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Upcoming Dates

from Wick Desk

OCTOBER 14—Admission's Local Weekend. Movie in DS 34 @ 7:00, and Phi Beta Gamma event @ 9:00.

OCTOBER 15—Sophomore class event. Maybe they know how to have fun.

OCTOBER 20—Who says needles hurt? Red Cross Blood drive. 9:00- 3:00 p. m. Sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

OCTOBER 21—Take the Daemen bus to Montreal to watch the Queen Bee hockey Sabres play those Maple Leafs. Wick desk has the details.

OCTOBER 22—IGA event.

OCTOBER 28—Class of '90 event. (Is anyone wondering what is meant by "event"? Perhaps party? Beats us.)

OCTOBER 29—Class of '90 throws a haunting Halloween party. We don't know whether it's costume or not, but let's be spooky anyway.



Brunner's Bar Politics

by Dave Brothman

Every Thursday night I end up downing a few cold ones at Brunner's Tavern. Last Thursday, after several Labatts, I started bulling around with some friends of mine. The next thing I knew, we were talking about the Buffalo Bills; after all, they're now leading their division. But soon the guys got bored with drinking Labatts and discussing the Bills. A good buddy then ordered our first round of shots and asked, "Dave, what's your biggest event this semester?"

"The Presidential elections."

So for the rest of the night four History and Government majors talked politics. In a very packed bar.

"Who you voting for Kevin?"

"Poppy Bush, our seasoned Vice President."

"What! You nuts?" I asked. "Vote for Duke—he's the best man for the job."

This type of arguing became very loud and long winded. So much so that the other bar patrons, who were also students at Daemen, entered into the conversation. And here's what they had to say.

An Art major came up to us and said, "Like, I think I'll vote for George Bush because like, his running mate is sooo hot!!!!"

My friends and I were so humored by this valley talk we had to order a second round of shots. Now—get this one. A Physical Therapy major came up to Kevin and told him she'd vote for the guy with the big eyelashes. Kevin laughed. "Oh, you mean Mike Dukakis."

"Yeah, that's him," replied the PT Major.

"Why for him?" Kevin asked.

"Because George Bush gets trashed in DOONSBURY."

So there we were in Brunner's getting wasted and talking politics as our minds slowly deteriorated. But what the hey! That last round of shots really must have impaired my hearing because I thought I heard someone come up to me and ask, "What election? Can I vote?"

Anyhow, the night ended and I awoke Friday morning before my 12:30 class with a very hoarse voice and a pounding headache. All I remembered was what I said while tripping out the bar. On November 8, 1988, you have to vote either for "Poppy" Bush and his hunted Quayle or for "The Duke" and his Texan Kemosabe.

Freshman Flounders In Sea of Misery

by Lori Bellomo

Ever encountered people whose biggest problems in life are that they missed two episodes of *Alf* last month, gained three pounds last year, and couldn't use the family BMW Friday night? Obviously, they aren't college students.

As a college Freshman, I have trouble finding enough money to buy a cheeseburger after paying for necessary school supplies like Macintosh computer disks and \$30 journalism textbooks. I have trouble getting my unnaturally heavy workload done for the evening, and more trouble finding six consecutive hours of sleep during any given weeknight. I do, however, find great comfort in knowing that I'm not alone in my vast sea of college-life misery.

Of course there are good points to being a college Fresh-

man: I get to roll out of bed extra early to fight with Graphic Design students for time on a Macintosh because Design students by design are special. They're allowed to reserve time on those coveted, scarcely available word processors. I can also have my hard-earned 50 cents eaten by the snack machine on the ground floor of Duns Scotus when I am exceptionally hungry and have only three minutes to get to class on the third floor. As an added bonus, I can go to Laco Bookstore on Main Street and pay twice as much for a textbook because the Daemen Bookstore sold its last one last summer.

Don't get me wrong—I like it here at Daemen. The people are nice and very helpful, and I get lucky enough to park my car occasionally.

New York City Girls Escape to Daemen Country

by Lori Bellomo and Christen Mustico

Daemen's class of 1992 includes at least two coed freshmen who came to Buffalo because they wanted to go to school "in the country."

Mia Santiago, a freshman from New York City, so far thinks that Daemen is small and somewhat cliquey.

She also finds that being a student here is an awesome change from her Manhattan high school. "I can't just walk out of my door," says Ms. Santiago, "and there'll be a million-and-one things to do."

Another student shares this attitude.

"I need the quiet life," says Adela Guerino, a freshman from Brooklyn. "I've lived there for seventeen years and I now need a place to rest."

For a small college located in the frontier of up-state country, Daemen seems to have mass appeal.

The Queen Bee Ain't No Big Apple, But Check It Out

by Bernard Laroque

Bored on a Saturday morning with nothing at all to do and no wheels to do it with?

Take the 48A bus inbound to South Campus Station. Then take the inbound subway to Allen-Hospital. Get off and walk down Allen street to view all the little stores which have a rich culture. Also near the subway station is the Anchor Bar, which discovered the chicken wing. Go back to the subway and take it inbound to Theater Station. Get off. Nearby is the new Market Arcade, where eight movies are showing every day. Take in a movie. Then walk towards the city where there are many buildings and stores to see. Have dinner downtown (we recommend the Bijou Grill) then visit the marina and have some drinks at Crawdaddy's. Afterwards, go back to Main Street and and take the outbound sub back to South Campus and catch the 48A bus back to school.

GREAT WORKS OF LITERATURE ON FILM

Thomas Mann's *Death in Venice*

with commentary by Jeff Simon, film critic, *Buffalo News*,

Monday, October 31, 7:30 p. m., Daemen Little Theatre

Special Coeds Hope to Go National

by Michele Bok

A newly formed coed organization is currently trying to establish a third sorority on the Daemen College campus, so that coeds wishing to become Greek sisters can have a third organization to choose from.

Something Special is a small group of coeds bound together by one common goal: to bring the national sorority Fi Mu to Daemen. By going national, the members of Something Special hope to strengthen the College's Greek life. A third national sorority, says Something Special, will give coeds more opportunities to figure out where they could best fit in.

Carolyn McCarthy, president of Something Special, says if Fi Mu does indeed come here, Daemen would have one more group to help get things done.

Something Special is already in the process of being recognized by Fi Mu. After gathering together girls with similar

interests and goals, Ms. McCarthy contacted Fi Mu's national representative who told her to work on unity by participating in community service and planning social activities. And Something Special listened.

Two things that Something Special has already done for the Buffalo community are painting a mural at Buffalo Children's Hospital and donating food baskets to the area's needy families. As far as social activities are concerned, Something Special is all business. So far they've sold shots at a local bar called Mickey Rats and staged a mock New Year's Eve formal. Future plans include a Mardi Gras dance in association with Adult Disabled Are People Too (ADAPT).

The national representative will be on campus later this month to talk to the girls and decide whether to make them a colony of Fi Mu.

Booga Starts a Banner Year

by Don Clark

President Robert Marshall recently recognized booga booga Beta's three years of community service by permitting the social group to hang a banner in the gym.

The banner, which is funded by the school, will hang alongside those of Phi Beta Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon in the Daemen gym. President Marshall stated that the booga banner will be of the same size and material as those already hanging to avoid any discrepancies.

Pete Schaub, president of bbB, stated, "I am, as I imagine the whole group is, happy to see the banner go up. It will be the only article on campus that shows our letters and recognizes us as a group at Daemen. And now that the banner will be up for good, we'll finally get the attention and recognition we've wanted since the group first formed."

The banner should be hung within the next few weeks.

CROP Walk Helps Hungry

by Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry will once again coordinate this year's five mile CROP WALK to be held on October 16, 1988.

The CROP WALK provides an opportunity for clubs, fraternities, sororities, dorms, classes, and individuals to participate jointly to raise funds for hunger.

Potential participants need to pick up a sponsor sheet and further information in the Campus Ministry office.

Participants are also responsible for collecting money from their sponsors and for turning it into Campus Ministry as soon as possible after the walk.

CROP is the name given to local community efforts at hunger education and fundraising for Church World Service, a relief and development agency of more than 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the United States.

Reeboks or Air Jordan optional.

THE DAEMEN COLLEGE ENGLISH CLUB

will sponsor a trip to the Stratford Festival Theatre, Stratford, Ontario,
to see William Shakespeare's *RICHARD III*,

Tuesday, October 11. \$10 includes all. For reservations call Shirley Theisen @ 662-3966.

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UPSET ROOMMATE NEEDS ADVICE

by Ann Hynes

We all need advice from time to time, and we all like to give it. We all have problems too. They may be personal, family, or academic. Some may be trivial. Those we try to work out for ourselves.

Other problems may be quite serious, and may seem catastrophic. Those need immediate attention, and help comes from academic advisors, friends, parents, or counselors.

Problems encountered here at Daemen sometimes fall between the two extremes. Maybe they're only minor, yet constant, irritations among dorm mates, between boyfriend and girlfriend, whatever. And when the cold sets in, cabin fever, as well as the pressures of demanding professors and course work, can get to be a bit too much to deal with.

Now—I'm not saying that I have a solution, or even a suggestion for a cure. But you might—for someone else. A new feature in upcoming issues of the *Ascent* will address these delicate yet universal questions in the style of Dear Abbey or the Playboy Advisor. But in this case, Ann Landers won't be dispensing advice. Nor will Playboy. YOU WILL.

Consider this first letter written by an anonymous, composite student:

HELP!!!! I SUSPECT MY EVIL ROOMMATE IS ALWAYS PILFERING THROUGH MY VALUABLE STUFF WHILE I'M AWAY IN CLASS. I'VE NO PRIVACY. PLEASE HELP ME. WHAT CAN I DO?

Here's your chance to start playing amateur psychologist, Joyce Brothers, Dr. Spock, or Eric Zinnerstrom. Be humorous, get serious, or use logic. Who but another student could be more understanding and sympathetic? We'll print your solutions, no matter how mundane or bizarre (space and time permitting).

But please keep them tasteful. Remember—we're not a forum for trash.

Another new feature will be a Classified and Personal Ad column. Want to wish someone a happy birthday, sell your old typewrite, leave a message, or locate a lost item? This column is free. And open. Space and time permitting, your ads will be printed, so keep them clean, okay?

And keep in mind the time element. *Ascent* is published once a month, so you best plan ahead. Better to have whatever to us by the last week of the month.

Send all responses to the above poor student's dilemma, as well as personal and classified ads, or any other comments or suggestions, to the *Ascent*, Box 419, Wick Desk, Daemen College.

And we'll see how it plays in print.

Roomates Sleep with Stars

by Caryl Mazzi

Are you and your roommate best friends? If so, you can probably thank the stars.

Dorothy Sheehan, Daemen College's Housing Manager, has been matching roommates for several years by their astrological signs. Mrs. Sheehan decided to try this effective method when the housing director one year suggested the idea.

Mrs. Sheehan believes students who share the same astrological sign can share a room without much hassle. Her system seems to work. Prior to this year, she's rarely had to reassign rooms during room-change week, a time when roommates who are not satisfied with one another can request a new roomie.

This year, however, Mrs. Sheehan has been unable to match each student to a corresponding star. Because of lack of time and space, several students were assigned temporary rooms and roommates with opposing astrological signs.

Would Mrs. Sheehan ever discontinue her system of good stars make good roomies? "It would be very difficult," she says. Thank the stars.

Costs Force Students to Work

by Don Clark

Many Daemen students are working various jobs this semester to help cover increasing college costs. Some are even working several jobs.

The money may be nice, but working their way through school is very often a sacrifice.

Sue Kaczynski explained her situation. "There never seems to be enough time in the day for both the job and the homework. The money does come in handy, and the job does break up the monotony of studying, but the money can't replace the satisfaction of good grades."

Other times there are advantages tempered by disadvantages. "I get on-the-job benefits and I get to see more people," says Lisa Hanrahan. "But when I need time off, it's hard to find replacements. Otherwise, problems are few."

But sometimes the time involved is worth the hassle. "I lose study time when I have to travel forty-five minutes to work," says Pete Schaub, a junior Physical Therapy major. "I guess it's a sacrifice, but I work in the field I'm studying for."

Daemen Residents Gorge on Late Night Pizza

by Link Klabo

Campus students this semester have ordered a large quantity of delivery food, especially pizza. The Daemen College food service closes at 6:15 p. m., after which, if students get hungry, they have no other choice but to call to have a pizza conveniently delivered to their dorm.

Here's a break down of Domino pizzas ordered between September 19 and 23. The hungriest dorm by a pepperoni was Dorm #103, which ordered 14 pizzas. Trailing a mushroom behind were Dorms #111 with 12 pizzas and #66E with 11. Coming in third were Dorms 84 and 56E with 9 pizzas each.

On the bottom of the Dorms with anchovies were 71 and 36E with 4 pizzas each, 18E and 76E with 3 each, and at the bottom of the cheese was 46E with a mere 2 pizzas.

Canavan Hall also has a pan-size craving for pizza. The fourth floor took the onion honors with 8. The second floor trailed by a cheese strand with 7. And tied for third, no more than a bell pepper behind, were floors three and five, each with 6 pizzas in their swelling stomachs.

Some students around campus order pizza late at night to eat after drinking and socializing.

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Sisters of Mercy, Continental Punk!

by Scott Kaufman

If you've already heard of the Continental, I'm not surprised. It seems to be the kind of club whose reputation—at least a highly exaggerated form thereof—precedes it.

Located on Franklin Street in downtown Buffalo, the Continental has undoubtedly the most well known "new music" (and I don't mean Madonna or Michael Jackson) in the city.

As far as history goes, one could say that the club established its claim to fame as a result of the punk rock movement of the Seventies and early Eighties—at which time the Continental booked such acts as the infamous *Fems* and the now defunct *Pauline and the Perils*, two acts which had already established rather large followings in Buffalo.

Of course, the fact that the beginnings of the Continental may have stemmed from the advent of punk doesn't mean that the club has failed to keep up with the times. Everyone knows, no matter how argued the point may be, that hardcore punk as a major force in music—is dead. The Continental's not.

Some hardcores (original and diaper punk varieties) still

visit the Continental. The general crowd, however, could hardly be called hardcore. Gothic perhaps—but not hardcore. And although I hate to remove the destructive visions of some Daemen students, the Continental crowd is not going to beat you up if you happen to stop in. Perhaps as proof of the Continental, I have yet to see many Daemen students there. (What's wrong? Are we scared of hardcores or something?)

Concerning price. There's a nominal \$3 cover charge at the door. Bar drinks are two-for-one until midnight. And the price of beer is pretty minimal as well. About \$1.75 a bottle.

The club has two floors and two bars. The first usually features a live band. And on the second floor you can dance to a DJ who plays some of the best NEW new music around.

So—if you're not scared of punks (they're not going to beat you up) and if you have a deep-rooted appreciation for bands such as *Depeche Mode*, *Skinny Puppy*, *Alien Sex Fiend*, and *Sisters of Mercy*, you'll definitely want to put the Continental on your list of clubs to visit this month.

And 97's Back and Rockin'

by Dave Brothman

Hey Dorm Dwellers—have you ever found yourself sitting in your dorm with nothing to do? And then decided to turn on the radio and listen to some great tunes but couldn't find any radio station worth listening to? Well, now there's a radio station that will take you away from all that. 96.9 on the FM dial. That's 97 ROCK—the best in Buffalo.

This is not a new radio station. What's now WGR-FM used to be WGRQ-FM until three years ago when Cleveland based Taft Broadcasting dumped it's rock n' roll format and switched to the dreadful world of adult contemporary. The call letters for that radio station were WRLT or LITE FM. Since 1985, college students and other Buffalonians have had to listen to cheap imitations of the old 97 ROCK.

The loss of Buffalo's best radio station also meant the end of the best concerts that Buffalo has ever seen. 97 ROCK had booked concerts such as the WHO, the CLASH and David Johanssen. Several events called SUPERFESTS billed top bands at Orchard Park's Rich Stadium. Larry "Snorton" Norton once stayed on the air for several weeks until the

POLICE decided to make a date in Buffalo. This escapade worked, and the POLICE decided to end their North American Tour in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium. The station also had an event called the 97 ROCK Party Bus, a caravan that took 97 ROCK air personalities and their listeners to SWAIN MOUNTAIN, a ski resort just outside of Rochester, New York.

At 12:00 midnight, September 20, 1988, WGR-FM 97 ROCK was reborn. Along with the old format came several old air personalities such as Larry Norton in the morning, John Hager as program director and mid afternoon jock, Lauri Githins as morning newscaster, Carl Russo as the evening jock, and Cindy Chan as the overnight jock.

The morning crew or "Morning Circus" is completed with newcomers such as sportscaster Tighe Jensen. In the afternoon there's a female version of Carl Russo by the name of Anita West.

You can be sure you won't be bored with this radio station because, as the saying goes, 97 ROCK is "BACK AND ROCKIN'."

Daemen To Open New Season Dramatically

by Christen Mustico

Daemen Theatre will be presenting a few nights of entertainment beginning at 8:00 on October 27, and continuing each night until October 29. Rosalind Cramer, professor of Theatre Arts, will be directing two plays, *Mirage et al* and *Ariel Bright*.

The two plays will display the dramatic talents of seven Daemen students and two professionals. The seven student actors are Alex Petkovski, Sean Hudson, Brian Kendall, Christen Mustico, Ismeal Rodriguez, Mia Santiago, and Lissa Stewart. The two professionals are Paul Michael and Gabrielle Vehar.

Of the students in the play only three—Kendall, Mustico, and Stewart—are veterans of Daemen theatre. Petkovski, Rodriguez, Hudson, and Santiago, however, are excited about

their debut Daemen performance. Michael and Vehar hope to bring a new aspect of professional theatre to the Daemen Stage.

Mirage et al, a new approach for Daemen Theatre buffs, consists of short scenes, five to seven minutes long, set in a cabaret atmosphere. Daemen students will be portraying the various characters as well as helping on crews.

Ariel Bright is a one act play written and performed by Michael and Vehar.

Auditions were held on September 13 and 14. Ms. Cramer had hoped for more involvement from the Daemen community, but is pleased with the cast she has selected. She feels that this Fall's production will be a challenge but is confident that the actors will perform brilliantly.

Censors Seek to Spoil Comic Books

by Courtney Reed

The new attention to comic books has raised the dander of people who believe there's no morality in the media. Just as in the 1950's, when Dr. Fredric Werthan and associates got the government to establish the Comics Code Authority, which tells what can and can't be published in comic books, groups now want to enforce new restrictions: age limits and labeling.

These two restrictions would call for a lot of self-regulation in the industry. An age limit would be instated by the retailers of comic books, but they would be constantly under the scrutiny of anyone who wants to make trouble.

The labeling issue has caused the most problems in the comic book industry. The proposal of rating a comic book according to its content is similar to the labeling of records proposed by the Publishing Companies and Retailers (PMCR).

Such a proposal bothers a lot of comic book artists. They believe their artistic freedom would be threatened. They also believe they could be singled out and possibly blackballed by some companies who fear the label of pornographer.

This fear has gotten to the point where a person was fired by D. C. Comics, one of the two major publishers of comic books. D. C. was also the focus of attention when a group of artists signed a petition against the new policies on labeling.

A lot of people think the issue of labeling comic books will first reach the point of tacit censorship and banning and ultimately lead to blatant censorship and comic book burning. Such an attitude may seem extremist, but don't be surprised if it changes the nature of comic books.

Comic books would never be the same.

The Art Department's Fine and Performing Arts series opens the 1988-1989 academic year by featuring the paintings of Daemen faculty member Mr. James Allen. The paintings in this exhibition are chosen from the work Mr. Allen completed last year while on sabbatical. The exhibition is displayed on the first floor of Duns Scotus at the Daemen College Art Gallery. Hours from 9:00 to 5:00.

Step Ascending, the Daemen College Literary Review, is now soliciting manuscripts for its Spring issue. Students are encouraged to submit poetry, short stories, excerpts from in-progress novels, or literary essays. Submissions should be made to Ann Hynes, Editor, *Step Ascending*, Daemen College, Amherst, New York. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your submission.

Head Coach Looks Forward to Rich Warrior Year

by Bernard Laroque

1988 could be an exciting year in Daemen basketball history because of the optimistic and competitive team that first year coach Rick Jacob is going to put on the court. This team will feature some returnees and ten new faces, a combination which should prove interesting. The team's new faces feature two transfer students, Chris Lewis and Jim Chapman, and two freshmen, Derrick Henry and Rob Robinson.

The team will be playing in the competitive District 18 of the National Alliance of Independent Athletics (NAIA). This division consists of eight teams, among them Waynesburg, which last year was an NAIA final four team.

To make sure players stay on the court, Coach Jacob has instituted a new academic program that requires at least ten hours of study time a week, to be monitored by the coaching staff. The coach hopes to teach players how to manage time effectively and thereby avoid many of the pressures associated with being a student-athlete.

This year should be a rebuilding year, but with a mixture of returnees and new players, the team should improve as the year goes along. 1988-1989 is the first full academic year under the Coach Jacob.

Athletics Plans to Emphasize Intramural Sports

by Link Klabo

This semester Daemen plans to offer intramural teams in volleyball, basketball, football, and soccer. These sports have been chosen because of student interest. Richard Jacob, coach of the Daemen basketball team, says "there's always a possibility of new sports if enough interest is shown."

Athletic activities for Daemen students are not as numerous than at most state colleges, but Daemen tries its best to comply to the wants and needs of its students. A student with interest in a certain sport can always find some friends and make their own team to compete with other students.

Last year the school attempted to have intramural floor hockey in the gym, but due to problems with the gym floor surface, floor hockey was temporarily stopped.

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Schedule of 1988-1989 Home Basketball Games

Nov. 30	Utica Tech	7:30
Dec. 3	Westminster	3:00
Dec. 6	Houghton	7:30
Dec. 10	Geneva	7:30
Jan. 28	Point Park	4:00
Feb. 2	Pitt-Bradford	7:30
Feb. 4	Waynesburg	3:00
Feb. 18	Cortland	7:00
Feb. 19	St. Vincent	3:00
Feb. 21	Robert Wesleyen	7:30

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