of year again, when the spirit of "brotherly love" permeates Wagner's campus. However, the type of brotherhood I'm referring to isn't the good tidings and cheer common to the Christmas season, but a childish ritual laden with calculated malice.

Hell week, the fraternities' idea of fun and games for their pledges, is a dangerous, not to mention ridiculous, practice for supposedly mature adults to engage in. Nevertheless, each semester it persists sometimes perpetuated by the old "well they gave it to me and now I'm going to give it to you" philosophy or simply because it's fraternal tradition which goes unquestioned.

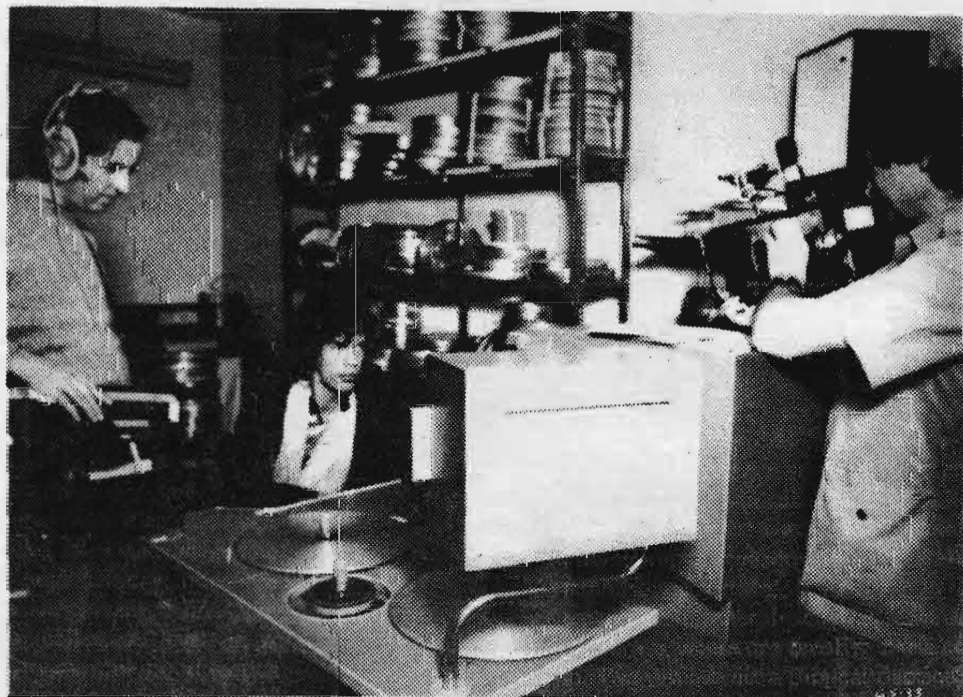
During their designated week pledges are subject to the whims of their superiors and are sometimes placed in situations which can endanger their lives. Often they are forced to go without rest for several consecutive nights and as a result fall asleep in their classes. Usually required to attend all their courses they can't return to the dorm for a break or short nap.

These are only a few of the milder practices used during hell week. Some of the stronger ones would turn your stomach, making you wonder how a

pledge could call someone brother after being placed through such an ordeal. However it is not my purpose to chronicle the torture routine employed by fraternities for hell week, and neither do I intend to cite some of the incidents I know of which might possibly cause trouble for some of the newly initiated brothers. But I do wish to make it painfully clear the senseless brutality which usually goes under the guise of friendship during that one week.

Exactly why pledges voluntarily go through these rigors is hard to fathom. But to simply brush them off as a group of masochistic idiots isn't quite fair either. Most join fraternities because of the benefits offered by a particular group, but the Greeks use this as a carte blanche ticket to do as they wish, and the pledges usually submit figuring that one week of misery will be worth it in the end.

Not all the fraternities engage in back breaking hell weeks, they vary according to the different organizations, none are easy but more important none are necessary. On a collegiate level it is absurd to regress to the childhood tactics and games we followed as kids. When will the fraternities grow up and stop playing "I dare you to?"



David Maysles, Mick Jagger, and Albert Maysles.

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Letters to the Editor

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Editor

I feel that it is about time that a matter that has been long pending should be brought to your attention for action since this is probably the only place left in this college where action can be found. The matter concerns the curriculum.

I am appalled by some of the stiffs that Wagner College refers to as Faculty Members. They would rather play God than help students achieve a healthy education. By this I mean having basic requirements for graduation. I would appreciate it if one of these Gods would inform us why a college student is not mature enough to choose his own profession and the courses that he will need for his profession. This appears also to indicate that advisors are not experienced or intelligent enough to advise their advisees as to the courses needed for them to fulfill their educational needs.

It further appears that the gods are forcing their subject area upon a student for fear that they would not survive if this course of action was altered. This certainly does not speak well for that particular subject nor for the educators who work from that department. Either they are lacking in ability or they have an irrelevant and simply lacking subject matter.

It is evident that these gods are expecting the student to abide by a gross lack of reasoning ability on their own part. They say that what is necessarily good for the Physics Major is also good for the Religion Major. Obviously, the reasoning of a simpleton. Intelligence in one field does not mean intelligence in all fields.

It is time that educators resign as self appointed Gods over students and accomplish what they are employed to do - educate. I also think that students themselves should mature more rapidly and realize that mommy and daddy will not make their decisions any more for them and neither should self-appointed gods. Students must make their own decisions and suffer the consequences or enjoy the benefits.

In conclusion, I feel that the only proper solution is for Wagner College to cease basic requirements for graduation and allow the student to pursue his own course of study.

Yankee Doodle

Dear Editor

As a reporter, not an editor, it is not my privilege to analyze motives.

My concern was not to report to the public what the perhaps hidden meanings of the Justice Department's visit were, but to re-construct the events of the evening.

Unfortunately, as I wrote in my article, the three men from the Justice Department did not have the opportunity to speak. Had they been afforded this courtesy their own words may well have been more incriminating than the often hysterical accusations of some students.

Cordially,

Jane Kurtin

To: Mr. Jerry Lazzara
and Mr. Bob White,

After spending a whole fall knocking the Football team (and some members in particular) for their fine effort, I see you have nicely switched to basketball.

To read your sports page, I would be led to believe that one, John Bailey has stock in the Wagnerian. Granted, he is a human interest angle, but so are the ten varsity members and fourteen freshmen. As a matter of fact, each one would be able to supply quite a story for each issue forthcoming.

Secondly, and most important, John Bailey's "presence" is not sorely missed on the court by the varsity. The team realizes John is not able to play and has accepted that fact since October 15 when there was only a possibility that he might participate. Even though the team has lost two games, please do not try to give Mr. Bailey the savior image. His ego could not take it. Another reason is he just is not that good.

I would like it known that I am not prejudiced, a bigot, a "nigger hater" or any other type of racist. I just feel that there are 24 active players that deserve mention, and although I feel it necessary to remain anonymous, my source is very reliable and only fair. I criticize your inability to observe other things that have value to the basketball team - did you guys ever hear of a thing called morale. If you ever played on any atheletic teams in high school, which I doubt, you both would understand what I mean. Think about it!!!

Dear Anonymous,

After reading your letter, I was extremely dishearted by your reaction to our sports page. If I understand you correctly, you feel that (1) John Bailey is the only athlete on campus with availability to the Wag, (2) The Basketball Team can win easily without him, and (3) Mr. Lazzara and myself have never participated in High School sports.

First let me say that the Wagnerian does not sell stock to

the students on campus, and I can assure you that Mr. Bailey has not tried to purchase any. (Please inform your reliable source of this). Second, at the beginning of the Basketball season Coach Sellitto said he had high hopes for John Bailey this year after his performance of last year. In their first two games, the team has not won and I feel that they are not above "missing" a player with promise. Third, Mr. Lazzara and myself have both participated in football and baseball in High School and Mr. Lazzara has played college football. We know the importance of team morale, but we know that a good team is a strong team and a strong team can face the truth. Finally, let me say that if you ever feel the courage to identify yourself, Mr. Lazzara and myself would be happy to talk with you anytime.

Bob White

Reply to Terry Lawler

First of all, it seems obvious that your knowledge of Black people and their struggle is limited. I HAVE been looking into my people and talking to them and I DO realize our full human equality creativity and potential, but your people have made Blacks believe that we don't have any creativity, potential or equality!

Secondly, you can't possibly have any concept of being treated like an object until you have been stripped naked and sold on an auction block or until you are made to work from sun-up to sun-down. You're laughed at of a conversation? Imagine what it would be like not to be in a conversation at all, since people think that you have no brains, just brawn. Having your ass grabbed on a train is trivia compared to these experiences.

Thirdly, I said that Black women were forced to be the breadwinner, not that Black men made them do so; therefore Black men could not gain power through oppressing Black women. Furthermore, this would be impossible since the women as well as the men are oppressed.

Finally, the Black man's struggle is one for self-determination, self-respect and self-defense and we do not have the time to separate the men from the women.

M.W. Jackson

Dear Editor,

This is the last statement I will send to M.W. Jackson concerning the matter of women's liberation and black liberation. I don't want to bring the discussion down to the level of who is more oppressed - black people or women. The oppression of both is equally severe - you mention about black people being sold on an auction block. I can talk about women being sold on 42nd street, and exploited on TV.

Ford urges you to buy a Ford with the picture of a "beautiful" women. Are they suggesting that if you buy the car you can use the car to buy the women? You mention working from sunrise to sunset. Consider the work of a housewife. You mention being considered to have no brains - just brawn. Women are considered to have neither.

I don't think the abuse of my body on the subway is trivial - neither do I think rape is trivial. What the point is here, is that women are denied the control of their own bodies - women are the slaves of the patriarchal system.

Let me reemphasise that I don't want to argue about or prove who is more oppressed, black people or women. Neither

do I want black women and men to stop working together against oppression. I want the black movement to recognize the importance of our movement, by realizing that sexism is a basic part of nearly every culture on the earth today, and that it is a basic part of the black liberation struggle and the white radical movement. I want black women to realize that sexism is also the enemy and must be dealt with as such, even when it comes within the ranks of the black liberation movement. If you won't let the white racist power structure fuck you over any more - why should you let black revolutionary men oppress you?

Terry Lawler

EDITORIAL

The Committee on Campus Drug Use seems to have its priorities backwards these days (perhaps it always has). A questionnaire, or should I say another questionnaire has been proposed as the most effective solution to the problems Wagner students are having in regard to drug usage. The students are the ones who are having problems with drugs - not the college - but try to tell that to Dr. Leach. His main concern these days rests with the public image of the college. As was reported in the December 8 issue of the Wagnerian Leach said that he was concerned about the bad publicity that Wagner was receiving because of erroneous facts concerning the extent of drug usage on campus.

He proposed that a questionnaire would put a stop to these rumors and of course would therefore, "offer deterrent facts to prove that Wagner is not the drug Mecca of Staten Island." If Dr. Leach already has the results of the Questionnaire then what is the purpose of issuing one in the first place?

The other proposed plan of action involves a drug education program that is directed at informing the student about the dangers of drug usage. This is not a new idea either, but more, it doesn't seem to be an adequate solution (unless the education program is intended to inform Dr. Leach of the true nature of the drug problem at Wagner). It seems that the issues the Drug Committee should be dealing with are the conditions that give rise to the need on the part of some students to compulsively use drugs or to use heroin. The Drug Committee should address itself to the needs of the students not the needs of the public image of the college.



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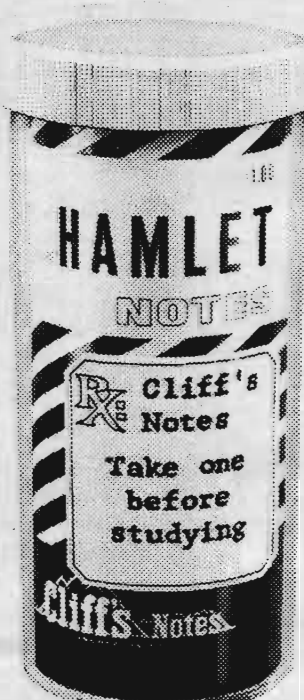
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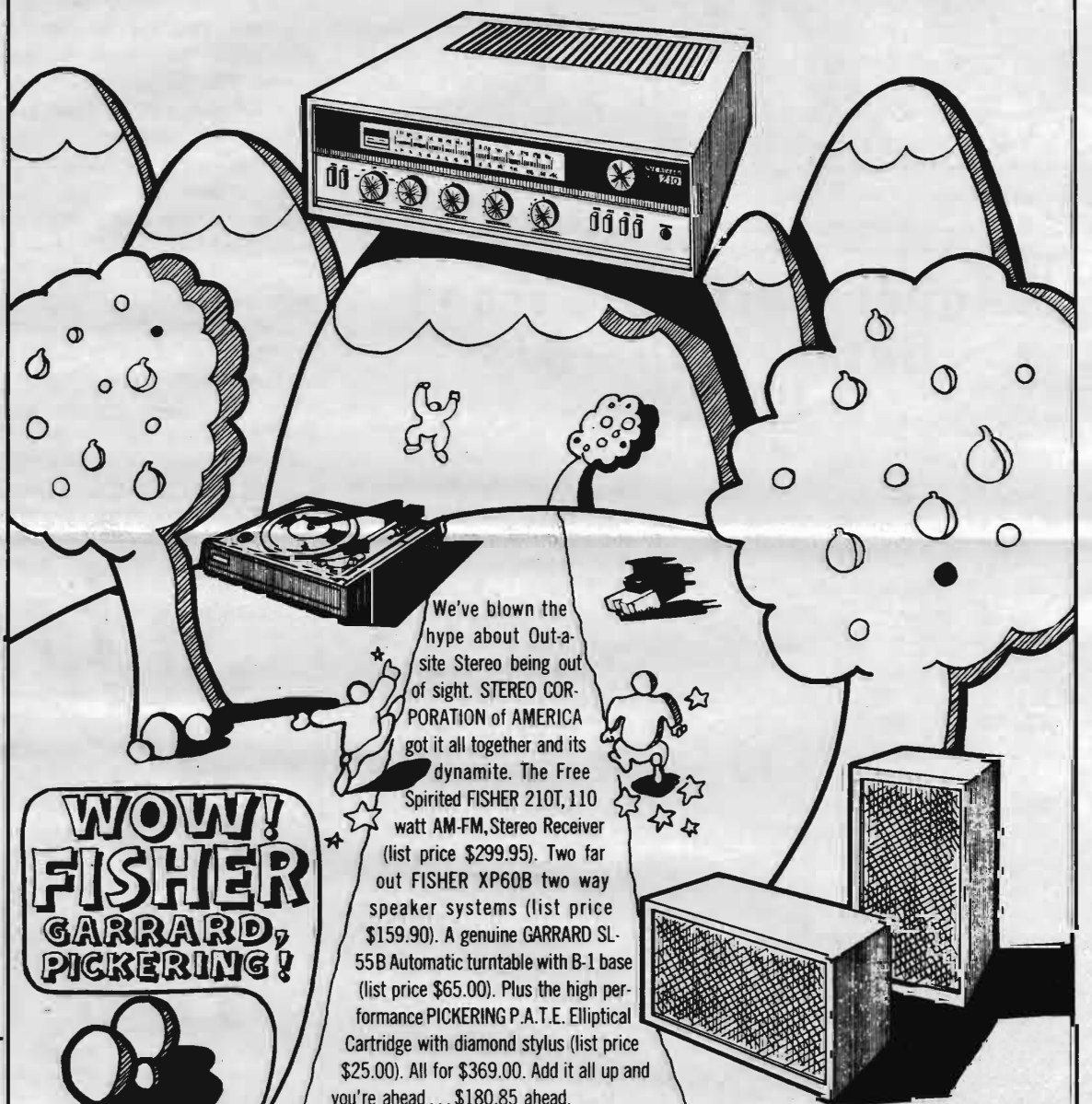
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SPORTS

WAGNER SEAHAWKS

MATMEN TOPPLE LEHMAN

by PAUL SCHULHAUS

Wagner's wrestlers won their second set of matches last Saturday, December 5th, defeating Lehman College by an impressive score of 40-8 at Sutter Gymnasium. Wagner's performance goes beyond their 2 win, 0 loss record. In their first two sets, Wagner has given up a total of 13 points while scoring a total of 75. They have taken 17 of 20 matches.

On Saturday, Hawk grappler Paul Kirk, of the 118 pound class was pinned by Lehman's Spence Turkel giving Lehman a 5-0 lead. The 126 pound class was taken by Wagner's Rich Garber who pinned Stu Blunder of Lehman. The score was Wagner 5, Lehman 5. Gene D'Vanzo outscored Seahawk Ed Bray in the 134 pound class adding 3 points and making the score Lehman 8, Wagner 5. Wagner dominated from this point on.

the 142 pound class was won by Wagner on a pin of Jose Lill by Hawk Al Courtney. Wagner's Jose Rodrigues pinned Luis Rodriguez of Lehman in the 150 pound class. Tom Schurr,

Wagner's 177 pound class entry pinned Fred Hamison. The score was then Wagner 20, Lehman 8.

Lehman forfeited their last four matches. Paul Rossiau, 158 pound class; Tom Fleming fo the

167 pound class; Rich Loos, 190 pound class; and Chuck Gruber, Wagner heavy-weight, were all credited with 5 points in the forfeits. Final score: Wagner 40. Lehman 8.

From the Press Box

In their fiftieth year of organized basketball, the Wagner Seahawks will have a season of starting from scratch, as Coach Sellitto put it. The Hawks have not only lost Ray Hodge, their scoring ace but also Bob Seaman, a starting guard and Mike Bartel the Hawks' tallest man who are not returning, due to personal reasons.

The team, on the whole, is steady; but there is no height. This year's tallest hopeful is only 6-4. On top of this, only four lettermen are returning. Captain, Gene Guerriero, 6-4, 205 pound forward, is the leading vet. Last year he averaged over 14 points and was the top rebounder. Two other strong lettermen are John Bailey, a 6-3 swingman and Frank Bayersdorfer, a 6-4 forward.

Although erratic, Bailey did average 11 points and 10 rebounds per game. As for Bayersdorfer, he is a steady competitor which every team needs.

Sellitto, in his fifth season as coach, on being asked who will be the center, said that he is hoping that Tracy Windrum, a 6-4 junior will fill the job. He was disappointing last year, but Sellitto is hoping he will improve.

The depleted back court is up for grabs. The leading candidates are Bob Clay and Jim Bryant; both six footers who fit in Sellitto's game plan; plenty of running. Dave Whelan, a much improved player since last year, could also have a shot at one of the berths in the back court.



photo: Erik Unhjem

Wagner Suffers Second Setback 76-67

by JERRY LAZZARA

Despite Wagner's three scoreless minutes at the outset of the game and their eight minutes in the third quarter without a two-point basket, the Seahawks came within ten points of possibly one of the biggest upsets in Seahawk Basketball History. The gallant Wagner team lost to the N.C.A.A. College Division Champs, Philidelphia Textile, 76-67 for their second setback.

In the beginning of the first half, the Rams stunned Wagner by scoring 12 quick points before Frank Bayersdorfer hit from the outside for Wagner's first score.

With Bayersdorfer hitting from the outside and Clay from the inside, the Hawks came within five points of Philly Textile in the closing minutes of the first half, 34-29. As the first half ended, Wagner was under by 7, 39-29.

As the second half opened, the Hawks were ice cold missing their first 13 field goal attempts while the Rams were red hot. Wagners' Dave Easton finally ended the Hawks scoreless spree with a fine shot from the key.

The Rams, equal in height to Wagner, played superior ball control and used a vicious fast break led by high scorer Bruce Shivley who amassed 33 points.

The stubborn Seahawks, led by Jim Bryant, Ken Quinn, and Bob Clay put the Hawks back into the game with fine shooting. However, the Rams used every Wagner turnover for their own advantage to maintain a nine point lead as the game ended with Wagner the underdogs, 76-67.

Wagner's off and on shooting was evident as the Hawks hit for

26 of 78 while the Rams scored 30 times in 67 attempts.

Bob Clay won top billing for Wagner scoring 13 points while Ram Bruce Shivley amassed 33 points for Philidelphia.

Scoring

PHILIDELPHIA: Shivley 33; Banks 18; O'Rourke 9; Williams 8; Swift 4; and Ferro 4.

WAGNER: Clay 13; Bayersdorfer 12; Bryant 11; Easton 9; Windrum 6; Quinn 6; Guerriero 6; and Anarumo 4.

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she was satisfied with what was hers in the Northern border area. His theory is that China's only expansional aim is to regain the territories which were originally Chinese and lost through Western Imperialism. The current border disputes with Russia must be seen in the same light, he said.

In response to a question about China's possible overreaction to the West, Mr. Stoessinger answered that it must be realized that China has just recently (1949) shaken the control forced upon her through the U.S.'s "open door policy" and the policy of other Western powers. So when the U.S. bombed Hanoi (in the early stages of the Vietnam War), only one minute from the Chinese border, of course, she was wary of aggressive, neo-imperialist intentions. He compared it to our probable response if China was bombing Mexico, a few minutes away from Johnson's home state, and had 500,000 Chinese troops poised in southern Mexico ready to go.

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