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Mac mourns Wallace death

by Leon Lazaroaj

A Commemoration service was held yesterday in honor of DeWitt Wallace, creator and major financial contributor to Macalester College, for over fifty years. Wallace, 91, died of pneumonia at his home in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Monday night.

Administrators, faculty, friends and students gathered to commemorate Wallace's life in an afternoon memorial service.

A few years ago, Wallace was the largest individual contributor to any college or university in the country. During his lifetime he gave approximately $50 million to Macalester College.

Born on the grounds of the campus, Wallace spent much of his childhood watching his father, James, the college's founder, build an educational institution which would rival the Eastern colleges of the day.

Macalester suffered through a troublesome beginning in which the future existence of the college often seemed doubtful. In honor of his father's work, Wallace would rival the Eastern colleges of the day.

DeWitt Wallace's involvement has over thirty million subscribers in sixteen different countries. Toward the end of his life he was not involved in the magazine's weekly operations, but did occasionally meet with his successors to discuss the future of the publication.

Mary Lundblad, dean of students, agreed with Dickinson. Students need to realize, she said, that "you don't have the freedom you want. If someone is walking alone at 2:00 a.m., there's not much the safety office can do," she added.

no further appropriations of money for safety are needed, Lundblad said. "There really aren't any more safety measures to be taken."

Lundblad feels student awareness is the key to preventing further incidents, but awareness is not where it should be, she said.

Working with the offices of Safety and Residential Life (ORL), Lundblad hopes to increase student awareness. Hall meetings and campus mailings are two methods Lundblad plans to use, and adds "we'll come up with a few surprise way to inform people."