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## Trustees Votes New Campus Improvements

### Dr. Langsam Tells Wagnerites You Are Really Santa Claus

Today I had lunch with a jovial gentleman who possessed white hair, a white beard, rosy cheeks, and was dressed in a red suit, trimmed with white fur. Yes, it was Santa Claus. There really is a Santa Claus, you know. There is a Santa Claus, if you only know where to look for him.

Where did you look for him when you were a youngster? My parents once told me that he came down the chimney and through the fireplace. Sometimes we children leave the front

### Dean Tells Vets Immediate Relief Vital For Europe

Dr. John R. Bacher, Dean of Men at Wagner College, spoke before the Staten Island Collegiate Chapter of the American Veterans Committee at the Meurot Club on Tuesday night, December 8th. Emphasizing the urgent need for immediate aid to Europe, he declared that we must avert the possibility of European adoption of Communism by giving Europeans the hope that they will get help from capitalistic countries.

The question, "Can we afford the help proposed in the European interim aid plan," was next discussed by Dean Bacher. He maintained that the amount of goods to be given under this plan is "slightly less than the amount we have been sending abroad for the last two years. It represents only two or three per cent of our national income."

Commenting on the conditions in France, Dr. Bacher said that her crops had suffered severely last year. As a result bread is rationed, and the French people are getting 60 per cent less bread now than before the war. Frenchmen are getting to the point

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door of our house unlocked so that he might enter through it—if the fireplace were too small for his bulk. Then off to bed we would go and listen for the jolly old man and his reindeer. But before we heard him arrive we generally had fallen fast asleep.

One day, however, came a bitter disappointment, when someone said: "There is no Santa Claus." And we children again believed it. But now that we have grown older, we have once more come to realize that there is a Santa Claus, only as children we failed to look for him in the right place. Today we know where to find him, namely, in that most logical of places: deep in our own hearts.

Look there this Christmas season. You will find a feeling of friendliness, a surge of unselfishness, a desire to share your happiness with others. You will find in your heart all the marvelous qualities you once attributed to Santa Claus. Your capacity to carry out these heartfelt promptings may be limited; but they will be nonetheless genuine.

May you, with the blessing of Him Who gave us Christmas, this year find Santa Claus in your heart. And may this December 25 be a glorious day for you and for all within the walls of your home.

### Foreign Scholarships To Be Awarded Under Educational Exchange Program

President Truman's Board of Foreign Scholarships, under the auspices of the State Department, is now administering the Educational Exchange programs authorized by the Fulbright Act. Executive agreements are being made with Foreign governments, under which those governments may pay in part for purchases of American War Surpluses by establishing scholarships for American students in their schools.

Only graduate students will be considered for the grants which will assist United States citizens in study, research, and other educational activities in schools and institutions of higher learning in the foreign countries included in the plan.

Applications are not being ac-

cepted at this time either in the United States or in the foreign countries. Ample publicity will be released and will indicate when applications can be received. However, prospective applicants should bear these qualifications in mind:

1. Applicants should have sufficient knowledge of the language of their host country to carry on their projects.
2. Grants covering more than one academic year of international travel will be awarded only in special cases.
3. Applicants will be expected to state clearly their fields of study, research, or teaching, and to name the countries and, where possible, the institutions with which they wish to be connected.

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### Music Section Presents Concert With Band, Choir

The Wagner College Music Department presented their annual Christmas Concert in the College auditorium, Sunday afternoon, December 14th. The A Cappella Choir, directed by Prof. John Bainbridge, and the String Orchestra and Band, conducted by Mr. A. Eugene Ellsworth, collaborated in bringing a delightful musical program to a capacity crowd.

Especially pleasing to the audience were the piano solos by Thomas Darsen, and the solo efforts of Rudolph Hinz, Jay Spadaro, Donald Smoot, and Joe Abissi, the College Quartet. They sang "Southern Memories", "Goodbye My Lover, Goodbye", and "Vive L'Amour." Richard Lindenberger was the featured soloist in the rendition of a spiritual "Go Tell It On the Mountains."



After the intermission, the choir, with soloists Rudolph Hinz, Eleanor Harsch and Jay Spadaro, presented a delightful version of the perennial favorite "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The concert concluded with familiar Christmas carols sung by the choir.

The String orchestra opened the musicale by playing the "Allegro" from "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart. The band finished the show with the rendition of the "Children's March" by Edwin Goldman, and selections from Handel's "Messiah."

### 'Snow Use Going; Tune In To WOR

On one occasion last year, following a heavy snow storm, it became difficult for students and faculty to reach the College. There is a possibility that this condition may recur sometime during this winter. Therefore, radio station WOR will announce the suspension of classes on days of especially inclement weather during the Public Service period between 7:15 and 8:00 A. M. It is suggested that students and faculty tune in to WOR rather than call the College during bad weather.

### South Hall Interior to be Renovated; Chem Lab Will Receive New Air Ducts

The Board of Trustees announced at its last meeting on Wednesday, December 10th, that it has approved construction and renovation work costing \$30,000, and has authorized an architectural firm to survey the campus and draw up a master plan for its development. The survey is expected to be an extensive one, and will probably lead to the construction of a chapel, a field house, a science building, a social hall, and new dormitories.

### Inter-Frat Group Has Xmas Dance At Grasmere

Wagner College's Inter-Fraternity Council held its annual Christmas Social at Harmony Park, Grasmere on Thursday, December 18th. Dress for the dance was informal. Music for dancing was provided by a popular local orchestra.

Neil MacIntyre, chairman of the planning committee, invited all fraternity brothers and all sorority sisters to attend.

A donation of \$1.00 was made by fraternity and sorority representatives.

In addition to Chairman MacIntyre-Delta, the committee consisted of the following: Edward Blaauw and Chuck Smith-Alpha; Carl Ritz and Fred Witte-Kappa; Chester Sellitto-Delta; Ralph Bettancourt and Marty Ratner-Sigma; Hildegard Viohl, Elsie Schatz, Margaret Shristie, Adele True, Nieves Rives, Felicia Caulfield, Janith Olson, and Helen Hohlen-Theta and Tau Sororities.

The Board also announced that the athletic field will be completely rejuvenated. Work is to begin shortly on the grading, seeding, and sodding of the field. The four foot difference in level between the north and south ends of the grounds will be eliminated. The field will be divided into a football gridiron, a baseball diamond, and a practice field.

The interior of South Hall will be renovated and new equipment will be installed. New showers are to be added to the Girls' Locker Room.

Exhaust ducts will be placed in all the chemistry laboratories in the Administration building to eliminate chemical odors. In addition, the air conditioning apparatus in the third floor library, which creates a great deal of noise, will be removed.

### Band Donation

Mr. Henry Knaust, Sr., president of Knaust Brothers Inc., Consackie, N. Y., and Mr. John Kouhout, president of the Richmond County Savings Bank and the Richmond Gas Co., donated a total of \$150 toward new uniforms for the college band which was organized this fall. Both men are members of the Board.

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### Tentative Allocation Made of 1948 Lutheran World Action Funds

A tentative allocation of funds from from Lutheran World Action's 1948 appeal for \$4,000,000 was presented to the U. S. National Committee for the Lutheran World Federation at its meeting in New York, Dec. 6th.

The estimate, prepared by Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, applies to the \$3,000,000 that will be distributed under Church Rehabilitation, and is subject to revision necessitated by future developments.

One third of the total, or \$1,000,000 has been allocated to Germany; \$250,000 to refugee service; \$150,000 each to Czechoslovakia and Hungary; \$125,000 to Poland; \$100,000 each to Austria, the American Bible Society, cooperative work

in physical relief, and administration; \$50,000 each to Rumania, France, England, Finland, Palestine, and to other countries; and \$25,000 to South America; with \$100,000 set aside for contingencies.

Of the other \$1,000,000 that will be sought among the eight participating bodies of the Council next year, \$525,000 will be devoted to orphaned missions and \$175,000 to emergency domestic projects, with \$300,000 left in an allocated fund.

A detailed and audited financial report of Lutheran World Action funds expended for church rehabilitation and relief from 1945 to Sep. 30, 1947, including itemized statements of material and spiritual relief distributed in 18 countries, was submitted to the U. S. National Committee.

## Editorial

From the beginning of time God has been the lavish giver of gifts. In creation's dawn He filled the earth with inexhaustible riches, with multitudes of fruits and flowers, and gave to man the supreme gift of free will.

But the crowning gift of God, Giver of these gifts, was the Babe of Bethlehem offered to Mankind on that first Christmas night. "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son." Our Heavenly Father offered us His Son as our comrade in exile, the lover of our souls, our Brother and our Saviour.

On that first Christmas, Christ offered Himself from the crib to a life of privation and sorrow, and held out the gift of an utterly unselfish devotion to us, His creatures.

From the heedless people of that time, gathered in merriment "There was no room at the Inn" and when Mary and Joseph travelled the streets of the city looking for shelter, she felt that the curt refusals were directed not at her but at the Child she was to bear.

If literature has been unable to find a more pathetic subject than a family, cold and wretchedly poor at Christmas, then it can find pathos aplenty in the poverty and loneliness of the Holy Family on that First Christmas morn. If we have spontaneous tears for the mother who faces Christmas morning knowing that she has nothing with which to make happy the hearts of her little ones, we can certainly understand how Mary felt, when she knew that Christmas morning would bring to her little one only the manger, the biting wind and the comfort of her enveloping arms.

Then, when the joy of Christmas morning broke over the world only the shepherds came to adore Him. If ever visitors were welcome, that little group must have been: To Mary they represented the world. Their rude faith and simple love were the first gifts Mankind offered her Son. Insignificant as they were, at least her Son had gifts for His Christmas. At last His gifts of love were finding a slight return, from men.

Willingly she would have gone through the streets again, begging merchant and peasant, housewife and camel-driver, to come and lay before Him their gifts of love and service. Instead, despite the visit of the shepherds, she read by the chill light of the stars the loneliness and longing in the Eyes of Her Child and knew herself powerless to do more than make up by her love the absence of gifts from those who had received Him not.

And this Christmas, nineteen-hundred and forty-seven years later, as we prepare to trim our trees with gifts for our loved ones, God begs us to make up for the loneliness and chill poverty of that Christmas stable. If we understand the beautiful paradox "It is more blessed to give than to receive" we can make His Christmas and our own happier by placing our gifts at His Feet.

The Editor and Staff of the Wagnerian wish to extend to the Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Student Body, very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

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## Cottrell Chosen Prom Queen; Dance Termed Big Success



President Langsam crowns Doris Cottrell Prom Queen, as Adele True (left) and Lee Cilenti (right) look on.

### 350 Attend Affair At Park Central

Brown-haired, brown-eyed Doris Cottrell of 115-19 166th street, Jamaica, L. I., was crowned Wagner College Junior Prom queen in an impressive court ceremony held in the Florentine Room of the Park Central Hotel, Manhattan, last Friday night.

Her maids of honor were the other four contestants in the prom queen contest: Lee Cilenti of Mariners Harbor; Coline Innes of Great Kills; Anita Posselt of Allentown, Pa., and Adele True of Jersey City.

The ceremony was arranged by Miss Lucille Sloan, Dean of Women. President Walter C. Langsam crowned Miss Cottrell with a garland of white winter flowers. A loving cup, a gift of the student body, was presented by George Tamke on behalf of the Board of Traditions. Robert McVicker, chairman of the prom committee, and president of the Junior Class, was master of ceremonies.

Music for the dance was played by Al Postal's NBC Radio Orchestra. Lynn Faun, who was Miss Brooklyn in this year's Miss America contest, was the featured vocalist.

Ken Salvesen was chairman of the prom queen committee. Publicity and advertising were under the direction of Margaret Christie and Iris Wilson. Richard Lindenberg and James Styles were in charge of the bids and dance programs, assisted by Helen Hohlen and Erna Gruneis. Miriam Schmidling arranged for the senior girls' flowers.

## SA Nominating Committee to Arrange For Special Election In February

Elections to the Nominating Committee of the Student Association were completed at the meetings of the three upper classes held last week.

The Nominating Committee, a key organization in student affairs at Wagner, will be convened in January, to arrange elections to be held in May.

This year, the Nominating Committee will also have the additional duty of arranging special elections in February to fill offices vacated by several present officers who are graduating.

Those elected in accordance with Article IV of the Student Association Constitution, are: Seniors: Norman Johnson, Neil MacIntyre, Doris Cottrell and Anita Posselt; Juniors: Margaret Christie, Bill Morrison, Bob McVicker; Sopho-

mores; Joe Romano and Fred Hurst.

This group will be responsible for selecting three candidates for each of the offices of the S. A. and arranging the ballot and election procedures. The Committee will elect its own chairman in February and have regular meetings after that until nominations are closed on April 15. During this period it is expected that the Committee will survey student groups and organizations to discover the people to be listed on the ballot.

The Nominating Committee will also receive any independent nomination subscribed with the signatures of at least forty students.

## Photo Club Adds 2 New Members

The regular meeting of the Photography Club, held on December 9, was highlighted by the addition of two new members to the club. The new members are Norman Siegel and Freddie L. Thomas. Both men are interested in learning the fundamentals of photography, and they will be instructed by the more experienced club members.

The results of the camera "shoot" held last week are beginning to come in. The rest of the pictures should be in by the next meeting. If possible, they will be displayed. Some of the pictures were completely produced in the Photography Club's dark-room with the available equipment.

At the last meeting, plans were discussed to offer more advantages to members of the club. Among these would be the purchase of current photography magazines, photography manuals and textbooks, and catalogues from leading camera stores in the city.

Next week, instead of a regular meeting, there will be short business meeting followed by a picture-taking trip around the campus. Non-members, as well as regular members, are invited to attend. Meetings are held on Tuesday, fifth period, in the co-ed lounge.

## Nimbus Newest Literary Idea

The Nimbus, a semi-annual magazine written entirely by students, is Wagner's latest literary venture. A publication of the English department, it will be the first of its type to appear on the campus. The magazine, which will be soon distributed without cost to students, will encompass a wide variety of material, including scientific articles, poetry, short stories, travelogues, humorous satires, cartoons, and factual articles.

According to the editor, Walter Reichelt, the purpose of the Nimbus is two-fold; first to acquaint Wagner students with their school, as well as outside affairs affecting them; second, to acquaint residents of Staten Island with the fact that Wagner exists, and that it would appreciate their support.

For its off-campus circulation, the Nimbus will depend on the students to buy copies and sell them to their families and friends. In this way, the magazine will achieve one of its primary purposes, and will also gain some free publicity.

## Christmas Play Wins First Prize

"Joy to the World," a prize-winning play written by Ernest Fuchs, was presented at the Chapel Period last Wednesday by the Varsity Players Group with the assistance of the Choir.

The Theme of the one-act play was a symbolic reference to the attitudes of men in the past and present toward each other and toward Nature.

Dramatis Personae consisted of Florence Kalldin, as Angelica; Patricia Dittmar, as Monica; Robert Weber, as The Roman and Winter; Bernie Engelhart, as The Greek and Spring; James Kelly, as The Persian and Summer; Joseph Romano, as The Pilgrim and Fall.

The play ended with the heartening note that Heaven is nearer to earth since God had given His only Son to be with us till the end of Time. The Assembly then joined with the Choir in singing "Joy to the World."

Fuch's play won first prize in a contest sponsored by the Nimbus and Dramatic Society to select a play for Chapel presentation at Christmas.



# THE HILLTOPPER

## So You Want To Be An M.C.

By Ed Megerian

In order to become a successful m.c., there are several important personality requirements to be met. You must be handsome, witty, gay, and have at least three relatives in the audience to lead applause. Naturally, an m.c. should be a past master in the art of ad-libbing. Some people find it rather difficult to come up with an extemporaneous witticism while in front of the footlights. If this is the case with you, then I'd suggest you write down your ad-libs on paper and read them off when the occasion demands.

To the master of ceremonies who is appearing in public for the first time, I suggest working behind a net. You'll be amazed to find how helpful this can be, should your material not go so well and the audience, thinking that you are part of "The Friendship Train," start throwing, in your direction, all manner of spoiled and unspoiled foodstuffs. While we are on the subject of things being thrown, I suppose I should mention the practice of coin tossing. This is an ancient custom whereby the audience can show its disapproval of the performer. This attempt on the part of the audience to belittle you, may prove a bit disconcerting at first, but, take heart, I have it on good authority, that you definitely do not have to declare this income on your tax return.

Verbal heckling from the audience is one of the great obstacles which confronts any struggling young m.c. Let me caution you against resorting to a battle of wits with the heckler for the following reasons. He most likely paid to get into the auditorium, and, being a customer, is always right. He is sitting down, so you can't tell how big he is.

The most difficult thing for an m.c. to master is what we, in trade parlance, call the "ability to switch." When one has acquired this knack, he has truly reached the heights to which all "emcees" aspire. Let me explain. Suppose I were working in a night club. I would begin my jesting by saying, "Ya know, folks, a funny thing happened to me on my way to the club tonight. A panhandler asked me for 300 bucks for a cup of coffee. I said, whatta ya mean 300 bucks? A cup of coffee only costs a nickel. He said, do ya mind if I go to Brazil? I like fresh coffee." When I move to a theater to m.c., this material will have to be changed. In the theater my humorous anecdote would sound like this. "Ya know, folks, a funny thing happened to me on my way to the theater tonight . . . This, then, is the "ability to switch," a most important trick of the m.c. trade.

I suggest you include an impersonation of some stage or screen personality in your repertoire. Any m.c. worthy of the initials, will impersonate a celebrity quicker than you can say, "Edward G. Robinson."

In summing up my discourse on the art of mastering a ceremony, I unhesitatingly advise you to enter the m.c. field and make it your life's work. True, it may not be glamorous after a time, but mark you, there is no more lucrative profession, unless it be that of a Major General handling war contracts.

## French Club Has Christmas Party

Le Cercle Francais celebrated Christmas with a "Fete de Noel," Wednesday, December 17th at 8:30 P. M. in Cunard Hall. The party featured a visit from Pere Noel and his aide, Madame Hush, who distributed Surprise gifts to those members who contributed to Santa's grab-bag.

The entire program suggested celebration of the holiday in a typically French manner. Dorothy Danforth led the group singing the traditional carols of France, and Violet Boehmer accompanied them at the piano. A French folk dance, an impersonation of a star of the French theatre, and modern American ball-room dancing was the entertainment for the evening.

The entertainment committee consisted of Joel Cohen, chairman, "Buddy" Radin, Harry Dawson, Mary Cote, Pat Bifulco and Margaret Snyder. Sandwiches, figured cookies, bon-bons and beverages were served. Miss Boehmer, secretary of the organization, assisted by Miss Behar headed the refreshment committee.

Everyone was welcome to attend free of charge and was invited to bring a wrapped, inexpensive gift which entitled him to share in Santa's grab-bag.

## Faith And Charity Kindled At Xmas

by Lee Cilenti

The enchantment of Christmas is woven with charity, warmth, and faith. Like the tall, yellow candles that are part of the Yuletide decoration, the spirit of Christmas burns brightly, spreading its warmth and glow in the cold darkness of the winter night.

Throughout the year, grievances and disappointments find their way into the days, sometimes making the sun cast thin shadows and occasionally adding discord to the busy hum of routine.

When the holiday season comes and the green pine trees graciously bow their branches, an intermingled feeling of charm and nostalgia falls over the world and gives it a new light. A certain unsophisticated air of grace and generosity surrounds us which can neither be seen, nor touched.

Hopefully, we think that when the Christmas bells ring out their song this year, they will bring comfort and cheer to all corners of the earth.

# THE MYSTIC TREE

By J. P. Kelly

All about us, the annual Miracle is occurring. We can feel it. We can see it reflected in the bright eyes that smile as we pass. For as we walk out into the night, and down the hillside towards home, every bright window flashes at us the gayest wonder of the year . . . the wonder that is springtime in mid-winter; light breaking forth on earth's darkest day.

Blinds that were customarily drawn at the first sign of evening, have now been lifted to the top, so that against the window panes, brave little trees might clamor for attention and express in a literal glow of eloquence the hopes, the peace, the happiness, the friendliness, and the soul-warming charity that rules within.

The shop windows along the boulevard have lost their usual dull vocations. No longer do they devote themselves to the stern workaday realities of exhibiting bread, meat, canned goods, new shoes, and women's finery. Now each window is centered by a tree that is utterly useless and utterly delightful.

The tree advertises no wares and summons no customers to exchange hard-earned money for the necessities of a drab existence. It flaunts nothing more useful than a peppermint cane or a red stocking, filled with indigestible candy and the silly ornaments that haven't a conceivable use in all our grim-jawed days.

Yes, the recurrent Miracle is happening, and life is dancing once more 'round a tree. And what a tree! Not a dead May-pole, with its flutter of ribbons, but the mystic tree of Christmas.

The tree on whose gracious boughs the magic snow never melts, regardless of how warm the room from hearth or radiator, or the press of friends. The tree that grows more green as sparkling ice encrusts it! The tree, that with each merry year grows more the symbol of heartfelt, soul-waking laughter, that radiant sign of human affection at its best.

In defiance of winter that struck all other trees black, gray, and still in death, this magic tree blooms brighter than a forest glowing under the hand of autumn.

Only last week, we passed the vacant lot on the corner, and tied there with coarse twine and leaning dizzily against supports, stood a bundle of trees as yet untouched by the miracle of Christmas. They were resinous, shapely evergreens, which commerce had cut from some northern wood and shipped into cities that were as yet unaware that Christmas was upon them. Standing in their native forests they showed little of the beauty soon to be theirs. They had been too numerous to be notable. On the lot they stood squashed together, dully, waiting . . . waiting for the magic touch that would waken their boughs to a glory of lights, and hang their prim, unadorned, limbs with dreams crystallized to beauty so fragile that fingers touched it delicately waiting for love to plant them without roots in the barren floor of a living room and make them fill it with sweetness and joy.

How did it happen that these little trees, destined by nature to live and die on some chilly mountainside, came in a single night of this season to know the apotheosis of grandeur?

By what strange privilege do these trees that once stood before a pagan rite, long-forgotten, now stand sentinel at the crib of the Baby King?

Truly, we know the answer. Every light on that tree was kindled from sparks that fell from a Star at Bethlehem. Every present grasped by baby fingers was hung there in remembrance of a Divine Child. No warmth of human love burns around that tree but its belated burning makes recompense to him who was cold and rejected on another wintry night. No tree welcomes a passing stranger but that it recalls how windows and doors were shut in the face of God come to earth.

Isn't it somehow strangely proper that He who kindled the trees of Christmastide and who spent His life in a carpenter shop fashioning trees for the use of His fellow-man, should, in the end, win our eternal gratitude and happiness through an immortal tree?

Let our Christmas tree, like a beacon be lighted in the hope that when He walks the world this Christmas night He will find burning, not a single candle of greeting, but the blaze of ten thousand lighted trees.

## FINANCIAL REPORT—STUDENT ACTIVITIES for the Month of November, 1947

	Balance November 1	Receipts for November	Disbursements for November	Balance Nov. 30
Kallista .....	\$3,320.90	None	None	\$3,320.90
Wagnerian .....	2,603.61	\$102.20	\$280.09	2,425.72
Traditions .....	1,180.68	None	None	1,180.68
Literary Magazine .....	885.00	None	None	885.00
Dramatics and Debate .....	1,503.99	None	44.88	1,459.11
Student Christian Asso. (Lampadia).....	417.19	16.40	20.00	413.59
Handbook .....	540.00	None	None	540.00
General Fund .....	773.64	None	8.15	765.49
Student Loyalty Fund (See Note A).....	518.61	None	None	None
Campus Community Chest .....	None	288.47	None	288.47
Student Association (See Note B).....	974.38	122.10	303.54	792.94
Amount of above funds on deposits at bank....				

Note A—All funds have been applied to the Organ Fund by Mr. Cook.

Note B—This year's Student fees have not yet been deposited by the Comptroller to the Student Association account. Therefore, they are not in above figures.

## LETTERS

The article concerning the strained relations in the student body, which appeared in your last issue was deserving of considerable merit. The only criticism that can be offered is that it did not go far enough.

When a goodly portion of one thousand students vie for leadership, small cliques and pressure groups are inevitable. Throughout the past year, leaders have risen and fallen. Control of many clubs has passed to groups in the minority. Students have shirked responsibilities and duties and the few have been carry ing the load of the many. In several cases, individuals have assumed responsibilities and authority without the necessary drive and knowledge to back them. Other students have entered activities for the "glory and honor" of a position or title.

### Why has this happened?

The difference in ages, views, friends, ambitions, and experiences are contributing factors to this unrest and general confusion. People are too prone to criticize in a destructive rather than in a constructive manner. Each clique or pressure group thinks it has the best leader. That may be correct, BUT, only in that it applies to that particular group. The group fails to realize that every other group has the same attitude. Then, too, students are afraid to voice their ideas and opinions when and where they would count. They withhold an opinion until an idea has been acted upon, and then proceed to deride and debate it. It is comparatively simple to "second-guess." Few have the courage to be original and stand by their guns when the going becomes difficult.

### How can this condition be rectified?

Objectivity, rather than subjectivity, would be a great step towards the solution of these problems. If individuals would think of their fellow-students instead of themselves, fellowship might be promoted. Recognition of a better man, regardless of club or fraternity affiliation, would give the student body as a whole, the best that Wagner College has to offer. Cooperation between individuals and organizations would most certainly alleviate much of the existing tension. Support of Student Body and class meetings, is the basis of good student government.

Since we are college students, we should be mature enough to recognize our faults and attempt to correct them. The proximity of Christmas and the New Year offer an excellent opportunity to get into the spirit of things and correct our shortcomings. Will we accept this opportunity?

Frank Kaiser.

### Dean Bacher . . .

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where they no longer see any reason for trying.

After stressing the foregoing statements, he concluded with this warning. "To a populace in this frame of mind, the glowing promises of the Moscovites seem most encouraging. I have been told that unless we give France enough help now and through this winter, she stands a very good chance of sinking into Communism."

## Community Chest Wagner Co-eds Exceeds Its Goal Drop Initial Tilt

Paul Hoffman, Chairman of the First Annual Campus Community Chest, announced Friday morning that the drive has been highly successful in reaching its immediate goal of one thousand dollars. With 25 out of 62 student collectors still to be heard from, the receipts to date have amounted to \$1,060.42. The Chest Committee proudly points out that this will go on record as the largest donation to charity in any college year.

The drive will continue until the end of this week in order to give everyone, who hasn't as yet done so, a chance to do his part. Those who have not been approached by a student collector or may make their contributions at the Student Association office next to the Guilden.

The money donated will be apportioned during the holidays, and the list of amounts assigned to each charity will be published in the Wagnerian. There will be no extras deducted, for all overhead expense has been paid for by the Student Christian Association.

The total amount collected so far represents student contributions, faculty gifts, donations by the German Clubs, and the receipts realized through the presentation of the "Hill-topper Revue" under the direction of the Dramatics Society.

The Wagner College Women's basketball team was defeated by the St. Joseph's sextet, 53-25, last Saturday. The visiting team held the lead throughout the game. Marguerette Fenton was the high scorer. Janie Stowell led Wagner with 12 points.

In the loosely played first half, St. Joseph's forged into an early lead and held it throughout the remainder of the game. The team's "give and go" technique was outstanding. The score at the half stood at 22-8.

During the second half, the tempo of the play increased and both teams started quickening their pace. Wagner's greatest weakness was their inaccurate passing.

Wagner's team, captained by Ave Futchs, is confident that, with a little more practice, they can come out the victors.

LINEUP		
Wagner	F.	St. Joseph
Townsend	F.	Hughes
Stowell	F.	Hucke
Ribes	F.	Galla
Osofsky	G.	Mulvany
Futchs	G.	Raolucci
Christie	G.	Whalan

Wednesday, Dec. 17th. . . . .

Moving against a stronger Queen's College team Wagner dropped their second straight game. Janie Stowell was high for Wagner with 19 points. Final score was 43-32.

In their first game of the New Year, Wagner co-eds meet Brooklyn College

## North Pole Union Reindeer's Idea

by Joel Cohen

The time is at hand. The time is here now!

For centuries us proletarian deer been slavin', laborin', woikin' our antlers to the bone. And for what? For what?

Sure some of the class got up in the wold. Take that guy Prancer and his crowd. They got up to the North Pole—You know, woikin' for that guy that looks like Monty Wooley.

You say it's a good deal. Oh yeah! Wait'll you hear the story. See when Prancer and his comrades read in "The Daily Deer" about this job openin', they figured here's a good chance to get to the top and bore from within.

The guy with the beard, old Mister Jelly-belly, promises that they'll get their handles in lights, they'll only have to work once a year, they'll make kids happy—it'll be nice, easy livin' so long as they don't start no local.

Well, the poor fools fall for the line and they go up there. So what happens? So they get to their sweat shop and it's colder than Slobbovia. What's more the only place they sees their name is in some poem. And who get top billing? Natch! The guy with the winter underwear, mustache-man. Only once a year they're gonna work. Sure. But then the boys find out it's swing shift and overtime.

Aw, but they don't care. After all, they're gonna make kids happy all over the wold. But are they *my* kids they're makin' happy? Nah. Are they your kids they're makin' happy? Double nah.

Not only that, but while the "Pride of 34th Street" goes where it's comfortable, Prancer and company are really left out in the cold. Besides, they're the gabled rooftops. Oh, those gabled rooftops! It's plenty humilatin', let me tell you, to find yourself flat on your face in somebody's garbage pail.

That's bad enough. But now there are rumors that we're gonna be replaced by jet planes. And you know what that means—it's back to the venison mines. (That meat'll really be deer.)

Well, what are we gonna do? I don't know. Anyway I do know that

COMES THE REVOLUION, "Whiskers" pulls the sleigh and we go down the chimneys.

## Foreign Scholarships . . .

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4. Selection will be guided by excellence of scholastic and professional achievement; special qualifications necessary for the accomplishment of the proposed project; academic requirements; and facilities of institutions to be attended.

The program will be established upon the conclusion of contemplated agreements with other governments.

## Essay Contest Open To College Students

An essay contest will be sponsored in colleges throughout the United States by the Tamiment Social and Economic Institute. The purpose of the contest is "to stimulate college students to constructive thought on matters of social and economic importance." The closing date of the contest is April 23rd, 1948.

A first prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the person submitting the best 5,000 to 6,000 word essay on "An American Program for World Peace in the Present Crisis." Thirteen additional awards amounting to \$2,000 will also be given.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. The contest is open to all undergraduate students in recognized U. S. colleges. A contestant may submit only one essay. Entry blanks will be sent on request.
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3. Upon completion, the manuscript should be sent to Tamiment Institute Contest, 7 East 15th Street, N. Y. 3, N. Y. No manuscript will be returned unless accompanied by stamped, addressed envelope. In submitting the manuscript, the author should type full name, college and home address, telephone number, and name of college on a separate sheet of paper clipped to the essay.

## Dr. Stern Speaks at Weihnachtsfest On Christmas Customs in Germany

The annual Weihnachtsfest was held on Tuesday, December 16th, in the College auditorium. Dr. Adolph Stern, chairman of the chemistry department, and Miss Doris Jacoby, German instructor, spoke on Christmas customs in Germany.

In his talk about "Christmas in Bavaria," Dr. Stern emphasized its symbolic aspects. The traditional Angel topping the tree represents God's messenger summoning the faithful to the miraculous birth of Christ. Fruits embellish the tree, signifying the beauty of giving, while the apples recall Adam and Eve. Candles are indicative of the radiance of Christ.


The Weihnachtsfest tree, not exactly Bavarian, was donated by the Varsity Players.

Dr. Charles De Walsh, the club's advisor, Casper Scheiper and Miss Mary Kehoe, presidents, welcomed the guests. The master of ceremonies was E. Megerian. Dan Brush was Santa Claus, with Miss Marguerite Springer assisting him.

Fred Vollweiler sang, "Yours is My Heart Alone," to initiate the entertainment. This was followed by a duet, "Cantique De Noel," rendered by the Misses Anita Posselt and Dorothy Danforth.

Refreshments, which were served by the Deutscher Kreis, included German Christmas food, Pfeffernuss, cake, cookies, and punch.

The music of Ray Nelson and his orchestra formed the background for the dancing.



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# SPORTS CORNER

By "Butch" Duskin

## Our Athletes' Feats—

The electrifying 27-6 upset administered to the Hartwick Institution's grid aggregation by the Wagner Sea Hawks on Saturday afternoon, November 22, atop Grimes Hill, was certainly reverberated around the world in no small fashion.

On Wednesday, November 26—four days after the startling occurrence—in the "Tokio Stars and Stripes" publication, one gleaming article read as follows: "Mighty little Wagner College, of Staten Island, sprang the upset of the pigskin season in the East last Saturday by conquering its 5-touchdown-favorite adversary, powerful Hartwick of Oneonta, New York, by a score of 27 to 6." Dick Rose, a sophomore on The Hill, relays the information along to us via his father, who is a Major stationed in Japan.

## Sport Shorts—

It's a good thing somebody discovered big Gerry MacDonald before it was too late. "Unconscious Mac," as the more refined members of the Hilltop place of learning refer to him, never played on any of his high-school or grammar-school teams although he is presently burning up the courts for Coach Herb Sutter's cagers and covered more ground than Madman Muntz' cars for Jim Lee Howell's fulgent football fanatics...

Seton Hall College, of New Jersey—which Wagner opposes in a basketball affair at home come January 21, which the Green Wave was defeated by last hoop campaign, which meets Long Island University in Madison Square Garden on February 26, and which was rated among the top five dribble crews in the East last season—is consistently cited as one of the best "small schools" around. Seton Hall's student body totals 12,500...

## Just Asking ???

Think the friendly game of Pinochle should be added to Wagner's athletic agenda? Betcha we'd be City Champs... Isn't it kinda rough on fellas like Gerry MacDonald, Jim Gilmartin, Chet Selitto, and Whitey Drown, who, after knocking themselves out starring with Coach Howell's gridders, came right back and became luminaries in the Sutter basketball scheme of things? Jerry and Jim, starters on the varsity, and Chet and Whitey, regulars on the JV, definitely deserve an extra pat on the back.

## Happy Holiday—

Time now to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have fun, be good to yourself, and make sure that your stocking is full of more than holes.

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# Friars Top Seahawks 40-37 Wagner Faces Panzer Jan. 6

## Cagers Travel To Oppose Dickinson, Crusaders In Jan.

Just six days after "little Mr. New Year" makes his entrance, the Sea Hawks invade the lair of the Panzer College Panthers. Last season the Jersey Panzer "division" all but blitzkrieged the Wagner quintet as they won going away 63-48. Many of the spectators at that game still remember the brilliance of a certain Frank Proeitti, speedy panzer forward, who racked up 28 points, caging 11 field goals and making good on 6 free throws.

January 9th. will find the Hilltoppers departing on a short junket into the Pennsylvania hinterlands. On successive nights the Green and White meet Dickinson and Susquehanna.

Dickinson is a new addition to the Wagner schedule and at the present time is an unknown quantity of an unknown quality. The state of Pennsylvania however, sires some talented and rugged basketball stars, especially around Allentown, so a good, tight contest certainly seems in the offering.

Another milestone in a great traditional athletic rivalry will be marked when Wagner meets Susquehanna University on the 10th. of January at Selinsgrove.

Last season the Wagner quintet rode roughshod over the Susquehannaites as they notched an easy 61-26 win. This year's game promises to be of particular interest because Susquehanna will be out to avenge former drubbings, and the Sea Hawks, who up to this time have been unimpressive, will be attempting to flag their waning basketball fortunes.

After three games in alien territory the Green and White return to friendly domains when they meet Upsala College of New Jersey at Curtis High on the 14th.

The last game played between the two clubs saw the Hilltoppers drop a thrilling overtime duel to the Jerseyites 69-66.

At this writing the Sea Hawks have won one and dropped two decisions. In their opener the Hilltoppers defeated St. Peters of New Jersey. They then lost two in a row, the first to Fordham by a 62-47 count and the second to Providence 40-37.

## Wags Winners In Football League Cagers To Start

The Wags A team captured the intramural football crown this week by beating the Alpha Sigma Phi brothers in the finals. The league originally started with two divisions of six teams each playing Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Forfeitures, however, caused the substitution of a six team elimination tournament.

Slated as a two out of three affair the playoffs lasted the minimum as the Wags slaughtered the Alpha team 30-0 in the first game and then copped the second with ease to gain the title. Miniature "W" intramural emblems will be awarded the Wags as winners of the tourney.

As champions of last year's basketball league the Wags will now switch sports to defend their title. Today is the last day for teams to enter the volleyball and basketball intramural leagues.

The schedules will be drawn up during the Christmas holidays by Bunny Barbes with games beginning when classes resume in January. The basketball teams are allowed ten men while the limit for volleyball is eight players.

## Inter-Class Cage Loop Underway

The Interclass Basketball season got off to a thrilling start on Wednesday, Dec. 11 when the Junior class quintet defeated the defending champions, the class of 1950, by a score of 22-21. In another game played the same day the Freshman trounced the Seniors 50-25.

Trailing at halftime by a 14-8 count the Juniors evened things up shortly after the start of the third stanza, broke into the lead in the last period, and won with seconds to go. The clincher proved to be a basket via the foul line with thirty seconds to go by Greg Thompson. "Bim" Wheeler led the winners with 6 points while for the losers Scaffa and Haher hit for two baskets apiece. In a previous encounter the Freshman took the lead from the Seniors soon after the game started and were never headed thereafter. For the Freshmen Swenk and Klaus swished in 13 and 14 points respectively to lead their team to a decisive victory. For the losers, "the grand old man" Niel McIntyre captured the high scored position with 10 markers.

## Fail At Foul Line Gearhart High Scoring 13 Points

A last-minute rally fell three points short for the Sea Hawks quintet as the Providence Friars downed Wagner 40-37, at the Curtis Gymnasium last Sat. Evening. Trailing 39-27, late in the final half, the Hilltoppers suddenly started clicking. Carl Fugelstad hit a short one-hander, Bill Willets swished a foul and then a set shot and Lefty Gearhart's conversion of a free-throw brought the score to 39-33. Providence countered on a foul but Wagner came back on Gearhart's hook shot and a long set shot by Quintana.

Trailing by 3 points with two minutes remaining, the Sea Hawks closely guarded the Rhode Island club in a desperate attempt to get the ball. However, the Friar's held on long enough to give the Sea Hawks only two tries at the basket, both of which failed.

Wagner, which had been accused of taking enough against Providence but succeeded in making good only 22% of them.

Poor shooting on the foul line also hurt, as less than half of these free tries were made by the Sea Hawks. Providence was held to a mere twelve points in the second half but the eleven point half-time lead proved too much for the Suttermen to overcome.

After trailing 19-9, the Hilltoppers pulled within four points near the end of the half. The Friars then put on a sizzling seven point rally featured by two one handers to walk off with an eleven point margin, winning 28-17.

Wagner was sparked by Gearhart, who was high scorer for the evening with thirteen points.

The Seahawks travelled to Fordham gym in the Bronx, on December 10th, only to be handed a 62-47 defeat by the powerful rams. After a Wagner rally had brought the Hilltoppers from a 45-30 deficit to 45-40, Fordham turned on the heat and poured in sixteen points in the final five minutes to insure victory.

Gerry Smith and Johnny Bach each scored twenty-one points for the Rose Hill quintet. Jay Quintana led Wagner with twelve, followed by Bill Willet's nine.

Fordam led 28-20 at the half and pulled to a 45-30 margin before both teams rallied to make the final score Fordam 62-Seahawks 47.

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## Improvements . . .

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### Salary Increase

Dr. Walter C. Langsam, president of the College, announced that, starting with the fiscal year, all members of the Wagner faculty will receive a salary increase. The increase to be effective in September of next year, 1948. Dr. Langsam said that the pay raise will put Wagner in the top bracket of salaries paid in colleges of the United Lutheran Church in America.

These new plans for campus improvements were disclosed at a dinner given for Wagner College faculty members and their wives by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday evening, December 10th, at the Richmond County Country Club.

### Past Improvements

The Grymes Hill campus has seen many improvements since September of 1945. The Ad Building classrooms and hallways have been painted, plastered, and re-furnished, and offices have been rebuilt. The auditorium has undergone repairs, and a new terrace floor was set in the hall on the main floor. New equipment was bought for the laboratories; several student organizations have newly partitioned offices; and the students themselves have redecorated the basement recreation rooms.

Cunard, South, and North Halls have all been under repairs. The grounds have been sodded, trees have been planted, and the roads have been paved.

## New Plaque Lists Old Benefactors

A plaque has recently been erected in the foyer of the Administration Building. The plaque lists the names of all the groups and individuals who made voluntary contributions over a specified amount in response to a campaign sponsored by the college in 1941-1942. Because of a shortage of materials during the war years and a fire in the plant handling the job, the erection of the memorial was postponed till now.

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## Dr. Egan Talks On Chemistry of Soaps At Chem Society's Final Meeting

Dr. Kenneth E. Egan, research chemist of Proctor and Gamble Manufacturing Corporation, addressed the Chemical Society on the "Chemistry of Soaps" at its last meeting, Monday, December 8.

The talk opened with a discussion of the Kettle Process, one of the older methods used in the manufacture of soap. Dr. Egan listed three major steps in the process, namely:

1. saponification
2. separate glycerines
3. adjustment and purification of the soap.

In the first step as it was explained, lye is blended with fat, and is added through a pipe at the top of the kettle. In step two, the solution goes through a series of washings. Here, salt is used to separate the excess of lye from the soap. The yield from the second phase is 50% soap and 10% glycerine with respect to fats. At this stage, the soap being prepared is called neat soap. (A new process, the counter current flow-is being used today in the washing of the soap.)

A new method of soap manufacture was recently discovered by Victor Mills, Chemical Engineer at Proctor and Gamble. In this process, soap is made under high pressures and no oxygen is able to act upon it at any time during its manufacture. Dr. Egan explained in an interesting fashion, the various phases of the process.

The slogan, "99 14/100% pure," was established by a professor at

Yale University. Analyzing various types of nationally used soaps, he found that Ivory contained only 56/100% impurities. Several years later, Proctor and Gamble's advertising department wisely decided to use that fact as a slogan in their advertising campaigns.

Dr. Egan also classified soap with reference to its water content. The classifications are as follows:

- Liquid soaps:
- (1) waxy soaps ..... 1-4%
  - (2) neat soaps ..... 12-35%
  - (3) middle soaps ..... 45-58%
  - (4) nigre soaps ..... 50-99%
- At 120 Fahrenheit-solid stage:
- (1) omega soaps ..... 0-7%
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## Carols Resound As Campus Sleeps

Last evening "Wagnerland" resounded with the voices of students singing their favorite Christmas carols. This traditional event at Wagner started at 6:45 with a Candlelight Christmas Service in the auditorium conducted by Pastor Kirsch.

After the service a large group of students serenaded faculty homes, the Augustinian Academy, and the Vets' Apartments. Coffee and cake was offered to the carolers at President Langsam's home.

A student committee, under chairman Ruth Karjalainen, supervised the evening's festivities with the cooperation of the Student Christian Association.

## Markham Library Collection Moved

"Work has been started by the library staff to move the entire Edwin Markham collection to the second floor library," Mrs. Louise Heinze, acting librarian, announced.

The project, to be started during the Holiday, was fostered to segregate and organize the collection in one specific place. Rare books, original manuscripts, reserve books, and records will be in this library. The second floor library will also serve as a study and reading room.

The larger third floor library will be used only for a reference room. It was also announced that some new phonograph records were coming for the music section of this library.



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