

Finally, Wagner has a permanent football stadium in 1997

*"Fourteen years ago Norman accepted what seemed to be a hopeless task. Exposing us to his highly infectious and creative optimism, he led Wagner College to the top of the mountain and together we all helped make his impossible dream come true. The entire Wagner family owes him a lasting debt of gratitude. As Norman embarks on his new challenge abroad and exposes the world to his talents our very best wishes and thanks go with him."*

Drs. Evelyn and Donald Spiro '49  
Chairman Emeritus of the Board

*"Anyone who walked the campus (as alumni or students) in the 80's would never have foreseen or believed the miracles that Dr. Smith has wrought. We must commit ourselves to sustaining his momentum and vision."*

Maureen Robinson '67  
Vice Chair of Board of Trustees

*"There is no doubt that Wagner College has experienced a renaissance over the last 14 years. The vision for success, as provided by Dr. Norman Smith, coupled with the determination to succeed by faculty and staff, students, parents, alumni and friends, has been the driving force."*

Louise Kaufman '75, Trustee  
President, Alumni Association

*"Never in the history of Wagner College have so many owed so much to one man. Norman Smith's legacy can never be overstated."*

Dr. John Lehmann '62, Vice Chairman  
Trustee Emeritus

*"When Norman first addressed the faculty as a candidate fourteen years ago, I was struck by his conviction of the College's boundless possibility. As President he inspired us to realize that possibility."*

Professor Anne Schotter

*"This past decade has been one of Wagner's finest. So much has been achieved—but what really excites me, is the opportunity for success that lies ahead. President Smith's leadership has been the key to the greatness yet to come."*

Richard Herburger '66, Trustee

*"Norman Smith came to Wagner just when it stood at the crossroads between life and death. Under his guidance, we not only survived, but found prosperity and a true rebirth of spirit."*

Professor Bill Murphy



The Spiro-Smith partnership is launched in 1989



The William Reynolds House is dedicated in 2000

*"Norman's leadership has played a magnificent role bringing Wagner to its present level. He has made major achievements in his 14 years as President."*

Harry Abrahamson '65, Trustee

*"Ever since Dr. Smith took over as President, Wagner's reputation and our credentials have been on the rise. We are grateful for his leadership."*

Professor Anmini Moorthy

*"Norman Smith's intelligence and imagination recreated Wagner College. It will be a challenge to replace him."*

Dr. Margaret Bambach Reynolds  
Trustee, Class of 1940

*"Norman Smith brought Wagner College from the brink of destruction to the pinnacle of success. His leadership has beautified the campus, filled the school to capacity with bright, energetic students, increased the number and caliber of faculty, and brought us national recognition. He will be missed."*

Professor & Dean Julia Barchitta '64

*"When Norman arrived Wagner was virtually dead. He saved the College!"*

Professor George Rappaport

*"I cannot imagine that there has been a more influential or successful president at Wagner College. What miracles Norman Smith has wrought."*

Professor Lewis Hardee

*"Norman Smith brought Wagner College from a bleak and highly uncertain existence to the pinnacle of excellence and distinction."*

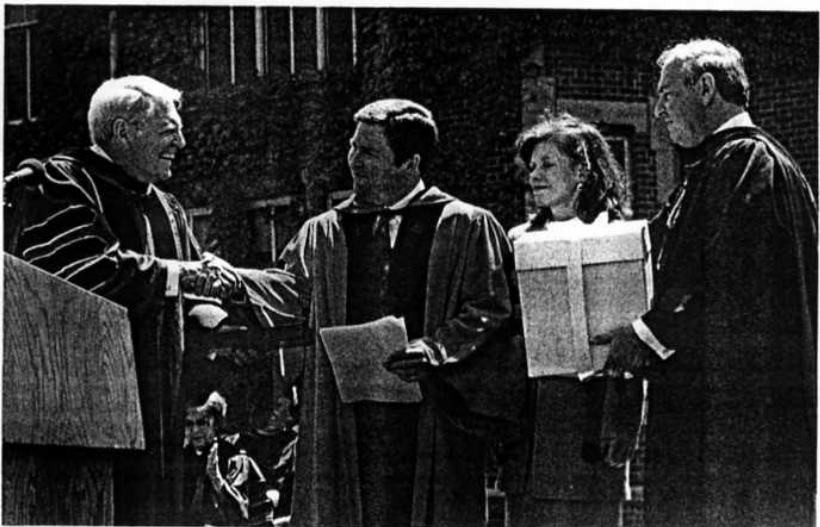
Fred Lange '53, Treasurer  
Board of Trustees

*"Norman has been a leading, if not the leading, force in the resurgence of Wagner. Today, Wagner stands as one of the leading small colleges on the eastern seaboard. It is almost impossible to overestimate Norman's contribution to the renaissance of Wagner College."*

Andrew Cortese '72, Trustee

*"Norman has led Wagner to an extraordinary level of success. His example is our road map into the future."*

Dr. Robert C. O'Brien, '66  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Spiro and Smith happily acknowledge the first ten years at Commencement