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Student Smokers Adapt To Clean Indoor Air Act

by Tshana Cooper

Daemen students are having mixed reactions to the enactment of New York's Clean Indoor Air Act. For two months now, smokers have been limited to lighting up out doors, in a space in the Ratt, and in single dorm rooms. In double rooms, where one of the students is a nonsmoker, the nonsmoker has the right to prevent or limit the smoking of the other student.

"The new smoking policy's a violation of smokers' rights," says Cynthia Lui, who is contemplating starting a protest group. "We should be allowed to smoke wherever we please," she says.

Wes Brown says "the smoking ban's bullshit."

Jennifer Wagner believes that there should be additional designated smoking areas. "This school isn't so small that the smoking areas have to be limited. It's unfair to smokers," she says.

Another student admits to being so desperate for a place to smoke that she still smokes wherever she chooses. Such a student who violates the smoking policy risks college disciplinary action, according to Frank Balcerzak, Administration's point-person responsible for implementing the State regulation. "Individuals caught disobeying the law will be disciplined," he says.

Believe it or not, some smokers like the smoking restriction. Stacey Tolley and Shanti Suarez, for instance, believe the law benefits smokers who are trying to quit. The law makes it harder for them to smoke and, in the long run, saves them money.

Nonsmokers, in particular, appreciate the law. "Because of second hand smoke," says Bridgett Herrod, "we nonsmokers are in more danger of catching cancer and other smoke relate diseases. Just because smokers want to die," she says, "they don't have to kill us, too."

Other nonsmokers want the Clean Indoor Air Act to be implemented more sweepingly. "It's stupid to put smokers where they are in the Ratt," says Jennifer Hoch. "Nonsmokers have to walk through the smoke to get their food."

Such a concern is also expressed by Timothy Johnson. "People shouldn't be inconvenienced by smoke while they're eating," he says.

Karin Zullo, a smoker, feels smokers have been getting a bad rap. "All smokers aren't inconsiderate," she says. "If there's a nonsmoker in the room, I ask whether my smoking would be bothersome."

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

College to Pave Way for Easier Parking: *New Lot to Be Built Behind Little Theatre*

by Michelle Bock

For those of us who get to campus and ten minutes later are lucky to find a parking spot, help is finally on the way in the form of a new parking lot, which the Amherst Planning Committee recently approved, but only after hearing the complaints of adjacent property owners.

For at least a year now, Daemen students and staff have been aware of the need for more parking spaces. According to Frank Balcerzak, Daemen's Vice President of Business Affairs, less and less people are carpooling or using public transportation to get to campus, and more and more people are driving.

In fact, during Daemen's peak hours, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Thursday, there are at least 800 cars on campus, many of them spilling over onto Main Street, Campus Drive, or other side streets, and thereby causing residents on those streets to complain.

On February 15, 1990, plans for a new Daemen parking lot, to be located behind the Daemen Little Theatre, were set before the Amherst planning committee during a town meeting at the Municipal Building. Two other potential sights—one between Wick Center and Rosary Hall, and the other between Campus Drive and Campus Drive East—had proven to be too small and not cost effective.

A permit for the new lot had been originally approved in November 1989, but the permit was revoked after a great deal

of opposition from a group of neighbors whose homes on Meadowstream backed right up to the proposed sight.

The neighborhood group objected to having the lot so close to their back yards. They were fearful of the effects the lot would have on their community.

On February 15, when the anti-lot group presented the planning committee with an alternative proposal of eight mini-lots scattered across campus, Mr. Balcerzak responded by saying several small lots would not be cost effective. They would also cause traffic tie-ups as people searched for spaces. Lastly, small lots would be more difficult for Daemen security to monitor, especially at night.

Fred Holman, the architect for the town of Williamsville, told the planning committee that the new lot would be hidden from the neighbors' view by a natural barrier of new trees. He also told the committee that the neighbors wouldn't be bothered by harsh lighting because low-sodium lights would be used.

The results of an extensive drainage study showed the neighbors need not fear the possibility of water run-off, either from a winter thaw or from heavy rains.

After the hearing, which lasted for nearly an hour, Daemen's new parking lot was approved. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits. The new lot, which will cost approximately \$35,000, will hold 100 vehicles.

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Mock UN Delegation Crashes Boston

by Dave Brothman

On the weekend of February 15 to 18, while most Daemen students were riding the wave of Buffalo's first major winter storm, seven brave souls were attending the Harvard Model United Nations in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Daemen delegation represented Costa Rica in the mock United Nations. Each student represented Costa Rica on a specific committee, like Political and Security, Legal, and Atomic. Each committee focussed on two issues, wrote working papers and formulated resolutions. At the end of these committee meetings, all the countries assembled and voted on every resolution of every represented country.

In addition to attending the mock United Nations (the real one is in New York City) there was the obligatory sightseeing, drinking beer at the Bull & Finch (commonly known as *Cheers*) and lobster eating. In fact, after a historic and educational ride on the Boston trolley, one of the Daemen UN delegates won a twist contest at the Sheraton Hotel bar.

Three of the Daemen students also visited Harvard, the Ivy League school that, like Daemen, is a college, not a university.

The seven accidental tourists/students/delegates all had a good time and are eagerly looking forward to next year's trip.

Food Committee Formed

by James Lawson

Have you ever asked, "Why is the broccoli yellow?"

Mike Drumm, a student since 1985, feels the Daemen food has been "consistently bad" because there has not been a "full effort" on the part of food service.

A recent concern has been the use of mayonnaise instead of salad dressing in the salads. "It's typical college food," says Kathileen Costanzo.

Now students at Daemen can voice their concerns. A committee of students and faculty is being established to suggest improvements, plan menus, and organize special diets in view of student needs.

"We had a committee fairly active about a half year to a year ago," says Frank Balcerzak, "but past committees lost interest."

"Occasionally," says Chris Malik, "something could be reported, and a committee would get student input."

Although concerns have been minimal this semester, interest has apparently grown. Fifteen out of twenty five student applicants have agreed "to commit to serve the interest of the students," says Dean Marzahn.

Tentative dates for meeting are now being considered for once a week during the lunch hour. They may be held in the executive dining hall and all are welcome.

MARCH IS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

Daemen's Social Work Program invites all concerned students to enjoy National Social Work Month. Personal satisfaction, professional status, and a stable and rewarding career are only a few of the desirable attributes of a career in social work. If you are not quite sure about either the profession of social work or your own career directions, take this opportunity to investigate a social work career by attending the various activities scheduled for the month of March. You'll have the opportunity to meet both the faculty and the social work majors who are prepared to talk to you about the potential and prospects for a career as a professional social worker.

DAEMEN'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 14
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

National Association of Social
Workers, NY State Chapter's
Annual Legislative
Conference Day

Albany, NY
(Transportation to be arranged)

Wednesday, March 21
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Seminar
Speaking the Same Language:
An Interdisciplinary Approach
to the Case Conference Model

Daemen College
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Saturday, March 31
7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Seminar
and End of Social Work Month
Celebration: Understanding
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VIEWPOINT

The Hard-Knock SA, or *Time to fight back*

by Terri Papaj

The Student Association is forever being slammed—from the left, from the right, from above and below. They must certainly be sore by now. But why is it that the SA is everyone's favorite punching bag?

I've never seen the SA as being anything other than the students' official representative, articulating student views and caring for the students' best interests, or so says our Student Handbook.

What I've seen, however, makes me wonder whether the SA does in fact care about us students or even about its continuing existence as a group representative of our concerns.

Take office hours, for instance. The SA's office (as well as the *Ascent's*) is located in the Wick Center between Room 115 and the Conference Office. It's a very quiet place. Posted on the window of the door is a list of the SA officers' office hours, according to which there should be someone on duty most all of the time. Why is it, then, that the one time I needed to talk to one of my elected representatives, no one was in the office as scheduled. No—that person wasn't late but was found strolling around the premises, sort of heading toward the Ratt.

Another point about the SA's concern for student interests is the way the governing body is organizing its up-coming elections. A major goal of any group is to insure a stable future, and an election is a means to ensure continuing representation, which in turn guarantees that the group will continue into the future. It seems, therefore, that the SA would be enthusiastically promoting an event that would ensure its future power and prestige.

My point is this: why can't the SA get out there on campus and through some sweat ensure its own survival? Couldn't SA whip up a slick modest little pamphlet or flyer that for a change would inform students about the proceedings of SA, as do other organizations, like *Connections* or UAU? There's an Apple computer in the SA office, as well as a Xerox, both of which could be used to publish flyers.

Will the SA survive? We want it to. We want it to be a loud voice advocating our best interests.

Will the SA put out a little information booklet? We doubt it, yet cling to hope.

All the SA needs is a little boost, a proverbial shot in the arm, to get itself back in the swing of things. I'm sure that after the elections are over, and new people with fresh ideas come walking through the door, the SA will get the shot they so badly need.

Enthusiasm and encouragement are what the SA needs most, not a kick to the ribs, as if the count were nearing ten.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Does President Bush plan for the future? If so, then why does he propose to chop 14,000 Pell Grant recipients from federal funding? Many students, like myself, rely on those grants to help defray the ever rising costs of college.

Presently, my parents help me whenever they can, but most of the financial responsibility for my education is mine. I rely on state and federal financial aid to help me finish my education. I have dreams of becoming a hospital administrator. My parents, friends, and family don't want to see me fail for financial reasons.

President Bush shouldn't push people like me out of the running for a successful life and career. We should write to our legislators and to President Bush, telling them we do not support cutting Pell Grants.

The only thing being cut is our future.

Peter L. Brodie

Dear Editor,

Daemen students shouldn't have to attend the College with the sense that their majors will be cut.

As a threatened Social Work major, however, I am in solidarity with Medical Records majors.

Medical Records administrators, like Social Workers, are important professions out there in the real world.

Administration should reconsider dropping such vital programs.

Tony Adams

Dear Editor

I am outraged that the Medical Records Program is being cut from Daemen's degree programs. It is further outrageous that Med Rec majors and their faculty were evicted from their assigned room.

Currently, there are numerous students enrolled in the Medical Records program; many of them are freshmen. Can Administration honestly state that the College admitted these students unaware that the Medical Records program would be abandoned? Earlier this semester, Administration turned down an invitation to a meeting to answer such questions.

Something needs to be done. It is appalling to hear of an administration that stresses quality of education but uses the term loosely.

Leah Rusin

Dear Editor,

I used to believe PT was a noble profession. And I have fought hard to reach this point in my academic training. But lately that pride and nobility have turned to shame and disgust.

The nit-picking, back stabbing, name calling, and debasing competitive spirit and the all around unprofessional attitude is insulting to my sensibilities. Furthermore, when these characteristics are encouraged, I am left aghast.

I only have this one hope left: that those who have eyes see and those who have ears listen. But mostly, that those who have power act swiftly and with wisdom.

Cindy Sampson, PT Junior

NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK: APRIL 8-14, 1990

*DISCOVER THE LABORATORY PROFESSIONAL—
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If you would like to know more about careers in clinical laboratory science, or about National Medical Laboratory week, contact Mrs. Kotlarz in D.S. 213.

Gym Shortens Hours

by Clarisse Saxon

"Why can't the gym be open earlier" is a question that many Daemen students who regularly use the gym are asking. Last year students could use the gym and the exercise room from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. This year, however, is a different ballgame. The doors aren't unlocked until 1.

Athletic Director Don Delbello states that the hours have been reduced because, in the past, only a few people were using the facility prior to 1 p.m.. "No one was coming that much," he says. "It just didn't work out." Mr. Delbello feels that the relatively few students using the gym in the morning just didn't justify the longer hours.

As a result, students who would like to use the gym prior to 1:00 are left in the cold with unburned calories. One student says, "It's unfair to have to wait till the afternoon."

Another student, Bill Mander, says, "People should be able to come to the gym whenever they want."

The reduction of the gym hours is not the only concern students have. Candi Donaldson, for instance, says the concrete floor in the aerobics room could cause injuries. Another student states there should be more new workout equipment and that some of the old equipment needs repairs.

According to Mr. Delbello, these concerns are being addressed. "Three new machines have been put in, like the StairMaster, and it's possible that a leg press will be available soon," he says.

As for repairs, Mr. Delbello says they will be made during the break or summer vacation. Repairs are not made sooner, he says, because "we don't want to deprive the students from using the equipment."

Unwanted!

Members for an old club as we are tired and needless of new members.

- We are not well organized and we don't strive to live by high standards and ideals as do the Greeks, Booga, Ski Club, and other social clubs.

- We do not get involved in community service and we provide no leadership as do the Greeks, advocacy groups, and the SA.

- We are not interested in advocating for the well being of students as do UAU, IGA, Human Service Club, Resident Council, Adapt, and other groups.

- We have no professional interests in the areas of our majors like Art Club, English Club, Medical Records Club, Education Club, SPTA, Business Club, and Psychology Club.

- We do not express, produce, record, communicate, or preserve ideas and images as do the *Ascent*, *Summit*, *Step Ascending*, Image Makers, Art Directors, etc.

- We uphold no traditions, we stand for nothing, we have no meetings, we accomplish little, we feel bad, and we are apathetic as hell and virtually unrecognizable.

- However, we are easy to join. If you are not involved in a student organization, you are automatically a member of:

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Student Association Officers to be Elected

by Andre Lillard, SA President

It's that time again to elect the officers for next year's Daemen Student Association. The spring elections will be held from April 23, 1990, through April 27, 1990. Therefore, Student Association will be accepting Letters of Intent from March 12, 1990, to March 26, 1990. All Letters of Intent must be placed in the Student Association President's mailbox, located in the Wick Center behind Wick Desk, by this deadline. All Letters of Intent will then be published in the April issue of *Ascent*, which is extending this courtesy to the SA so that the student body will be able to make an informed decision.

The purpose of a Letter of Intent is to declare your intention to run for office. It also gives the candidates the opportunity to state their objectives for the coming year. A Letter of Intent should tell the voter about your qualifications and more important about your goals as an SA officer. The length of the letter should not exceed 250 words.

The officers to be elected for the 1990/1991 year are: 1) President, 2) Vice-President of Governing, 3) Vice-President of Programming, 4) Vice-President of Publication, 5) Secretary, 6) Treasurer, and 7) The Class Presidents for each graduating class. Candidates should be knowledgeable of the duties of the particular office which they are running for. These duties can be found in the bylaws of the Student Association, and Letters of Intent should directly address how the candidate will perform these duties.

Finally, I would like to take this time to encourage anyone who would like to run for an office to do so. Over the past year, I have had many positive experiences. Many of them have pertained to my duties as President of Student Association, an office which has elevated my awareness of social and personal issues.

Students Rile Professors

by Terri Papaj

We students are pretty good at criticizing our teachers for their quirks. Now it's their turn to turn the screw on us.

Dr. Dennis Mills, Daemen's Spanish professor, tells of student oddities that she's observed. Once, during an exam, she heard a student cry out in dismay, as if the student had happened upon the subjunctive conjugation of verbs. Instead, the student had chipped her nail polish and was in the process of filing the nail, removing the polish, and applying a new coat.

In another of her classes were a modern day Romeo and Juliet. Romeo took notes, his arm linked around Juliet, while she massaged his thigh. Dr. Mills reports it was personally gratifying to know that Romeo and Juliet were able to find some hormonal release in Elementary Spanish.

There are also those students who like to eat during class, without thinking that the noise disturbs the teacher, as well as the other students. But Dr. Mills' all time favorite student quirk is the semestral incarnation of the student who strolls up to the professor two weeks before the end of the semester and says, "I haven't been here in a while. Have we done anything?"

Another student quirk observer is Dr. Robert Morace, one of Daemen's English professors. A particular oddity that drives him nuts is carelessly and/or thoughtlessly prepared work, written or oral, but especially written.

Dr. Morace is also dismayed by students who bring their bodies to class but leave their minds elsewhere. "Why come? I don't employ a Securitate, I don't have any informers, many times I don't even take attendance," he says.

The real oddballs for Dr. Morace are the students who think of a classroom as bus station waiting area. His list of oddities, however, is minimal, in large part, he says, because he has "a goodly number of intelligent, articulate people" who make the oddities less noticeable.

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PERSONALS

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Karen—Thanks for the boost. I'm going to be okay. **L. R.**

HELP! I care about someone who refuses to admit that I exist. I have a calculus exam coming up, but she's all I can think about. What can I do. **Frustrated**

Tony—You're simply the best friend anyone could ever have. Love, **Chicken-pot-pie**

Follow your heart, screw your mind. **Lee**

Catman—Am interested in seeing articles from your collection of Rock City Alumni and am still expecting a blank tape for the move you wanted. Leave with Sue. **Black Widow**

Polly want a cracker? Kopper want a coffee? **L & T**

Joey Rizzo—Happy 21st birthday. Love Always, **Terri**

Tina Brunow—Happy 20th birthday. Best Wishes. Your roomie, **Terri**

To my brother. Happy birthday. Love, **Claire**

Amy—Tell me how you feel about this? You're the greatest! Thanks for keeping close, you psych case, you! Love, **Leah**

My thoughts are going off in tangents. My head must be a vector. **BAS**

If I had three cookies, I would keep two of them, and I would give you the third. This must mean I love you. **The Cookie Monster**

Lee—If you were to look up the word friend in a dictionary, it would read as follows: See Lee. **Tony**

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April 23-24

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- A dance for the students of St. Mary's School for the Deaf
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