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Where does our tuition go?

By TEVAH PLATT
Wagnerian Staff Writer

"It's not about the cost," says Angelo Araimo, vice president of enrollment and planning at Wagner College, "it's about the value." The personal, professional and civic value of higher education is incontrovertible. Yet as the prices of college tuition are rising throughout the U.S., so are anxieties.

In 1998, the congressionally appointed National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education voiced concern that increasing costs would create a "gulf of ill will" between institutions and their constituents, as colleges were making little effort to explain expenses to the public. This year students will pay \$23,900 to attend Wagner College, and \$7,500 for room and board. So where does our tuition go?

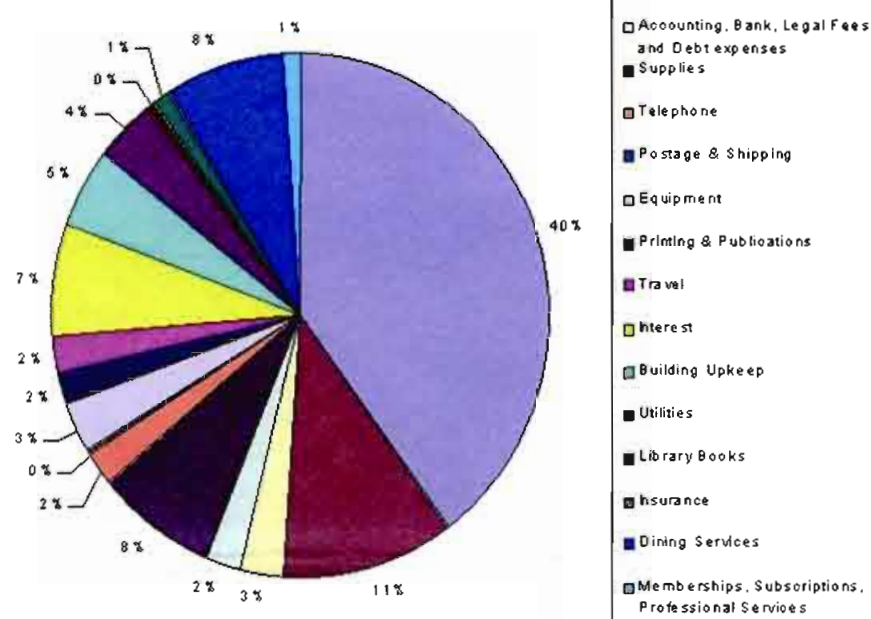
Wagner is a non-profit world, so its modest surpluses go back into funding the institution. Between revenue and expenses, the institution tends to break near-to even. Charts A and B show the allocation of the school's expenses in recent years. This year, the total operating budget has been set at \$48.7 million, a figure 17.9 percent higher than when the Class of 2005 entered as freshmen. Most of these expenses, explains Jim Patterson, Associate Vice

President and Controller, go to "people costs," the salaries, wages, and benefits given to members of faculty, staff, and administration. About 8.5 percent of the expense budget goes to paying for Wagner's dining services, and another 8 percent of Wagner's revenue goes to paying off a debt the college incurred some 10 to 15 years ago to fund buildings and campus improvements. Other expenses include utilities, maintenance, supplies, insurance, housing, athletics and other programs and services that keep the institution going.

90 percent of these expenses are paid by tuition revenue (including room and board). Other sources of revenue: auxiliary enterprises such as external programs, athletics, etc., endowment income, private gifts, and state appropriations make up the other ten percent of funding sources (see Chart C). Thus, Wagner College relies on student tuition to pay

for the overwhelming majority of its operating budget. The college is moving toward beefing up these alternative revenues, pursuing grants more aggressively, building its endowment, which has grown from \$3 million to \$20 million in the past few years, and continuing its fund-raising efforts. In the past, Araimo says, 95 to 96 percent of costs were paid by tuition. But the endowment is currently in "growth mode," according to Jim Patterson, so that it

CHART A
Expenses for year 2001-2002, totaling \$41.28 million
(Source: IRS tax form 990)

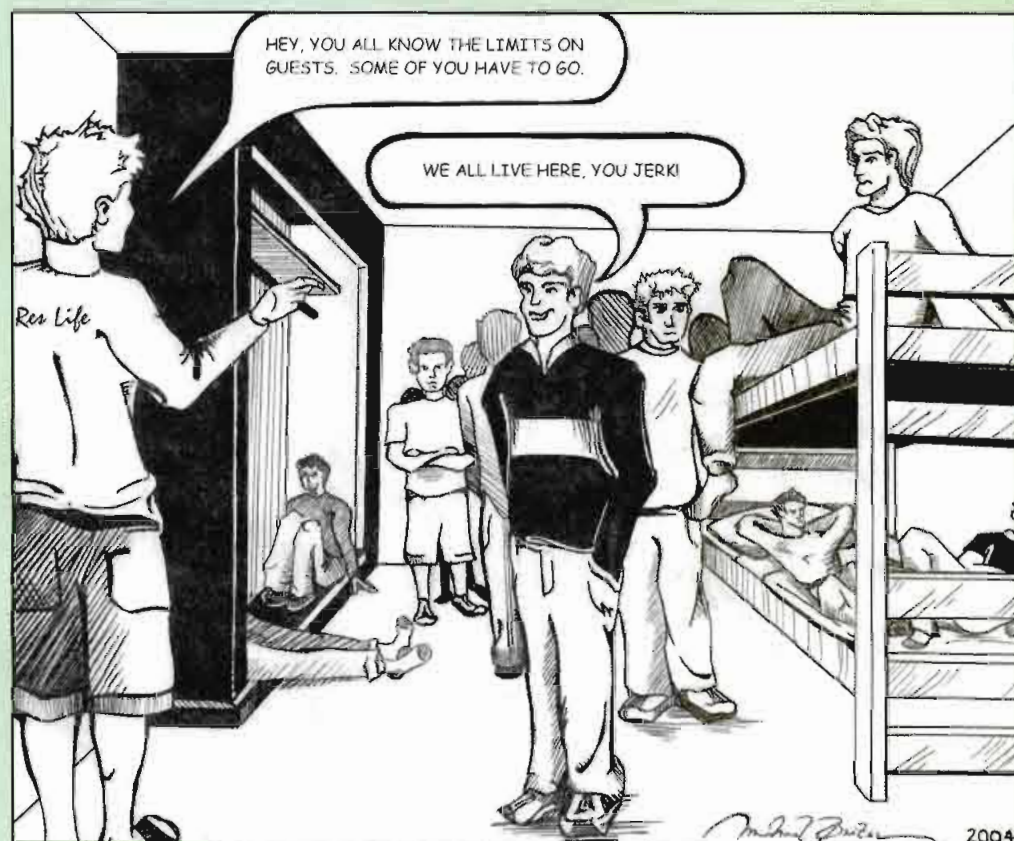


can provide larger support later on, and gifts, while effecting major improvements and providing aid, do not have a large impact on the price of tuition.

Wagner's tuition costs are largely set by comparison to like institutions. Every December, the Board of Trustees meets to discuss and set upcoming tuition costs. At this meeting, Wagner compares itself to 25 to 30 other colleges, including Fordham, NYU, Marist and Skidmore, which are similar in size, curriculum or location. Without colluding, the institution tries to predict the percentage by which

tuitions will increase among these schools, and then sets a price comfortably within that scale, weighing accessibility against potential needs and improvements. Wagner ranks with the 20th or 21st lowest tuition among these like institutions, according to Araimo. While the average tuition for private colleges was anticipated to rise 6 percent for the year 2004-2005, as reported by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Wagner's tuition rose by 5.1 percent. Those most hurt

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“If you don’t vote, you disenfranchise yourself.”
-- Dr. Richard Guarasci

President Guarasci urges students to vote

By ALEX JACOBS
Wagnerian Co-Editor

“Somebody else besides you is deciding history right now.”

A challenge was laid out by Dr. Richard Guarasci, Wagner College president, as he pressed students to get out and vote to get their voices heard.

Dr. Guarasci, once a professor of political science, addressed students in an ACE event, “The Democratic Process and the College Voter,” held Sept. 21 in Spiro Hall 2.

Dr. Guarasci explained that because young Americans often don’t exercise their right to vote, elected officials don’t feel they need to respond to demands for change from youth. If they know that this generation doesn’t vote, they know they don’t need to listen to their complaints.

“Who decides history?” Guarasci asked. “Do the few decide history or the many decide history?”

He listed off some of the many special interest groups that sway U.S. policy, including the National Rifle Association, evangelical Christians, right to life groups, unions, health care advocates, and environmental groups.

“Unless you have money, power, and rank, if you don’t vote, you disenfranchise your-

self,” Guarasci said.

The tug of war between the many and the few to define our nation’s future continues, and if the trend of youth not voting continues, the special interests and elites may be the ones holding power.

Guarasci speculated about why many people do not vote. He cited voter apathy, saying some people are content with the status quo. But he also noted flaws in the political system that shut out potential voters.

Some people are alienated because the government doesn’t do enough for them to care about how it is being run, he said.

Guarasci also pointed out barriers to voting, such as lengthy, confusing processes to register or obtain absentee ballots, and a lack of same-day registration at the polls.

“Among the major industrial nations ... the U.S. has the lowest voter turnout,” Guarasci stated.

An International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance study of elections from 1991 to 2000 in various nations found that the U.S. ranks at the bottom of the list for average voter turnout, at 45 percent, as compared to 90 percent in Italy, 83 percent in Australia, 72 percent in the United Kingdom and Germany, 60 percent in France and Canada, and 58 percent in Mexico. The only countries studied that had lower voter turnout than the

US were Switzerland, with 38 percent, Colombia with 32 percent, and Guatemala with 24 percent.

According to the 2000 census, 111 million people, or 60 percent of U.S. citizens, voted. Only 36 percent of eligible voters age 18 to 24 voted in 2000, making them almost half as likely to vote as citizens aged 65 to 74. Only 51 percent of young citizens are registered to vote.

Guarasci said that there are significant issues at stake in this presidential election, citing the two ongoing wars, homeland security threatening individual liberties, health care, the economy, and access to and cost of education.

“A lot could be decided in this election,” Guarasci said. “It could be a harbinger of things to come.”

Guarasci said this election shows many of the characteristics of a “realigning election,” or as he explained it, an election when a dominant party falls out of power. Typical to realigning elections are a highly competitive race, divisiveness, the emergence of a third party, and a large voter turnout, he said.

He also emphasized that the political parties are drifting farther apart in their ideology. Instead of a wider range of values within each party, “We’re seeing a new system—only liberals in the Democratic party and only conservatives in the Republican party,” he said.

A divided nation is the result, and regardless of who is elected, “they are going to have a tough four years,” Guarasci said.

But the divide may widen if special interest groups and the powerful continue to dominate politics. “The critical issues are not going to go away,” he said, urging students to get active in the process.

“Wagner prepares you for a profession ... but we’re also committed in our mission to make you active community leaders,” Guarasci said.

The speech was part of the “Student Voices, Student Choices” campaign that is taking place in Periclean schools. Last year, Wagner was selected by the organization Project Pericles as one of 18 schools devoted to teaching civic engagement by involving students in the community around them, Guarasci said.

The mission of the “Student Voices, Student Choices” initiative is to inform students about the issues at stake in the upcoming election. Some of the many activities that will take place at Wagner will be a panel on the parties, political teach-ins on topics such as the electoral college and swing states, a political debate, and a mock election.

“This is a very very important election,” Guarasci ended, “Just get involved. Get involved soon.”

Wagner celebrates all things Italian

By STACEY FITZGERALD
Wagnerian Staff Writer

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum and the DaVinci Society of Wagner College have scheduled an entire calendar of events in October for both the campus and the community in celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month. The DaVinci Society is a fund-raising committee that consists of Italian-American professionals who are interested in promoting Italian culture. The celebration is also co-sponsored by Wagner’s Academic and Cultural Enrichment Committee.

The festivities began with the DaVinci Society Leadership Dinner in the Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn on Sept. 30.

Italian food, art, film, history and music are just some of the components of the month-long celebration. “There is something for everyone,” said Julie Barchitta, the dean of learning communities and coordinator for “Viva Italia.”

Throughout the month, two Italian-themed photography exhibits will be on display on

campus. “Una Storia Segreta” will be in the Union Atrium and consists of photographs of the internment of Italians during World War II. An opening reception for the event was held on Oct. 1. In the Spotlight Gallery in the Hormann Library, Janine Coyne’s exhibit entitled “Sicily: A Visual Passage” is on display.

The dining hall will feature a number of Italian specialties throughout the month of October. Roman delicacies were served on Oct. 4; Venetian treats were served on Oct. 14, and Sicilian fare will be served on Oct. 31.

Several Italian films will be shown in Spiro Hall; the movies include “Big Deal on Madonna Street,” “The Leopard,” and “The Way We Laughed.” All three movies are free and open to the public.

Panels on various aspects of Italian history, food, and culture are also scheduled. “Viva la Musica Italiana: A Tribute to the Glories of Italian Music” will celebrate five centuries of Italian music on Oct. 31.

For details on any or all of these events, visit www.wagner.edu/davinci/index.html.

Family Weekend 2004

<p><u>Friday, October 15</u></p> <p>Registration: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Wagner Union Atrium</p> <p>Class Visits: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please see class schedules for locations</p> <p>Welcome Reception: 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Union Atrium Italian Wine and Cheese -sponsored in part by the Da Vinci Society</p> <p>SWING!: 8:00 p.m. Main Stage – Main Hall</p> <p>Wagner Improv Comedy Club: 9:00 p.m.-midnight Coffee House - Reynolds House Basement</p> <p><u>Saturday, October 16</u></p> <p>Registration: 8:30 a.m.-noon Sutter Oval</p> <p>Student Teach-In: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Spiro Hall Topic: 2004 Presidential Election</p> <p>Faculty Teach-In: 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Spiro Hall Topic: 2004 Presidential Election</p> <p>State of the College Address: 11:30 a.m.-noon Sutter Oval President Richard Guarasci</p> <p>Lunch under the Tent: Noon-2:00 p.m. Sutter Oval</p> <p>Seahawks Football vs. Iona: 1:00 p.m. Wagner Stadium</p> <p>Departure for Big Onion Walking Tour, Manhattan: 1:00 p.m. Sutter Oval/Howard Avenue Times Square or Greenwich Village</p>	<p>Trip to Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, Staten Island: 1:00 p.m. Sutter Oval /Howard Avenue (Shuttle Van to depart Campus at 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, and 3:00. Last return from museum at 4:00 p.m.)</p> <p>SWING!: 2:00 p.m. Main Stage – Main Hall</p> <p>SWING!: 8:00 p.m. Main Stage – Main Hall</p> <p>Dessert & Dancing: 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Main Dining Hall – Union</p> <p>Wagner College Jazz Ensemble: 9:00 p.m.-midnight Coffee House</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 17</u></p> <p>Interfaith Service: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Music Performance Center—Campus Hall</p> <p>Brunch under the Tent: 11:30 a.m. Sutter Oval</p> <p>Parents Committee Brunch: 11:45 a.m. Faculty Dining Room Parents are invited to join committee co-chairs Frank and Dianne Powers and Jay and Joyce Guariglia for a brunch and informational session on becoming an active Wagner College parent.</p> <p>SWING!: 2:00 p.m. Main Stage – Main Hall</p> <p>Seahawks Women’s Volleyball vs. Quinnipiac: 7:00 p.m. Spiro Sports Center</p> <p>Visit www.wagner.edu for Family Weekend updates, or call (718) 390-3423.</p>
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Kallista 2005

Come be part of the team for Kallista 2005, the Wagner College yearbook.

We're looking for designers, photographers and writers.

We need your ideas.

We need your creativity.

Delicious snacks will be served.

See you there!

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ODK Leader of the Month

ODK has announced the first recipient of the Leader of the Month Award, Leila Ortiz.

Leila deserves this award for her involvement in many activities on campus and outside the Wagner community.

She is the founder of the Spanish language club, works in the co-curricular and resident life offices, is a Sunday school teacher at her parish in the Bronx, and she spends time promoting Hispanic culture on campus.

This award was created in order to recognize outstanding individuals in the Wagner community, for their participation in on-campus and off-campus activities. Nominees can be students, faculty and staff.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society is a national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni.

For more information about ODK and its programs, contact ODK faculty secretary Dr. Joseph D. Smith.

-- Information provided by Kristin Risch

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Where tuition is going

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by increased tuition, says Araimo, are students most in need, as state funding resources have failed to grow in proportion to the cost of tuition.

According to the National Education Association, tuition increases at private colleges reflect their need to remain competitive by attracting better students. Improvements to facilities, technology, and other services that improve the attractiveness of a college, the NEA reports, often result in costs that are passed along to the student. (*Update 9:1, January 2003*). Among such improvements on our campus, Araimo cited progress in the departments of admissions and development and the rising number of full-time faculty at the college, which benefits students directly. To assuage the anxiety felt by tuition-payers, Jim Patterson said, "we've tried to point up the enhanced value of the college," or what it has done to warrant the increases, mainly through internal publications. "I have you been to the new Hawk's Nest?" he asked.

According to Associate Controller Cherie Caccese, the college attempts to "keep costs down by carefully implementing budget controls to avoid overspending." Staff additions have been minimized, as have dining services costs in the past, according to Mr. Patterson. But Araimo and Patterson both expect to see tuition increases—perhaps of another four or five percent—in coming years.

"There's always the hope of controlling the amount of the increase through any opportunity to save," said Mr. Patterson, "but the college does want to build and enhance its programs." As it proceeds to realize these improvements, the college will continue to strive for accessibility.

And as this progress does come at a cost, it would seem best to ensure that students and families understand the college's finances and perceive the value of the services received. The college and its students have a relationship of mutual investment, so the institution's spending priorities should be closely aligned with those held by the public that it serves. Perhaps they already are: it's a question of what you value.

CHART B

Budgeted Expenses (in millions) for 2003-2004 (totaling \$45.1 million).

(Source: James D. Patterson, associate VP and controller)

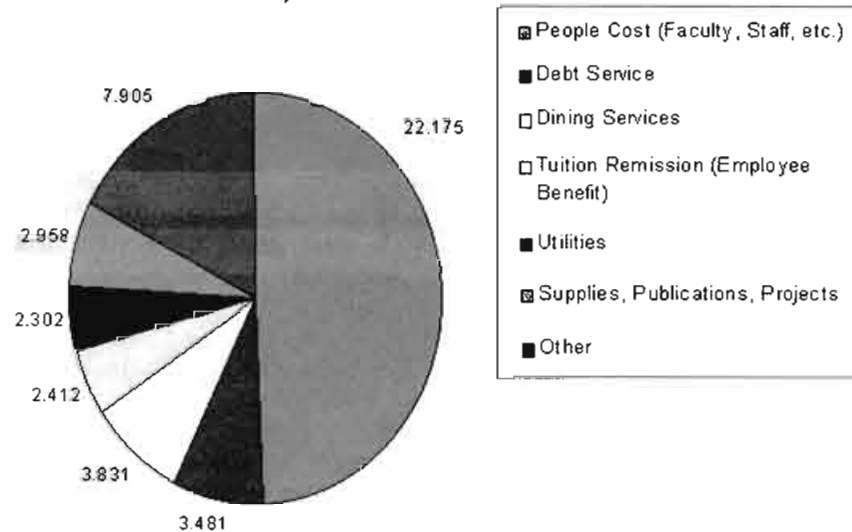
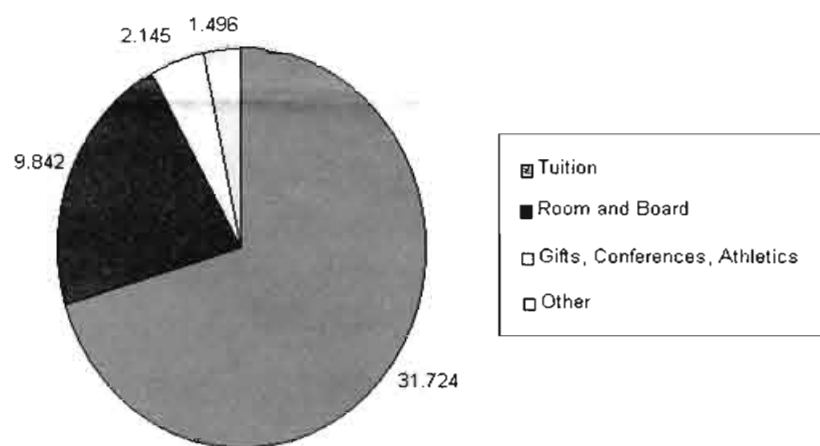


CHART C

Budgeted revenue (in millions) for 2003-2004 (totaling \$45.2 million).

(Source: James D. Patterson, associate VP and controller)



Look no further for free fun

By LINDSAY BRINKERHOFF
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Ever sitting around campus with nothing to do? Well, there is a lot more to do than you probably thought, especially in October.

ACE (Academic and Cultural Enrichment) is an excellent program that more students should take advantage of. It's a program that works with students, faculty and administration to bring guest speakers to the college and host special events. It's run by Dr. Felicia Ruff and graduate assistant Frank Giusto. ACE offers many lectures, concerts, films, poetry readings and walking tours and trips. The activities are on a more cultural, intellectual, and informative level. Community members, as well as the entire Wagner community, are always invited to attend.

Dr. Ruff calls it "expanding the classroom," which is the ultimate goal, to spread inspiration and insight to others. This semester's topic is "Death and Dying" and a calendar of events can be found on the Web site, www.wagner.edu/ace. A few upcoming topics in October that Dr. Ruff is particularly excited about are:

"The Generic Importance of the Modern

Home athletic events

Saturday, Oct. 16, football vs. Iona at 1 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 17, volleyball vs. Quinnipiac at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23, football vs. Robert Morris at 1 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29, women's soccer vs. CCSU at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30, volleyball vs. Robert Morris at 1 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31, women's soccer vs. Quinnipiac at 1 p.m. and volleyball vs. St. Francis (PA) at 1 p.m.

All of these events are free to students so there is no reason to be sitting around with nothing to do.

Italian Horror Film," Monday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. in Spiro Hall 2. Film clips from horror films will be shown and discussed.

"The Guillotine: Fact and Lore," Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., in Spiro Hall 2. This is the one of the most anticipated of this semester's guest scholars.

This dark discussion will be about how the Nazis used the guillotine in France to massacre many, and promises to be a powerful presentation.

There will be a walking tour in Brooklyn's historic Greenwood Cemetery on Halloween Eve led by Wagner's own Dr. Mark Elliott, which will really bring the topic of "Death and Dying" together.

These are just a few of the many intriguing events ACE has to offer and you should take advantage of them while you can. Don't forget October is also Italian Heritage and Culture month. To view the calendar of events, visit www.wagner.edu/davinci/index.html.

Wagner College theater was voted No.1 Theater Program by The Princeton Review, so the shows are top-notch. The highly anticipated *Swing!* opened Oct. 6 and plays to Oct. 17. A time well spent in the month of October.

Your faith doesn't have to be compromised while here at Wagner. The campus ministry offers a Catholic Mass every Sunday at 9 p.m. Spirituality groups also meet on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in the Kairos House.

In food forum, students call for change

By ALEX JACOBS
Wagnerian Co-Editor

Students aired their concerns and complaints to Mitchell Shenker, director of dining services, and Abir Roychoudhury, director of operations, who represented Chartwells, about dining hall policy, the new Hawk's Nest, and food selection at a food service meeting held Sept. 28.

At the meeting, SGA President Mel Powers passed around a copy of the petition to change the selection and pricing at the Hawk's Nest, which has been presented to Chartwells officials and the administration. The petition had 450 signatures, representing about a quarter of the student population, but falling 50 names short of SGA's original goal of 500 signatures.

Students complained about the newly enforced dining hall policy that no one is allowed to take food from the dining hall—whether

they are eating it as they leave or not.

Shenker explained that it has long been a policy of the college that students are not allowed to take food from the dining hall, but it is being enforced this year in an effort to save money. He said that some students used to abuse the system, taking enough food for another meal.

However, he rejected the idea that students should be allowed to take one item which they are clearly eating, because that would create a double standard. Shenker and Roychoudhury also said that if a student were to take food from the dining hall and it went bad by the time they ate it, if they became sick, Chartwells could be held liable.

Shenker emphasized that Wagner College makes the dining hall policies and that it is Chartwells' responsibility to enforce these rules. Chartwells is a chartered company, and it receives the same set amount of money, no

matter the profit or loss that year for dining services.

Students also wanted more quick options for days when they may only have ten minutes between classes to eat. They wanted items like the grab-and-go sandwiches and salads available last year at the Wag.

Shenker and Roychoudhury promised to work on providing more options for students on the go, and to improve the box lunch system available through the sandwich line in the dining hall, so that it's more accessible.

When students complained about long lines in the morning at the Hawk's Nest's Starbucks, Shenker said that they were looking to take on another worker to help the one person working at the station at that time. He said they cannot hire a student for that position, for union reasons. He also said that Chartwells has traded up their espresso machine for a triple-head machine capable of making three

drinks at once.

Attendees were eager to give advice about how to improve the Hawk's Nest. Some suggestions were that portions be reduced to lower prices at the Manhattan Grill station for french fries and drinks; that cheaper grab-and-go food be offered at a separate station; that a drink be included with a meal transfer, and that the money saved by not letting students take food out of the dining hall go to help students get more food with the cost of a transfer.

Shenker seemed to lean most toward including drinks with a transfer meal. Chartwells is now offering free drinks from 10:00 p.m. to midnight at the Hawk's Nest, and fries and a drink now cost only \$2 with the purchase of an entree at any time.

A final suggestion was that Chartwells poll students about what food they crave most in the dining hall, so that the selections accurately reflect their tastes.

MEET JACKIE MASTROMATTEO

New vice president announced for Student Government

By RENEE FISHEL
Wagnerian Staff Writer

With a lot of stiff competition for the position of SGA vice president, Jackie Mastromatteo was selected by the SGA executive board.

She chose to come to Wagner from her hometown, Maybrook, N.Y. She wants to be involved in medicine, which is her reason for becoming a nursing major.

As a sophomore she went to Belize on a medical mission. She dealt with a lot of fear going on this mission since they have a very unstable government.

She also learned a lot through that experience about other cultures, including that we as Americans worry too much about everything.

This made her realize what she hopes to accomplish in life. She simply wants to have a family and be happy; she left all the superficiality for everyone else.

When asked about her favorite childhood memory she blushed and said, "It would have to be playing Olympic games with my friends. You see we would all just go outside and make up our Olympic games. It was great."

Coming from a family of divorced parents, Mastromatteo and her two sisters did not have it easy, but that has not stopped her from succeeding in life.

As SGA vice president, she hopes to get more people involved.

She feels that being a part of SGA or holding any kind of leadership position can help you with raising a family, heading a company or just living everyday life.

"Communication and listening skills are so important," she said, as she sat in her room emblazoned with Alpha Omicron Pi symbols. Mastromatteo has held many other leadership positions. She is currently the president of her sorority, AOII.

Her reign ends at the conclusion of this semester. She was also the treasurer of the Student Nursing Association. Her sophomore year she was the community service chair for



Mastromatteo

SGA and co-director for "Relay for Life." She is also a member of ODK and Tri-Beta, the Science Honor Society.

After Wagner, Mastromatteo hopes to become a midwife.

She loves babies and she feels that it will be a satisfying job because she will be able to help improve people's quality of life by making the miracle of life go a little easier.

Jackie Mastromatteo is a true leader. With such great experiences on her repertoire she is sure to accomplish her goals. Some of her favorites are:

Food: Penne alla Vodka
Book: "Must Love Dogs"
TV show: Friends
Movie: "Love, Actually"
Stress Reliever: Running

Editorial

Not a lot of lots: Spot shortage leads to parking problems

By LAUREN WAGNER
Wagnerian Staff Writer

A common topic around Wagner's campus for the past few years has been student parking, or lack thereof. It is only October and once again students find themselves "spotless."

Wagner is one of the very few campuses in America that allows freshmen to have cars on campus.

Many first-year learning communities require students to travel to do a form of community service, or to see a show; therefore students need modes of transportation. There are Wagner shuttles that will bring students back and forth to these destinations, but some students opt not to take them because of the shuttles' irregular reliability.

Richard Vitaliano, director of public safety, said: "When I started working here years ago, freshmen were not permitted to have cars on campus."

What should seem like a privilege now seems like a punishment. People drive up and down the Tiers parking lot looking for an available spot.

We've become vultures. We circle around until we see a car pulling out, or a person walking to their car. It's an all-out death match if someone else sets their sights on the same spot. You race to the spot, and if someone else beats you to it, you are forced to start the hunt all over again. You know you've all done it.

Living in New York City, there are many other modes of public transportation. Buses are quite useful if you can figure them out, taxis are the popular choice around these parts, and there's Wagner's very own ferry shuttle. The shuttle runs every day, starting at 7:40 a.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday and Sunday starting at 11:40am. The final departure from the ferry for Wagner is 10:40 p.m. everyday.

The shuttle departs Wagner, stops at St. John's and then heads down to the ferry.

With Wagner getting more students each year, it seems only fitting that we open up new parking lots. Contrary to popular belief, this really isn't an easy task. Wagner has tried get-

Parking is tight and in this time of madness we all have to have a little parking etiquette. No matter how expensive your car may be, it doesn't make you any better than anyone else. We are all in the same boat here, so please, do not take up two whole spaces for one car! Park in between the lines, it's that simple.

ting a parking lot behind the baseball field, but residents nearby opposed it.

Tiers parking lot has a total of 443 spots. In addition, parking is available this semester on Campus Road. Wagner, along with the city of New York, opened up parking spots for students on Campus Road, behind Spiro Sports Center.

The "no parking" signs have been removed and students are free to park there. Just make sure you are in the right area because you could get slapped with a whopping \$75 ticket for parking in a no parking area. They have also opened up 20 new spots in the back of West Lot, increasing the number of spots there to 320.

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"We are continuously working with the city to get more spots. We are not going to give up, and hopefully we will get more," Vitaliano said. Wagner's Public Safety Department has faced this problem before, and they are trying to do everything they can to alleviate it.

Wagner welcomes new professors

By ERIN CARROLL
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Laura Wright, Assistant Professor, Humanities

Dr. Wright joins the Wagner community from University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where she also received her Ph.D. She earned her undergraduate degree at Appalachian State University and her master's at East Carolina University. "Staten Island has created quite the culture shock," Wright comments. Wright is excited about what Wagner has to offer her. "I am looking forward to the smaller class size and student body. I think that it creates a developed sense of community," she said.



Dr. Wendy dePhopphetis, Assistant Professor, Physical Science



Dr. dePhopphetis joins Wagner College from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She got her bachelor's at the University of Pennsylvania. She currently resides in Staten Island and teaches chemistry.

"I am excited to really get to know my students and form close ties with them," she said.

Dear Wagner College Senior,

Dining etiquette plays an important role in your professional life. From your first lunch interview to a formal business dinner proper dining etiquette is essential in today's workplace.

You are cordially invited to attend the **Career Development Etiquette Dinner**, sponsored by Chartwells, being held **Wed., Nov. 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.**

Please RSVP to Career Development via phone, (718) 390-3181, or e-mail, ccdel@wagner.edu, no later than Wed., Oct. 20. Seating is limited to 40 seniors, based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Professional attire is required. Please note, if you are confirmed for the dinner you are committed to attending the entire event.

**We look forward
to seeing you!**

Dr. Andrew Sherer, Assistant Professor, Sociology & Anthropology

Dr. Sherer comes to Wagner from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He received his Ph.D. at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas. He currently resides in Staten Island and is excited to get back into teaching. "I think that the small class size creates a personal relationship between student and teacher," Sherer comments. "I would also love to foster anthropological research with the students alongside of me."



Dr. Claire Berub, Assistant Professor, Education



Dr. Berub received her B.A. at Virginia Wesleyan College in Psychology and her B.S. in education at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. She attained her master's and Ph.D. at Old Dominion University. She now resides in Brooklyn. She has taught at Old Dominion University. "The students are so nice here at Wagner," she said. "I expect to have a good relationship with all of my students."

Look for more features on the other four new professors in the next issue.

"I'd like to make a difference."

-- Dr. Donald E. Stearns

Stearns sets goals for two new positions

By SARAH ZIMMERMAN
Wagnerian Editor

Dr. Donald E. Stearns has been a diligent member of Wagner's Department of Biological Sciences for eleven years. He worked as a full-time professor until 2003, when he cut his hours to part-time and became special assistant to the provost and associate dean of faculty. This year, though still teaching one class, Dr. Stearns holds two new titles, associate provost and registrar.

"I'd like to make a difference," states Dr. Stearns. Though this is foreign territory, he already has several plans in place to accomplish his goals for both positions.

As associate provost, Dr. Stearns has implemented a new assessment plan for student learning. He has spoken with the chairs of each academic department on campus individually, asking them to act as assessment coordinators. They then discussed academic goals for the semester, determining what specific concepts students should attain in each of their classes. In the spring they will meet again and assess their progress. "Some departments will struggle, others will make a slam-dunk. It's just too early to tell," says Dr. Stearns.

The Registrar's office has started making improvements as well. "I'd like to enhance the image of the office," states Dr. Stearns. In order to do this, he has collected performance goals from each staff member, in hopes of creating better relationships and friendlier, more efficient service. "So far we haven't run into



Dr. Donald E. Stearns

any problems."

"I am very excited about my new positions," says Dr. Stearns. "I've never done this before, and I'm learning a lot."

Though Dr. Stearns has taken on these new responsibilities, he still maintains close relationships with Wagner students through teaching. "I'm glad to still be teaching. It keeps me grounded on student issues." Not only does Dr. Stearns enjoy keeping grounded by students, but also challenging his taste buds with them. "I never knew there were so many ways to do chicken," he chuckles of the dining hall food.

On the verge: youth suicide on rise

By CORINNE WAHLBERG
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Dr. Tracy Rachmiel, who graduated from Binghamton University and currently works at South Beach Psychiatric Center, spoke at an honors forum about adolescent suicide Sept. 22. This followed a recent suicide attempt by a freshman football player on campus, who is now recovering. This sad trend of depression and the inability to see another way out has led to increased numbers of young people trying to and even succeeding in committing suicide.

On Sept. 7, a 23-year-old graduate student at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts intentionally fell to her death. It is suspected that the stress of school and other factors drove her to such drastic measures. Her death was the fifth suicide at NYU within the past year, illustrating a new type of problem that colleges face.

Donna Satow from the Jed Foundation told Eyewitness News 7 her larger view of the situation. "I don't think that this is an NYU problem, but I do think this is a problem on college campuses across the country, a much bigger problem than people are aware of."

N.J. Burkett of the Eyewitness News 7 team said, "Experts say suicide is a fact of life on college campuses, and the second leading cause of college-age deaths. They say it's almost always the result of an underlying psychological disorder, but that the decision to commit suicide can be spontaneous."

At Wagner, the academics and the need to succeed in other activities on campus can stress

you out. Freshmen in their first year may be homesick and worried about their first semester. Seniors have a short last year ahead of them before they graduate and go out into the world. There are many ways to deal with the pressures of college, but plenty of students across America can get overwhelmed.

Dr. Rachmiel listed some warning signs that someone may be at risk to commit suicide at the forum. They include changes in eating or sleeping habits, withdrawal from friends or regular activities, rebellious actions, alcohol or drug use, neglecting personal appearance, a change in personality, being distant or moody, having difficulty with schoolwork, inability to accept praise, feelings of inadequacy, the person giving away their favorite things, and a sudden cheerfulness after a period of depression. This could mean that they found a solution to their sadness, and it may be suicide.

On-campus help

If you or someone you know needs help, you can call Health Services, located on the first floor of Campus Hall, at extension 3158 to set up appointments with Dr. Laura Ancona or Dr. Sharon Kihara. Service hours for Dr. Ancona are: Tues., 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thurs., 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., and Fri., 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Dr. Kihara's service hours are: Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Urgent walk-in patients are always attended to.

Suicide statistics

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24.

Males are four times more likely to die from suicide than are females. However, females are more likely to attempt suicide than are males.

Mental disorders (particularly depression and substance abuse) are associated with more than 90% of all cases of suicide. However, suicide results from many complex socio-cultural factors and is more likely to occur during periods of socioeconomic, family and individual crisis (e.g. loss of a loved one, employment, honor).

Although suicide rates have traditionally been highest among elderly males, rates among young people have been increasing to such an extent that they are now the group at highest risk in a third of all countries.

-- Information from
World Health Organization and the
Centers for Disease Control

HOUSING CRUNCH

Too many residents, not enough rooms

By SARAH ZIMMERMAN and
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Wagnerian Editor and
Staff Writer

Does it seem like there are a lot more people on campus this semester? It is not a coincidence that you may have had to fight for a seat in the dining hall recently. This fall, Wagner has set a record by housing the largest amount of residents in its history. "Though the numbers change weekly, due to timeliness of paperwork and students withdrawing, to date there are 1,369 permanent on-campus residents," stated Lavina Panjabi, director of Residence Life.

Between Harbor View, Parker Towers, Guild, and the 11 off-campus apartments, there is living space for 1,377 residents. The freshmen class alone accounts for 425 residents this semester.

Residence Life was forced to implement a room freeze until Sept. 13, which prevented any kind of room switches among residents. This was due largely in correlation to the amount of overflow students at the beginning of the year. A total of 19 students were denied proper housing because of a lack of space, late



Photo: Alison Hathaway

A student plays video games in his dorm room, the D3 annex in Towers, where he lives with seven other male residents.

submissions of housing contracts, or failure to participate in the housing lottery. Panjabi confirmed, "All overflow residents were aware there was no room for them when they applied

for housing."

Wagner did offer some alternative on-campus housing to overflow students, enabling them to live in the D3 annex, the E107 lounge

and in Guild. However, there are still eight students on a waiting list, who are currently living off campus. "As soon as a spot opens up, we'll ask them to move in," said Panjabi.

In recent years, Residence Life has been struggling with ways to accommodate the increasing amount of resident students. Last year, for the first time, sophomores and juniors in Towers found themselves occupying a four-person suite with five people.

Suites inhabited solely by seniors were allowed to remain at the previous maximum of four.

The same year, Wagner decided to offer housing in the Grimes Hill Apartments, enabling upperclassmen to get off campus, and freeing up more rooms for incoming freshmen.

Though these solutions alleviated many of the problems in the past, the overcrowded dorms have reached full capacity this year. With no definite building or remodeling plans in place, residents are looking toward the Guild Hall suites next. According to Panjabi, "we are not planning to increase the capacity of those rooms."

Time will tell whether or not this housing crunch will be remedied or whether residents will have to continue to deal with cramped quarters.

Watch your step

By EVAN JAGELS
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Anybody who travels on one of the Harbor View stairwells runs risk of tripping over a cup of Ramen noodles, slipping in a puddle of Coke, or sliding on one of the numerous advertisements for Staten Island's hottest clubs. Cigarette butts and Olde English bottle caps can also be found, even after a night of little partying.

Though there are varying opinions on these conditions, the fact remains that they are sub-par for what the Princeton Review ranked the nation's number one most beautiful campus. Commenting on the condition of the stairwells, freshman Dagny Casella said, "I think it's kind of nasty. I really have an issue about the flyers. There was a cup of noodle dripping down the stairs." When asked to comment on the possible cause of this mess, Casella said, "Since there's so much traffic, it's bound to be seummy."

The maintenance staff is officially responsible for keeping the Harbor View dormitories clean. The stairwells make up for only a small part of this neverending task. There are over 600 residents in Harbor View. On the average day there are five employees on duty while one to two employees usually work the night shift. With each employee responsible for up to one hundred students daily, a spotless stairwell is a tall order.

Responding to the question of the stairwell conditions, Nathan Ochiltree, a freshman, said, "I saw a janitor cleaning the ceiling of the stairwell with a broom. I felt so bad. It's ridiculous what the custodians have to do." Though most residents of Harbor View agree that the stairwells are a mess, few sympathize with Nate and the custodial staff.

When asked his opinion of the stairwell, Paul Berberich, an exchange student from Germany, replied, "As long as I am able to

move up and down, and I don't have to clean it, I am satisfied." Bill Galluccio's opinion was similar to Paul's. He said, "I have no problems with them (the stairwells). They get me up and down. If I ever need to know what club is happening, there's a random piece of paper that tells me where." Paul and Bill have a point: the purpose of the stairwell is simply to move from floor to floor. Unless there is a major obstruction, a few flyers and cup noodles shouldn't bother anyone. There is a mess, but as students it is not our concern.

On the other hand, perhaps the mess of the stairway is a reflection of the student population's general disregard for cleanliness and disrespect for the custodians. The cup noodles were spilled all over the stairwell because a student chose not to put them in the trash.

There is no smoking in the stairwell, so why are there cigarette butts on the steps?

Whether you believe 600+ students should share the responsibility of cleaning up after themselves, or that the custodial staff should bear the entire burden, the stairwells of Harbor View remain an eyesore, as well as a potential safety hazard. Have the conditions improved from last year? Greg Morse, a sophomore who is spending his second year in Harbor View, said, "So far they've been better than last year, though as the year goes on people get more comfortable screwing up the dorms. The stairwells have always been a grimy place."

Perhaps the poor condition of Harbor View, and its stairwells, is normal. Cleanliness is not the top priority of the average college student, and with a record number of residents, it is hard for the custodians to keep up with our trash.

But it reflects poorly on the nation's "most beautiful campus" to have the stairwells in poor condition.

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to move up and down,
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clean it, I am satisfied."*

-- Paul Berberich

Disinfecting the network: IT works to stop viruses

By ELENA PUSHAW
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Returning students remember last year's move-in catastrophe when every computer in every dorm was knocked off the network due to the overwhelming spread of computer viruses. These last few weeks have been less of a catastrophe thanks to the brand new upgraded campus network.

Many students campus-wide have been frustrated with this recurring spread of computer viruses. When IT finds infected computers, it disconnects them from the network until their owner cleans out the viruses, either with anti-virus software such as Norton, or with the anti-virus, anti-adware disc available in the IT department in the basement of Megerle Hall. This solution is simple, quick and successful, and students who were disconnected will be back on the network in no time.

It is inevitable that viruses will attack every year when students move back to school in the fall. Peter Schilling, director of IT, said, "We actually got more virus attacks this year than last year, but because of the improvement in the system, we could do something about it." The work IT does is behind closed doors, yet the benefits are definitely apparent.

You have to be the first defense against viruses. Just one computer with viruses can infect the whole network. Schilling said, "We are all sort of living in this network community together and one's behavior in this community affects the entire community. So if one person decides to be irresponsible, it will have ramifications on the rest of us."

Having anti-virus software on your computer helps to avoid getting viruses, but you need software that you can update to keep up with new viruses. Software that protected against last year's viruses may not protect against this year's viruses.

IT does not only deal with computers. It does a number of other jobs for the school, and it is impressive that these other projects do not deter IT from controlling the spread of viruses. Returning students will notice that there are many more channels on their TVs this year than last year. This is thanks to the major cable upgrade, which cut the cost in half, and increased the number of stations. Other noticeable differences on campus are the new computer labs, all with brand-new computers and an upgraded system.

For more information about the Information Technology department, visit their Web site at www.wagner.edu/wagcom/it.

Looking to the future

"So our housing plan is the following: Let's use the apartments across the street, which give us some kind of more mature housing for people who are transitioning out as seniors, getting them ready for the world of work. I like that ... instead of borrowing a lot of money, using a lot of money, and building stuff all over campus. The long-term goal, though, is to renovate the Augustinian property, take everybody out of Campus Hall, and renovate Campus Hall into what the apartments are. So, a better kind of housing."

-- Dr. Richard Guarasci, Wagner College president

HOUSING CRUNCH

Six women cramped in sorority lounge

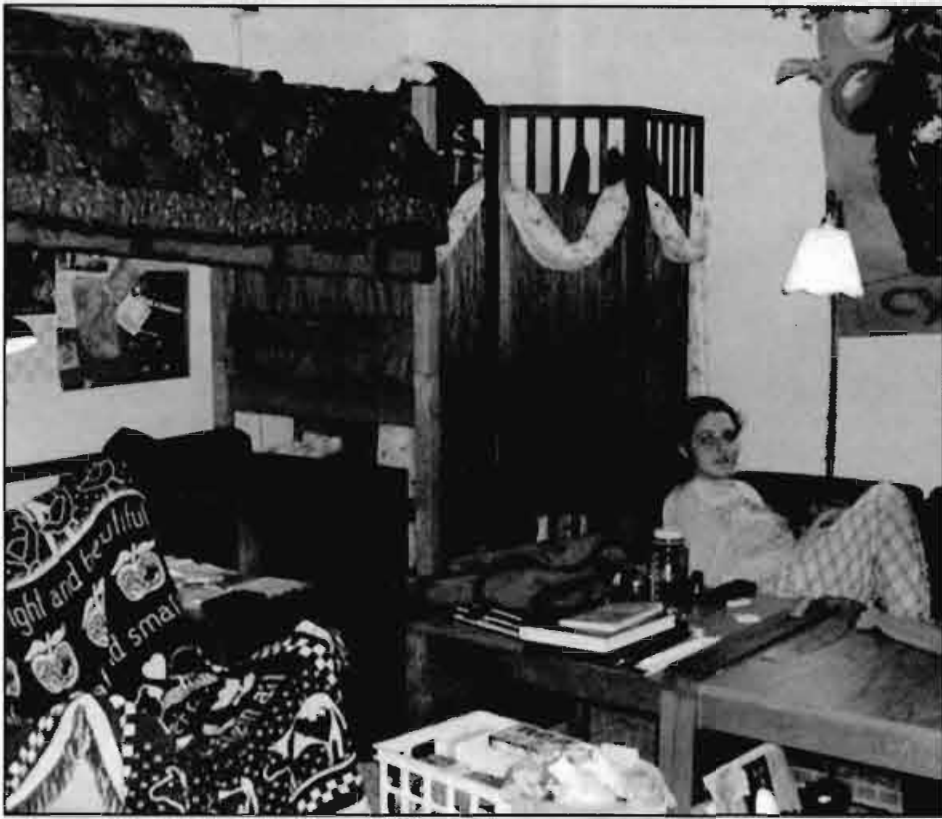


Photo: Allison Harthaway

By **LINDSAY BRINKERHOFF**
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This semester there has been an overflow of residents on Wagner College's campus.

In Towers E1 Lounge there now reside six women all under the age of 21. One is a freshman, two are sophomores, and one a junior. There are also two sophomore transfer students.

This is an extremely embarrassing way to welcome these students to our campus this year. Marisa Brown, 19, a freshman transfer, mentioned, "I am bitter but this not a regret for me."

Six people living in a lounge formally belonging to a sorority can feel quite cramped, however. Brown said, "Every week, I hear just another week," from Lavina Panjabi, head of Residence Life. All the girls agree that they would rather have heard honestly that it could take a few weeks to move instead of being kept on the edge of their seats. They were all told other accommodations would be made, and yet months into school still no changes.

As you enter their room it is quite amazing at how put-together they actually make it look. They turned a storage room with no space into an actual dorm room. Walking straight ahead into the lounge you are informed of the tower of unpacked boxes belonging to Brown, which is below the communal Johnny Depp shrine. Apparently there are only five desks and dressers in the room, leaving her literally no space but the floor for her boxes. There are a

few other "necessities" missing from the room as well.

The girls have no cable, no microwave, no refrigerator and no carpeting. Fortunately they all do have the Internet, which they would be lost without. Luckily they all get along and all six girls are never in the room at once. On the other hand no roommate has ever had any alone time.

Tara Ryan, a 19-year-old sophomore, stated, "It isn't too bad ... we all love each other and that is the only way this situation worked." Brown described the living situation as the "*Facts of Life* gone wrong." Brianne Velazquez, an 18-year-old freshman, suitably named the room "a primitive foster home." Girls would move in and then "find a home" somewhere else.

Relocating for some of them seems a little overwhelming. Tara Ryan voiced her concern that, "what are the odds we'll find a roommate we like now?" She ultimately wants more attempts made for her comfort by residence life. Ryan along with the other girls in the room would like to either live with one person from the room or allow four of them to stay in the lounge.

They all agree the lounge would be an ideal living space for four, not six. Although the room is crowded there hasn't been any sign of crowding on the floor or in the bathrooms. The girls are mostly disappointed with Residence Life's lack of attention towards their situation. Wagner prides itself on being an intimate college; but this may have gone one step too far.

Dorm life has its quirks

By **CHRISTINA MARTINGANO**
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Dorm life is a strange sort of lifestyle. With about so many students living in the dorms and apartments, you can expect some interesting moments. (My personal favorite is audition day. I apologize to all theater majors for this, but you guys are great people to watch when audition time comes around.) As cool as it can be to live on your own for the first time with a bunch of your peers, I can't help but notice some of the downfalls.

Consider this: the second a student sneezes it seems that some sort of virus, cold, or flu has a field day waging war on our campus. Within the past two years I have had to run from pink eye, mono, the flu, several stomach viruses, and weekly colds. OK, so maybe those yearly stomach viruses aren't as bad as gangrene and TB, but being sick can really stink when you have a paper due within the next week.

Let's not forget about the exciting adventure found in public bathrooms. A trip to a Towers bathroom can be the most awkward moment in your life. Try mixing alcohol with a bathroom that conveniently has the urinals right by the door, and wait for the fun to begin. How-

ever, I do feel most of the dorm bathrooms are very well cleaned, so I will move on.

Let us not forget the issue of privacy. The walls here are paper-thin; so fights, loud music, parties, and other private moments can be broadcast to the entire floor. And as much as I love the people I have met here, let's admit to the rumor mill.

Mix this in with dealing with a roommate. Living with someone is bound to have its tense moments. We're only human, and therefore bound to have moods and habits that will eventually drive the other nuts. That's with winter and summer break is for. Now take all I have been complaining about and imagine dealing with it while living in the D3 Annex with seven other people. How about living in a triple that is in only about six feet bigger than a normal Towers room? Don't forget to add in the extra furniture, including armoires that must replace the missing closets and having to wait for more phone and Internet lines.

I'm sorry to pick on Residence Life, but they need to sit down and try to find a better solution to this rooming crunch. Whether it be more apartments, applying the suite rules to Guild (as much as I hate to add that one in), or stricter deadlines for residents; there needs to be a more comfortable and less stressful solution.



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Housing problem ... what housing problem?

By **JONATHAN DEUTSCH**
Wagnerian Opinions Editor

Apparently there is a housing problem at Wagner College. It seems that there is a room in Towers where eight men are living together in squalor. There are cramped suites in Towers. Towers has all the problems.

However, I live in Guild. My room is fifteen feet by fifteen feet. I live with one other person, and let me tell you, at times it could be worse than living with seven other people. My roommate and I rarely fight, and we almost live together in harmony, yet there are times, when he is out of the room that I just feel lonely.

If I am in my huge, spacious, roomy room, and my roommate is out, in class, or at work, or wherever, I get lonely. It seems so tragic that I cannot count on there always being someone else in the room.

Some days, I wake up in the morning, and he has left for class already, and I don't know what to do with myself.

But then, there are the times we are both in the room together. Even then, I feel lonely. To stare across the huge expanse of my room, just to catch a glimpse of him during a conversation, I have to squint. With my glasses on, I have to squint to find him in the spaciousness of our room.

No matter what we do, our room seems

empty. There is enough room to have a small dance floor and a DJ booth put in for a really good party, but when there is nothing going on, all we have is a eight foot by ten foot rug. And even that doesn't cover the entire floor. I look out from my bathroom at my room, and I see floor.

I can barely see my windows. I sit at my desk, and try to talk to my roommate and have to give up. He is just too far away.

I sit and feel alone in my room all the time. It might be nice to live with seven other people. Always have someone around to talk to. Someone that I can see during a conversation. Some extra rugs to cover the massive amount of floor space we have. Just some more clutter.

Something to make the room feel less empty. Seven more roommates would be a delight!

But that won't happen. Who am I kidding. I'm probably really happy living the way I am. In fact, now that I think about it, I am happy.

Who would want to live with seven other people in a tiny room? That's just utterly ridiculous. I mean come on. If it doesn't work on *The Real World*, and they live in a huge house, why would it work in a tiny dormitory room?

I like my fifteen by fifteen room with my one lone roommate. Things couldn't get better.

Recycling isn't a priority on campus

By DAN OZZI
Wagnerian Staff Writer

Wagner's campus was recently voted the "Most Beautiful Campus" in the country by The Princeton Review. This was certainly a well-deserved award. The grounds are clean and well-maintained, and there is seldom a piece of litter to be found lying on the ground. In addition to a lack of litter, however, there is also a lack of recycling bins on campus.

So where do the cans, bottles, and paper go when they are cleaned up? Unfortunately, for the most part they are discarded with the rest of the trash.

This fact is surprising, considering the type of establishment that Wagner College is. After all, if a small liberal arts college doesn't actively participate in a recycling program, who will?

Many people on campus have recognized this problem and have made an attempt to deal with it personally. "We set up our own system of recycling at Reynolds House because I

and others in our office felt strongly that it was our responsibility, particularly, as members of the Staten Island community, to do so," says Victoria Hopwood Bobik, director of marketing and publications. Ms. Bobik brings the cans and bottles that accumulate in her office weekly with her to her home in New Jersey in order to recycle them.

Thomas Carroll, the new vice president for finance and administration, admits that Wagner has been less than diligent regarding recycling but would like to institute a change. "We do want to increase that awareness on campus, and we do want to recycle," he says, "because for example, here in my office, if I drink a can or bottle of soda, right now, that can or bottle is going in the trash."

Mr. Carroll, who majored in forestry in college, recognizes the benefits of recycling and would like to get the staff, as well as students, more active in the program. "We are starting a very small pilot program to recycle bottles and cans," he explains. Recycling receptacles will soon be installed in the Hawk's Nest. Following this, he hopes to expand recycling

on campus one building at a time.

Mr. Carroll also encourages any clubs or organizations on campus that would like to help out, as well as earn some extra money for club activities, to collect cans and bring them to recycling centers for their deposit value.

Besides participating in New York's recycling program, Wagner could also take care of its recyclables privately. Kruger Recycling, Inc., an Albany based recycling company whose clients include many New York-based colleges such as Union College in Schenectady, would be able to set up receptacles throughout the campus and do a weekly pick-up for approximately \$1000 per month. Glass, plastic, and aluminum, however, would be much more expensive due to the large amounts of sorting involved, costing roughly \$10,000 - \$15,000 per month.

Wagner is not entirely at fault for the lack of recycling. New York has had an unstable policy regarding recycling since the Fresh Kills Landfill closed in March 2001.

In July 2002, following the Sept. 11 tragedy, the city's Department of Sanitation temporarily

suspended glass and plastic recycling collections due to budget problems. Collection of plastic then resumed a year later in July 2003. Weekly pickups of glass resumed in April of this year. This has left New Yorkers confused about what policies are currently in effect.

In July, Mayor Bloomberg admitted that in a report card, he would give himself an F in waste management. This is a problem, however, he hopes to soon rectify.

The Bloomberg administration recently announced that it will sign a 20-year contract with one of the nation's leading recycling companies, the Hugo Neu Corporation, who recycled most of the steel from the World Trade Center. Together, they plan to open a \$45 million plant on Brooklyn's waterfront to recycle the city's residential metal, plastic and glass. This plant is scheduled to open in 2007. Hopefully by then, New York City and Wagner College will have gotten their acts together and be able to recycle more efficiently and consistently in the future.

Guarasci speaks ... a lot

By JONATHAN DEUTSCH
Wagnerian Opinions Editor

Recently, it was brought to my attention that our very own president, Dr. Richard Guarasci suffers from a strange affliction. According to interviews, word of mouth, articles even printed in this very issue you hold in your hand, and from Dr. Guarasci himself, it appears that Dr. Guarasci suffers from an inability to speak.

According to writers in the Journal of American Medical Professionals and Humorists, many people actually suffer from this strange affliction. Those who suffer from "speaking" can actually cause air from their lungs to pass through their throats and over thin strips of muscle, known as vocal chords. As the air passes over these "chords", similar to strings found on many stringed musical instruments, the chords vibrate at different frequencies, producing many different sounds.

Dr. Richard Michael George, an American medical professional, has stated in his paper, "The Capability of Speech," that people can use these noises to produce words, and thus "convey feelings, wants and needs." According to George, most children who have this affliction have used these sounds to call for their mothers, claim that they are hungry or thirsty, or to explain that they have had "an accident."

Mrs. Susan Johnson, a laryngologist at the University of Southern Ohio - Jackson, ex-

plains that the larynx, or "voice box" that contains these vocal chords can be trained at a very early age to work well in conjunction with the air in order to create these sounds.

For many years, people only communicated using grunts and groans, and life was less civilized. But then, these "speakers" surfaced, and slowly but surely, they have been integrating themselves into our society.

Dr. Frederick Frances Frompton, an etymologist at Oxford College, explains that due to the complexity of some of the words it proves difficult sometimes for average Joes like you and I to be able to live up to the ability of the natural speakers, however, in the future, he believes that people will communicate in other ways, and speech will be as rare as it was only a few millennia ago.

All the past presidents of the college have also been afflicted with this speaking disease. Following with the tradition of equal opportunity, in this day and age, it seems that the college should consider appointing a non-speaker as its next president.

But for now, as Dr. Guarasci is currently the only president we do have, so let us foster this affliction of his, and attempt to have all the student body at Wagner work toward achieving their own speaking abilities.



Commuter crisis: so many cars, so little space

By ANDREW PALLADINO
Wagnerian Staff Writer

With West Lot and the Tiers Parking Lot, offering sweeping views of the Manhattan skyline and harbor, it looks like there are so many parking spaces available. Almost all of the resident students on campus have cars (approximately 80 percent). Add the 20 percent of commuter student vehicles, faculty and administration vehicles, and visitor parking spaces, these once "spacious" lots sure fill up fast... too fast!

Commuter students especially are limited to the West Lot which is small, crowded, and somewhat neglected. Being a commuter myself, it is most difficult to find a parking spot in that lot alone between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m. everyday. You are often forced to "make your own parking spot" by parking your car on the end of the painted aisle and risk being side-swiped by other cars that already have trouble entering and exiting the lot. In addition to that, you must deal with inconsiderate drivers who carelessly park their vehicles in two spots (over the lines).

The administration has attempted to relieve some of this congestion by encouraging stu-

dents to park along Campus Road. That's a good start but there are certainly not enough spots on Campus Road to ease overcrowding.

One possible suggestion is to open the on-campus faculty-only lots behind the Mergele Science Building and the Page Admissions House after 3 p.m. to students. There are at least 80 to 90 additional spots that could be opened so commuter students can park their vehicles.

Opening the Mergele lot would be beneficial to students involved in Athletic activities in the field across from Spiro Hall and would ease congestion in West Lot for the football players as well.

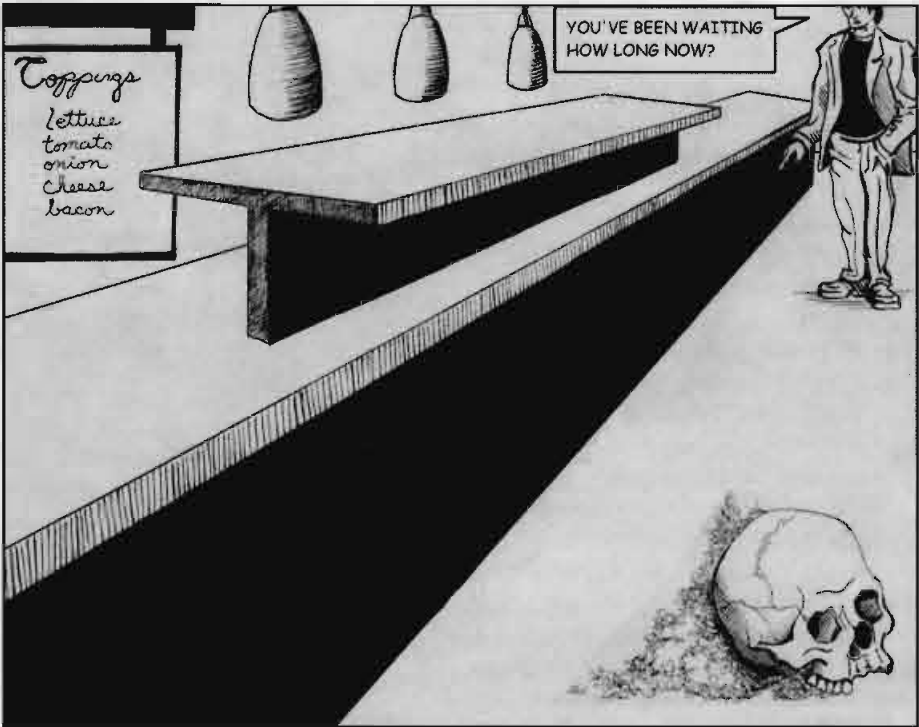
Opening the Admission House Lot would be beneficial and more convenient for students involved with the music program in Campus Hall. Commuter students, specifically in the music ensembles, would no longer have to park in West Lot and "hike" cross-campus with a large heavy instrument.

Hopefully, the Wagner Public Safety Office and the Commuter Student Association can assist in easing the parking crisis for commuters by accepting these suggestions. Until then, students will continue to struggle to find parking spots.

The new Hawk's Nest: Through a cartoonist's eyes



Artist: Michael Beitel



Artist: Michael Beitel

A global perspective: How free is the 'land of the free'?

It takes a trip to Europe for a few weeks to find out how things really work.

America prides itself on being the "land of the free," but how true is this statement? Is America re-

ally the "land of the free" or is that just a false belief?

The First Amendment to our Constitution guarantees all citizens of the United States the freedoms of speech, religion, expression, press and assembly, which many Americans, specifically those in positions of power, try to keep from the ordinary citizens.

Freedom of speech should allow me unfettered access to ex-

plain in any forum my dislike for the president, the vice president, or the government as a whole. Freedom of religion should allow me to practice any religion I choose without bias. Freedom of expression should allow me to wear what I want and act how I like. Freedom of the press should allow me to read unbiased news stories about the American political situation and the world. Freedom of assembly should allow me to gather with people to voice our opinions. Yet I can easily think of examples when American citizens have not been allowed these rights.

Michael Moore, at the Academy Awards in 2003, after voicing his opinions on the government, like many other actors have done in the past, was bashed by his fellow artists, the media and Americans because he did not feel it necessary to bow down to George Bush in the wake of Sept. 11.

Falling under the auspices of freedom of religion is the age-old argument of the separation of church and state. Prayer in schools is a debate that has been waging for years. But moreover, it has taken some time for Judge Roy Moore's ten commandments sculpture to be removed from the Alabama Supreme Court building. The very idea of such an act incited uproar from the religious right before it was finally decided to be removed. The president of the United States continually mentions God in his speeches, and thanks "the Almighty" at times. While his "Almighty" may be the same as my "Almighty," it is not the same as a Muslim's "Almighty" or a Buddhist's "Almighty." How free do you think they feel to practice their religion if they feel alienated by the president and the Christian majority?

On March 3, 2003, a lawyer was arrested in the Crossgates Mall outside Albany, N.Y., for trespassing. The lawyer, Stephen Downs, had purchased, inside the mall, a T-shirt that read, "Give Peace a Chance," and while sitting in the food court with his son, was approached by two mall security guards. The guards asked him to remove the shirt or leave the mall. According to an article on CNN.com, the guards used the analogy that the mall "was like a private house and that [Downs] was acting poorly."

The American media is primarily used as a propaganda machine. The war in Iraq is a perfect example. American newspapers will plaster their front pages when four American soldiers or civilians are killed in Iraq, but there will only be a small article buried on page 14 when hundreds of Iraqi civilians are killed because of a bomb dropped in the wrong place. How sure can we be that our news is accurate and unbiased when it is so often swayed and utilized by the government?

As I write this article, I am preparing to attend one of the protests being staged during the Republican National Convention in New

York. According to the NYPD there are 39,110 police officers in New York City, and they still need more, yet for the four days of the RNC, the NYPD will have all 39,110 officers patrolling the area, in rotating shifts mainly to protect against terrorism, but all will be in riot gear, mainly to protect against Americans assembling in protests. At many peaceful protests, police officers use tear gas, riot gear, threats of arrest and other legal tactics to disperse the protestors.

But what importance do these stories have? America, and Americans are not free. The English do not have a constitution like ours, and the Magna Carta does not grant nearly the same freedoms as the American Constitution, but the English, as well as most Europeans seem to be able to exercise more individual rights than Americans.

If I were an English citizen, I could speak out against the Prime Minister and the Queen (or King) however I pleased, I could worship how I pleased, I could dress how I please, assemble how I pleased, and trust the news. And I can just as easily think of examples of their freedoms.

Many English people I spoke to while in London first wanted to know how I felt about Bush, and after explaining that I am not very fond of the president, they explained just as freely to me that they immensely disliked Tony Blair, unafraid to hold anything back. Protests were held, right outside of the Houses

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of Parliament, and for the duration of my stay in London, banners were displayed speaking of the dislike for the war in Iraq.

The English, while not having a separation of church and state (as if the U.S. really did), and while many schools and organizations were affiliated with the Catholic church, are free to practice whatever religion they choose, if they choose to. I met many English Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and atheists, and they felt free to worship in their own way.

The newspapers, specifically when reporting on the war in Iraq, would not hold back. Front page stories might report that four American civilians, or five English civilians were killed, but the next day's headline might read, "U.S. kills hundreds of Iraqi civilians." One of the first headlines I saw while there, on the front page of a newspaper, read, "Blair has got to go!" There is less fear of criticizing the establishment in England, which makes the government more responsible to fulfill their duty to the citizens.

Every time I passed by Parliament Square, the park opposite Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, there were posters and people protesting the war in Iraq, or demonstrating in favor of the war. In line with the freedom of speech they are not guaranteed, comes this freedom of assembly. Protests were held, rallies carried out, and with a police force that do not carry guns, there were no threats to those expressing their beliefs.

However, more so than these examples, the biggest example of the freedoms the English have over we would-be über-free Americans also appeared in the newspapers and media. After last year's Super Bowl halftime show, America was shocked and controversy ensued

after Janet Jackson's breast appeared on television for a mere two seconds. "What about the children!" screamed the conservatives. I was confused by this outrage, because everyone, adults and children, men and women alike have nipples, and if they have never seen a nipple, then they have never looked down. However, in *The Sun*, one of the tabloids in London (tabloids differing from those in the United States in that they many times have actual news stories, not just those about celebrities), there is what is known as a "page three girl." Each and every day, in full color, on page three of *The Sun*, was a photograph of a different topless girl. Right in plain sight for adults and children to see. What about the children! It must be corrupting them!

And what of the other corruptions in Europe? In Amsterdam, people can actually indulge in smoking marijuana without fear of police intervention. What about the children! According to a 2001 CEDRO survey, use of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, and inhalants is lower in the Netherlands than in the U.S. among people over the age of 12. Horrible, horrible corruption of the children! Breasts and drugs.

And let's not forget that the legal drinking age throughout Europe is no more than 18 years anywhere. And that in most European cities, smokers are not treated as ninth-class citizens, and are allowed to smoke in pubs and restaurants. Even more corruption.

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With all this corruption, Europeans must be so incredibly hedonistic and hell-bound that it must be all they care about.

When ranking the world's education systems, twelve of the top fifteen countries were countries in Europe. Norway, Finland, Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Sweden, the Netherlands (home of Amsterdam and its lax drug laws), Belgium, Iceland, Denmark, France, Germany and Spain all come before the United States in the average amount of time a student spends getting education.

Why is this? Each of the European countries in the top fifteen has a socialized education system. The socialized education system allows children to attend school, and university for free or next to nothing. For the cost of just room and board at Wagner College for one year, a UK or European Union citizen can attend Oxford University for a year (room and board included).

In addition to socialized education, each of these countries have socialized medicine programs. Some 43.6 million people in the United States were without health insurance in 2002, according to the United States Census Bureau's website. Some zero people in the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, and other European countries were without health insurance from 2000 to 2004.

As I sit here and weigh the options, the choices of where to apply for graduate school, and raise my family become clearer and clearer. These choices, these lacks of freedom have nothing to do with George W. Bush being president. It was then same when Bill Clinton was in office, and will be the same on January 21, 2005, whether Bush or Kerry takes office. These lacks of freedom stem from laziness on the part of the average American. We need to take charge, we need to stand up for our freedoms. Until all men (and women, and children, and heterosexuals, and homosexuals, and minorities, and majorities, as well as the destitute, the rich, the elderly, the young) are created equal, America is not as free as the government has led you to believe.

Muffling the majority

By LAUREN LEONFORTE
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The student body need not have a keen ear to pick up on the liberal sway of Wagner College. Among the anti-war/anti-Bush literature that wallpapers Campus Hall and Parker Hall, our liberal professors dwell. They pervade the campus to such a degree that the newly founded College Republicans scrounged for one staff member to provide support for their organization. However, Wagner professors merely reflect the trend of the nation.

Based on a recent survey issued by the Center for the Study of Popular Culture and the American Enterprise Institute, the overwhelming majority of college professors (90%) have registered as Democrats, and they teach in the disciplines where politics matters most. The breakdown of Democrat to Republican staff is alarming: 29 to 1 history professors were registered Democrats at the University of Boulder, Co., while 19 to 2 was the Democrat to Republican ratio in the political science staff. This leaves a miniscule refuge for college students of a different opinion.

Junior Kim Pecinovski, like many other freshmen, began studying in the political science and economics arena her freshman year. "I was so intimidated by the views of my professors that I couldn't even voice my opinion in class. They made (the opposition) feel as if they had said something wrong," reflects Pecinovski.

Why stifle independent thinking on campus? Why are our post-secondary educational facilities striving for widespread leftism? According to the following statistics, it seems that even at the risk of suffocating independence for the future men and women of our country, money talks.

Representative Jones (R-N.C.) has cited statistics showing that campus funding is distributed to organizations with leftist agendas by a ration of 50:1. Colleges can then pour this money into campaigns for elected officials. According to the data compiled by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, 72% of college employees' contributions during this election cycle went to the Democratic Party. Harvard University gave 97% of its political donations to the left. To put this into perspective: the Kerry campaign has several schools (University of California and Harvard University taking first and second place) as the leading contributors to his campaign, factoring in every business or institution, nationally. No university even made Bush's top twenty list of contributors.

Fortunately, students nationwide have emerged from their political lemming status, setting themselves apart from the principles (or lack thereof) of their liberal professors. According to Time magazine, Republicans have developed 1,148 chapters, compared to the 903 liberal chapters created.

More students than ever are debating the once untouchable subjects of affirmative action, abortion, and gun control. Though students have been at a near balance between left and right since the early nineties, Ohio University senior Clayton Henson comments on the new uprising: "The left controls the campus ... They are the establishment now. They are the reactionary ones."

And react they will. Wagner College Republicans have channeled the feelings of misrepresentation into a structured and productive group.

We have learned that it means going the extra mile to fight for our principles. As Kim Pecinovski said, "I would love to return to that political science class, now that I have more of a knowledge base for my principles, and stand up for what is Right."

Annual music festival rocks out

By **TIM MARINO**
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To most, any combination of a scorching 95 degree Tennessee sun, heavy thunderstorms, hail, torrential rain, and the resulting half-foot of mud would be enough to destroy a weekend camping trip.

But none of this seemed relevant to the 100,000+ capacity crowd that filled the gates of the Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, TN, June 12 to 14 for a third straight year. They came for the music, and they got plenty. First set kicked off at noon and some late night sets raged on until sunrise.

The biggest hurdle for most fans may well have been deciding which band to see at any given time.

Festival-goers were forced to choose between classic rock icon Bob Dylan and fan favorites The String Cheese Incident Friday afternoon, among Praxis (Buckethead, Bill Laswell, Rennie Worrell and Brain), Umphrey's McGee and Vida Blue (Page McConnell) later that night, and among Primus, Ween, and Robert Randolph on Saturday night.

"That's what this festival is all about. The bands feed off the fans, the fans feed off the bands, and we all eat pretty damn well for three days," said Jeff Austin of Yonder Mountain String Band.

Looking ahead to next year, Oysterhead is rumored to be making a triumphant return in 2005, with a new record and tour.

If so, expect them to make another appearance at the Roo.



Photo: Tim Marino



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Music highlights

A String Cheese rendition of Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Give It Away," plus crowd pleasers "Mauna Bow" and "Texas" encore.

Umphrey's McGee's epic late-night set featuring a mini set from moe. The teaser, which included simultaneous jams from both bands, also saw the native New Yorkers rock out "Recreational Chemistry," "Brent Black," and a cover of Metallica's "Enter Sandman." It was just a precursor as moe. rocked the main stage Sunday afternoon.

Praxis, behind Buckethead's shredding guitar, did a rendition of Jimi Hendrix's "Machine Gun," and even an old tune from "Charlie and Chocolate Factory." The three-hour late-night set also featured a duel of sorts between Buckethead and electric violinist, Lilly Hayden, of the P Funk All Stars.

Les Claypool of Primus invited King Crimson guitarist, Adrienne Belew, for three songs, including Primus' "Tweekers" and classics, "Lone Rhinoceros" and "Thela Hun Ginjeet."

Trey Anastasio conducted the Nashville Chamber Orchestra followed by a rocking set with his ten piece band to finish off the unforgettable weekend with a bang (and a lot of fireworks).

(Hey, parents!) A weekend guide to Staten Island

By **LAUREN RABADI**
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As strangers in a new land, most students are not aware of the surrounding areas that enclose their lives for nine months. In order to remedy this problem, the Wagnerian has decided to compile a guide of current and past students favorite hot spots on the island.

Museums, Arts, and Everything Culture

Snug Harbor Cultural Center
1000 Richmond Terrace, Livingston
(718) 448-2500

Snug Harbor is a favorite of students who enjoy art exhibits and galleries, historic architecture, and beautiful landscaping.

Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences
75 Stuyvesant Place, St. George
(718) 727-1135

An interpretation of artifacts collected from Staten Island over the ages. Public programs and interesting "Discovery Center" keep children of all ages occupied and entertained.

Staten Island Zoo
614 Broadway, West Brighton
(718) 442-3101

Staten Island Zoo has a vast collection of all the earth's most intriguing animals. This is a must for any animal lover or child at heart.

Nature at its Finest

Great Kills Park and Beach
Hylan Boulevard, Great Kills

(718) 987-6790

This park and beach has a great swimming beach along with a snack bar and a rest area.

On the site, there are also walk paths, fishing options, and a boat dock.

Clay Pit Ponds State Park Reserve
83 Neilson Avenue, Charleston
(718) 967-1976

This park, which is surveyed over 260 acres, is home to many of nature's amphibians and mammals because of the large water resource. Also found in the park are hiking paths and even a horse trail for those avid equestrians.

South Shore Golf Course
200 Huguenot Avenue, Huguenot
(718) 984-0101

An 18 hole course, with a driving range, locker rooms, a restaurant, and a lounge area. This course also offers beautiful landscaping and an enjoyable time for beginners and ardent players.

Willowbrook Park and Carousel for all Children
Between Victory Boulevard and Eton Place, Willowbrook
(718) 689-2189

With only a one dollar admission fee, this park is fun for kids of all ages. A plethora of activity spots including a baseball, football, soccer, horseshoes, archery, picnic tables and much more encompass this park area. The carousel is right out of everyone's childhood with hand painted animals as the carousel seats.

Eateries and Bars

Dock Street Bar and Grill
691 Bay Street
(347) 723-1825

The mission statement of this restaurant is as follows: "To provide a comfortable and peaceful atmosphere where musicians and their friends can play and listen to the music of their choice." If you enjoy good food and good amateur music, this restaurant is right for you.

Burrito Bar
585 Forest Avenue
(718) 815-9200

This authentic Mexican restaurant orders up good food at great prices. Freshest foods and spices are used to create the menu, while fresh fruit is used to create their famous margaritas.

Joe and Pat's Restaurant and Pizzeria
1758 Victory Boulevard
(718) 981-0887

This Staten Island staple has been around since the 1960s serving quality and authentic Italian food to all. This is a favorite of students looking to get off campus and out of the cafeteria.

Take these hints to Staten Island's hot spots next time you have nothing to do on the weekend. These great locations will lead you to other favorites and will help you create your own choice scene. I'm sure the island will become as easy to maneuver around and as comfortable as your own hometowns.

CMJ Marathon

By **DAN OZZI**
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Every year, hundreds of musicians flock to New York City like a swarm of locusts for the CMJ Music Marathon. This year, from Oct. 13 to 16, an exhausting list of performers will take the stages of dozens of New York's venues. In addition, more than 50 panel discussions will be held at the Jacob Javits Center, focusing on issues facing today's music business. Keynote speakers, including Al Franken, will also discuss a variety of topics such as politics and activism. Music and film communities will also collaborate for CMJ's annual FilmFest, featuring movies by both established and emerging filmmakers. College students can purchase a four-day pass for \$295. But don't let that high price scare you away. You can also purchase tickets for shows individually, pending availability. These tickets usually range from \$12 - \$35. More information can be found at www.cmj.com/marathon.

This year's performers include:

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Off with a bang

By STEVE HERRING
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The gun was fired and the men's and women's cross country team set off into the new season at the Wagner Invitational. While their friends and teammates cheered them on, the Seahawks team dominated the race and set the tone for the next few months of non-stop running.

Head coach Joe Stasi said, "Our girls are experienced and excited to improve upon their finish of a year ago, and our boys are looking to get more competitive with each meet." The women's team finished strong at the NEC's last season, garnering fourth place accolades. The men's team, young then, and young now, is expecting to move up the rungs to "the middle, then the top of the pack," Stasi said with a grin.

The women's team is led by Jaline Bernier, a senior captain. Three girls who finished in the top 16 in the NEC's last year returned to the team this year. Seniors Rachael Knous and Liz Kaba finished third and 16th and have shown improvement already this year. Sophomore Maris Reutzel finished a strong 11th as a freshman, and will most certainly benefit from a year of training now at the college level.

The men's team is led by sophomore stand-out Kyle Sultzer. Kyle has been impressive on the track and off it, as he is the top returning male with a 32nd finish in the NEC last year, and was also voted as a team captain by the runners. Another sophomore, Andrew Casas, has emerged as a threat this season with a strong start at Quinnipiac, finishing 31st.

Lady Seahawks set high goals, shoot for NEC tournament

By LINDSEY WALLIS
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Although their record as of right now doesn't show it, the Seahawks women's soccer team has come a long way over the past 13 months. Anyone who has been to a game this season can see that it looks like there is a completely different team on the field. However, this is not the case at all. After losing seven graduating seniors last year, the women's soccer team only had three new Seahawks added to the roster this preseason. So what brought about the sudden change in the team's play? A big part in the change may be because of Hope Troman, who joined the squad in August 2003 as the new head coach.

Coach Troman was a former strength and conditioning coach here at Wagner for the women's basketball team. In addition, she was a four-year letter winner at her college, Virginia Commonwealth University, and served as the assistant coach during VCU's 2000 season. She knows the definition of hard work and how to get a team into tip-top shape.

Also joining the team this year is Tiffany Allis who will be a Wagner graduate student who assists Troman in coaching the lady Seahawks. Allis attended Queens University in North Carolina where she was a four-year let-



Troman



Allis

ter winner. These two letter winners have what it takes to bring this team to the next level.

Wagner's women's soccer program did not have the best reputation when Troman came into command 13 months ago. Somehow she has managed to change people's views into feeling that this team has a chance to compete in the Northeast Conference Tournament, which will be held in November. If the lady Seahawks achieve this feat, it will be the first time in Wagner history. This is the goal that Troman has set for her team and she will be doing everything in her power throughout this season to attain it.

Returning to the squad this year to ensure that this goal is reached are some very key players who will be looked to to make this happen. Leading the defense will be junior

captain Betty Ann Rogers, affectionately known as Booms by her teammates. Accompanying Betty in the back third of the field will be Juli Baranello and Jenn Schweizer who will be making sure no shots from opposing attackers find the net, which will be guarded by sophomore Ashley Wilson, senior Michelle Quinones and freshman Laura Priddy.

On the opposite end of the field, ensuring that the Wagner Seahawks finish their offensive opportunities will be senior Melinda Suss leading the attack. Supporting Suss on her way to putting balls in the back of the net, the team will look to the speed of freshmen Danielle Telleria as well as the quick feet of Heather Daubert. Returning from an injury last year, the team will rely on captain Erin Schobert coming off the Seahawk bench to fire her quick shots at the opposing keepers. She has the ability to lead the team in goals this season.

With this solid defense, intense offense and dedicated coaching staff, this team may finally have what it takes to compete in the NEC Tournament this season, something which has seemed impossible in previous years. Through Troman's encouragement and strict regimen this team has stepped their game up a notch and finally realizes that they have what it takes to compete and win.

Oct. 15, 6:00 p.m.
Away @ LIU (NEC game)
Oct. 17, TBA
Away @ Howard
Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m.
Away @ St. Francis (PA)

Women's soccer game schedule

Oct. 24, 1:00 p.m.
Away @ Robert Morris (NEC game)

Oct. 29, 3:00 p.m.
Home vs. Central Connecticut (NEC game)
Oct. 31, 1:00 p.m.
Home vs. Quinnipiac

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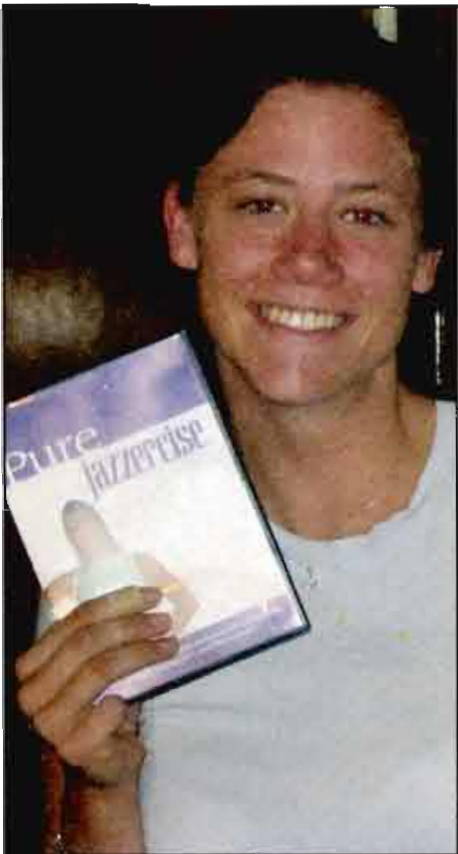
Everyone has something they treasure above all else.

Maybe you've had it your whole life, maybe you got it when you came to college. Maybe it reminds you of a special place or person. You feel totally comfortable with it, and maybe even incomplete without it.

Here's a tribute to all things treasured, from the commonplace to the kooky.

(Some of you people need help.)

Photos by Alison Hay



Sarah Rhine and her jazzercise disc



Sparky Eberle and soda



Gina Scalise and her bed



Jen Auslander and her cell phone



Dan Bryant and his guitar



Dominique Estes and her shoe collection



Annie Wolkenhauer, left, and Katie Hauck, right, with their Yankees gear



Brian Kurella and his sombrero



Trisha Arnold and her Papasan chair