HOW GREEN IS MY DAEMEN COLLEGE

by Bonnie Testa

Daemen is a part of Amherst, and it is also a large contributor to landfills.

Vice President for Business Affairs Frank Balcerzak says he has been looking into the possibility of a recycling program. He recently went to a meeting of the Association of College Auxiliary Service to gather information on recycling programs on other college campuses.

The next step is to discuss the possibilities of a recycling program at the President's Advisory Meeting. “There's more that can be done,” says Balcerzak, “and we'll have to take it step by step so the program will be cost effective for the college.”

Students, however, can have an immediate impact on the environment, for instance, by using mugs rather than styrofoam cups for their coffee, and by using refillable pens or mechanical pencils.

SOUND MANAGEMENT MINIMIZES TUITION INCREASE: Decision made in Spring Board meeting.

by David Wilsey

The cost of a college education at Daemen has risen on an annual basis since the 1985-1986 academic year. Whether the cost will continue rising next year is a decision to be made this Spring by the Board of Trustees.

On the average, full-time Daemen students have experienced a 6.7% annual increase in their tuition since the 1985-86 school year.

The price of an education at Daemen during the 1985-86 year was approximately $8474. For the 1990-1991 academic year, Daemen expenses were $11460.

“Without state and federal aid plus a part-time job,” says Dean Whittenmore, “I wouldn't be able to attend school here.”

Future tuition is estimated by examining factors such as future enrollment, expenses such as utilities and insurance, and faculty/staff salaries. The College then takes sources of revenue into consideration. These sources include items such as grants, gifts, and earnings. The difference between expenses and revenue is made up by tuition and fees.

A preliminary budget is prepared in the spring and is presented to the Trustee Committee for Business Affairs. The committee is composed of trustees, administrators, faculty and students. Donald Tehoke and Stephen Adams are the student representatives.

The committee recommendation is made to the Board of Trustees in the spring. At that time, a preliminary budget is approved and tuition costs are fixed. The final budget is approved in the fall after a final enrollment is known.

“Through sound management practices,” says President Robert Marshall, “Daemen has been fortunate in being able to hold tuition increases to a minimum compared with similar private colleges in our area.”

Students are not left alone to fight the battle of the buck. Programs such as TAP, Pell Grants, GSL's, and HEOP give assistance to qualified students. “These programs are extremely helpful in covering the cost of school,” says sophomore Marcia Dickinson.

The Career Development office offers a list of part-time jobs available to students to help offset the cost of learning.
DAEMEN PT STUDENTS ABANDON COLLEGE FOR LONG SOUGHT AFTER CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Juniors missing in December
by David Wilsey

At this time of year Daemen students get excited about the holidays. For junior physical therapy students that excitement includes their first clinical experience.

“I’ve gained status as a professional student,” says Aaron Loeffler, who has settled into a clinical environment at Cortland Memorial Hospital. “Now I’ve finally gotten out into the white collar world of physical therapy.”

In these three-week clinics, students are executing basic treatments, like helping injured patients to re-learn how to walk. “For the first time,” says Missy Daniels, “I’m actually getting to see the injury. Now I’m not just pretending it’s there.”

Students were allowed to go anywhere in the country to do their clinical as long as Daemen is affiliated with a hospital or clinic in that area.

All semester, for instance, Bob Collette said he’d be in Disney World during the holidays. How correct he may have been, for he is now getting his hands-on experience at Cape Canaveral General Hospital Monday, not too far from Magic Mountain.

Not all students got their pick. A lottery system was used to determine who chose first. Each student was allowed three preferences. Then numbers were randomly distributed to the students, who then chose where they would spend these first three weeks in December.

Except for the volunteer hours required of PT majors, this is the beginning of their careers as therapists. “I’m a little apprehensive about my first leap into the clinical arena,” says Jeff Facer.

The juniors return for classes with the rest of the student body after the Christmas break in January.

Seniors leave for country in Spring
by Bonnie Testa

This Spring semester senior PT students will scatter from Maine to Florida, and from Virginia to Hawaii for their required clinical affiliations. For junior PT students, now is not too soon to start thinking of where they may want to go for their 1992 semester away from Daemen.

Senior PT Mary Rinaldo is looking forward to going to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from January 7 to February 15, where she will be staying with relatives. Then Rinaldo is off to Loma Linda Hospital south of Los Angeles. Although she doesn’t know anyone there, Rinaldo looks forward to the opportunity to get out on her own.

“I’m happy to go because I’m finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel,” says Rinaldo. “It’ll be good to go to the clinics and apply everything I’ve learned.”

Jennifer Hoch, a PT senior from New Jersey, is going first to a sports-medical clinic in Michigan, because she used to live there and she likes cold weather, then to Indiana, because she plans to live there after she graduates. “I’m looking forward to applying the skills I learned here at Daemen,” she says.

Becki Huff is going home to Pittsburgh for the entire clinical experience. She just wants to go home and spend the time with her family.

This Spring, while senior PT students are off campus, the junior PT students will choose their preference from more than 350 clinical affiliates. Professors Brogan and Kolodzie will then organize the students and their choices over the summer. Sometimes it’s hard to get the clinic of choice because several students choose the same affiliation, which is unable to accommodate everyone.

All students, however, will be placed somewhere.

ATTENTION ARTISTS: Your art’s wanted!

Step Ascending, the Daemen College Literary Review, is seeking an original artwork for its Spring 1991 cover. The black and white piece must be appropriately sized for a 5x8 cover. Submissions should be made by February 5, 1991, to Editor, Step Ascending, Wick Center. Please include an SASE.
Finals defined numerous ways by harried Daemen students
by David Harris

Final exam time evokes a number of responses across the population of students and faculty here at Daemen College.

Tonya Smith, a freshman mathematics major explained it this way: “Finals just means you have to study more. Where you used to put in two hours, you might want to put in four.”

For senior graphic design major Kris Hart, the coming of exam time spells out panic because there’s so much to do in so little time. “I’m flipping out because I want everything to be over with,” she says.

Jossette Borges, freshman pre-med student, says that exam time makes her scared and happy at the same time, scared because she wants to do well, and happy because the semester is almost over.

Tarsha M. Williams, sophomore social work major, says finals often decide whether or not students are going to pass or fail and shows the teacher whether or not they have learned anything. A final is the most important test, she says, because it sums up the entire class.

On the other hand, Chris Oxner says, “I wish there weren’t any, it would make my life a lot happier.”

Elsewhere on campus, Glenn Woike and his highly trained library staff meet in chambers to plan out the strategic maneuvers that will help the library deal more efficiently with the increased student-use of the library that happens during this time of year. The library has extended library hours for exam period. It will be opened until midnight.

Library staff has been instructed to keep a look out to curb rambunctious student behavior. “Students are under stress and sometimes they act out this stress and get out of hand, and they do things that polite students normally wouldn’t do,” Woike says.

Philosophy professor Jim Moran illustrates the dramatic aspect of finals for teachers. “I read a great number of exams,” he says. “I’m happy when I read good exams and sad when I read bad ones.”

Tormented finals could upset order of students’ universe
by David Harris

The next time you go to light that cigarette or seek solace in a bottle for your seemingly worthless effort on your final exams, remember that you are offsetting the finely tuned mechanism of a solar system.

There are direct relationships between the human physiology and the physical properties of our solar system. A thoughtful summation of some commonly known facts reveals that there is nothing arbitrary about our creation and existence as human beings. Each of us is a reflection of the infinite universe in which we live.

Did you know that the earth is comprised of about two thirds water and one third solid matter? Similarly, the human body is composed of two thirds water and one third other than water.

The mean distance of the sun from the earth is 93 million miles. If we calculate the distance with the speed of light, which is 186,300 miles per second, we find that it takes 500 seconds or eight minutes and 20 seconds for the light of the sun to reach the earth. Similarly, it takes the heart, which, like the sun, is a central life sustaining force, an average of eight minutes and 20 seconds to pump the blood from the top of our heads to the tips of our toes and back to our head again.

This list of shared characteristics between man and the solar system goes on and on. It suggests that man is synchronized and fine tuned to celestial motion and rhythm, divinely placed, and inter-woven within the fabric of the universe.

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A LONG WAIT’S REQUIRED FOR A WHITE XMAS IN A DESERT:
Potential war dulls the spirit and the seasonal cheer.
by Tshana Cooper

Here we are at the end of another year. With the holidays upon us, most of us are anticipating the day we will finally be home with our families. For at least a month, there will be no tests to study for, no papers to write, and best of all, no classes to go to. Most of us have probably already bought our plane tickets anticipating that blessed day when we can finally leave Daemen behind for the rest of the year.

Right now, dreams of home, good food, presents, and most importantly, time with family and friends are easing the anxiety of final exams and grades. But while we’re planning our holiday vacation, what about Privates John and Jane Doe over in Saudi Arabia? How are they going to spend their holiday? In contrast to the pure pleasure of us being in our homes, Privates John and Jane Doe will have to settle for a cramped tent in the middle of a desert, maybe even for the blistering heat of battle. While we’re opening presents, the two privates may be opening fire on other soldiers who would also most likely prefer peace.

It seems that President Bush is more concerned with sending other Private Does to the desert than he is with bringing home the ones already there. It’s as if he and Saddam Hussein are playing a little game to see who will blink first, and American and Iraqi soldiers are being used as pawns. Unfortunately, in this game, Privates John and Jane Doe risk losing more than a few days at home over the holidays.

We’ve all heard of Viet Nam vets speaking of the horrors of a jungle war. We’ve all seen documentaries of the effects that that war had, and continues having, on the men who fought it.

Some of us have personally experienced how war can completely change a person. A lot of the veterans hospitals are filled not with men who have physical injuries, but with men who are still fighting the Viet Nam War. Accordingly, if and when our soldiers do return from the Persian Gulf, will this season of peace mean anything to them?

The whole idea behind this holiday season is spending time with family. But because of this crisis in the Persian Gulf, a crisis that hopefully can still be solved, Privates John and Jane Doe have to surrender their holidays to a cause that in the end may have not benefited anyone.

That’s not a pleasant thought to have in our heads when we’re opening our presents.
Students Request Peace: Want Bush and Hussein to Avert War: “They ought to spare everyone’s life.”

Tshana Cooper

By now we are all aware that the two most powerful men in the world today are President George Bush and Saddam Hussein. It is they who have the power to destroy the lives of thousands of men and women from the United States and Iraq. With the season of peace right around the corner, a number of us here at Daemen would like to ask Bush and Hussein to cool their heads.

“I'd ask them to spare everybody's life,” says Todd Sukdolak, a reservist. “Hussein should put an end to the idiocy. He has no right to do what he’s doing.”

“I'd ask them if they know what the ultimate answer to peace is,” says Alex Petkovsky. “I doubt that they do.”

Laurel Mullenax simply wants to know “why we're fighting someone else's war.” Past events that have taken place over the years in places like Libya, Grenada, and Beirut remind her that getting involved in “someone else's war” is nothing new to the US.

World Peace is what Lynette Leslie would request of Bush and Hussein. The prospect, though, is very slim, considering that soldiers are being sent to the Persian Gulf on a regular basis. In addition, the head of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council has said that “war is inevitable.”

Other students, like Steven White, feel that the crisis in the Persian Gulf is only one of the many problems facing the US today. If he had the chance, White would ask Bush and Hussein to “educate people on racism.” Similarly, Maurice Jordan says that “These two men should join forces and help to end apartheid.”

Former Hostage Says US Partially Responsible for Mid-East Mess: “America's the Donald Trump of Mid-East.”

by Tshana Cooper

Three people walked out in anger from a November lecture by a former hostage in Lebanon, claiming that the speaker was unfairly accusing Israel of oppressing Palestinians in the West Bank.

Jerry Levin also discussed America’s role in the Middle East. A former Bureau Chief and Correspondent for Cable News Network in Beirut, Lebanon, and author of Beirut Diary, Levin told a Daemen audience of about 100 that the United States' involvement in the Middle East is not an isolated incident. It’s a habit.

“America,” said Levin, who had been chained to a wall and held hostage for almost a year, “is the Donald Trump of the Middle East. The United States is more interested in maintaining the status quo than it is with finding a peaceful solution to the crisis.”

A member of the Middle East Justice Network, Levin said “the most important international priority should be decent supportive relationships with other nationalities and cultures, not exploitation based on consumption.”

Daemen Hears Lecture on Drugs

by Lourdes Iglesias

Avoid drug dependency, and help those who are abusers, Daemen staff was told by Mike Marrow, Director of Chemical Services at Brylin Hospital.

According to Marrow a chemical can last in your system from 72 hours to 90 days, and drug testing can be done at random by the request of an employer. Marrow did an excellent job getting his point across with personal experiences, statistics and humor. The group of students seemed to listen with interest and participated in asking questions after the end of the workshop.

The Drug Free Work Place Program, coordinated by Eric Zinnerstrom and Associate Dean Karin Kovak-Allen, is going on its second year at Daemen and is necessary as a result of a law passed by Congress in 1987, which legalizes drug testing in the work place in order to decrease accidents and liabilities, and to prevent employees from working with impaired personnel.

Holiday Volunteers Needed

Area organizations needing volunteers are March of Dimes, from December 14-23, for wrapping gifts at various malls; Council of Churches, from December 17-23, for packing bags of food for the needy; and Buffalo General Hospital, all holiday long, for singing carols to patients. Contact the Community Service office in Canavan Hall for additional information.

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Petition Succeeds!  
Closed Rooms Open  
by James Lawson

Classrooms in Duns Scotus that were temporarily locked in November to the student body due to evening cleaning discrepancies have been re-opened again as a result of student demand.

During the time of this shut-down, three classrooms were left open to the students for study, though the space was found to be unsatisfactory when regarding the number of students who were seeking a place to study.

"Three classrooms are not enough," said Frank Balcerzak, Vice President of Business Affairs. "Many students need these classrooms to utilize talk-group study sessions. The janitorial service will now work around the students, although it is the responsibility of the students to clean up after themselves as well."

A petition to rescind the new classroom policy led to the reopening of the Duns Scotus classrooms. Although there were no faculty, staff, or administration members who signed the petition, all members of Student Association, as well as one class president, did so. A total of 411 student signed the petition.

Classrooms are presently open to the students for study purposes.

Infectious Band Walks Off  
With First Place Prize Money  
by James Lawson

Fall Airband, held on November 17, resulted in a positive turnout of approximately 350 Daemen students, visitors, and alumni.

The lip-sinking contest consisted of 10 bands, performing two songs each. Winners were:
- Vinni Syphilis and the Infections, first place, $175;
- PDP (Polka-Dot Posse), second place, $75;
- Over Exposed, third place, $25.

This year is the second year in a row that Vinni Syphilis and the Infections has won Air Band.

Paraphernalia that was passed out to the guests consisted of coupons for Dominoes pizza, squeeze bottles, and Jade haircutting gift certificates.

"Sig-Ep air band has provided an excellent social experience for the student body, as well as for prospective Daemen students," said Edwin Guillaume, former president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Sig-Ep has expressed that a function such as this is successful due to the cohesiveness and collaboration of all the Brothers.

Students Debate Where to Live  
by Cary Hennessey

Maybe a lot of students are now deciding whether to continue living on campus or to move into an apartment such as one at Campus Manor.

The major reason students move off campus is the cost of room and board, which they believe can be lowered by living elsewhere. The cost of room and board on campus is approximately $468, whereas rent alone at Campus Manor is $385, a cost which two or three roommates could split, thereby allowing for grocery money.

Living on campus has its advantages, though. Deora Novell, a junior psychology major, says living in the dorm enables her to meet and get to know people. Plus, the security guards make residents feel safe.

Off campus, students don't have to worry about signing in or having their privacy disturbed. The impression is that living off campus allows for independence.