DESIGN CONTEST

The Daemen College Student Association would like to announce a "design contest" for their 1994 SPRINGFEST t-shirt. Each spring, the Student Association has several hundred t-shirts silk screen printed to advertise their annual SPRINGFEST event (held in April). The Student Association will be awarding $75 to the artist of the winning design which will be displayed on the shirts.

IMPORTANT: All submissions must be "camera ready" black & white artwork. Submit your designs no later than Monday, March 14, 1994 to the Vice President of Programming’s mailbox behind Wick Desk.

Voting will be done by the Student Association Senate on March 15, 1994. If no design is selected for use on the shirt, no prize money will be distributed.

AIRBAND RETURNS

March 28, 1994

Jamie Scalise & Joe "Uncle Buck" Leonard to be this year’s MCs

Sigma Phi Epsilon will again be hosting their traditional Airband competition and party during Bus Trip Weekend on Friday, March 18, 1994.

For those of you who have never seen an Airband competition (if there are any of you out there) the idea goes something like this: Students put together their own "band" that lip synchs and mimes instrument playing to the music of their favorite songs. Each band competing prepares two songs which will be judged by a panel made up of local community business persons (this year, there may even be a celebrity or two in the mix)."Cash prizes will be $150 for first place, $100 for second place, and $50 for third place."

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For those students performing, it’s the thrill of a lifetime. Many respond, "You really feel like a rock star when you’re on stage with everyone cheering for you!" For those just spectating, it’s tremendous fun as well. Besides great entertainment, Sig Ep will also be serving up over a thousand chicken fingers, as well as pizza, nachos, fruit & veggie trays, and soda ("pop!"), all at no extra charge.

Tickets for Airband will be $2 presale and $3 at the door. The Entry fee for bands is $25. Sign up your band or buy your tickets in Wick Lobby during lunchtime.

MEN WANTED

The Business Club will be holding a "Bachelor-Bid-Off" to benefit the Leukemia Society. The event will be held Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m., in Wick Social Room, following Phi Beta Gamma’s Happy Hour in the Snackbar. All participants must pre-register in Wick Lobby prior to the event. A $5 deposit is required, and will be returned after the event. Each "couple" will receive either a free dinner or other prize. Don’t miss this wild and crazy event. Sign up NOW!!!

ALL WOMEN INVITED TO BID!

The American Red Cross & S.P.T.A. invite you to

Give the Gift of Life...
Give Blood

Wednesday, March 2
10 am - 4 pm
in Wick Social Room

Appointments can be made during mealtimes in Wick Lobby the week prior to the drive. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The sisters of Psi Xi Omicron invite you to their

Spring Fling Happy Hour

Friday, March 25
5-8 pm
in the Snackbar

Admission: $1
Good Times!

"The World of Apu"

Daemen College Thursday Night Film Series
Masters of World Cinema presents

Director: Satyajit Ray
Thursday, March 17, 1994
7:30 pm, Schenck Hall

This is the third film of the famous Apu trilogy of a childhood, youth, and manhood in Bengal. In this sadly poetic tale, Apu marries and fathers a child, completing the life cycle amid realizations about himself and his limitations in this world. Sitar music by Ravi Shankar is the perfect complement to Ray’s artful direction. In Bengali with English subtitles.

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)
Pick Up Your Health Insurance ID Cards

The Health Referral Services Office is now issuing identification cards to those students who carry the Daemen College Student Health Insurance.

Please stop by the Health Referral Services Office, located in Wick, to pick up your card. The office is open 10 am - 2 pm each weekday.

The Student Physical Therapy Association invites you to a

TROP VITE

trop vite nous cheminions trop vite je suis fatiguée et très nerveuse

trop vite notre amour va trop vite je ne sais pas si je t'aime

mais tu me pousse et je n'aime pas être poussée

si tu me pousse trop fort tu peux me pousser

hors de ta vie

et très nerveuse

trop vite nous cheminons trop vite TROP VITE

The sisters of Delta Phi Mu invite you to their

Carnival Saturday, March 19

6 pm in Wick Social Room

featuring Game Booths run by various Student Organizations and the return of SUMO WRESTLING

"The Honorable Sport of Bumping Bellies!!"

Easter Basket raffle

Tickets: $1

Tickets sold March 21-31 (drawing held March 31)

Social Work Alliance

ATTENTION ALL WRITERS AND ARTISTS!!!

Here is your big chance to impress your friends with your talents! Submit your work to this year’s A Step Ascending, the Daemen student literary publication.

You know that story you wrote in Economics while you were supposed to be listening to the lecture on the Law of Supply and Demand; submit it. Or that doodle that is on the back of your chemistry homework; submit it too!

The deadline for all submissions is March 30, 1994. Leave submissions in the A Step Ascending mailbox at Wick Desk, or give them to Dr. Siedlecki, Kristen Burgess, or Carol Kowalik. This is your chance to show all your friends your hidden talent!

CO-OP Employers Give Rave Reviews

The CO-OP Coordinators completed their on-site visits for the Fall 1993 semester at the beginning of December. We visit each location where we have placed a CO-OP student. The purpose of these visits is to check the student’s progress and to deliver the employer evaluation form to the student’s supervisor.

We are very fortunate that most students get excellent reviews from their employers. Given the current economic climate of Western New York, many companies are working with pared-down staffs or are operating under a hiring freeze. CO-OP students provide the help employers need.

Employers tell us our students are doing a great job. They catch on quickly to company policies and procedures, and many of them work on special projects. We have been impressed by the level of responsibility given to the students. For example, one CO-OP student who is working in Human Resources at a local company has been reviewing potential employee resumes and has been conducting preliminary telephone interviews.

The on-site visit also provides a forum for constructive criticism and suggestions about students’ qualifications. We most frequently hear that students need more self-confidence, which, of course, develops on the job; computer skills are also stressed as being very important.

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Because the job market is so tight these days, employers are diligently checking references. CO-OP employers can serve as great references for new college graduates who have a limited amount of experience.

There are so many benefits to be gained from participating in CO-OP; why not stop by the CO-OP and Career Development Office on the first floor of Canavan Hall to learn more about it!

"Lucy Box" presents

March 21-31 in Wick Lobby

(during lunch and dinner)
What To Do With All That Snow

by Kristen Burgess

Over the past two months, a record snowfall has hit Western New York. The area has been covered with anywhere from one to three feet of snow. Now that it’s fallen, what do you do with it? Here are a few suggestions:

Snow Forts - Variation On An Old Theme. The neighborhood kids spend countless hours building snow forts. If your car was parked in the driveway during the last snowstorm, you have a pre-built fort. Just dig through the snow to your car door and walk! You have a snow fort. Watch the neighborhood kids’ faces drop when your snow fort roars to life and crushes their forts.

Science Experiments. You’ll sound very intelligent if you state, “I was observing the quantitative and qualitative accumulation of H2O in frozen matter state.” See how long it takes people to translate that into: “I was sitting in the window watching the snow fall.”

Put That Marketing Course To Use. Convince Florida that you are selling a crystallized seasonal commodity rare in their area. As spring comes nearer, selling a crystallized seasonal commodity snow fort roars to life and crushes their hope. Have a Snow fort, Watch the neighborhood kids’ faces drop when your snow fort roars to life and crushes their forts.

Put That Economics Course To Use. Charge admission to your abstract-expressionist outdoor art gallery. Hang price tags on your masterpieces.

Open An Abstract-Expressionist Outdoor Art Gallery. Explain to your friends, “That’s not a snowdrift by the door, it’s my one-of-a-kind snow sculpture entitled ‘Death Overtakes A Small Gallery.’”

Put That Humane Society "NOT" To Work. Convince Florida that you are stockpiling snowballs. Don’t waste them foolishly on younger brothers or sisters. Instead, put them to good use. Ambush that jogger wearing the “Dallas Cowboys” sweatshirt.

Humane Society "NOT"

by D. Scott Quackenbush

On the morning of February 9, I woke up to another 6 inches of snow and a 13 degree temperature. As I was on my walk to my car, I happened to look down at a hole in the snow bank. The hole was made by the heat coming out of a drainage grate. To my surprise, something moved. It was a small black kitten. I had seen running around the neighborhood earlier in the week. It was huddled in the hole to keep warm. It was soaked, wet and shivering. Since it was a stray and no one could get near it, I left it alone and called the SPCA. I told them about the poor kitten, but was told that they don’t go out and pick up animals unless they are in a cage.

"The SPCA is supposed to help and protect animals. Now it only helps animals in cages."

I couldn’t believe it. First off, what happened to the SPCA that went out with a net or cane to catch strays? I guess there’s no money in that so they don’t do it anymore. Aren’t they supposed to be the ones that save animals in need? If they saw this kitten shivering and wet, would they not have thought this animal in need?

Aren’t they the people who have the equipment and are trained in animal handling and catching? Are we supposed to go out, chase the animal, take the chance of being scratched or bitten, while they simply sit in their trucks, then pick up the cage and charge us for the pick up?

It would have been more humane for them to catch the animal and give it a week in a warm cage, and a chance to live, even if it was put to sleep and frozen to death in its wet coat. If the snow plow came along, the cat would have likely been buried in the snow drift and suffocated. This doesn’t seem very humane to me.

The SPCA is supposed to help and protect animals. Now it only helps animals in cages. They don’t seem to care about the animals that are suffering, only those in a cage; the ones they don’t have to do anything for except move from one cage to another.

Words for Thought

"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors." - African proverb

The Second Annual Food For All project to feed the hungry is coming...

April 13, 1994

Student Organizations:
Start collecting your non-perishable food items for the big competition! More details in next issue.

SPRING BREAK MOVIE PASS RAFFLE

Cut out this ticket and drop it off at Wick Desk with your name and phone #. (Free entry.) At Noon on Friday, March 4 we will draw several winners of a General Cinema Movie Voucher.

Name: _____________________________
Phone: _____________________________

Have a great break!
ATTENTION: RESIDENT STUDENTS
Here's your chance to become a vital part of the Daemen College Admissions Team!

We're looking for motivated and enthusiastic Resident Students to provide a home-away-from-home for visiting high school students during Daemen's Open House Weekend (March 18, 19, 20). Share your room and some of your college experiences with students from New York State and surrounding states. Please stop by the Admissions Office (DS 126) to find out more information and to sign up.

Don't forget, these high school students could be your future classmates. Remember how you felt when you first came here? Let's all do our best to make them feel at home here at Daemen!

Secondhand Smoke

It takes your breath away.
No one should have to breathe someone else's smoke.
If you're a smoker, don't smoke around other people, especially children.
And, for help in stopping, call: 1-800-422-6237

The Daemen College Sports Fitness & Wellness Club announces
AEROBICS CLASSES
MON, WED, THU 8-9 p.m. in the Gym
free admission!
Sponsored by Student Association

Bus Trip to the Ontario Science Center
Saturday, March 19
Cost: $3.75/student
(includes bus & admission)
Sign up in Wick Lobby
(seats are limited)
Organized by Beta Beta Beta
Sponsored by Student Association

HELP WANTED!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

Do you have what it takes?
Creativity...Organization...Positive Esteem...
Caring Personality...Responsible Attitude...
and the ability to work with others.

If these characteristics describe you, then you might have what it takes to be a Resident Assistant at Daemen College.

Pick up a job description and an application (after March 18) at the Office of Student Housing in Canavan Hall or attend the March 18 interest meeting in Wick Center, room 113-115 at 6:15 p.m. All applications are due to the Office of Student Housing by March 24, 1994.

MARY ANGELA CANAVAN AWARD - REMINDER

Every year the college recognizes a graduating senior for his/her work in student life. A committee of juniors and administrators review the self-nominees' credentials and makes a selection. Each spring the committee has trouble contacting students who are away for the semester. Therefore, please fill out this form and return it to the SA Vice President for Governing's mailbox (behind Wick Desk). The committee will then be able to send a letter to you in the spring requesting your cover letters and credentials. In the meantime, start collecting, in resume/outline form, all of your student life experiences: club/organization/committee memberships, offices held, contributions, awards, teams, community service, etc.

A "Lovely" Valentine's Day

The weather was bitterly cold, but campus spirits on Valentine's Day were warm with both fun and romance. A walk through Wick Center met the passersby with complimentary chocolate kisses as PA announcements invited all to "stop by Wick Desk and get a kiss (chocolate) from a Wick Desk worker". Tiny cupids decorated Wick Desk bearing the heads of various student workers (not to mention the Associate Dean for Student Affairs).

Outside Wick Center, students braved the cold to take a spin around Daemen's campus on a horse drawn buggy ride. Couples snuggled under a large fur blanket in the buggy, while Prince, the gentle giant of a horse, led the tour around campus.

Later that evening, the heavenly sounds of a real harpist accompanied a Valentine's Day Dinner of strip steak and cordon bleu in Wick Dining Room. All this made for quite a "lovely" day.

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The Black Man's Burden
by Patrick Mweheire

Last weekend, I had the rare opportunity of debating the third world crisis with a few yuppies from Harvard. It was during this brainstorm that I clearly saw the cause for Africa's misery.

Before I go any further, let it be known that I am not merely trying to pass the blame. Africa's problems need to be solved and I am willing to be a part of the solution. However, it is important that everyone acknowledges how Africa got itself into this mess. To put it mildly, we really got screwed by the Europeans.

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Let's begin with the stripping of the national identity. Colonialism in Africa set out to deny and eliminate Africa's pre-colonial history. They taught the Africans and particularly the elite that anything traditional or indigenous was primitive and everything European acceptable. This is evident in the fact that some of the world's best cafes and Europeanistros are in Africa. Gucci jackets and watches are not a rare commodity in Africa. If I am trying to make it is; why was a Gucci tailor installed in Africa before a computer factory was introduced? Is it coincidence? I don't think so. Judges and magistrates in Kenya continue to wear the British court "white wigs" while in session. Maybe I am being too tough on the British, it's possible that they failed to notice that the Kenyan natives had black hair? Europe transplanted the social aspect onto Africa but somehow forgot to share the secrets of the industrial revolution.

Well how about the dictatorial regimes, coups, and counter coups, including African dictators mass murdering the people. How about the French's colonial policy simply structured the economy so that the governing class (colonial masters) got bigger salaries and the common people, or "subjects" I should say, got absolutely nothing. When Colonialism ended, they left a hubbub and had no time to change this unfair structure. Hence, when the Africans took over these jobs they continued to accumulate wealth at the expense of the others. Another reason for the crisis is that the Africans were not ready to inherit such an alien way of operating. Imagine if the entire Daemen administrative staff was to leave tomorrow, and the student body was to take over running the school. Of course, there would be a few problems.

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I think the appropriate question at this point is, "What the hell do you want us to do?" Really don't know, but you can all do me a favor; stop looking at Africa like it is the people who are screwed up! It is the system that we had at this point is, "What the hell do you want us to do?" I really don't know, but there would be a few problems..

Ol' Blue Eyes Visits the Buffalo Zoo

Imagine walking through the murky waters of a Louisiana swamp and seeing an animal that previous to this you believed to be only a myth. The Buffalo Zoo will provide that experience as it proudly hosts a white alligator exhibiting Easter Sunday through June. This rare reptile, on loan from the New Orleans Audubon Park & Zoological Garden, is one of only 18 in the United States and will be showcased in the Northeast at the Buffalo Zoo in 1994.

The exhibit will be located in the Reptile House. In addition, several white reptiles such as an albino Burmese python, albino corn snake and albino western diamondback rattlesnake will be featured. To provide visitors with an adventure they will always remember, the exhibit area will be transformed into a "Louisiana Swamp" complete with Spanish moss, wooden docks, and ground fog. In addition, you will also be able to hear the sounds of the bayou. Various activities including food, music, and dancing will also be planned around the visit.

These rare gators were discovered in a nest in August of 1987 in Houma, Louisiana by several Cajun fishermen on land owned by the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company (LL& E). These white-skinned, blue-eyed alligators are a genetic mutation of a common alligator. Their unique color is considered leucistic (loo sit sic), not albino. Besides the 18 white gators that were found, seven normal-colored siblings were captured and an undetermined number of normals escaped. The 25 male gators were brought to the Audubon Zoo when they were approximately one to two weeks old. The Audubon Zoo owns four white alligators with the remainder owned by LL&E.

The alligators range between five and eight feet in length and weigh from 50 to 250 pounds. This is a result of current management techniques. To perpetuate the white phase, a white male and a normal female are bred. The offspring are then bred, hopefully producing a white female alligator. The gender of an alligator is controlled by the temperature of its nest.

Experts feel that white gators do not survive in the wild because they lack the normal protective coloration of a hatchling, and would be easy prey for predators. In addition, white skin usually is sensitive to the sun, which could cause long-term health effects.

In a number of cultures, white animals are thought to be good luck. The Cajuns say that anyone who gazes into a white alligator's eyes, "crosses" them, is destined for a happy future. The belief, which will be stressed with good luck for the coming year and prosperity will surely follow.

"We are extremely excited that we were chosen to host a white gator exhibit," said Executive Director, Minor H. Ortolani. "We try to provide something new for our visitors each year, but this experience will be truly remarkable. Who knows, it may also bring some good luck to those who stare into its eyes," added Ortolani.
Harvard Model UN Delegation Returns Home

They came from all over the United States—and beyond. Some 2,000 student-delegates, "representing" 160 nations, converged at Boston's Sheraton Hotel, February 17-20 to take part in the 40th Annual Harvard National Model UN. There were Indonesians from the Universitas Trisakti and Australians from the University of Vienna among the several foreign contingents who came to mix and mingle, debate and negotiate with students from across the United States. The University of California—Berkeley was there. So was the University of Chicago, along with Tufts, Brown, Fordham, Marquette—and Daemen College.

"The HNMUN was a rich learning experience for the Daemen students."

Belinda Jackson dealt with the issue of homeless children in her Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee. As a "Salvadoran" she was on familiar ground. After all, her "country" has been devastated by extreme poverty, a ruined civil war, and a powerful 1986 earthquake, leaving thousands of homeless families. Her forceful recommendations to the committee helped to shape a resolution which was solidly supported by delegates from several foreign contingents. But it was not enough to bring them to a majority vote among the squabbling factions.

In the Economic and Financial Committee, Patrick Mawhiter dealt with the soaring debt crisis in Third World nations. Marcy Murcek collaborated with delegates in the World Health Organization. Their task was to find incentives to entice pharmaceutical companies into devoting research toward the less lucrative cures for diseases afflicting poor nations. And under what conditions should the UN intervene into conditions that make UN intervention not only ethical, but prudent?

Despite the marathon sessions—sometimes lasting until eleven at night—there was time for serious fun.

The weekend was a blend of work and fun. So much so that Belinda found herself looking forward to next year's Model UN. Unfortunately, her coming graduation will puncture that dream. Only a failing grade or two could assure her of a position in next year's delegation.

Have you ever wished that Daemen College had a Volleyball, Soccer or Cycling team? Are you enjoying the new aerobics classes being held this semester? Would you like to get more information on sports or nutrition?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions the Sports Fitness & Wellness Club would like to have you as a member!

Stop by and check out one of our next meetings to be held on: March 17 & 31, 5-6 p.m., in Alumni Lounge