Community Service News

People Inc. needs volunteers for counseling, secretarial and purchasing positions. They also need volunteers for placement with the elderly, disabled, and needy people in the community.

Adopt-A-Grandparent Project- Would you like to call, send cards to or visit an elderly person?

Soup Kitchens-We are recruiting students to volunteer in soup kitchens to help serve the needy any day of the week.

St. Joseph’s Hospital (Harlem Rd.) is in need of volunteers at their service desk, everyday Mon-Fri from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

April 5th-Super Cities Walk for M.S. Society.

For more information, stop in and see us in the Community Service Dept. in Canavan Hall (1st Floor) or call us at (716) 839-8375.

Library Adds Databases

Marian Library has added three databases which students can use without librarian assistance. Academic Abstracts, Medline (National Library of Medicine), and Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature are now available on two microcomputers in the Library. Students may search these databases at no cost for citations to journal articles published within the past four to seven years. Results may be printed out. Articles may then be located in journals found in Marian Library or requested on interlibrary loan.

These powerful CD-ROM based databases can cut your time for doing library research and introduce you to state-of-the-art information research tools. They are available whenever the Library is open. Library staff will be happy to assist you in getting started. Of course traditional on-line and print indexes are always available for your use, as well.

CD-ROM technology makes available large quantities of information on a compact storage device, so that databases once requiring large computers can now be accessed economically on microcomputers. Spend as long as you like, do as many searches as you like, to get information relevant to your needs. Abstracts are available for the vast majority of articles in the databases. Academic Abstracts indexes 540 journals in the humanities, social sciences, and the arts. Medline indexes over 3,500 medical and scientific journals. Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) indexes nearly 400 titles in nursing, physical therapy, medical technology, medical records and other allied health disciplines.

PIANIST

Nancy Boston

to perform a program of music by female American composers

March 24, 1992 at 8 pm
in Wick Social Room
free admission

Nancy Boston, Professor of Piano at Mansfield University, has appeared as soloist throughout the U.S. and with several New York metropolitan area orchestras. She has performed on radio and television broadcasts and has been a winner in several piano and soloist competitions.

Peter G. Davis of The New York Times has characterized her playing by stating, "Miss Boston has strong, accurate fingers and a forthright manner that made everything she played sound crisp, fresh and unaffected."

Academic Support

Greeks and other social organizations have been meeting to share with other organizations their respective support systems for members who find themselves on academic probation.

Phi Beta Gamma for instance requires brothers who, having volunteered to disclose their academic status, are on academic probation to become "inactive". The "inactive" status is also a policy requirement of Sigma Omega Chi sorority which restricts an inactive member from voting on sorority issues as well as working on projects.

Booga Booga Beta is considering not allowing an interested inductee to join b b B without at least a 2.0 GPA. Most groups agree that requiring a minimum 2.0 QPA before pledging (joining) would be a worthy goal. However, most freshmen don’t have an academic record until after the first semester. Any group that takes it upon itself to wait until second semester will miss out on perhaps some very good prospective members.

The Multi Cultural Association (MCA) is planning to proceed in another direction. MCA wants to sponsor a workshop on "How to Study" or how to develop good study skills/habits. They hope to invite a resource person from the College as a speaker. The program will be open to the entire student body.

The ASCENT wishes these groups luck in their projects.

Social Work/Human Services Career Fair

The Third Annual Social Work/Human Services Career Fair will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26 in the Wick Center at Daemen College. All Daemen students interested in exploring career opportunities in the field of Social Work or Human Service are encouraged to attend.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., four Social Work and Human Service professionals will discuss information on their organization, career paths, trends for the future and tips for effectively marketing one’s self in a tight economy.

Panel representatives will include Peg C. Gagnon (MS), Director of Recruitment & Education, Hopewale Inc.; David Kazmierczak (CSW-ACS), Southern Erie Clinical Services Program Manager, Outpatient Alcoholism Dept. Erie County Medical Center; Belle Walls-Montree (BSW, MED), Administrator, Geneva B Scruggs Health Care Center Inc.; and Lucia L. Sleight (CSW-R, ACSW, BCD), Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work, Licensed Psychotherapist, Private Practice.

From 6 to 8 p.m., representatives from organizations will be available to provide career information and to discuss part-time, full time, summer, CO-OP internships or volunteer employment. Several area colleges will also be represented to discuss graduate school for Master degrees in Social Work.

The event is sponsored by the Niagara Frontier College Placement Association. For further information contact the Department of CO-OP and Career Development in Canavan Hall or call 839-8334.
What does Resident Council really do?????

At some point in time this semester, the question may be raised, "What does Resident Council do??" A flyer recently distributed around campus for one of our meetings details what has been done thus far. The representatives of dorm 84 complained about the condition of their building in great detail.

Immediately following the meeting, a delegation from the executive board went and viewed the dormitory. The issues were discussed and evaluated. What could be done was tended to. Damage now has been made right as possible.

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President's Forum Productive

The President's Forum is an opportunity for students to discuss student issues directly with the President of the College. This almost annual meeting of students, administrators, and the President of the College was held on Monday, February 10, 1992.

Although the attendance was sparse (18 students) the question and answer session lasted for about an hour and one half. The topics ranged from shower-heads to tennis courts.

One of the main and traditionally raised items was, "why do we have a visitation policy?" The answer, as always, is that there is a danger in not having control of who is in the dorms late at night. Dr. Marshall contends that, "if there hadn't been a visitation policy in place when I arrived here in the seventies, I would have had one implemented." Dr. Marshall went on to acknowledge, "the worst danger to students is their own behavior". By this he meant by prepping open doors, abuse of alcohol, and other disregard for College safety rules and regulations. On other safety issues, Dr. Marshall said that the College will install lighting near dorm 130 or anywhere it is deemed needed.

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As academic issues were discussed, the President challenged the students to get the faculty involved in resolving issues such as: course scheduling, "overlapping classes", flip-flopping of courses, full-time faculty teaching upper level courses, more study days before finals, no Sunday exams, hiring teachers with better mastery of the English language, and the faculty's longer presence on campus.

Some of the issues raised by the students were not broadly based. Concerns about ROTC credits being accepted or not and whether security officers should escort a student between the YMCA and the campus were addressed nonetheless by the President.

As a result of this year's President's Forum, the Library will extend Friday evening hours as an experiment to see if there is a real need and use of the facility. The ASCENT encourages you to put this extended opportunity to use to justify the longer hours.

The tennis courts (located near the new rear parking lot) will be rehabilitated. A study is being made to review the possibility of providing a multiple use area for street skating and perhaps street hockey and basketball (for summer parking hoops in the sun). Now that the parking lot and guard house are close by, the tennis courts may survive the usual destruction by neighboring teens.

The session closed with an invitation by Dr. Marshall to enjoy the refreshments that were provided. Some students took advantage of this informal setting to continue to speak to Dr. Marshall "up-close and personal".

Community Service Activities in March

by Michele Marble

Many new community service activities have been scheduled for the month of March. On Wednesday, March 11, the Community Service Department, Campus Ministry, and the Student Association will host a "sleep-out". This "sleep-out" will help to bring attention to those who are often forgotten - the homeless. The shelter "Friends of the Night", will also be there, along with many guest speakers to help out with this event.

On the fourth of March, Volunteer Recognition Day will be held. This will give credit to all those students and organizations who have helped to accomplish many community services.

Also in March will be the "Taste of Daemen" on the tenth. This event will coincide with "Spring Feast" and it will give students the chance to interact. Anyone interested in joining the fun can bring with them some cultural items. There will be many different kinds of food.

So far the Community Service Department has been faced with 300 students wanting to get involved. Of those, 200 have been placed. Involvement in community service at Daemen College is highly commendable.

Wick Center Gameroom
Bumper Pool Table FOR SALE
(Best Offer)
See Chris Malik in the Student Activities Office for details (ext. 8332)

Attention: Business students and Business Club members
Don't miss the "Business Club Banquet"

When: March 27th at 6pm
Where: Roxanne's in Williamsville

For tickets call: Shannon 839-0915

Play Review

by Donna Owens

"Twice Around the Park", a play by Murray Schisgal, was performed in Daemen Little Theatre during the month of February. The play, presented by Summerfare, was very entertaining. Done in two short skits, "Twice Around the Park" the audience knows they are the only ones with dating problems and that middle-age may turn out to be more than we've bargained for.

The actors, Mary Kate O'Connell and Peter Palmisano, did an excellent job and the director, Anne Gayley, should definitely be praised. We look forward to more entertainment from Summerfare.

VOLUNTEER

St. Patrick's Day
"Give-Away"

Delta Phi Mu is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Drawing in the Bookstore from March 1 - March 16.

All you have to do is guess the number of green gummy bears in the jar behind the counter in the bookstore.

Guess as many times as you like. The one closest to the exact number wins two free movie passes, and the jar of gummy bears.

GOOD LUCK!

Faculty Profile:
Dr. Edward Cuddy
Professor of History and Government, Department Chairperson, Director of International Studies

Q. How long have you been teaching at Daemen?
A. I have been teaching here since September of 1959. This is my thirty-third year.

Q. What can a degree in history and government provide an individual with regards to a job or career?
A. There are many fields that one can go into; the two best known are education and law. Historians can have careers in journalism, television, publicity, banking, business, museums, government positions and congressional aids. Many professions prefer a strong liberal arts background for analysis, research, and reports. There's also a book available to history majors in the history department office of careers in history. It is by the American Historical Association and is available through the secretary of the history department.

Q. Do you recommend certain minors for history and government majors?
A. A good minor is a foreign language. Since most business is international along with government, Spanish would be useful. Accounting minor or business administration minor would be good. A good science background would even lead to pre-med.

Q. A reliable source fills us in that you tend to dabble in music- playing the piano. What are your interests in music?
A. I took lessons for six or seven years. It is just a side interest while I am waiting for my coffee. I like honky-tonk music.

The Animals Need You

The Buffalo Zoo is looking for a few good volunteers who possess the luck of the Irish to volunteer in the fourth annual "Leprechaun Village". St. Patrick's Day holiday promotion on March 7, 8, 14, and 15.

Like all Zoo fund-raising events, volunteers are needed to assist in the production and organization of this fun family affair. Holiday oriented costume characters along with face painters and craft helpers are just a few of the volunteer duties open to those interested in helping the Zoo.

There are three volunteer shifts for "Leprechaun Village", 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and for those dedicated persons, there is an all day shift from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the Buffalo Zoo, please contact Thomas Christiano at 837-3900, ext. 24. All proceeds for the "Leprechaun Village" will benefit the Zoo.

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