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Work study situation leads to shortage at front desks

By EMAN METWALLY Co-Copy Editor

Kimberly Martin is a graduate student who supervises the student desk attendants who work in the residence halls. In an email interview with the Wagnerian, she addressed complaints about a recent shortage of these student workers.

Wagnerian: Some students have noticed an absence of monitoring at the front desk in the residence halls. Is the administration aware of this?

Kimberly: Coming into this position new in August and supervising student desk attendants has been extremely rewarding yet challenging at the same time.

Through this academic year, I have made great progress in improving accountability and performance of student desk attendants.

The administration is aware that there have been absences of student desk attendants, especially now that the semester is winding down. As a member of Residential Education, myself and the director of the department are spending lots of time working in resolving the issue of absences.

W: Have you received any com-

plaints about a shortage of workers?

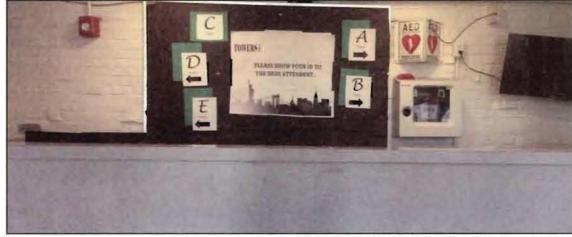
K: On the student/parent end, I have not received any complaints about there being a shortage of desk attendants; however, as a staff member, I am in constant contact with Public Safety and my supervisors to ensure the safety of all students, whether or not there is a student desk attendant present for each shift.

W: Why do you think this shortage has occurred?

K: Student desk attendants staff the desks from 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week; from midnight until 7 a.m. the school has hired professionals to work the front desk shifts. The department began the semester with a full schedule and each building staffed 24/7.

The position is primarily a work study position for students and each student is only allotted a certain budget for the semester. Once a student has worked for the full amount of their work study funds, the student is instructed to stop working.

One of the reasons why a student might run out of their work study funds is due to covering for other shifts that open up during the week. Also, while some students might have work study funds, they might not be able to fully use their work study funds due to their availability



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during the week and shift availability.

W: How much strain has this put on the current staff?

K: The current desk attendant staff works extremely well together. They are in contact with each other to cover one another's shifts when someone can not make theirs. The student desk attendants that still have money left in their budgets are able to pick up extra shifts at this time as well.

W: What are the plans to rectify the situation?

K: My supervisor and I are working to resolve this issue and have received additional funds for desk attendants who wish to work the last couple weeks of the semester but

Vacant desks in Towers Hall (top) and Guild Hall (above).

have utilized their work study budget. In the event there is an absence of a desk attendant during res-

ident assistant office hours, the resident assistant will also fill in for those empty desk shifts.

Seahawk Stadium expansion taking place

By AMANDA SUTHERLAND Opinions Editor

Rumors of new additions to the Wagner College stadium have been circulating campus for some time, and now students are wondering what is true and what is not.

In an exclusive interview with the Wagnerian, Director of Athletics Walt Hameline and Senior Associate Athletic Director Brendan Fahey, revealed what is in store for the Seahawk Stadium.

It has been officially confirmed that the Wagner College Stadium Expansion Project will include a new sports medicine room, a weight training room, an equipment room and new locker rooms for both Men's and Women's Lacrosse, Men's Football and Women's Soccer.

Hameline explained that this project has been almost two years in the making. He said the idea behind these new additions is to bring those athletes who regularly use the stadium for practice and play closer to their field, but to also provide more room for when visiting teams come to compete at Wagner.

Currently, both Men's and



Plans are in motion to expand the football stadium with new turf in for the fall season.

Women's Lacrosse have locker rooms located in the Spiro Sports Center, where they inconveniently transport their gear to and from the field everyday.

Women's Soccer has lockers already located in the stadium, just like Football; however, in their current situation they have to share this locker room with all the away teams during the fall and spring seasons. By moving two teams out of Spiro and into the new stadium building, this will allow the potential for other sports teams to move into this space to fulfill their needs. This is an important factor next year, since Wagner Athletics will be expanding its program with a Men's Water Polo team and Women's Fencing team.

Hameline also added that a new weight room and trainers room will

be a huge help in balancing all 22 athletic teams and their schedules.

Hameline and Fahey said, "We are very excited about this new addition."

When asked whether or not a new turf will be included in the expansion project, Hameline said, "We have evaluated the necessity of a new turf and we consider it a high priority in the capital scheme of things, so it will

be something that we are looking to add in the near future."

Fahey elaborated on this statement by saying, "Both the turf and the new building are priority number one right now. There are different factors that affect each, so it is unclear right now which will happen first, but we are focused equally on both of these capital upgrades."

The hope is to have this project done by fall 2016, but both Hameline and Fahey agreed that that is only if everything stays according to schedule.

When asked when the construction will begin, Hameline said, "In the very near future. Right now the schematics are being approved by the city so it is fair to say that this step could take up to a month or two," before the construction will begin.

Some are curious as to how this project is being funded. Hameline replied that all the money has come from alumni, friends of the college and fundraising events.

Last year, a tribute dinner honored Hameline for 34 years of coaching. All proceeds from that dinner went directly to the stadium expansion project.

W RLD NEWS

The Cuban beer crisis

Cuba's state-run brewery, Bucanero, is in a state of crisis due to the fact that it can not produce enough beer to keep pace with the recent surge in American tourism.

The company is facing severe shortages of its two most popular beers, Cristal and Bucanero, as more private bars open and American tourists flood the country.

This past February, President Barack Obama ended 50 years of enmity with Cuba. He has also eased the travel restrictions for American citizens. With this new regulation, American visitors to Cuba have risen by 77%.

In response to the influx of consumers, Bucanero aims to build a new plant to increase production. In the meantime, the company is purportedly importing three million cases of beer from Dominica to compensate for the increased demand.

Reported by Kathleen Thieme



Bucanero plans to build a new production plant to compensate for increased demand due to American tourism.



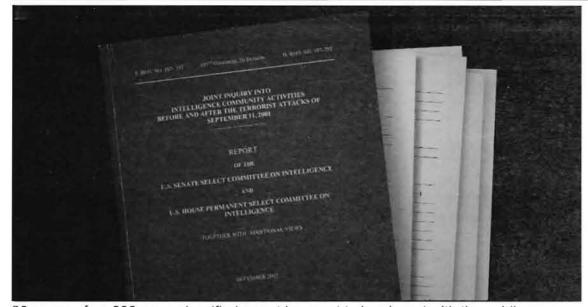
Lt. Commander Lin has been accused of sharing information with China and Taiwan.

U.S. Navy officer accused of espionage

Lieutenant commander of the Navy Edward C. Lin, 39, has been accused of espionage, attempted espionage, and patronizing a prostitute by the U.S. Military. Lin has been under investigation since last year, when U.S. officials suspected that he had been relaying information to China and Taiwan. Prior to this investigation, Lin was a flight officer on some of the Navy's most advanced surveillance aircrafts.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the FBI are investigating whether Lin communicated secret information to his Chinese girlfriend, as well as Taiwanese and Chinese officials, knowing that this information would be used by their governments. In the United States, an espionage conviction can carry charges as serious as the death penalty, although no American has been executed for spying since the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953.

Reported by Rehecca Martin



28 pages of an 838-page classified report have yet to be shared with the public.

9/11's classified report

For 13 years, the White House and Intelligence officials have kept a 28-page report on 9/11 classified.

The 28 pages are the final chapter to the 838-page report, and were originally redacted from the public by the Bush Administration. The report claims to outline the network of Saudi support for the hijackers involved in the September 11 attacks while in the United States.

The recent call to declassify the report is led by the co-authors of the report, as well as other officials involved in the initial government investigation of the attacks.

Former U.S. Senator Bob Graham has been trying to declassify the report since 2003, saying during "60 Minutes" that he is "deeply disturbed by the amount of material that has been censored."

He continued on to say that the content of the report revealed Saudi Arabian government officials, wealthy individuals, and charities in support of the 19 hijackers while in the United States, and should be available to the public.

Reported by Cassidy Miller



Tiger populations have officially increased for the first time in close to a century.

Wild tiger populations increase

It is a flash of optimism for the World Wildlife Foundation. For the first time in a century, wild tiger populations have seen an increase, from an estimated 3,200 in 2010 to 3,890 in 2016. That is nearly a 22% rise thanks to conservation efforts and enhanced protections in 13 tiger range countries. These countries include Russia, India, and Nepal, where there has been the biggest commitment and the biggest improvement.

This takes the World Wildlife Foundation and tiger range countries a step closer as they aim for their goal of doubling the wild tiger population by the year 2022. This number only reflects those tigers in the wild. Estimates guess that the population of tigers in zoos and backyards in the United States, and on farms in China, is well over the number of wild tigers. Yet, tigers still face other dangers as poaching continues, and deforestation shrinks their roaming territory to a fraction of what it was.

Reported by Megan Fritz

Police slams 6th grader

Janissa Valdez was body-slammed to the ground by a school police officer in an alleged attempt to prevent a fight. Valdez, a 12 year-old sixth grader, attends Rhodes Middle School in San Antonio, Texas. The girl admits that there was a conflict between her and another girl that was supposedly going to be rectified that day. Valdez told ABC station, KSAT, that the incident occurred when, "I was going up to her, to tell her, 'let's go somewhere else so we can talk." Students recorded the unfolding events Valdez was audibly thrown against the pavement face first, eliciting concern and laughter from the students. Joshua Kehm has since been terminated from his job.

Reported by Meaghan Darwish



Janissa Valdez is a sixth-grader at Rhodes Middle School.

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Summertime: Dip into sunshine and culture

By EMAN METWALLY Co-Copy Editor

Pondering about the summer brings forth visions of vivid beaches, luminescent in their clear blue color; chilled cocktails while lounging under the moon; and the feeling of warm sand between bare-feet. Summer to many means a time of leisure; being able to enjoy your free time. To me, it meant visiting Egypt. It meant being with family.

Yet there is a part that is taken for granted while visiting a new country, or even a familiar one. After frequenting a place, you should ask how truly acquainted you are with that place. What makes Egypt, Egypt? Is it the alluring tourist spots of Sharm el Sheikh, or the captivating sights of various beaches? To many it may very well be, but to a more insightful person, it is not enough.

The essence of the place needs to be captured: the warmth of its people, the reason behind their urge to smile and why you find yourself smiling back. The very core of the country is





The pyramids are Egypt's most famous landmark.

significant. This meant that you needed to go way back into a country's history. What better time to indulge than during one's summer.

In Egypt, you could start in one of it's most known sites; The Pyramids. Opening up my little black journal, I could start to reflect on how overpowering the shape of the colossal

pyramids are. I could think of how it was thought to be representative of the rays of the sun, or even indicate the historical development of great architecture. Yet, sometimes I need to remind myself not to get too lost in the past when the present can offer so much more regarding a country's culture. While the great pyramids are of

value, do not let them distract you from the slight but powerful details that make up a culture. A few feet away from the pyramid, a group of men join to drink tea out of a worn out kettle, while other men prepare their camels for a group of tourists to ride and take pictures. You may begin to wonder at the differences between your own culture and theirs: but when you begin to see laughter, a pat on the back, and inaudible pieces of conversation that speak of the mundane, you realize you might not be so different after all.

A personal favorite of mine to visit is the Nile River: a river in which many generations have thrived. Buying a "floral" necklace from a little boy walking past, who will almost always ask how your day went, never fails to put a smile on my face. I always end up buying two of the scented Jasmine necklaces, and wearing them. The calm scenery urges its onlookers including me, to walk a bit more and enjoy its beauty.

When I return from a vacation such as this, I realize that I have increased in the knowledge of two things; the meaning of "fun," and a more personalized meaning of the place I was visiting. When I am asked how my vacation went, simply replying "great" would fail to be enough. I would be specific in telling the details of the historical pyramids, the mesmerizing jewels in the museums, the friendly little boy I had met. This would all relay the impact the country has had on me; this would be a summer experience I would not forget.

So, next time you find yourself at loss to what to do in the summer, go on an adventure. Run off, and visit a familiar, or even unfamiliar location to inquire deeper into its roots. Simply touring its streets, asking questions to the people of its country, will open up unique and meaningful conversations. Taking the time to glance around might intrigue you to explore a little bit more underneath the surface. Before leaving, make sure to take a piece of the place with you, pack a little of its heritage along the way, and you'll find yourself more of a citizen of its world.

As for my traveling plans next summer, I might find myself in Greece. I can already imagine myself opening up my black journal, while gazing at the Delphi Theater, and writing down "Χαίρετε" Greece...!"

The 'Fight for \$15' claims its victory

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo recently made a deal with lawmakers allowing New York state's minimum wage to be raised to \$15 an hour within the next few years.

This historic initiative - which was also recently approved in California - is on the heels of another, more controversial, minimum wage increase approved last year, which mandated that all fast food workers in New York State be paid a minimum of \$15 an hour. Said fast food workers in part spurred this change through a "Fight for 15" initiative, which argued in part that a higher minimum wage will help rebuild the middle class.

However, this minimum wage increase is not uniform throughout the state. While New York City is set to reach its goal by 2018, its suburbs (Long Island and Westchester) are subject to a slower increase, being granted six years to reach its goal instead of three. Additionally, the rest of the state will only see its minimum wage rise to \$12.50, with no further increases planned as of writing. And while small businesses -- defined as businesses with less than 10 employees -- will have to comply with the new increase, they will be given until 2022 to reach Cuomo's goals.

A \$15 an hour minimum wage increase is certainly a step in the right direction for New York City. The cost of living here is ridiculous. Considering townhouses on Staten Island can go for \$500,000 and rents can reach \$2,000 a month in even the worst



One of many workers who raised a sign to end poverish low minimum wage.

areas of the city, it is unreasonable to expect families to survive here on such a meager income.

While the proposed increase isn't particularly large, it is significant for families accustomed to making so little, and any change in this case is positive change. The increase not being uniform might seem, at first, to be a failure on Cuomo's part, but I personally believe that it is very defensible.

The cost of living upstate (as my friends from the area can attest to) is far cheaper than it is downstate. I am also okay with small businesses being given more time to comply to these regulations. Small businesses are often not particularly profitable, and many owners might not have the funds to prepare for such an increase so quickly. I do think that Westchester and Long Island should not be given extra time, but I am at least happy that they, too, will eventually have a \$15 an hour minimum wage.

I do believe that cost of living should be taken into account when raising minimum wage anywhere in the country - while I agree with it being raised to \$15 an hour in major cities, for example, I would not be in favor of such a drastic increase in a state like West Virginia. The fact of the matter is that there are a number of low-level, salaried jobs that, while its employees should be paid a livable wage, they should not be paid a particularly competitive one. An unskilled fast-food worker should not be paid roughly as much as an EMT, or a first-year teacher. And if a person can support themselves on, say, \$12 an hour in a rural area, these jobs should not see their wages rise beyond that.

Still, I do believe that the minimum wage should be raised nationwide, and I welcome New York's current initiative. I hope Cuomo's bold step will lead to more like it in the future.

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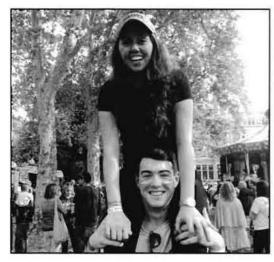
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LIFE & STYLE

How they met: Wagner sweethearts











The saying "head over heels" can be applied to some couples, especially Kayla Jardine (senior)and her boyfriend Shane Ertter. Kayla and Shane knew each other since freshman year but never really got to know one another until their first semester junior year, when a mutual friend introduced them. All it took was a short time to get to know each other and the couple automatically connected. Kayla describes Shane as "someone who doesn't like to brag. He is so intelligent and driven and it's a quality that I've never seen in anyone else." A relationship tip that Kayla gives is to be in a relationship with someone who is your best friend, which is exactly how Shane and Kayla wound up together. "I earnestly believe that where I'm at right now would have never come to fruition if I didn't have his incredible support and encouragement," Kayla says. The couple, sharing similar career goals were lucky enough to interview at 30 Rock together, while motivating each other to succeed. Again Kayla comments, "When I met him I knew he was going to be a big part of my life, but I don't think there has ever been a specific point that I fell in love with him, I fall in love with him the more I get to know him. It doesn't stop" These two are truly a match made at Wagner. Can't you tell by the picture above what a great Seahawk couple they make?

Madison La Sorda (junior) met her boyfriend Andrew Weisenberger (junior) on campus during the long three day freshmen orientation. After meeting on a few different occasions, the two clicked and began hanging around the same group of people. Immediately, Drew and Madison had a ton in common; they both liked reading, Doctor Who and even lived in the same area of Pennsylvania (their home towns were only 40 minutes apart from one another)! However, the moment Madison and Drew really bonded was when they went together to see a Broadway show the weekend after classes started. While waiting for student rush tickets, the two got a chance to get to know each other outside their friend circle. It is funny how the universe works. Madison picked Wagner on a whim and applied right at the deadline. She quotes, "The fact that I almost didn't come to Wagner and meet Drew seems crazy to me, especially since he's become such a big part of my life. In the past two and half years, he's become my best friend." Madison is currently studying abroad in London, and their relationship even travelled all the way overseas. As you can see in the above picture; Madison and Drew pose in front of English landmark, Stonehenge.

Allie Keel (freshman) and David Ricciardi (junior) are a poster couple for Greek life. Allie, a sister of Alpha Sigma Alpha, and David, a brother of Theta Chi, met (believe it or not) in the Theta Chi bathroom. The two started hanging out and got off campus with friends, doing activities such as off roading. They realized they wanted to spend more time together and decided one night to make a sponaneous trip to Seaside ... a trip that would turn out to be one of the couples' favorite shared memory together. They drove to the beach town and got there at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. They decided to walk along the water at the beach, forgetting that Allie's phone was inside of her boot. Back at Wagner College a few hours later, they tried to soak her phone at breakfast. Even though this night wasn't ideal for Allie's phone, it is one of their most memorable nights together.

"Every day after that was perfect," David says, "she never really went on traditional dates so I try to take her out as much as possible." Over winter break David decided to ask her to be his official girlfriend in front of the Rockerfella Christmas tree.

The Raths' love story: It began at a soggy bus stop in Brooklyn ...

If you haven't already noticed, there are two Dr. Raths in the science department: Dr. Otto Raths, professor of chemistry, and his wife, Linda, who is a professor of biology. "She was never my student," he said. "But I was subbing for Dr. Hensley's lab one or two times and she was in his lab class, so that's how I knew her." On his way back home to Brooklyn one afternoon, he saw her waiting for the bus in the pouring rain and thought "Oh, poor kid out in the rain." He offered her a ride and they had a wonderful conversation. After that, he took her to and from school and they became close friends. Today, they are happily married with children and can gratefullly thank Wagner for their relationship.

Reported by Liana Ribaudo and Kelsey Gwynne

The scoop on Kylie lip kits

You've seen it on Instagram and Buzzfeed. You've heard all about it from the makeup-obsessed sophomore who lives two doors down from you on your floor. Does it actually make your lips bigger? Well, I'm here to answer all of your questions about one of the hottest beauty products of 2016: the Kylie Jenner lip kit. Released initially in 2015 on her self-titled app, Kylie Jenner decided to release her own line of matte lip stains. Ever since she got her temporary lip fillers, or she would wear a certain lipstick, it would sell out in a day's notice. Therefore, she decided to take a chance. Boy, did it work out in her favor.

After initially releasing only six shades, Kylie now has eight matte lip stain colors with matching lip liners, three glosses, and three pigmented lip stains. She releases them every three weeks. The last time she sold her glosses, she sold over 200,000! When you purchase a lip kit, the packaging is absolutely stunning, with a handwritten note from Kylie herself. The shipping time is speedy, although physically ordering it can be a struggle, considering so many people are trying to purchase them at the same time. So are they really worth the money and the time? Well, I'll save you the trouble of finding out for yourself. Not only do I have a personal review of them, but I've also asked girls what their personal opinion of the "lip kit" is.



Name: Ashley Taylor Kelly Age: 18 Number of lip stains owned: 8

How would you rate the lip kit on a scale from 1-10?

Definitely a 9.

Is it comfortable on your lips?

Yes! However, it's important to either add Chapstick or simply keep hydrated in order to avoid dryness.

How often do you need to reapply the lip stain?

Usually every 4-5 hours.

Is this better than other lip stains you own/previously have owned?

Absolutely. My lips look fuller and brighter while using the lip kit.

In all honesty, do you think the lip kit is worth the hype?

It definitely is! They're high quality products and you definitely get you pay for. As long as you stay hydrated, I think they're incredible!

What initially made you want to purchase it in the first place?

I heard such incredible reviews about the product and I wanted to try it on myself. Since I'm also a fan of the colors, I figured it was worth a



Name: Sabrina Bogen Age: 20

Number of lip stains owned: 2 How would you rate the Kylie lip kit, on a scale from 1-10? I would rate it an 8. Although it dries very quickly on my lips which is a huge

time saver, it can get uncomfortable at times. But the color lasts forever! Is it comfortable on your lips? Alone, not really. I will usually add a

gloss on top of it. The overall feel is

vey smooth.

How often do you need to reapply the lip stain? Every 4 hours, or once I finish a big meal.

Is this better than other lip stains you own/have owned?

I would say it's similar to stains I own. I would compare it to the Colourpop formula, because they're made in the same factory.

In all honesty: do you think that the Kylie lip kit is worth the hype? Yes and no. Yes, because it's long lasting, and no because there's no difference in comfort.

What initially made you decide to purchase it in the first place?

As a makeup addict, I love trying new products. Also, I heard these stains last all day, so I had to give them a go!

So, there you have it.

While there are mixed reviews, since everybody's different, it's clear that it has excellent color staying power, and as long as you add a top coat, it's definitely worth the money.

If you're one of the people who long to have one, but can't afford it, try the Colourpop satin lip stain. Not only is it cheaper (at \$5 a pop,) but they are made in the same factory as Kylie Jenner's lip stains.

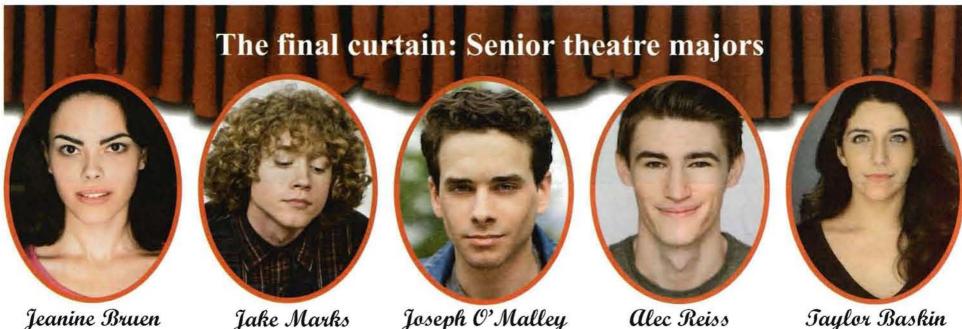
Reported by Sabrina Bogen



The Wagnerian presents:



The Class of 2016 Commencement Section



Jeanine Bruen

How has Wagner helped shape your future career in theatre performance?

"Studying theatre at Wagner is the best decision I could have made for myself. This program unique is that they nurture the human being, not just the performer. Becoming a better artist is deeply intertwined with becoming a fully developed human being . I am so grateful for the professors here who have changed my life, and I truly believe my career will flourish."

Jake Marks

How has your journey at Wagner as a theatre performance major evolved and developed since you entered the program?

"I know what hard work is now. The professors and directors inspire me to never stop going further. I realized after four years here that my true passion is music and songwriting. Wagner's theatre program has seasoned me. It's provided me with influences and a strong work ethic. I think my whole experience here shapes my music."

Joseph O'Malley

Is there a particular time in your Wagner career that stands out to you and why?

"Yes. Doing Spamalot on the main stage during the bitter winter of 2015. Comedy is my first love and being able to get together with a lot of my friends to bring laughter and joy to so many people was such a rewarding experience. I could say the same about every show I've done here but this one stands out the most. Maybe it was the weather, but who knows?"

What is your advice to the incoming freshmen enter-

ing the program?

"My advice is to just enjoy every little moment you have here. Don't take yourself too seriously! Yes, don't slack on your work, take that seriously, but you've gotta learn to let everything go at the end of the day and find time to laugh at yourself. Take in the family you have around you here and never let anything you think go by unsaid or undone! Trust your impulses and be confident in yourself!"

What are you plans after

graduation?

"I plan on spending my last summer at home working and saving up money so that I can move into Manhattan this coming fall with a few of my best friends, who are also pursuing careers in theatre. I'll be auditioning as much as possible, waitressing, and being a nanny at night. Sounds fun right? Excuse me while I go sing "What I Did for Love."

Reported by Alex Stanco

Changing the game: Senior student athletes



Shea Gegan



Rodriguez, Doerfler. and Lundgren



Bill, Mike, and Pat



Noelle Maertz



Darius Moulton

Women's lacrosse: Shea Gegan and fellow seniors have been vital to leading the Seahawks to success over the past four years. The team has been runner-up to Bryant for the

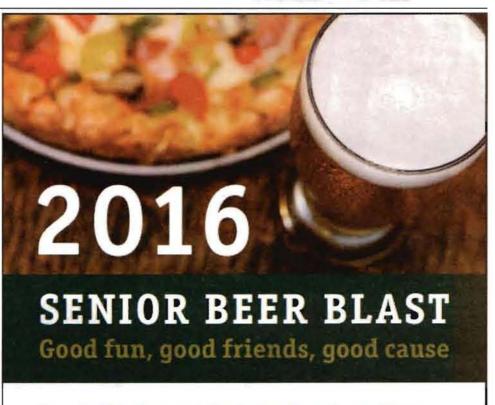
NEC Championship three years in a row. The success of this group counts for many wins, many records broken, and a legacy with their teammates to carry on the dedication and love for lacrosse.

Women's Water Polo: The senior class for women's water polo have changed the name of Wagner Water polo. Jess Lundgren, Lily Doerfler, and Megan Rodriguez are the alltime leaders for victories with 103 wins over their four seasons at Wagner. They have also helped the team to back to back MAAC Championship titles and a national ranking high of 14, which they hit their junior year.

Men's Lacrosse: The men's lacrosse team contains a threesome that recently made NCAA history. The McMenamin brothers, Mike (grad student), Pat and Bill (seniors) have been in integral part of turning the men's lacrosse program around. Through their years here, the men's team has consistently increased the number of games won in a season. The brothers recently broke NCAA history as being the first set of three brothers to each notch a goal in a single game.

Women's Golf: Noelle Maertz landed herself a place in the golf history books her junior year becoming the first ever women's golfer from Wagner College to receive the title of NEC Women's Golfer of the Year award. Finishing her career, her highest NEC finish was a fourth place finish her junior year. Her team finished third that year as well.

Men's Track and Field: Darius Moulton and Skylar Johnson are track and field teammates helping the team move forward in points at each meet. Moulton takes care of the "track" side of things where he has set the Wagner College record for the 800 indoor meter and grab a silver at the NEC Championships. Johnson is on the "field" side of the team where he has competed in pole vault for his four years. He holds the record currently at 15.5 feet and has consistently placed second for his four years in the NEC Outdoor Cham-Reported by Megan Fritz



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"Even though I didn't choose nursing school right off the bat, after much consideration, I've realized that this is where I'm supposed to be. The rhinestones around the edge represent me and my personality. The heart-beat through the middle represents that I will be saving lives one day."

- Lauren Alessio







STUCK ON WHAT TO DO?

Part of the college graduation experience is decorating your graduation cap. Whether you decide to make your cap meaningful, funny, cute or memorable, make sure you add your own personal style to it. Your cap can reflect your experiences at Wagner or your future career, as Lauren states above. Although it may seem a little overwhelming at first, nothing beats looking out at the graduates' caps and seeing the designs reflect their personalities. If you are at a loss for what to do, think back at the times that you have had at Wagner that have impacted you the most. Be careful, though! Remember not to go too over the top. It is your graduation day so you don't want your cap to look gaudy or top heavy. Keep it classy, personal and unforgettable. If things start hanging off your cap, maybe you should re-think your design. Your tassle should be the only part of your cap that dangles.

Have fun with it and don't stress!

Reported by Melissa Calato

ADVICE FROM THE CRADUATES



"I think what's so great about the Class of 2016 is how close everybody has gotten in only four years. The thing about a small school like Wagner is that you're basically forced to talk to everyone but that's such a great thing. I may not be close to every student but I think we all know who everyone is, which has created a great sense of community. There's just so much respect and support throughout our class and I'm so grateful I've been a part of it."

-- Shane Indeglia



"Take one day a week off for yourself to experience things for your own personal interest. Now that I'm graduating, I wish I took more time for myself to do these things." -- Kelsey Hopland



"Take nothing for granted. Take advantage of the city and everything it has to offer."

-- Amanda Lucia

PLUS: GRADUATE STUDENT TALKS ABOUT HIS FAVORITE GRADUATION NUMBERS



"There were about 11 people who flew in from Guatemala to see me graduate and President Guarasci gave me a shout out for coming to Wagner because it looks like Hogwarts."

-- Christian Grotewold











Keep it graduation no matter what the weather situation

Graduation day is meant to be special no matter what the weather is like. Rain or shine, your college journey is finally over and you'll have to walk on stage to get that degree regardless of what you are wearing ... so you may as well look your best!

In the photos above, Chloe Brumfield and Melissa Calato model several different outfit choices for the possible weather conditions Wagner may be experiencing during Spring commencement.

Although a sundress and a pair of wedges are usually appropriate for graduation day, one may not be willing to wear such a sun-friendly dress if the wind starts acting up.

If this is the case and you are still set on wearing a dress, try long sleeves. If you are a bystander and not walking, you may want to dress your outfit up with a cute jacket or sweater, depending of course on the humidity.

If it starts raining, flats may be the route to take when deciding on shoes. You definitely do not want to chance getting a heel stuck in the muddy grass; you'll want to remember your graduation day for your accomplishments and not for a shoe situation.

Lastly, if the weather does not end in your

favor and you feel uncomfortable wearing a sundress, remember it is totally acceptable to wear nice pants. Especially if you aren't graduating yourself, a pair of dark jeans may also be acceptable if it is chilly outside.

> Reported by Melissa Calato Photos taken by Alex Stanco

Best wishes from faculty and staff



They've been a significant part of the Class of 2016's journey through college. They've supported and guided. Now they have one last message to share with the graduates.





"You have already achieved so much in your short time here at Wagner. I can't wait to hear and see the greatness you will achieve after college, I know you will make us proud and make a difference in the lives of so many others. Be bold, be caring, beyourself and remember to include others in all that you do. Best wishes as you begin the next leg of your journey through life."

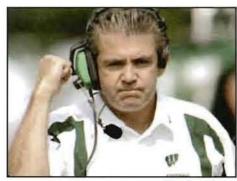
Ruta Shah-Gordon



"It's hard to believe four years ago we were gathered on the Sutter Oval for your freshman candlelighting ceremony. Now, you're graduating! Commencement is my favorite day of the year because it's why you came to Wagner: to ready yourselves for the next big leap in your life's journey. I've seen the Class of 2016 do some amazing things here, hugely contributing to the life of the Grymes Hill community. You guys are awesome, and you're ready to find a job, ready to enter grad school, ready to make a fortune (or, at least, a living) and to change the world! So get outta here, and go do it but, promise you'll come back every once in a while to let us know how you're doing."

- Lee Manchester





"Dear Graduating Seniors, I just want to take a moment and wish you all of the best in your future endeavors and thank you for choosing Wagner College, for the contributions you've made to Wagner College community, and for all of the hard work you've put in these last four years. Congratulations on your impending graduation. We hope your experience here was a rewarding one and hope that you become active alumni as you progress through your careers. Go Seahawks!" -Walt Hameline

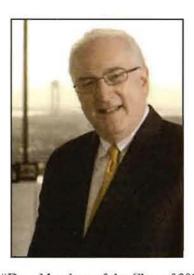
"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation." I wish you the best as you use your Wagner experiences to







"While adulthood comes with many challenges (not burning your food while cooking, paying bills and student loans on time, figuring out your retirement contributions), know that being yourself and finding who you are is a continuous process. Work at your friendships - it is VERY easy to lose contact since friends aren't just a walk away anymore. And finally, be kind and patient with yourself, and don't forget



"Dear Members of the Class of 2016, Both Carin and I want to wish you our sincere congratulations for successfully completing your studies here at Wagner College, and embarking on the next step of your journey. This is a wonderful time of your life, and we know that you will represent Wagner well. Remember the lessons you have learned here, treat others with kindness and respect, and take an active role in your community, be it a city, town, a graduate school, or a place of business. You will have something to contribute, and you can help to make the lives of those around you better by how you interact with them. You will face challenges, there is no doubt, but we have taught you to be resilient, and always to work to do what is right. When you leave, please be sure to keep us up to date on how you're doing, we want to know. And, please remember to come back and visit Wagner so you can see how the next group of students on the way up is doing, and so you can share with them the wisdom you will have gained. Again, congratulations and our very best wishes."

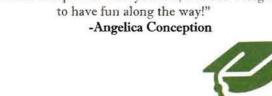


-President Richard and Carin Guarasci



"Remember that everything during an interview is part of the interview - how you greet a receptionist or clerk, all interactions over a meal - you always are 'on'. And, you are interviewing them as much as they are interviewing you. Look at and listen to how they treat each other. Finally, send thankyou notes to the people who interviewed you! Best wishes in all your adventures."

- Dr. Anne Love





"When one door closes another one opens. Or to steal from Tom Stoppard in "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead:" "Look on every exit being an entrance somewhere else." Here's wishing you the grandest of entrances as you exit from Wagner. #WCTpride"

-Felicia Ruff

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Lacrosse Family: Q&A with the Streilein siblings



Siblings Olivia (junior) and Andrew (sophomore) Streilein on Wagner's field.

Andrew (A) and Olivia (O) are a brother and sister from New Jersey. They both play lacrosse at Wagner and just like the men's and women's programs, the siblings are very close. You can imagine how much of an impact their relationship has had on lacrosse and how much lacrosse has had an impact on their relationship.

Q: How long have you guys been playing lacrosse?

O: I've been playing since sixth grade...

A: ...and I've been playing since fourth

Q: Did you guys play together a lot at home, outside of organized sports?

O: Yeah. We would shoot around a lot. Even this winter break, we were outside a lot working out in our backyard shooting around.

Q: Has it benefited you guys? Do you feel like having each other around so much has helped you guys get better?

A: I mean...it's definitely better than being an only child without anyone to play with every day, so it helps in that sense.

O: Yeah, I think it makes us love the sport even more because we get to play with each other and we also have younger siblings who play with us too. Then we get the neighbors involved...lacrosse is pretty big in our town.

Q: Oh wow. So how much did lacrosse influence you guys going to school together, if at all?

A: I really wanted to play lacrosse in college. I didn't want my career to stop in high school.

O: We've been really close since we were born so for him to come here and play is even cooler because I'm able to watch him play but if he went to a different school, it would be kind of hard for me to go to his games, especially since we're both in the same season.

Q: So did her coming here influence your decision?

A: Yeah, definitely because with-

out her coming to Wagner I would never have heard of it. So the fact that she came her gave me this chance too.

Q: Who's the more competitive one between you two?

A: Well she cries when they lose so, haha, I don't know. We both definitely hate losing.

O: Yeah, I mean we're not that competitive with each other though. We just get excited for each other's accomplishments.

Q: Do either of you guys have any intention of coaching or perhaps working together with lacrosse in the future?

O: I haven't really thought about it but it would be cool to do something in our town maybe. Coaching, I've thought about; maybe going back to my high school and assisting my head coach.

A: I'd think it'd be cool to be a grad student and assistant coach somewhere, that'd be fun.

Q: What do you guys think about the lacrosse program here? And how much do the men's and women's teams have to do with

O: I would honestly say we're brother and sister teams. We're all so close, almost like one huge group of friends.

A: Yeah, usually our plans are based on what they're doing. But if there's a home game, we always go, the whole team.

Q: Is there anything else you guys want to say about each other, the sport, or the school?

A: I would say both of us going to Wagner benefits our mom the most. She loves being able to come to our games and being able to come to just one school is way better for her.

O: We're only like an hour and fifteen minutes from home. She's always running around, like if I have a game on Friday she's back here on Saturday for his game.

Reported by Ryan Monaghan



Junior Nathan Hunt

Baseball team searches for a win

Among many of the dedicated sports team's at Wagner the baseball team is no different, despite their difficulty to keeping a winning streak this season.

This season the Seahawks find difficulty keeping up a streak with their record at 10-26, just recently dropping its NEC series against Mount St. Mary's.

With this major loss, the team reduces their record to 5-14 in league play. Freshman Phil Capra has been a major player this year, currently leading the team in RBI at 28. Junior Nick Mascelli and sophomore Kyle Cala have also been successful this season at bat. Senior Mike Adams and junior Austin Goeke currently lead the Seahawks on the mound.

The team is looking for more success as they face their next NEC opponentm, FDU.

Reported by Liana Ribaudo



Junior Hana Gilbert

Softball picks up momentum

The Wagner softball team is on a mission to take back their season.

This started against the Iona Gaels where the Seahawks won back to back games. The team captured a close 4-3 victory in the first game, and swept 7-0 for a comfortable second game win.

The team carried this momentum through their matchup with NEC competition Sacred Heart University where they won two games, 2-1 and 4-2.

The team has been led in RBI's by junior Hana Gilbert with 25. Gilbert is tied for most home runs this season with sophomore Maddie Marable, each with 3. On the mound, junior McKaleigh Goodale leads the team with an ERA of 2.70.

The team hopes to carry this momentum to their next NEC game against FDU.

Reported by Nicholas Cole



Coach Heather Jacbos

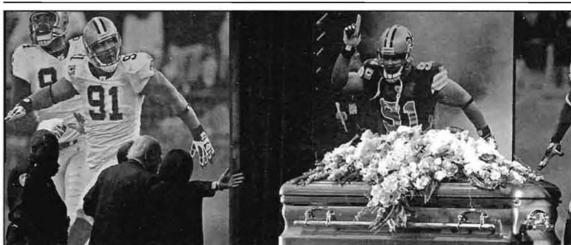
New women's basketball coach

The Wagner Seahawks have seen a change in leadership for the women's basketball team. The Seahawks will welcome first time division one head coach Heather Jacobs to the program.

She comes to Wagner after nine years coaching at the collegiate level, spending time as head coach for Adelphi University and Daniel Webster College. Jacobs joins the program after a slow 5-24 season for the Seahawks women's basketball program. "In my previous two positions, as Walt mentioned, I have led program turnarounds," said Jacobs.

Within two years at each of her prior positions, she led the teams to winning seasons and, shortly after both teams were competing in their respective conference title games. She will face a similar challenge as she starts at Wagner College for next season.

Reported by Megan Fritz



Friends remember Will Smith at his funeral on April 16.

Former 'Saints' defensive end: Gone but not forgotten

On Saturday April 9, 2016, Will Smith was tragically shot to death in New Orleans after a road side scuffle. The former New Orleans Saints defensive end had been out for the evening with his wife and some friends when the incident occurred. Cardell Hayes has been charged with second-degree murder, claiming it was self-defense against Smith, who allegedly had a gun as well. Smith's wife Racquel, who was also shot, is expected to fully recover from her injuries.

This former NFL athlete has left a lasting legacy in the wake of this tragedy, as he was champion of Super Bowl XLIV and was a starter in the 2006 Pro Bowl. A New York

native, Smith went on to attend school at Ohio State where he was named first- team All American in 2003. In 2004, he was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints.

In 2007, he set a team record with 7 sacks, 66 tackles, and a safety; the next year in 2008 he agreed to \$70 million contract. Smith hit his career high in 2010 with 13 sacks, 49 tackles, 3 forced fumbles, and an interception.

He continued to do well with the New Orleans Saints, but in 2013 after being positioned as an outside linebacker, Smith suffered from a torn ACL landing him on the injured reserve. Ultimately, the Saints released him in February 2014. He was signed by the New England Patriots but was released by the team in August of 2014.

The father of three young children had made a lasting impact in just 34 years of life. his death is grieved widely among friends, family, teammates, and fans. Smith's funeral service was held on April 16, in a private ceremony at the Saenger Theatre in downtown New Orleans.

His former teammates served as pallbearers in the ceremony, while fans were invited to pay their respects at the practice facility of the Saints

Reported by Meaghan Darwish

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Divided we fall: Captain America: Civil War

By NICHOLAS BOLSTER Staff Writer

Back in 2008, Marvel Studios launched Iron Man, the first film based on a Marvel comic book hero made entirely in house. That film, starring Robert Downey Jr. as billionaire weapons manufacturer/eventual armored superhero Tony Stark, touched lightly on issues of personal accountability and the notion of responsibility on an international level, in addition to being a CGI-heavy explosive action-fest. From that film came the rest of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which brought the stories of other Marvel heroes, like the Incredible Hulk and Thor, to the



big screen.

2011 brought Captain America to theaters in "Captain America: The First Avenger". The following year brought all the characters introduced up to that point together in The Avengers. Since then, both Iron Man and Captain America, and others, have had "solo films" apart from the rest of their Avenger teammates, but



despite critical and commercial success, a recurring criticism of films in the MCU since The Avengers has been the lack of proper acknowledgement of the outside characters and stories when a film is a "solo" film, outside of the occasional reference. This criticism appears to finally be getting its remedy in the first film of the MCU's Phase Three, Captain America: Civil War. Not only does it feature many of the secondary characters and heroes established in the Avengers saga, but it goes one step further, pitting Avenger against Avenger as the title character goes head-to-head with with his friends

The film is very loosely based on the Civil War story arc from 2007. It is written by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, who wrote both previous Captain America films, and is directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, who directed the previous film, Captain America: The Winter Soldier. In this version, Captain America/Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) leads the Avengers on a mission which spirals out of hand and leads to collateral damage — and casualties. Following this, he and his team are

presented with the Sokovia Accords, which would place the Avengers under the jurisdiction of the United Nations, to be sent out only when a committee finds it appropriate and necessary. Leading this charge is Iron Man/Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), who, still wracked with guilt over his responsibility for creating the genecidal automaton Ultron in last year's The Avengers: Age of Ultron, is pushing for acceptance of the Accords and urging his teammates to do the same. Rogers, however, refuses, believing that he and his allies should not sacrifice their freedom to respond to any hostility for the sake of accountability

This ideological rift separates the Avengers iato two camps those who follow Rogers, which includes the Falcon/Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie). Hawkeye/Clint Barton (Jeremy Renner) and Scarlet Witch/Wanda Maximoff (Elizabeth Olsen), and those who follow Stark, which includes Black Widow/Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson), War Machine/James 'Rhodey' Rhodes (Don Cheadle), and the Vision (Paul Bettany). Driving the conflict to a fever pitch is the re-

emergence of the Winter Soldier/James 'Bucky' Barnes (Sebastian Stan), Rogers' best friend from World War II, who had been captured and brainwashed into an assassin by criminal syndicate Hydra, is now being accused of being responsible for a terrorist bombing which draws the ire of the Black Panther/T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman), the prince of the African nation of Wakanda, who decides to aid Stark in order to apprehend the Winter Soldier. As the conflict comes to a head, Rogers' team is bolstered by Ant-Man Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) and Stark's is joined by additional newcomer Spider-Man/Peter Parker (Tony Holland), marking his first appearance in the MCU.

The film promises to be the darkest film in the MCU, tackling larger ethical questions about accountability, collateral damage, and responsibility. While the films in the MCU often touched on the ethical and physical ramifications of its heroes' actions, this dialog was often relegated to the side, just enough to show that the filmmakers have acknowledged the destruction and death that the Avengers, whether operating alone or

together, are at least partially responsible for. With Civil War, that dialog comes to the forefront, and questions whether the Avengers, despite the good they may be doing, should be held accountable for the destruction, collateral or not, that they leave in their wake whenever they "save the day," something that finds a real world equivalent in our world's dialogue about accountability.

While The Winter Soldier utilized a similar real world basis for its main conflicts, namely the debate over surveillance and "stopping crime before it starts," it settled its debate rather affirmatively, making as much of a political statement as an action film in the process. Civil War seems poised instead to offer a more morally grey solution to its central conflict, with



surveys of early screening participants showing audiences divided over whether Captain America or Iron Man stand in the right. Regardless of who is more correct, early reviews claim it to be the most nuanced and emotionally impactful addition to the MCU yet, with plenty of action and twists to be excited for. Captain America: Civil War opens on May 6.

Idol says farewell after 15 years



For the past fifteen seasons, American Idol gavecontestants a chance to compete for stardom. Not only did the show bring about some of the greatest superstars, it is considered to be one of America's top rated television shows. Yet, after fifteen successful seasons, the show has sadly ended.

On April 7, 2016 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, American Idol premiered its season finale with an incredible lineup of performances. Along with these performances, there were many guest appearances from well known celebrities, which included Jennifer Hudson, Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Lopez, Fantasia. Katherine McPhee, and Jordin Sparks.

The performances that made the final show an extraordinary one. The acoustic medley was performed by past contestants Amber, Carly, Casey,

Clay, Jessica, Katherine, and Ruben. Other performers included, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia Barrino, and La-Toya London. Also known as the Three Divas, these singers performed 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and "Remember the Music." Other exceptional performers included Carrie Underwood who sang "Something in the Water," William Hung who sang "She Bangs,' and Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood who sang "Stop

Draggin My Heart Around."Idols, both past and present, performed "One Voice." Past Idol contestants, such as Melinda Doolittle, James Durin, Phillip Phillips, David Cook, Taylor Hicks, and Blake Lewis, also made an appearance.

At the end of the night, the most anticipated moment finally came when the winner and runner-up were announced. Season 15 winner of American Idol was Trent Harmon

and the runner-up was La'Porsha Renae. When Harmon was announced the winner, he stated that, "I didn't expect to win, but I prepared to win."

Season 15 of American Idol was one of the most unforgettable season finale that has ever been seen. American Idol show, as a whole, will go down in history as one of the most entertaining and beloved shows.

Reported by Dominique Landew

Holi: A colorful goodbye

to winter

In celebration of the coming of spring, Wagner College's Asian American Student Council, the Center for Intercultural Advancement, and the International Connections Club collaborated to hold the second Holi celebration.

Holi, known as the "Festival of Colors or Sharing of Love," is a traditional Hindu festival that celebrates events in Hindu mythology, the joy of friendship, the coming of spring, and equality. Reminding one to live vibrantly, participants of Holi throw various shades of colored powder known as Holi Gual at each other.

The goal of holding the bold and festive cultural festival was to allow students the opportunity to learn about and experience an event from Indian culture they may not be familiar with. Held on April 8, Wagner students from all walks of life convened in front of Harbor View Hall to bid

winter a colorful goodbye. Joined together by music and happiness, students filled the air with powder and love throwing away their differences and the occasional stresses of college life. A spectacle of colors, students walked away from the event vibrant, knowledgeable, and unified. For many, it proved to be an unforgettable celebration.

According to Sourajit Dey, president of the Asian American Student Council, "we tried to present this event in the most educational yet fun way while being respectful of the culture. We inspired dialouge around campus to occur on the meaning and significance of Holi in India."

For those who missed the event or are interested in learning more about new cultures, visit the Center for Intercultural Advancement for information or the club's Facebook page.

Reported by Leslie Lopez



Wagner College presents: 'A Chorus Line'

"A Chorus Line" debuted on April 13 on the Main Stage. Complete with complex dance routines, humorous characters, and a relatable plot, the theater continued to be filled night after night for each performance until the closing date of April 24. "A Chorus Line" is the sixth longest Broadway running show in history, and the cast and crew here at Wagner definetly made it a memorable experience.











Photos courtesy of Melissa Calato and Julia Loria

'Unbreakable Kimmy' returns to Netflix





Photos taken by Meaghan Darwish

By MEAGHAN DARWISH Staff Writer

Season two of Tina Fey and Robert Carlock's comedy series "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" premiered on Netflix on April 15. The thirteen episode season was also one of many topics of discussion at Tina Fey's Tribeca Talk, which is part of the festival's Storytellers series on April 19. The series follows the endearingly naïve Kimmy Schmidt (Ellie Kemper), a woman who was held captive in an underground cult for fifteen years. The otherwise outlandish storyline focuses on Kimmy's life in New York City, a decision she made after making an appearance on the "Today Show." Along the way she meets Titus (Tituss Burgess) and Lillian (Carol Kane) her roommate and landlord.

Titus is the unapologetic Broadway star wannabe, hungry for fame and wealth, and Lillian is determined to prevent the gentrification of her beloved neighborhood at any cost. "30 Rock" alumna Jane Krakowski is also a series regular, playing Jacqueline, a "gold digging" "Real Housewives" type of character. "We're comedy common law," Fey said, of their working together. "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" is a show with an exaggerated plot, with exaggerated characters, but that is part of its charm. It is a show satirizing our own society and the culture we are breeding.

On April 19, Fey discussed the show with TV Guide Magazine Senior Writer Damian Holbrook, who also happens to be a longtime friend. They began the conversation with a little insight on the origins of the Netflix show. "We made most of season one of Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt thinking it was going to be on NBC," Fey explained. "We were shooting the second to last episode, when we started to realize that it was not going to be on NBC." She went on to elaborate that this is the reason season two episodes are longer. In the first season they filmed taking into account

beloved neighborhood at any cost. for the possible addition of commer-

The show boasts a myriad of guest stars, including Tina Fey herself. In season one she played a lawyer, a loose representation of Marcia Clark who worked on the O.J. Simpson trial. This season she is playing a therapist, Andrea, saying "that was a part that I wanted to play for a while." "And she's a mess," Holbrook added, to which Tina replied, "she's a mess, which I like." Kimmy is an upbeat individual, determined to make things perfect for those around her, Fey says her character was created because "Kimmy needs to learn that she can not fix everyone."

Seasons one and two are available for bingeing pleasure on Netflix, but it may be a while until season three is released. Ellie Kemper is currently expecting a baby which will push out production by a few months. This little bump in the road has not shaken Fey though. In the meantime she will be working on the highly anticipated musical production of "Mean Girls," based on her 2004 film.



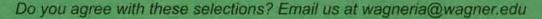






Professor superlatives

Above and beyond, these professors stand out in the crowd. Each one has something special to offer their students inside and outside of the classroom.







Makes Sure You Learn: **Professor Gregory Falabella** (working with junior David Ricciardi)



Most Intriguing:



Professor Donald Crooks

Most Likely Mistaken For A Student: **Professor Jacob Shore**

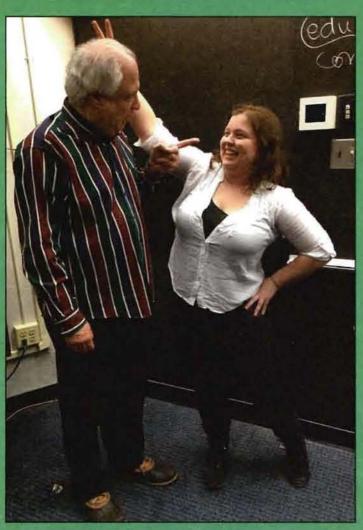


Funniest: Professor Otto Raths

Best Dressed: Professor Cyril Ghosh



Most Dedicated: Professor Ann Hurley (talking with junior Katelyn Alcott)



Most Creative Final Exam: Professor Alan Hoffner (joking around with senior Victoria Salvaterra)



Nicest: Director Ellen Navarro



Most Engaging: **Professor Jonathan Blaize**