Community Service Office Receives Governor's Volunteer Service Award

On Tuesday, December 14, 1993, the Community Service Office was presented the Governor’s Volunteer Award in “Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the Family of New York” by the First Lady, Mrs. Matilda Cuomo and Lou Trapani, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Volunteer Service. This award is specially dedicated to all the members of the Daemen community who have unsafely committed themselves to assisting the needy.

Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects:

**Community Service Volunteer Recognition Award Reception**
- Date: Friday, April 8, 1994
- Time: 8 pm
- Place: Wick Center Alumni Lounge

Second annual “Food For All” project for the Hungry
- Date: Wednesday, April 13, 1994
- Time: Noon
- Place: Wick Lobby

Friendly Visits to Nursing Homes & Hospitals
- When: Every Saturday
- Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Homeless Dining Rooms & Soup Kitchens for the Needy
- When: Every Sunday
- Time: 11 am - 1 pm & 3:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Campus-wide Clothing and Food Drive still continues indefinitely.

For more information please contact the Community Service Office at 839-8375 (1st floor in Canavan Hall)
About This Sports Thing...
by Rick Williams

Distractions. Ah, how humanity needs it's distractions to get from day to day. We all need something to relax us or to have fun with on occasion lest we become irritated. That's well and good, but don't we also say that too much of a good thing is bad for us?

I am a member of a group that is outcast and looked upon with pity and wonderment in this region; I am not a Bill's fan, or any kind of a sports fan for that matter. That's not to mean that I don't enjoy playing baseball or shooting a few baskets because I certainly do, but I must take exception to what has grown into a juggernaut and institution of it's own with a distinctive culture; professional sports.

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What has sports become? The teens who murdered Michael Jordan's father said they felt bad about what they had done when they discovered the identity of their victim. When a leading skater was recently attacked, the nation expressed shock at this brutal act. What about the everyday victims of crime? Are they less important than sports figures? I'm just wondering.

While New York has no money for social programs to help our desperately needy, Governor Cuomo says there is money available to renovate or rebuild Rich Stadium for the Bills. While streets go unplowed and unpaved, while quality teachers and schools are beyond/financial reach of the community, while a growing number of city youth continue a life with no promise of help or even a chance at a decent future due to lack of funding, our cities and counties and states always find money to build new sports stadiums and arenas. Oh, and please don't remind me how pro sports boost our local economy. If you really want to know the truth, research it for yourself. The only community jobs that come from pro sports are part-time minimum wage jobs working the concessions or selling t-shirts. A very small number of people are getting very rich.

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I think this paints a sad picture of our society's priorities. It wasn't all that long ago when crowds screamed for more in the Roman Coliseum, and that scream is still heard today. Many pro sports are an extension of our violent tendencies as humans. While we condemn the unsanctioned violence in our community, we gladly pay to watch it at the Aud. My thoughts go out this SuperBowl Sunday when as every year, more women are beaten by their husbands or boyfriends than any other single day of the year.

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As our population soars along with the crime and poverty rates, are we being distracted too much? The Roman Empire saw it's end coming. I wonder if we will see the writing on our wall before we regret it. Will sports be our Nero to condemn the unsanctioned violence in our community, or will we regret it before an article is written, the facts simply out to have a good time. Before to perform and do a good job. They are not pressured by their organizations either.

Only three of the active six fraternities and sororities participated, so please don't generalize. These people are not pressured by their organizations to perform and do a good job. They are simply out to have a good time. Before you make enemies in these organizations, you should carefully think your thoughts and consequences through first.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

We are very excited in the CO-OP and Career Development Office about a new product which we will begin receiving the week of February 7. It is called HELP WANTED USA. This service compiles the "Help Wanted" ads from 64 nationwide cities and publishes them on microfiche which will be delivered to us on a weekly basis. Help-wanted ads are complete and unedited, listing full-time job opportunities for both white and blue collar, as well as experienced and entry-level positions.

The 64 cities vary in size and were selected for their high rating in overall desirable living conditions and expected job growth. A sample count revealed these 64 Sunday newspapers advertised over 100,000 job opportunities!

Just to give you an idea...some of the cities included are San Diego, Denver, Tampa, Atlanta, Seattle, Nashville, and Norfolk.

We expect to receive our first listing by Wednesday, February 9. Please stop by our office on the first floor of Canavan Hall and take a look!

AIRBAND---A Different View
by Tricia Sagerman
(an audience participant)

This letter is written concerning the Airband article put into the December edition of the school paper. First of all, before an article is written, the facts should be straightened out. The group of four girls was not the only group that was not a sorority nor fraternity, so dry your eyes. By the way, the bird place team was not a recognized student organization either.

Don't miss the February TGIF Parties

Friday, February 11 with the sisters of Lambda Chi Iota
Friday, February 25 with the sisters of Delta Phi Mu

Valentine's Day
Horse and Buggy Rides

Grab a friend or your "sweetheart" and take a spin around Daemen's campus!

Free horse and buggy rides will be given on Monday, February 14, from Noon to 2 pm, in front of Wick Center.

Just for the fun of it!

Valentine's Day Dinner

Daemen Dining Service and the Student Activities Office present a Valentine Dinner

Monday, February 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm Wick Dining Room

A special reduced meal price of only $3.50 for non-residents

featuring "Heavenly" Entertainment!

Culture of the Year..."Valentine's Day Dinner"

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Admission: $1
Chicken fingers, pizza, and other refreshments will be served!
There are various types of learning differences. Some of which are problems with reading, math, taking notes and various types of testing procedures. I would like to stress that although students with learning differences need specific provisions to help them accomplish specific academic tasks, they are not lazy, stupid or asking to be cut and save. They do need help to achieve deserved grades by tailoring the evaluation process to the different learner’s ability. For example, giving a student who has problems taking traditional type exams and has been documented with the school to have a learning disability, a test he/she could take that measures the same information that the other students need to know.

As Assistant Dean for Academic Advisement, Dr. Eric Zinnerstrom maintains documents that specify the needs of the learning disabled students. Some students with this problem find it embarrassing and intimidating to discuss their “diff/abled”* with their professors as well as with other people. This presents a difficult problem with which to deal. Dr. Zinnerstrom believes that these students need to become more assertive and tell professors about their needs. Dr. Zinnerstrom is committed to helping these students by working to comply with the Rehabilitation Act. In addition to working with learning “diff/abled” students, collecting documentation about their special needs, he is a liaison, helping the student to perform to his/her optimal level. If a problem between a student and faculty member cannot be resolved then Dr. Zinnerstrom will intercede, with the support of the administration, to assist the student, by meeting with the faculty member in an effort to establish a learning environment that fosters academic attainment.

I understand the obstacles that occur at Daemen for students who have a learning difference because I know of it first hand. What I have found to be the highest form of the problem lies within the programs available to students with the learning differences. First, do Daemen College tutors have the experience to help students with their learning differences and are the tutors relatively available to help students that have learning differences? Are there specific books in the library, as well as, in the school bookstore to help students understand how to identify an individual’s learning difference, directly helping students to adjust to their learning differences?

I feel that the responsibility of helping the learning “diff/abled” lies both with the professor and the student.

Business Office Gets Bragging Rights

During the Holiday Break, the Student Affairs Office organized what they called “The First Annual High Noon Billiard Shoot Out.” Eight of the various Daemen College Offices were invited to participate in this pool tournament which took place on January 4, 5, & 6. The tournament took place during the staff’s lunch hour and spectators were invited to bring their lunches into the Wick Center Gameroom to enjoy the fun.

Each office that participated had to provide a team of one male and one female staff person. There was no entry fee and no prize for winning. These students by working to comply with the Rehabilitation Act. In addition to working with learning “diff/abled” students, collecting documentation about their special needs, he is a liaison, helping the student to perform to his/her optimal level. If a problem between a student and faculty member cannot be resolved then Dr. Zinnerstrom will intercede, with the support of the administration, to assist the student, by meeting with the faculty member in an effort to establish a learning environment that fosters academic attainment.

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Today learning “diff/abled” students are where physically disabled students were before provisions were made for them, for example; bathroom-doorways, ramps were all adjusted for their special needs. I just ask that students who have a learning disability to be more assertive, and let professors know your needs. I think that maybe not enough students are coming forward, therefore the Daemen College community is not aware that learning differences are a BIG problem within our school.

Poetry Corner

Le Chien Américain en France

un conte de fée par Kristen Burgess

Il y avait une fois un chien américain. Il s'appelait Spot. Spot est allée à l'école. Il y a suivi les cours de biologie, de chimie, de psychologie, de maths et de philosophie. Aussi, il a suivi un cours de français. Mais, il détestait le français et dans la classe de français il pensait à d'autres choses et il étudiait pour d'autres cours. Un jour il a dit à sa professeur: "Le français n’est pas important. Je suis américain. Je dois savoir l’anglais, mais je n’ai pas besoin de connaître le français." Le professeur est devenu très furieux et très triste. La Fée de France était furieuse et triste aussi. Elle aimait beaucoup la France. Aussi, elle voulait que Spot parle le français. Quand Spot dormait, la Fée a fait une magie. Quand le chien s’est levé de son lit, il a été en France. Spot a pas sa quete faire. Il s’est approché d’un chat français. Il lui a demandé: "Where am I? What happened to me?" Le chat a répondu: "Parle moi en français!" Le professeur était furieux. "Parle moi en français!" La Fée de France a vu Spot. Elle lui a envoyé un dictionnaire français. Soudainement Spot a vu le dictionnaire dans sa main. Il a tourné les pages jusqu’à ce qu’il a trouvé une phrase en français: "Je parle l’anglais. Je ne parle pas le français." "Vous êtes un chien stupide," le chat lui a dit. "Vous êtes américain?" Spot a compris cette phrase. "Oui... Les Américains doivent parler une autre langue!" Et après avoir dit cela, le chat est parti. Spot s’est approché d’autres chats et chiens, mais ils ne parlaient pas l’anglais. Après une heure, Spot est devenu triste. Il a pensé qu’il a dû étudier le français à l’école. Quand la Fée de France est venue, elle a été heureuse et elle a envoyé Spot aux États-Unis. Le lendemain, dans la classe de français Spot a écouté le professeur avec beaucoup d’attention. Maintenant il a pensé que le français est important!
Tribal Wisdom

by Patrick Mweheire

Everyone is concerned. We are all wondering why the Bosnians and the Serbs are blowing the hell out of each other; why tribes in Africa continue to obstruct development; and why the West Germans refuse to accept their brothers from the East?

I honestly think the average person in the west would be less confused about this mess if they dropped the stereotype they have about tribal people. Tribal people have always fascinated the west, only for the wrong reasons; to them we are simply exotics trapped in a barbaric past. From all the questions and comments about tribes thrown at me in the past, it is obvious that few people realize that tribal people have not tried (and failed) to be modern but have actually chosen to live differently.

"Individuals do not start families, they are born into them and stay in them until death or even beyond."

Perhaps the most stark contrast between the two societies is that in traditional societies people are a valuable resource; in modern society things are actually chosen to live differently. In the west, only for the wrong reasons; to them we are simply exotics trapped in a barbaric past. From all the questions and comments about tribes thrown at me in the past, it is obvious that few people realize that tribal people have not tried (and failed) to be modern but have actually chosen to live differently.

Tribal societies also differ from the modern in their approach to raising teenagers. In the Mukiga tribe in which I was born, the tribal transition to maturity is made clear and marked with great ceremony. In western societies, families defer over their young, suggesting that they may be old enough but not mature enough, mature enough but not yet secure enough, equivocating and putting adolescents through an obstacle course that keeps being prolonged.

These contrasts, and more, show that the most important aspects of tribal people have been missed. More attention is directed at the loin cloths, the spears and the painted faces. Tribal societies revolve around a lot more than that. When Europe colonized Africa, they too, considered tribes a big joke.

They drew up border lines without any consideration of the different cultures and societies. Interestingly, tribes have now returned and the drama of their return is greatest where their repression was most severe.

The west has been debating for years on how to get rid of the evils of tribalism. To them tribalism is this "barbaric" ethnic thing that has to be ironed out. It bothers me to say this; but they couldn’t be further away from the truth. One thing is for certain: The destruction of tribalism lies beyond the reach of any repressive power. Tribalism brings the commitment of individuals and groups to their own history, culture, and identity, and this commitment is a permanent feature of human social life that neither of us can change. Tribalism can’t be overcome; it simply has to be accommodated.

Tribal Wisdom

February 18 Movie & Cultural Foods
6 pm, Alumni Lounge
- different cultural dishes served!
- showing: Distinguished Gentleman

February 20 Movie Night
6 pm, Wick Snackbar
- showing: Malcolm X

February 27 Talent & Fashion Show
8 pm, Wick Social Room

Hosted by the Multi-Cultural Association
Sponsored by the Student Association

Sigma Phi Epsilon Resumes Old "Faculty Staff Awards" With New Spin

In the past, Sig Ep has sponsored an awards program that allowed students an opportunity to honor special college personnel. These awards included best faculty, advisor, moderator, and staff. Although these awards brought esteem to some, others were critical of the lack of overall criteria needed to be "best". Additionally, when you have a single winner (often the same individual annually) you have many losers. Therefore, to bring more credibility to the program and to offer a larger spectrum of honored persons, Sig Ep and the office of Student Affairs is planning another approach to honoring college personnel who have contributed most to a Daemen student’s college experience. This year’s awards are categorized as follows:

FAVORED FACULTY
ADMIRER ADMINISTRATOR
STELLAR STAFFER

To nominate a faculty member, administrator, or staff person for one of the above awards, send a written nomination to the ASCENT (M.B. #639). Explain, in 25 words or less, your reasons for each person’s nomination and category. The ASCENT will try to print each nominee and qualifications in a later edition. In this way, more people will be recognized with at least a nomination by a student. Unless there are too few nominees, only those nominated will be on the Sig Ep Program ballot at semester’s end (nominations due March 4th). Students!...this is our chance to single-out those people who make a real difference.

GET YOUR CAN OVER HERE!

The Wick Center Snackbar has a couple of conveniently located plastic bins for returnable cans and bottles. Please use these bins for their intended purpose. Doing so not only recycles these items (which is good for the environment), but the money collected from the return of these cans is used to fund various projects. Let’s all work together!