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New Director Urges Students to Lend a Hand

by Chris Gaiser

The official literature of the College states that part of Daemen's mission is "to alleviate human suffering and elevate human dignity." To help fulfill this mission by encouraging students to reach out to the less fortunate, Daemen has created the position of Director of Community Service. Ms. Donna Kelsch has been chosen to serve in this position.

For fifteen years Ms. Kelsch recruited volunteers for organizations such as the American Red Cross and the New York Office of Substance Abuse. Now she looks forward to organizing students here at Daemen for volunteer service.

"The Community has many needs that we can help fulfill as volunteers," states Kelsch. "Students have untapped skills and abilities that are desperately needed by those individuals in the community who have nothing, who are downtrodden and powerless, sick, homeless, poor. We need to get involved. We can make a difference in someone's life, and our responsibility is to do so."

Other groups that Ms. Kelsch would like for students to help are the illiterate, the jobless, the emotionally troubled, and the elderly.

The Community Service program that Ms. Kelsch directs makes it easier for students to participate. As Director, she provides students with specific volunteer job descriptions for community agencies and organizations. She also provides the minimum requirements for each volunteer service. In other words, she has developed a list of all volunteer opportunities in Buffalo and provides students with vital information so that they can then decide which opportunity would benefit them the most.

Ms. Kelsch states that students must know their community, not only so that they can serve it for humanitarian reasons and thereby alleviate human suffering and elevate human dignity. They also need to know it for practical reasons. "All large and small businesses expect management level positions and up to do volunteer community services," says Ms. Kelsch. "They expect people in

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Towards the middle of a rape prevention lecture sponsored by Booga Booga Beta and Student Activities on February 4, two police officers from the Amherst Police Department asked everyone to stand and shake hands with the person in front, to the back, and to each side. The officers then said that one of the four would become a rape victim, either at night or during the day, since statistics show there's a fifty-fifty risk of rape occurring at either time. The two officers also dispelled two other myths: a person's age has nothing to do with her being raped, and 70% of all rapes are planned.

Officers Bill Grisanti and Mike Torrilla opened the lecture by showing a film. Though out-dated, the film still informed women of two ways to reduce the odds of “Becoming a Victim”:

1) Women should use the buddy system when walking. They should walk only on lighted main streets and, if possible, know the route they are taking. More important, the officers said that women should never take short cuts. If women have to walk alone, they should constantly attend to what they are doing because, when women let their minds wander, they become vulnerable. Officers Grisanti and Torrilla stressed that women should wear "mobilization shoes," any shoes (usually flat-bottom) that are easy to run in. If a woman is attacked and has a chance to run, she should make as much noise as possible, like yelling "FIRE!" A safe place to run to get help would be a crowded building.

2) Also, women should ignore casual remarks made by a stranger. If, however, a man is persistent in his remarks, a woman should either walk the other way or, if necessary, run.

Also mentioned were three ways for women to break free from a man who grabs them, one of which, physical resistance, should be used only if a woman is properly trained.

1) In passive resistance, a woman does not fight back; instead, she tries to talk her way out of the situation, perhaps by telling her assailant that she will get sick or that she has a social disease.

2) In passive compliance, a woman acts as if she is going to accommodate her attacker. Sometimes such compliance surprises her attacker, causing him to drop his guard and thereby enabling her to escape when he least expects her to.

3) Physical resistance is the final means of escape, though its failure can likely anger a woman’s assailant. In physical resistance, a woman kicks the man in the groin or hits him on the bridge of his nose, then she escapes.

Officers Grisanti and Torrilla claimed that women are not so unsafe as they think they are. If they take necessary precaution, they reduce their odds of becoming a victim. However, if a woman is raped, she should never shower until after she is examined at a hospital, since doing so would destroy evidence needed for an investigation.

The women who attended the lecture thought it was useful. Krista Barth, a commuter, said that she valued the information concerning “how to avoid being raped.” Nicole DellaDonna, a resident, said that Officers Grisanti and Torrilla “were straightforward about what would happen and what could be done.” Another resident, Michelle Garrataszu, said that “they explained things I might not think of if I were in a situation such as a rape.”
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these positions to be active in the community."

The important point, however, is this: each student has a unique ability or talent that can be quiet significant in helping another. Ms. Kelsch, whose office is in Wick Center and whose telephone extension is 375, intends to give students the opportunity to contribute their abilities and talents to the less privileged. Such involvement, she believes, as does the College, will leave students feeling satisfied and successful.

LETTERS TO STUDENT BODY

Thinking about running for SA or a class office? Letters of intent are due in March.

Elections will be held differently this year, with an election held first for board positions such as President, Vice Presidents of Governing and Programming, Secretary, and Treasurer. This election will give those people who lose the chance to run for another board or class office.

The board positions include representatives of the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes, of the Resident and Commuter Councils, as well as four all-campus Senator positions.

Please consider running. I would like to have every position filled by May.

Wendy Thomas,
SA Vice President of Governing

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Sr. Linda Macaluso, and I am the new full-time Campus Minister this semester. I will be in the office most days along with Brenda Hamilton who will work Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Dr. Larry Wright is the director of Campus Ministry and is on campus at midday.

I just graduated from Canisius in December, so I am well aware of the dilemma of going to school, working, etc. I look forward to meeting some of you and getting to know as many of you as possible. Please stop in the Campus Ministry office anytime to talk, to share your ideas, or just to say hello.

The Campus Ministry is here on campus to serve your needs, but we can only do so if you let us know what they are. Please contribute your ideas—stop by soon. Our door is always open.

Sr. Linda

WANTED: Students to work two hours a week in hospitals, nursing homes, meals-on-wheels, soup kitchens, and more. The only qualification? A desire to make a difference in someone’s life. Call Ext. 375 from 8:30 to 4:30.
NEW COACH GOOD CHOICE

Athletic Director Don Del Bello’s choice for a new men’s basketball coach couldn’t have been better. Rick Jacobs was the best candidate for the job and Del Bello landed him in a short period of time.

Jacobs, former assistant coach at UB and former head coach for Daemen, has a reputation as a good strategist who keeps a good rapport with his players. But don’t look for him to magically reverse a so far dismal season.

The team will have to go through a transitional phase the rest of semester. Jacobs will have to get to know his players, and the players will have to get a feel for their new coach.

Jacobs will also be putting in a new system which will require a lengthy learning curve by the players. This is not something that will happen overnight. Look for the team to play exceptionally one night and poorly the next.

Del Bello’s hiring of Jacobs is unlikely to solve any of the team’s short term problems, such as their poor losing record, but Jacobs just might be the key to turning the program around.

Maybe he’ll even bring a winner to Daemen.

PROFESSOR STRESSES LANGUAGES

The study of foreign languages and cultures is necessary to reach the full potential of KNOWLEDGE, FULFILLMENT, and SUCCESS offered at Daemen College.

If we aspire “to help save the world,” a world comprised of so many cultures, we must be familiar with the cultural subtleties of different nations in order to know how they can profit from our knowledge.

To attain fulfillment by using our knowledge “for the benefit of mankind,” we must learn how foreign nations in need can adopt our assistance and put it to good use.

To measure success based on “the belief that each individual can make a difference in the world,” here again it is perquisite to be knowledgeable of different cultures because if we wish to improve the lot of a nation, an imposition of our ways and techniques is not always practical or useful to a foreign civilization.

Therefore, training in foreign languages and cultures is not only a part of a solid liberal arts education but also a sound investment in the strength and viability of our country.

Denise Bacardi, Ph. D.
FOOD MANAGER MEANS TO PLEASE

By Clarisse Saxon

In late November, David Credde came to Daemen to manage the College’s food service. The problems at that time, according to Mr. Credde, were numerous: there was a lack of communication among food service employees, the food lacked variety, the menu was repetitive, the food was poorly prepared, and sanitation did not rate a ten. Since November, if student reaction is accurate, Mr. Credde has so far done a good job at improving the campus food service.

Mr. Credde certainly is not new to food. His first real job in food service was as a storeroom clerk at the age of 14. Since then, he has steadily advanced his career, first as an assistant manager in Washington, later either as a food director or manager in hospitals, hotels, and nursing homes, and still later as a food manager at Howard University.

Evidently Mr. Credde brought this experience with him to Daemen. Evidence is what students say. They say the silverware is cleaner, the bread has improved, there’s a greater variety of food and drink, and a few perks, such as an ice-cream machine, have been added. However, these same students still complain that there’s still room for improvement. They say that there needs to be a larger variety of cold cuts, stale desserts need to be trashed, glasses need to be more thoroughly cleaned, and food service needs to show a greater sensitivity to vegetarians.

Mr. Credde freely admits that some of these complaints are justified but that others are misperceptions. He freely admits that the desserts are not always so fresh as they should be, primarily because student workers sometimes forget to rotate them. His solution to this problem is closer supervision of student workers. He also says that he will ensure a daily alternative to meat for vegetarians. And he plans to solve the cold cut problem by adding turkey and roast beef.

The problem with seemingly dirty glasses, however, is a misperception. Mr. Credde says that Daemen’s water source is hard water and that it therefore leaves a harmless lime coating on the glasses, which makes them appear dirty. He insists that someone always supervises the proper cleaning and rinsing of all dishware and glasses.

Mr. Credde says that there is always going to be room for improvements and that under his management the food service will try to meet the needs of the students. He admits, however, that “you cannot please everyone. If we satisfy 75% of the students, then I think we have done a good job.”

DEAN ENCOURAGES MORE THAN SHE CORRECTS

By Kim Sweet

“Get yourself organized and set goals,” advises Dr. Karin Kovach-Allen, Daemen College’s new Associate Dean.

Dr. Kovach-Allen also recommends that students never blow off their courses, not even the easy ones, because, she says, “Grades are important, and as this world becomes increasingly more competitive, it doesn’t just matter that students have a diploma. What matters is that they have achieved honors.” It also matters that students become involved in student organizations. According to Kovach-Allen, students who make good grades and become involved are students who haven’t come to Daemen to take education for an easy ride.

Another thing that Dr. Kovach-Allen says will benefit students is Daemen’s new Community Service program. Here, she says, “students are able to alter their awareness of their safe educational setting by working with people less fortunate than themselves.”

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CAMPUS EVENTS

From March 4 to March 6, as well as from March 9 to March 11, at 8:00 in the Daemen Little Theatre, Rosalind Cramer directs Beth Henley’s *Crimes of the Heart*, a poignant play about three Southern sisters who cope with problems associated with small town living. $3 student admission.

On March 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wick Center, Bruno Bettelheim will speak about *The Drama of Human Psychology*. A leading educator, psychologist, and author, Dr. Bettelheim has pioneered in a wide range of fields including social psychology, child rearing, and problems of the severely disturbed child. He continues to stimulate his audiences with his innovative analysis of educational and social problems. Free.

On March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Daemen Little Theatre, the Daemen College Alumni will show *All the King’s Men*, an award winning film starring Broderick Crawford in perhaps the most dynamic performance of his career as the power grabbing, ruthless governor Willie Stark. After the viewing, John Shearer, Amherst Town Clerk, will comment on the movie, the fourth in the series *American Film Classics and the Constitution*. Free.

On April 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wick Center, flutist Carol Wincenc will appear in concert. Ms. Wincenc has been featured as soloist in the Mostly Mozart, Santa Fe, Spoleto, Marlboro, Madeira Bach, and Newport Festivals. She has appeared frequently in all of New York’s important concert halls, was a guest on Lincoln Center’s “Great Performers” series for four consecutive seasons, and has collaborated with many distinguished musicians. She has performed with the Milwaukee, Seattle, Indianapolis, and Winston-Salem Symphonies. Free.

And on April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Daemen Little Theatre, The Daemen College Alumni will present the last movie in their *American Film Classics and the Constitution* series. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, starring Gregory Peck, is based on Harper Lee’s Pulitzer prize novel. It is a deeply moving story of a Southern lawyer’s efforts to minimize the traits of hatred and prejudice in the growing minds of his two young children. Richard Clark, Regional Director of the New York State Division of Human Rights, and Renee Daniel, Professor of Social Work at Daemen, will comment following the movie. Free.

An ongoing event until March 18, is the Faculty Exhibition in the newly refurbished Daemen Art Gallery. Weekday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Make inquiries regarding the exhibition at the Fine and Performing Arts Division, 839-3600, ext. 241.

And don’t forget Spring and Easter breaks, March 12-19 and March 31-April 4, respectively.

HERE GOES THAT SONG AGAIN

By Chris Gaiser

COMPLAINING AGAIN?

About the prices and quality of food in the snack bar? If you have a problem get off your duff and do something about it.

Talk to those in food service. Ask them, “Hey! what’s up?” Start a committee that can perhaps bring about some changes. Or go to Tawain’s on Main Street in Snyder. It’s just down the street. But hurry—it closes March 4. Until then, the food’s excellent and inexpensive.

You get your money’s worth and a free fortune cookie.
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Prior to becoming Associate Dean, Dr. Kovach-Allen taught Spanish (she was born in Germany and moved to Buffalo in 1966) not only here at Daemen but also at Erie Community College, Niagara University, and Buffalo State. Even now she still teaches Spanish Conversation and Composition and is in fact the resident Spanish expert on-staff at Daemen. Students therefore can see her about any Spanish problems, as well as other academic concerns such as suspension and probation.

As Associate Dean, Dr. Kovach-Allen has other student-oriented responsibilities. She is always willing to meet with students who need encouragement. She is the contact person for students who have complaints concerning sexual harassment or discrimination. She oversees several offices such as Academic Advisement and the Office of Community Service. And she seeks to increase not only the number of minority students who come to Daemen but also the number of women and other minorities who major in math and science.

Dr. Kovach-Allen, in addition to all of her Daemen responsibilities, likes to read, cross country ski, and play racquetball. She and her husband have four cats.

Her favorite quote from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe pretty much sums up her personal and professional attitude: “Correction does much but encouragement does more.”

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THE GOVERNMENT THAT'S WORKING FOR YOU

Last semester the members of the Student Association began looking closely at its by-laws and policies for funding. We noticed that under the old system there were many problems, particularly those problems resulting from the use of outside vendors. To correct them, we adopted new funding policies. We decided that the Student Association would now handle all of the ordering for all recognized organizations. In addition, we have decided to utilize those people who are directly responsible for planning student activities on campus: Jill Lavallee, Vice President of Programming, and Chris Malik, Student Activities Director.

Ms. Lavallee and Mr. Malik will be reviewing each budget that is submitted, and they decide whether the activity will be allowed to take place. Therefore, any organization that is interested in having an event and would like help in the programming should see Ms. Lavallee and Mr. Malik.

We have also initiated a new policy for the ordering of goods and refreshments for these activities. After the budget has been approved, the Student Association Senator Kimberly Faye will then order from Hallmark Food Service the refreshments that you have been approved for. Any organization that wishes to have a fund raiser which requires the use of an outside vendor must petition the Student Association for permission. If permission is granted to host such a fund raiser, Senator Tom Bocciano will then place the order for your candy or the item to be raffled. Please keep in mind that any revenue generated from such an event will be redistributed to the entire student body in the way of additional programming unless the money has been approved to be used differently.

What does all this mean exactly? It means that we are now taking the burden of ordering off of the hands of the officers in order to alleviate any business transactions between outside vendors and organizational leaders. These changes have been made to make life a little easier for the programmer of a class or student activity and to provide more appealing and more organized functions to the campus community.

WHO FUNDS SENIOR WEEK?

Over the years the price of funding Senior Week and Commencement has increased dramatically. In fact, in the past few years, the Student Association has helped carry the cost of graduation to the wallet-denting sum of $13,000. The Student Association can no longer carry the burden, and further more, the Student Association should not be responsible for the Seniors’ graduation.

Classes have not been aggressively raising money. Consequently, class officers have been working hard to come up with activities and fund raisers that will help defer the cost of Senior Week. Is this fair?

In order to have a memorable Senior Week, students need to work with their class governments, and they need to generate the ideas that will enable them to fund their last week here at Daemen. It has indeed been quoted that “This is our last week, we deserve a great time.” However, the funding of Senior Week from Student Association moneys would deprive students who have yet to graduate. Granted, some seniors have worked hard in order to have a great final week, but not that many.

So if you later feel that you had a lousy Senior Week, ask yourself, “What did I do to make this week special for me and my friends?”

These two articles, written by Michael Miles, Student Association President, are not necessarily the opinion of the Ascent. Their presence in this issue should be interpreted merely as a courtesy to Mr. Miles and not as an endorsement of his views. Anyone who agrees or disagrees with Mr. Miles is encouraged to contact him or write the editors of the Ascent.