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VIRTUAL REALITY *Returns to Daemen!*

Imagine living through a multi sensory experience of your choosing that is created in a computer. A virtual experience, as distinguished from reality. If you were a surgeon, you could "voyage" inside the body of, or master risky new procedures on, a computer replication of your patient. As an astronaut or space scientist, you explore the surfaces of other planets, however hostile the environments. As an architect, you could subject your buildings to fire, violent winds, earthquakes or other potential disastrous conditions to test the outer limits of their structure or materials. And of course, the possibilities of "virtual vacationing" and "virtual relationships" are endless.

This is Virtual Reality. An interactive, computer-driven process by which a person virtually becomes a part of an elaborate, three-dimensional world of computer-generated surroundings. It has been portrayed in the films *Total Recall* and *Lawnmower Man*, and has attracted nationwide attention on television news and entertainment programs and in the press, as well. Everybody's talking about it. Everybody wants to experience it, and there are very few places where they can.

The Virtual Reality experiences described above require enormous amounts of computer power and sophistication for demonstration. The Kramer Entertainment Agency will be returning to Daemen College this fall on **October 15th** with their traveling Virtual Reality experience called **Dactyl Nightmare**.

In **Dactyl Nightmare**, two players duel each other from special platforms in space while green pterodactyls threaten from above, creating excitement that's far more intense than any other kind of computer game can provide. It's total immersion in an elaborate, computer-generated space where "real" reality is absolutely blocked out and you, the player, are "virtually" inside the computer in another reality.

Each player mounts a special, CYBER 1000CS platform, dons exclusive headgear called a VISETTE, and take a SPACESTICK in hand. The VISETTE headgear bathes them in quadrasonic sound effects, and covers their eyes with a pair of miniature TV screens which display a colorful three-

dimensional scene. The scene is altered according to every movement of the person wearing VISETTE headgear, thereby creating for the player the illusion of being totally immersed in the visual aspects of the game environment. A press of a thumb-button on the SPACESTICK moves the player forward and upwards in the "cyberspace", while a squeeze of a trigger launches a rocket grenade at an adversary, or at a pterodactyl, if it hasn't already snatched up its victim.

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While the player is immersed in Virtual Reality and dueling beneath menacing pterodactyls, people in line or nearby can observe monitors showing (in two dimension) the intense action as the player is experiencing it in three-dimension.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience Virtual Reality.



This life-size three-dimensional computer game will be in Wick Dining Room from 5 to 11 pm on Saturday October 15. This program is being brought to you by the Daemen College Student Association.

The American Red Cross
and
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Invite you to
Give the
Gift of Life...
**GIVE
BLOOD**

Wednesday, October 5
in Wick Social Room
10 am - 4 pm

Thank You!

***Don't miss the
October
HAPPY
HOUR!***

Friday, October 14
Wick Snackbar
with the sisters of
Sigma Omega Chi

Admission: \$1

CO-OP & Career Development Sponsors Shadow Days & Field Trips

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ...

- What does a CPA do all day?
- What will I do as a graphic designer?
- What if I become a political aide?

Spend the day with someone in your chosen profession. Be that person's shadow! Observe the goings-on at a large printing company! Visit a U.S. Senator's office and see the interaction with his/her constituency.

The CO-OP and Career Development Office will arrange for you to spend a day with someone who is working in a career or company that interests you. You may attend meetings, listen to interaction with clients and co-workers, and see what a typical work day is like!

Or ... if a number of students are interested in the same company, we will arrange a morning or afternoon field trip. You will be able to talk with company representatives about their jobs, qualifications, and benefits.

If you are interested in this new service of our department, please stop by our office on the first floor of Canavan Hall for more information. See you soon!

Poetry Corner

Sometime in your life you will meet a person who will exhilarate your soul, your spirit;

a person who will show you kindness and sincerity;

who cares about you and will be there for you;

to listen, understand, and comfort you;

who does not want anything from you except your happiness;

looking into the eyes of this person you will not see anger, rage, or hate;

you will learn to trust this person, the one who has the heart of a friend;

be a friend to someone;

it will be the best thing you will have done in your life.

by Patricia Ann Van Kay

Culture in a Sports City

by Kristen Burgess

The city of Buffalo has become a mecca for sports; football, ice hockey, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and roller hockey have found a home here. But as the emphasis on sports increases, the attention to cultural activities has decreased.

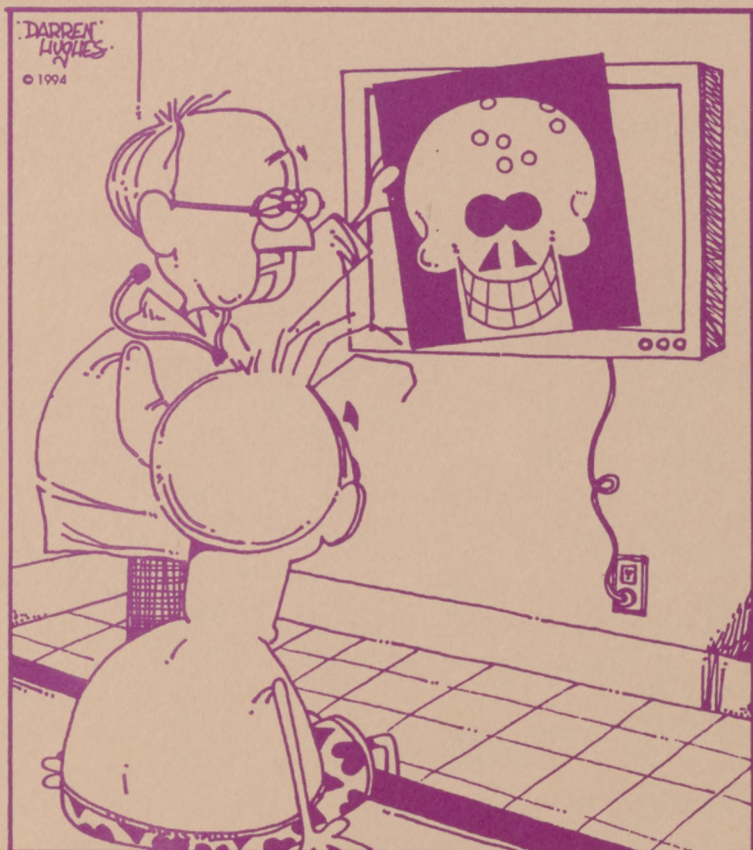
Rich Stadium recently added a state-of-the-art Jumbotron scoreboard, along with more boxed seats. The city will soon build the Crossroads Arena for its ice hockey team. At the same time, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra had to end its season early due to a lack of funds to pay its musicians. The Buffalo Museum of Science considered placing its rare book collection on the auction block to raise funds. The city, county and state seem to have enough money to finance sports; the World University Games proves this. However, when finances are needed for the arts, the purse is zipped shut. The reasoning behind this is probably more economic than aesthetic. While the Buffalo Bills play to sell-out

crowds, the Philharmonic plays to a hall that is two-thirds empty.

Sports may provide more money, but cities should not set their futures on sports. Who can remember the winner of the first Greek Olympics, or the name of the Roman gladiator with the most victories? These events have not made the history books. However, it is rare to see a college curriculum that does not teach the Greek dramas and Roman philosophers. The arts have survived, while the sports memories have perished.

Maybe the arts won't gain notice until they mirror sports. A battle between VanGogh and Michelangelo might be as fascinating as a match-up between Jim Kelly and Dan Marino. The Philharmonic might draw larger crowds if the musicians wielded their music stands like hockey sticks. It is sad that Buffalo's rich cultural heritage has been pushed aside for sports.

Snorkin



I don't know what's causing your headaches...but I did find the contact lenses you've lost over the years.

Student Activities Bumps Business Office



This past August, the Student Activities Office ran their second semiannual "High Noon Billiard Tournament Shoot Out". Daemen College's various offices were invited to participate in this pool tournament which took place on August 2, 3, and 4. 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 (except "bragging rights"). The tournament was organized for the sheer fun of some friendly competition.

Represented in the tournament were staff members from the following offices: Student Activities, Admissions, Student Accounts, Health Services, Computing Center, Publications, Audio Visual, CO-OP and Career Development, Community Service, as well as the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and the Associate Dean of the College.

Susan Allen and Chris Malik of the Student Affairs Office and Student Activities Office were the winning team, bumping Tina Croom-Hutchings and Bob Beiswanger out of the winner's seat. The next tournament will be held during semester break in January.

"Happy Shootin'!"

Come and get
"Drawn to be Drawn"

by
Caricaturist
Walter Schoonmaker

Walter Schoonmaker is coming back to Daemen College!
Friday, October 21, in Wick Lobby
from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

All subjects will be selected by random lottery. **Free entry!**
You must be present to win.

Campus Picnic Lunch



The fourth annual Campus Picnic Lunch was held Tuesday, September 13 this year on the front lawn of the college. This picnic was moved a few weeks earlier into the semester to take advantage of the probability of better weather. The plan seemed to work. The weather was warm and dry enough to hold the picnic outside (backup rain dates were also part of the plan.). Last year, poor weather forced us inside.

The picnic has been the brain child of the Dean of the College who

encouraged the idea of bringing the faculty, staff, resident, and commuter students together in this picnic setting. Support by various faculty departments, Daemen Dining Service, the Student Affairs Office, and the Student Association has also contributed to the continued success of the picnics.

Nearly a thousand persons from the Daemen Community came out for this year's picnic. Once again, it seems that good food and friends make a winning combination.

The Annual BOOBAR Halloween Costume Party



will be held Saturday, October 29, 1994
9 pm - 1 am, Wick Social Room

Prizes awarded for best costumes!
Music by High Note Productions
Great food and refreshments
Sponsored by the Student Association
free admission



**Daemen Dining Service
and the
Student Activities Office**
present an

*Octoberfest
Afternoon*

Thursday, October 20
from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
in Wick Lobby

*Specialty food items
and live entertainment
will also be featured!*

Guten Tag!

Thank You Mr. Harb

It is a known fact throughout campus that Daemen's Physical Therapy program is very rigorous academically and that the classroom material is presented at rather quick pace. Most PT students find that they need all the help they can get with their coursework, and that even with lecture, lab and seminar time they still need additional opportunities to learn and practice their skills.

Mr. George Harb, one of Daemen's Physical Therapy instructors, has generously donated his time two evenings a week to help Junior PT students with their Orthopedics class. This action is much appreciated by his students who have found the review sessions to be very helpful. We, as students, hope the Physical Therapy department recognizes Mr. Harb's efforts and the benefits provided to the students by this extra attention. Thank you Mr. Harb.

by Peter DiSilvio, PT '96

ANNOUNCEMENT

Who Students, Faculty, Administration, Staff, Organizations, Clubs, Greeks, Alumni

What Alumni Phonathon



Where & When Training: In Executive Dining Room while you make your own sandwiches (5:30 pm)

Phoning: First Floor of Duns Scotus (6-9 pm)

Sign-up: Alumni Office - D.S. 110

Why should you volunteer

1. Free T-shirts for all.
2. Free pizza party for the organization that reaches the highest total of pledges. (First three organizations to sign up receive a bonus amount toward their total pledge amount.)
3. Sponsor a night! Ten volunteers from one organization, club, or group can sponsor a specific night---free pizza party!
4. Random prizes during the evening.

***You can help
make a difference!***

Valuable Information offered in CO-OP Prep Seminar

Each semester the Department of Cooperative Education and Career Development offers the CO-OP Prep Seminar (CFE:97). What is it?

The CO-OP Prep Seminar is a series of four, one-hour classes over a two-week period. It is a "crash course" in career development! The class covers how to write a resume, how to go on a successful job interview, and how to search for a job after graduation. We also explain how CO-OP positions are set up through our office.

The CO-OP Prep Seminar is a prerequisite for CO-OP Field Experience. Once you have completed it, you are eligible to participate in CO-OP (with

the appropriate QPA) anytime during your sophomore, junior, or senior year. The class is open to anyone who would like the information offered — even if you don't plan to CO-OP.

The next CO-OP Prep Seminar begins on Tuesday, November 8 (8:30 a.m.). You can register for it anytime between now and then. During the Spring semester, it is traditionally offered three times.

We urge you to consider taking the CO-OP Prep Seminar. With the workplace as competitive as it is today, take advantage of the valuable information available to you in this class!

Daemen College's Eighth Annual Film Series Film Trips

presents
La Strada

Tuesday, October 25, 1994
7:30 pm, Schenck Hall

Commentary by Irv Weinstein

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)

Hey Guys...

by Rick Williams

It could be very easy to look around your neighborhood or Daemen campus and say, "I don't see it so I'm glad it doesn't seem to be happening." This is not an implication that we all have our heads buried in the sand, but it is an observation of how we as humans go through each day surrounded by suffering. I'm speaking of a specific type of violence: domestic variety.

You don't have to be married to be a victim or perpetrator. It happens every day and is as pervasive in our society as TV sports. It is a problem that is borne of human nature, reinforced by history, brought to awareness by social reform, and yet still continues a destructive path through undeserving lives every day. While there are undoubtedly male victims, the vast majority of victims are female.

As a crime victims case manager I have spent more than my normal share of time in court helping a bruised woman gain an order of protection against a husband or boyfriend (usually ex by now). Most times this type of violence never finds its way into the judicial system. The victims are fearful often times that telling someone or filing charges will simply result in worse retribution.

Here is where I submit my thoughts as a male to all others who would listen. Men historically have held sway over women since the dawn of recorded history. Our genes still carry the messages of aggression in our nature, and nature has also given us greater physical strength than women on an overall and generalized basis. As boys we were taught to be aggressive on the sports field, but it could be possible that it is a difficult job keeping that aggression inside the lines. We have all heard at one time or another of a woman who went

through hell because some guy couldn't get it through his head that a relationship was over, or of an injury inflicted over something trivial and insignificant. This is simply being out of control and it is here where men could start a change within themselves. Anger is something that can be dealt with so long as the courage to face it exists. Now I am definitely not accusing all members of my gender of being violent, but I think most guys probably know of another guy who has pushed or slapped a girl around.

Respect, admiration, love, all the things that we all want must be earned. They will never be acquired through force. Think gentlemen. In my own opinion, a real man would not inflict pain on another who has no chance of defense. We must remain aware of our nature, our roles and our future. I will not infer, but instead will ask you if you have ever seen a friend hit or harass a woman. What did you do and how do you feel about it now? This is a stigma that must be stopped. We can do it by policing ourselves for a start.

At the risk of being politically incorrect, who knows, perhaps chivalry may not be dead.

American Red Cross Volunteer Ombudsman

Reach out to people in need through the Red Cross and become a certified **Volunteer Ombudsman**. You could have an opportunity to assist residents in nursing and adult homes who need your support.

Regularly scheduled training provided. Call Carol Armao at 886-7500, ext. 248 for further information.

Summerfare!

presents

LOVE LETTERS

starring

Mary Kate O'Connell & Neil Garvey

directed by
Jeanne Cairns

September 29 - October 15
Daemen Theatre

Ticket Reservations and Information
CALL: 839-8540

SHOW TIMES: Thursdays, Fridays - 8 pm
 Saturdays - 4 pm & 8 pm

TICKET PRICES:
\$15: General Admission
\$12: Seniors & Students (w/ID)
\$10: Daemen Staff & Students (w/ID)

Daemen's Finest



Each year, Daemen College recruits some of its finest students to be **Orientation Leaders** who assist the college in welcoming new students to our campus. Orientation Leaders are selected in the spring semester, from a pool of applicants based on their good academic standing, involvement in campus life, and a general personable, friendly, positive

character.

Hard working, dependable Orientation Leaders are a vital part of a successful Orientation Program. The Student Affairs Office and Admissions Office would like to thank all of our Orientation leaders for the tremendous job they did this year.

Thank You!

ROTATION DAY

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL FACULTY AND STUDENTS
FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

Rotation Day is **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**.

On this day, students and faculty are to follow their
MONDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

In other words, for the week of OCTOBER 17-21, classes will follow a
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, MONDAY, FRIDAY order.

College-Wide Committees

Bob Scalise, Student Association V.P. of Governing is looking for students who are interested in serving their fellow students as representatives on the following college-wide committees:

EPC - EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE (4 persons)
CAMPUS SAFETY COMMITTEE (2 females)
TRUSTEES COMMITTEES --
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (2)
BUSINESS AFFAIRS (2)
LONG RANGE PLANNING (2)
STUDENT AFFAIRS (4)

There are still a few positions open. Please contact Bob Scalise through his mailbox behind WICK DESK (V.P. of Governing). These committee representative positions are the students' very important line of communication to the faculty, administration, and trustees.

Please, only those who are committed and energetic need apply.

Daemen College Ski Club

and

Holiday Valley Ski Resort

Announce the 1994-95 Ski Season Interest Meeting
October 11th, at 11:30 am, in DS rm 5

Students, Faculty, and Staff are encouraged to join.
Various ski packages, ski rentals, and lessons available.

Contact Laura in Financial Aid for more information.