Welcome New Class Officers:

The Student Association proudly announces the newly elected presidents of each class. These new officers are: Elizabeth Blasco, senior class; Peter Yates, junior class; Michael Malark, sophomore class; Eric Bender, freshmen class.

Once again, the Student Association had a successful election with candidates running for each class president’s position. Not only were there candidates for each position, but there were also candidates running in opposition for each position (except for the junior class president’s position).

This same situation occurred in the spring when the executive board to the Student Association was elected. The students elected to the executive board will hold office until the next election in April 1992. These officers are: Phil Sciolino, President; Ellen Hennessy, Vice President of Governing; Kari Olochowicz, Vice President of Programming; Michael Robinson, Vice President of Publications; David Breau, Treasurer; and Coreen Flynn, Secretary.

Prior to the spring, it had been many years since a complete ballot of officers existed, and then those positions most frequently ran unopposed. The Ascent asked a few students what they attribute to the growing interest in the student government on campus.

Vice President of Governing to the Student Association, Ellen Hennessy is largely responsible for organizing the elections. She feels that “more of the greek organizations are taking an interest in getting involved in the Student Association”. Daemen Carpenter, a brother of Phi Beta Gamma, thinks that “students are getting more involved on campus, and experience in student government helps one after school in the real world, and looks good on a resume”.

Carpenter also says that greek groups want to see a greater diversity of greek organizations represented in the Student Association. Phil Sciolino, President of the Student Association, says “we’re making students more aware that we’re here. We’re pushing student involvement”.

“so what does the Student Association really do?”

One of the important duties of the Student Association is to vote on recommendations for the use of the Student Activities Fee collected from all students. This fund is cooperatively managed with the Student Affairs Office. Use of this fund is primarily limited to those activities run by recognized student organizations that are open to the entire student body.

The Student Association has the tricky job of budgeting this fund for use throughout the year and carefully reviewing each request submitted to them for approval, denied, or adjusted according to a majority consensus of the Senate (the Senate consists of the 6 executive members and 4 class presidents). With the prior approval of Student Affairs, the delegated authority to vote on budgets given to the Student Association truly gives them a position of power to determine where monies will be spent.

Meetings are held at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays in the Student Association Office. The meetings are open to any members of the Daemen community who might be interested in attending.

Foundations in Science

by Elizabeth Conlon, Denise Maggio, and Natalie Stenzel

On September 10, 1991 at 9:00 am, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new science building took place. Dr. Robert Marshall presided over the ceremony.

The new building will be located on the grounds between Canavan Hall and Rosary Hall. It will be approximately 25,800 square feet. It will contain a Neurodevelopmental Lab, a Musculoskeletal Lab, an Isokinetic Testing Lab, an Anatomy Lab, a 300 person lecture hall and what are called study pits. “Study pits” were designed with student interests in mind. The notion that all students do not study in the same manner is the driving force behind the “pits”. They will have no furniture and will resemble the area in front of a fireplace that is often referred to as a “pit”.

The new building will be built almost entirely debt-free. Approximately 1.1 million dollars comes from the Scherrer estate. There will be no need to borrow any money for the building. The estimated cost to complete construction is 2.2 million dollars.

The science building will be the first new building on campus since 1984, when the gymnasium was built. No name has yet been announced for the building. Completion is scheduled for Fall 1992.

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Campus Ministry News

The start of the Fall Semester has brought a new face to the campus Ministry office at Daemen College. Rev. Dr. Roger M. Haas, a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, has assumed the position of Director of campus Ministry. The Catholic priest is 50 years old, a graduate of Rutgers University with a doctorate in Medieval History, and has been a teacher for 20 years.

Pr. Roger looks forward to serving the spiritual needs of all members of the Daemen community. He is particularly concerned about assisting Protestant and Jewish students who wish to have religious services in their traditions conducted on campus. Pr. Roger would like to meet with Protestant and Jewish students to hear about their concerns and to receive their suggestions.

Pr. Roger is present at the campus Ministry office in Wick center each Monday and Wednesday from 10 AM until 6 PM, and each Tuesday and Thursday from 2 PM until 6 PM. He can be reached at extension 237.

For the future, Pr. Roger is hoping to arrange recreational activities through the Campus Ministry office. A few ideas that can be implemented if students are interested are theater parties to see Les Miserables and The Phantom of the Opera; and a February ski weekend at Cockaigne in Cherry Creek, NY.

The American Red Cross and Sigma Phi Epsilon invite you to give the gift of life...

Give Blood

Wednesday, October 9 in the Wick Social Room 10 am - 4 pm

MISSING BANNER

Around September 14, a banner belonging to Phi Beta Gamma was moved from Wick Lobby without any authorization. If anyone has any information about the missing banner, please contact the Student Activities Office, or Jon Paryz of Phi Beta Gamma. The banner is the property of Phi Beta Gamma.
Political Scientists Debunk Birth Order

CARBONDALE, ILL. (CPS) — Birth order doesn't necessarily affect destiny, at least where the presidency is concerned, say two political scientists.

"While at first glance, it looks like we have more first-born and only children becoming president, the data just don't support it. Nor does birth order influence their behavior once they become president," says Albert Somit, a professor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

"We can't predict if someone is going to be president based on their birth order," adds Smith. "But we can say that birth order is not a determining factor in becoming president."
Congress Considers Expanding Grant Eligibility

WASHINGTON (CPS) - Students soon may find more grants in their financial aid packages.

Higher education associations have been fighting to expand grant eligibility while simultaneously arguing that a decade-long trend toward loan-based aid should end. Their battle will climax this fall when Congress rewrites the Higher Education Act, the blueprint for all federal aid programs.

National student leaders say the battle can be won if students are willing to join the fray.

"It is going to be an incredibly tough battle and you need to call your congressmen," said Selena Dong, legislative director of the United States Student Association.

The House Postsecondary Education subcommittee led the reauthorization effort, holding more than 45 hearings during the past two years.

The subcommittee has finished its hearings and is expected to begin marking up the bill early this fall. Mark-up is the crucial phase for the process.

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The subcommittee finishes, die House Postsecondary Education and Labor committee will examine the bill before it goes to the full House for debate. Any section of the bill can be amended at any point in the process.

The Senate also will begin later this fall marking up its version of the Higher Education Act. When the House and Senate pass their versions of the act, a conference committee will try to combine the two bills into one, which must be approved by both houses.

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The administration plan would create $500 achievement scholarships for Pell grant recipients and it would expand outreach programs to low-income communities.

Dong said she believes that many proposals favorable to students will make it into the bill.

Charles B. Saunders, a senior vice president with the American Council on Education, said most lawmakers were looking for ways to help middle-class families afford college without taking out too many loans.

"The punch comes is that the administration only favors grants for the neediest," Saunders said.

The council has proposed raising the maximum Pell grant to $4,500 and expanding eligibility to families with incomes up to $45,000.

The American Association of University Students, which represents more than 300 student governments, held its 1990 national conference in Washington when the reauthorization process began. The participants lobbied Congress for the day, visiting members' offices to tell them how important increased financial aid was to the average student.

AASU president Daniel Labovitz said the association's biggest push now is to increase student power by registering students to vote.

"If they go out and vote, then they have more of a chance of getting listened to," Labovitz said. "If you don't vote then you are not really a constituent."

Labovitz said all students need to write their representatives.

Saunders agreed that students need to make their opinions known.

"Students in general need to monitor what the committees are doing in both houses of Congress and express support," he said.

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Daemen Dining Service and the Student Activities Office present an Octoberfest Dinner

Wednesday, October 23 4:30 - 6 pm

Only $3.50 (for commuters and staff)

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THE Daily Crossword

by C.F. Murray

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Community Service Office
by Michele Marble

Joe Sankoh is the new director of the Community Service Department. His goal is to educate students for volunteer work in the community. This service would instill values and build self-esteem by helping those who cannot help themselves.

Mr. Sankoh has a two-way approach: placing students in volunteer work and holding charity events on campus. On September 25th there was a Community Service Awareness Day. It was held to help students become informed about different charities, such as the American Red Cross, the Leukemia Foundation, and the American Cancer Society.

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Another event coming up soon is the clothing and food drive. Unwanted clothes and extra food will go to needy families. Students are encouraged to ‘clean out their closets’. During the Christmas season, students will also raise money in order to assist the less fortunate.

Since Mr. Sankoh first started in July, over 150 students have signed up to participate. Volunteering for community service offers other benefits. Those who volunteer receive recognition for the hours they have served on their transcripts; this will help them when they are ready for employment.

Anyone who is interested in getting more involved in the community, should contact Joe Sankoh in his Canavan Hall office. As Mr. Sankoh stated, “Students can make a difference in the community.”

Don’t miss the Student Association’s Movie Nights:
next showing is October 11 8 pm in Schenck Lounge Great food and a terrific "Double Feature"!

Wet & Wild
Don’t forget that the YMCA (across Main Street from Daemen) has SWIM PASSES for use by Daemen Students. Just take your ID and swim for free, compliments of the Student Association.

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28 The Great Pumpkin comes to Daemen!

Tickets to see the BILLS VS BENGALS on October 21 go on sale in the Bookstore beginning October 7 Get your tickets early! (quantities limited)

Facility Profile: Sharlene M. Buszka

Q. What are your outside hobbies and interests?
A. Number one interest is my two children - seven-year-old Nathan and four-year-old Rebecca. I am very active in my church choir, teach Sunday School for adults, and I do golf.

Q. What do you like about teaching at Daemen College?
A. I taught for six years at Canisius College.

Q. What classes do you teach here?
A. Marketing 309, Organizational Behavior Theory, Personnel Management, Human Aspects of Productivity, Consumer Relations, Selected Topics.

Q. Is there anything special that makes you glad to be a business teacher?
A. A general observation: when I see active participation in class, students that ask relevant questions and show attention. When I see past students that have said they used what I taught in their jobs. I stress morality and being ethical.

Q. What are your long-term goals?
A. I would like to get into doing relevant research in my field. I am particularly interested in work related stress and am currently doing research in this area. I am thinking of going back for my Ph.D. I am always trying to be the best teacher I can be, stay current in my field and keep my students aware of latest developments.

Thank you Mrs. Buszka!

The Artist by Odessa E. Antoine
If only I can draw what you want; Feel what you feel. Be inside you And make you alive again. It is impossible If you grab for it Before it goes away. I grabbed for you And missed, And now I walk away With a blank piece of paper, A drawing that should have been you. Smile and be merry Because I will learn to draw And find you in my arms Once more.

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Are you a poet and don’t know it? Submit your original works of poetry for the Ascent’s "Poetry Corner". One poem will be selected each month for print. Get Published!

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