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Message from the Dean's Office

Dear Students,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2008 is already upon us. We hope that you are enjoying your break and getting ready for your return to a new semester at Wagner. The New Year often brings time for reflection and a time to explore some new resolutions---possibly ways to get more involved and ways to get healthier. What are your resolutions for spring 2008 on Wagner's campus?

One of Wagner's resolutions to get healthier is to change Harborview Hall into a substance free building for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Residential Education department has recently conducted an online survey and some of the results (see more inside this issue) indicate an interest for this type of housing in our community. We hope that this will allow students to focus on involvement and community building more than in the past.

Another new initiative will be the beginning phases of work towards a new sprinkler system in Parker Towers Hall; this will most likely be a two-year project.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in the national CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey this spring so we can work on better programming and awareness around these issues. Floors that have the highest attendance will win pizza parties!

What about involvement? Studies show that students who are involved outside of the classroom feel a better connection to the institution and a greater feeling of belonging. Here are some options on how to get involved. It's almost time to apply to be a Peer Leader for Orientation or a Resident Assistant for next year. Preparations are underway for fraternity and sorority recruitment, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Songfest, Greek Week, Wagnerstock, and a host of other events. There will be many opportunities to cheer on Seahawk sports teams, see performances on the Main Stage and Stage One, and listen to senior music recitals and senior theses presentations. Spend some time at the Coffeehouse or attend a student success seminar to learn some tips on how to be more successful in the classroom!

Make a New Year's resolution to challenge yourself and participate in things that are new to you.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will also find information about room selection, study abroad opportunities, learn more about the great things your fellow students are doing and other ways that you can continue to be involved at Wagner College. We look forward to your safe and speedy return.

Sincerely,

Ruta Shah-Gordon
Dean of Campus Life

Sofia Bautista Pertuz
Associate Dean

Catharine McGlade
Associate Dean

*Wagner College Celebrates
the Life and Legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



January 24th, 2008

Spiro 2, 6pm

Keynote Speaker: Keith Boykin

See inside this issue for details!

Updates and Announcements

Wagner College celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 22-27, 2008

"Make a career of humanity - and you will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**January 24th, 2008
Spiro 2, 6pm
Keynote Speaker: Keith Boykin**

One of America's leading commentators on race and sexual orientation, Boykin, founded and served as president of the National Black Justice Coalition, an organization established to marshal African American support for same-sex marriage rights. Additionally, Boykin served as Special Assistant to the President of the United States under Bill Clinton, making him the highest ranking openly gay person to serve in the Clinton White House. His writings have appeared in several prominent newspapers, and he has published several books, including The Politics of Gay Rights, Dangerous Liaisons, and Gay Men at the Millennium.

WAGNER CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

February 2, 2008: 10am-4pm
African American Alumni and Student Celebration

February 3, 2008: Time-TBA
Kara Walker Exhibit
The Whitney Museum of American Art

February 4, 2008: 4:30pm, Spiro 2
Racial Disparities in Access to Health Care & Health Outcomes
Dr. Gary Butts, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

February 6, 2008: 8pm
The Color Purple

February 6, 2008: 9pm, Spiro 4
Talk to Me

February 8, 2008: 7pm, Spiro 4
Pride

February 13, 2008: 9pm, Gatehouse Lounge
What's Love Got To Do With It: Relationships 101
Gatehouse Lounge 9pm

February 13, 2008: 9pm, Spiro 4
Why Did I Get Married

February 14, 2008: 4:15pm, Spiro 4
"What Does the Artist See?" lead by Dr. Laura Morowitz

February 15, 2008: 4:30pm-9pm
National Black Fine Arts Exhibit

For more information, please call Co-Curricular Programs at x3421



Welcome Back and Happy New Year from SGA!

This semester kicks off with the exciting reinstatement of the Night Shuttle. The shuttle will run to and from the ferry between the hours of 11pm-2am on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Please be aware of, and be sure to follow, the new guidelines for ridership; these will be available for you to view on the shuttle as well as on our website.

The Honor Code is also being officially introduced this semester. You will be signing an honesty statement given to you by your professors for each of your classes. The Honor Code is also available on the SGA website for review.

Make sure to stop by the SGA office for a copy of the 1st Semester Report. Our Finance Committee did a fantastic job with this report, which includes both club information as well as a complete breakdown of the Student Activity Fee and SGA Budget.

ALSO, keep an eye out for these exciting events: Wagnerstock...Songfest... Big Name Event (to be announced!)...Senior Night ... and so much more!

As always- any questions, comments, or concerns can be emailed to sga@wagner.edu



STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES CAMPUS HALL – RM 127

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E-MAIL bbirstle@wagner.edu

WEBSITE: www.wagner.edu/campus_life/health_services

SPRING SEMESTER HOURS: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30AM -10PM; Fri. 8:30AM -7PM

January is National Health & Fitness Month; visit us for more info!

ATTENTION ALL NEW STUDENTS:
Student Health Insurance costs \$210.00

Please be sure to submit your hard waiver form and copy of your insurance card to the Student Health Service Office before 1/22/08 to avoid this charge.

COUNSELING SERVICES:

A psychiatrist and a psychologist are available during the Spring semester. Call our office for an appointment.





Hats Off...



Congratulations to the student authors and the faculty who supervised their research. The following papers have been selected to appear in the Fall 2007 issue of the Wagner College Forum for Undergraduate Research.

"Invention and Application of a Stereotaxic Apparatus for Adult Zebrafish Brain Surgery" by Letizia M. Hobbs, Edmund C. Jenkins and Christopher P. Corbo

"Crossing the Burning Sands: A Social Psychological Investigation of Hazing" by Christianna Gozzi

"Personal Communication Styles in Organizations" by Joseph Pantone

"The Relationship between Stereotype Threat and Performance on a Standardized Test: Why Minority Students Do Not Perform As Well As Caucasian Students" by Kim Costa

"Language and Paralanguage: Music and Art as Communication in the Law of Love" by Valerie O'Donnell

"Pedagogical Strategies for Teaching Science in Secondary Schools" by Alexandra Mercil

"Hiding the Issue: Generation over Race in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" by Holly Walker

"Teaching Multiplication & Division in Fun and Innovative Ways" by Erin Volsario

...to the **organizers of Up 'til Dawn** for another successful fundraising event for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. \$22,070 was raised since November! Don't forget to send in your donations!

...to the **Student Government Association** for working with Public Safety to extend ferry shuttle service on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights until 2:00am!

...to **Tau Kappa Epsilon** fraternity for winning the semester-long Greek Cup competition!

...**Jason Butler**, who was named 2007 NEC Offensive Player of the Year, selected the First-Team All NEC on offense & selected to compete in the East Coast Bowl!

...**Robert Brown**, named Associated Press Third-Team All-American & selected to the First-Team All NEC defense.

...**Piotz Czech**, named to be American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division I FCS All-American Team selected & the First-Team All NEC as a punter & kicker.

...**Al Phillips** who was selected to the First-Team All NEC on defense & special teams.

...**Steve Tarca**, RA, who collaborated with SGA Special Events Committee, WagCab, WCBG, TKE & APO to successfully host Wagner's 2nd annual Dec. Midnight Breakfast which had a great turn out!

...**Bryan Brand** who was selected to the First-Team All NEC on defense.

...to the Homecoming King **Joe Eurell** representing Delta Nu fraternity & Homecoming Queen **Miwa Matsunuma** of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority!



Attention All Students Interested In STUDYING ABROAD Summer 2008; Fall 2008; or Spring 2009

- ◆ If you are interested in going abroad-apply for permission through Wagner & the study abroad office.
- ◆ Wagner forms are available in Parker Hall room 304 or online at:
http://www.wagner.edu/departments/study_abroad
- ◆ Students must have a 3.0 GPA and can not be on disciplinary probation.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2008

For additional questions, please contact Dr. Kiss at: mkiss@wagner.edu or in her office, Parker Hall 304.

STUDY
ABROAD

INFORMATION





Wagner College Upcoming Events



Spring 2008 Movie Schedule



Jan. 28-Feb. 8

Talk to Me
Pride

Feb. 11-22

Trials of Daryl Hunt
Why Did I Get Married

Feb. 25-March 7

American Gangster
Things We Lost in the Fire

March 10- 14

Gone Baby Gone

March 24-April 4

ENCHANTED
I Am Legend

April 7-19

Kite Runner
Walk Hard

April 21-May 2

P.S. I Love You
Sweeney Todd

May 5-9

The Bucket List
CLOVERFIELD

*Movies are shown in Sprio 4 on Wednesdays & Fridays unless otherwise noted on the calendar.

Broadway Shows

(Watch your Wagner e-mail for ticket sale information!)

The Color Purple
February 6, 8pm

Young Frankenstein
February 26, 7pm

Avenue Q
March 6, 8pm

Little Mermaid
April 3, 8pm

Sunday in the Park with George
April 23, 8pm

Broadway show tickets are sold on a first come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact Nicole Brodeur at nbrodeur@wagner.edu

More Upcoming Events!!!

Miss America Watch Party
Saturday, January 26, 8pm
Gatehouse Lounge

Come and support Wagner College's own Amy Polumbo, Miss New Jersey 2007, as she competes for the crown! Free refreshments and great door prizes.

Men's Basketball Road Trip
January 27, 4pm

Join the Men's Basketball team as they travel to Teaneck, NJ, to face Farleigh Dickinson. Bus leaves Wagner at 4pm. Spaces are limited to the first 20 students who register. To reserve your space please email Virgil Avery at virgil.avery@wagner.edu.

Wagner Traditions...

- Songfest** April 5, 2008
- Fashion show** April 18, 2008
- Wagnerstock** April 19, 2008

For more information on these and many other events and ways to get involved, contact the Office of Co-Curricular Programs at (718) 420-4257 or stop by the office on the 2nd Floor, Union.

Free Breakfast!

**Quality of Life Discussion
on Thursday, 1/31/08 @ 9am**

All students are welcome to talk about their Wagner experience, give feedback and discuss resources. Please RSVP via e-mail catharine.mcglade@wagner.edu by 1/28/08 if you are interested in attending!

Residential Education Housing Information 2008-2009

Housing Selection Process

Housing Selection Dates

Theme Housing, Greek, and Displaced Student Room Selection.....Monday, April 7, 2008 in Beisler Lounge from 5-8 pm
Senior/Junior Selection.....Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Beisler Lounge from 5 – 8 pm
Juniors/Sophomore Selection.....Wednesday, April 9, 2008 in Beisler Lounge from 5 – 8 pm
Late/Wait List Selection.....Assigned during the summer months

All students who wish to select a housing assignment for the 2008 – 2009 academic year must complete all forms by the designated dates and sign up for housing during the dates and times listed above. Any student who does not select a space and has deposited will be put on the wait list and will be assigned over the summer break. Details for specific processes (medical placements, Greek Housing, students who are studying abroad, etc.) are available on our website and will be distributed to all Wagner students.

Housing Selection Application Process

Fill out all required forms and submit by the appropriate deadlines, which are outlined on the next page.
Students will be assigned a lottery number by April 4, 2008. All numbers will be posted outside of our office in Parker Towers Hall.
All students participating in Housing Selection must be present on the appropriate night (or send a proxy) to select an assignment.

Theme Housing Selection Process

At Wagner College we believe that the residence halls are not only a place to live, but also a place for learning. The Office of Residential Education has created themed communities to offer a unique living environment where students can connect with one another and members of faculty through a common passion. The purpose of themed housing is to extend learning opportunities beyond and complementary to the classroom and foster students' intellectual as well as personal growth. Each community offers a different theme, about which the students on the floor, along with an RA and a faculty member develop and participate in programs and discussions. When surveyed, 33% of current Wagner students indicated an interest in living in a themed community.

Themes for Upper-class Students

Green Community (Guild Hall)

The Green Community provides an environment for those students who wish to follow sustainable living practices. Residents of this community will learn about the impact of daily decisions on the earth and its resources and while working towards reducing their impact through innovative conservation practices.

Honors Community (Guild Hall)

The Honors Community is comprised of students with a 3.5 or higher GPA (as of Fall 2007), all of whom are committed to the academic experience. Participation in this community of scholars will expose students to a holistic learning environment where intellectual curiosity and personal growth is supported. A student does not have to be a member of the honors program to apply, however we do encourage current honor students to consider joining the community.

Wellness Community (Towers Hall)

The Wellness Community is a place where a healthy lifestyle is encouraged, including physical fitness, nutrition, and mental health. Students living on this floor must commit to a substance-free and smoke-free standard of living within the context of this supportive community. Wellness Community residents will have opportunities to socialize and learn amongst a group of like-minded peers.

Theme Housing Application Process

Students interested in applying to live in a themed community must complete the same steps indicated above for the traditional Housing Selection process. The difference in the application processes is that students apply to this program and submit all necessary housing information (see next page for details) before the traditional housing deadline. Students will be notified of their application status before the traditional Housing Selection process (lottery) begins. If a student is accepted to a theme floor, the acceptance is binding and the student will not need to go through lottery. Rooms on the theme floor will be selected in a special process on April 7, 2008. If theme floor participants do not attend that meeting, a specific room on the theme floor will be administratively assigned. If a student is not accepted to a theme floor, that student will be notified and will automatically become a part of the traditional Housing Selection process and must be present to select a space on either April 8 or 9, 2008.

Housing Selection Information Sessions

Staff members from the Office of Residential Education will offer information sessions on the following dates:

Thursday	January 31 st	7 – 8pm	Theme Housing Information in Gatehouse (Harborview)
Wednesday	February 6 th	1pm – 3pm	Harborview Hall Main Lobby
Tuesday	February 12 th	11:30am – 1:30 pm	Union Building Atrium
Thursday	February 28 th	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Harborview Hall Main Lobby
Thursday	March 13 th	11:30am – 1pm	Union Building Atrium

Housing Deposit Information

All students must pay a non-refundable housing deposit of \$150 in order to participate in any part of the Housing Selection Process. Students who do not pay by the deadlines listed below will not be permitted to participate in housing selection and may not be guaranteed a room for the 2008 - 2009 academic year.

Students who are on full scholarships do not need to pay a housing deposit. Full scholarship students should confirm their status with the Department of Athletics prior to signing-up for housing.

All students must bring their housing card when they pay their deposit. All housing cards must be stamped by the Business Office prior to being submitted to the Office of Residential Education. See details outlined below for further information.

Students who have a balance on their student accounts must reconcile with the Business Office prior to paying their housing deposit. Housing deposits will not be accepted until the account is settled.

Payments may be made by check, cash, or credit card. Students may pay deposits to the Business Office located on the first floor of Cunard Hall between the hours of 9am and 4pm, Monday through Friday. Deposits must be paid before the deadlines below.

Checks are payable to "Wagner College". Students who pay on-line must provide a receipt.

If you need assistance or have questions, contact the Business Office at 718-390-3112.

Process	Forms Available	Paperwork Needed	Forms Due
Grymes Hill Apartment Selection	Monday, February 4, 2008	2008 - 2009 Housing Card Paid \$150 housing deposit with the Business Office Signed 2008 - 2009 Housing Agreement Completed Health Forms with photocopy of health insurance card Group cover sheet and group essay Proxy form for students who are on Study Abroad	Friday February 22 by 4pm
Same Room Sign-up	Monday, March 3, 2008	2008 - 2009 Housing Card Paid \$150 housing deposit with the Business Office Signed 2008 - 2009 Housing Agreement Completed Health Forms with photocopy of health insurance card Same Room Sign-up cover sheet Proxy form for students who are on Study Abroad	Friday March 14 by 4pm
Theme Housing	Thursday, January 31, 2008	2008 - 2009 Housing Card Paid \$150 housing deposit with the Business Office Signed 2008 - 2009 Housing Agreement Completed Health Forms with photocopy of health insurance card Completed Theme Housing Application Proxy form for students who are on Study Abroad	Friday February 22 by 4pm
Medical Placements	Monday, February 25, 2008	2008 - 2009 Housing Card Paid \$150 housing deposit with the Business Office Signed 2008 - 2009 Housing Agreement Completed Health Forms with photocopy of health insurance card Appropriate medical documentation outlining condition Proxy form for students who are on Study Abroad	Friday March 28 by 4pm
Greek Housing Selection	Monday, February 25, 2008	2008 - 2009 Housing Card Paid \$150 housing deposit with the Business Office Signed 2008 - 2009 Housing Agreement Completed Health Forms with photocopy of health insurance card Prospective floor residents must be listed on the invite sheet submitted by the Greek Organization President / Housing Chair Proxy form for each students unable to attend Selection	Friday March 28 by 4pm
General Housing Selection	Monday, February 25, 2008	2008 - 2009 Housing Card Paid \$150 housing deposit with the Business Office Signed 2008 - 2009 Housing Agreement Completed Health Forms with photocopy of health insurance card Proxy form for each student unable to attend Selection	Friday March 28 by 4pm

Please direct any questions to: **Office of Residential Education**

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