

"Happy Holidays Issue"

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Take the Quiz:

Are You a Scrooge or a Santa?

Answer the following questions as truthfully as possible, even though the truth is painful to admit.

- 1) How do you spend your Christmas season?
 - a. Brushing up on my piano playing for the annual family Christmas Eve sing-a-long.
 - b. Running aimlessly from store to store spending more money than I make in an entire year.
- 2) How do you feel when someone steals your parking spot (last one in the lot)?
 - a. That's okay--I can circle around for another hour. That person's probably in more of a rush than I am.
 - b. Reinstate the death penalty---this should be illegal!
- 3) What are your feelings about gifts like the Chia Pet and the Clapper?
 - a. I'd never buy them. I start thinking about Christmas early, so I do not need to buy those impulse items.
 - b. It's Christmas Eve and I haven't bought any presents---Clappers for everyone!
- 4) Which statement describes your philosophy on homemade gifts?
 - a. They're from the heart---I make them every year.
 - b. If I give my mother a homemade gift, instead of the super deluxe juicer that she wants, I won't live to see New Year's Day.
- 5) When at department stores, how do you use your shopping cart?
 - a. To hold gifts I have purchased for my family and friends.
 - b. As a battering ram, to plow through the crowd and reach the last sweater on the rack.

ANSWERS:

Add up the number of A answers, then add up the number of B answers. Figure out which you circled more.

Mostly A's - Your Christmas is like the kind the greeting card companies portray in their commercials.

Mostly B's - You're like the rest of us.

Merry Christmas!

Have some time next semester?

Don't know what class to take?

Consider PR 420: MEDIA WRITING AND PRODUCTION

It's not just for English majors!

by Carol Ellen Kowalik

Public relations is beneficial to business people, CEO's, and anyone who must communicate with employees, customers, or the public. Studies show that people with good writing skills get ahead faster and earn higher salaries.

PR 420: Media Writing and Production is more than just writing. It is a class that teaches teamwork, use of media technology and production, and how to interact with a real client. It is a class where theory is put into practice. Sign up today for PR 420: Media Writing and Production (TTH 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM).

For more information contact Professor Hutchinson or Dr. Sullivan.

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BookBinder Productions Proudly Presents



"FIRE & RAIN"

— An Evening of —

JAMES TAYLOR

Featuring Dave Binder

A Nostalgic Sojourn through 20 years of James Taylor's most memorable music.

Saturday, December 3, 1994

9 pm

Wick Social Room

(Sponsored by Student Association & booga booga Beta)

This year marks Dave Binder's eighth annual concert at Daemen College. He is truly one of Daemen's favorite performers. If you've seen one of his concerts, we know you'll be back. If you haven't seen one, come find out what you've been missing!

Poetry Corner

Planted a root into the ground
fed, watered, and nurtured it;

watched as it grew
stronger every day;

a bud appears
it slowly blossoms
petals delicately open;

it's now in full bloom
a splendor for all to see;

it's fading now
petals falling to the ground
until the blossom is gone;

gone forever?
not really, it's beauty shall
be forever in your memory;

a new bud waiting to emerge
to start the cycle again;

what remains is
everlasting beauty.

by Patricia Ann Van Kay

Don't miss the December HAPPY HOUR!

Friday, December 9
Wick Snackbar
with the brothers of
Phi Beta Gamma

*Chicken fingers, pizza,
and other munchies
will be served!*

Admission: \$1

Christmas Gift Project for Needy Families

Deadline date for donations is
Monday, December 19, 1994
(before noon)

Bring your gifts to the Community
Service Office in Canavan Hall

Who's Who Among Students at Daemen!

The 1995 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 20 students from Daemen College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

The campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Daemen College are:

Kristen Burgess
Jeannette Douglas
Karen Felt
Carmela Gobbo
Marianne Goldbach
Debbie Hagen
Todd Hoeffs
Margaret Kelly
Hwee Min Loi
Dennis Quackenbush
Kerri Richardson
Karen Schlosser
Christina Squier
Tanya Thomas
Christina Valentine
Marc Walker
Laura Weiser
Richard Williams
Rochelle Williams
Brian Wrotniak

Congratulations!

Community Service Department Receives Charity Awards

American Heart Association, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, Beechwood/Blocker Community Nursing Home, and the Fellowship of the Disabled are among charities that have recently awarded the Community Service department with certificates of appreciation for outstanding service to the community.

These awards (in addition to a long list of awards to the department since 1991) underscore the significance of our volunteer program at Daemen.

Last year alone our students logged over 10,000 hours of service to the needy, and today there is a tremendous wave of enthusiasm and support for our program by the Daemen community.

The Community Service department would like to thank the entire Daemen community (especially our dedicated student volunteers) for their services and support of our program.

Keep up the good work!

Daemen Dining Service
and the
Student Activities Office
present a

Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 13
from 4:30 to 6 pm
Wick Dining Room

A special reduced meal price
of **only \$3.75**
for non-residents

**Featuring songs
of the season!**

Save Your TOPS Receipts!

The Alumni are still collecting Tops register receipts as a fundraiser.

Please write your name and address on the back of the receipts and deposit them in the box at Wick Desk or in the Alumni Office, DS 108. A prize is awarded each month for the person with the highest total.

September Winner:
Maureen Hutchinson

October Winner:
Norma Tanevich

Many thanks to all for their help!

English Department Honors Students

by Katherine Sullivan

The English Department held its annual departmental dinner on November 10 at the Eagle House Restaurant in Williamsville. At the dinner, new members were inducted into the Lambda Iota Tau honor society, and the John T. Masterson Scholarship was awarded.

Lambda Iota Tau is a prestigious international honor society recognizing students who major in English and foreign languages. LIT accepts juniors and seniors who have a 3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.3 average in their major. This year, four students from Daemen College were inducted into LIT:

English majors Kristen Burgess and Carol Kowalik, and Spanish majors Elizabeth MacDuffie and Kristen Milliron.

The Masterson Scholarship was established in 1986, honoring English professor John Masterson. Daemen College recognizes Professor Masterson's dedication to scholarship and excellence in education. The award is given to an English major who reflects this dedication. This year's recipient was Kristen Burgess. Her name will be engraved on a plaque in the library, listing her with the other Masterson Scholarship recipients.

Congratulations!

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Daemen Theatre

"Western New York's most charming theatre space!"

SUMMERFARE presents
**You're a Good Man
CHARLIE BROWN**
Nov. 10 - Dec. 18
Daemen Theatre

Thursdays, Fridays - 8 pm
Saturdays - 4 pm & 8 pm

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

These Guys are No Dummies



(above) Freshmen, Keith Vogel and Brett Vecsey were clever enough to come up with the winning costume in the "best group" category (a \$20 cash prize) at the Boobar Halloween Costume party held on Saturday, October 29, 1994, in the Wick Center Social Room. Prizes were also awarded to: Casandra Davis (best female in costume) and Jeremy Smith (best male in costume).

Several hundred students wearing an incredible variety of costumes attended this year's party. Boobar is an annual event hosted and sponsored by the Daemen College Student Association Senate. Also featured at Boobar were lights and sound by High Note Productions, and food and refreshments by Daemen Dining Service.

St. Petersburg, a City of Romance

by Carol Ellen Kowalik

During my recent trip to Russia, I spent several days in St. Petersburg. This city was very beautiful and full of culture and history. It made me feel so alive, almost as if I was living in some fairytale world.

While in St. Petersburg I stayed in the Oktoberskaya Hotel. This hotel was located on Nevsky Prospect, a street which Russian writer Nikolai Golol dedicated a whole novel to. The view from my room was of Uprising Square. Since there were so many uprisings in St. Petersburg, I don't know which uprising this square referred to, although being the "October Revolution" Hotel, it was probably the famous October Revolution.

The Hermitage was within walking distance of my hotel. It took about an hour to walk there, but after the absence of having a car for a month, an approximate 2 1/2 mile walk was okay. This walk took me down one of the most culture-filled streets in the world.

As I walked to the Hermitage I passed the Church of the Bleeding Saviour, which sits on the site of the assassination of Tsar Alexander II in 1881. This church has been under renovation and closed to the public for 20 years, but the outside is enough to inspire awe in anyone who passes it.

Everywhere one looked in this city there was history. There was such a presence of a feeling that this city was built for royalty. Everything from a statue of Catherine the Great to the Hermitage itself. One could feel the presence of all the history in the city.

The Hermitage was wonderful. I was so struck by the ornateness of this place. There was one whole hall made out of malachite. Malachite Hall, as it is called, is where the provisional government met for the last time before the Bolsheviks stormed the palace, starting the era of communist domination.

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I liked the third floor of the Hermitage the best. It was on this floor that I saw Picassos, Matisses, and Van Goghs. One of the things that made an impression on me was that I saw, in person, the painting that is featured on one of the books I used for PSY 209. It was so impressive in person.

It amazed me that this country, which I had pictured to be a completely awful place when I was younger, was home to such a wonderful collection of art and culture. St. Petersburg reminded me of everything I had heard about Paris, not Russia.

I loved St. Petersburg. It was so different from Moscow and Tver. This city was more westernized and prepared me for my return to the United States. I can't wait to go back to this wonderful city.

Trip to see *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Pantages Theater in Toronto

Sunday, February 5, 1995

11:30 am - behind the scenes educational presentation
3 pm - performance

- ticket sales begin December 1 for Daemen students only.
- ticket sales begin December 8 for Daemen faculty & staff.
- tickets are \$40 each (US funds) for Daemen students only.
- tickets are \$50 each (US funds) for Daemen faculty & staff
- limit of 2 tickets/person
- bus transportation will be provided.
- ticket quantities are limited---get your tickets early!
- all sales are final---no refunds.

Instead of selling that book back for \$1.00 this semester, why not donate it to some people who really need books?

by Carol Ellen Kowalik

In a recent trip to Russia to teach English, I encountered many people who expressed their desire for books written in English. There is a shortage of books written in English in Russia, and the books that are available are very expensive or out of date.

As this semester draws to a close, I would like to suggest a way that we as members of Daemen can help the people of Russia. This semester, instead of getting \$1.00 for a book at the Bookstore at buy-back time, donate it to the people of Russia. If the Bookstore doesn't buy the book back, donate it. Have any books lying around that you don't want—why not donate them too?

Any books that you wish to donate may be left in the English

Department office. We will be accepting books all year, until my return next summer to Russia. At that time I will take the books to the people of Tver (Buffalo's sister city).

I wish to thank you for your anticipated participation in this drive. I know that the people of Tver will also thank you.



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CALL A CAB.
TAKE A STAND.



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Thanks, and a Salute

by Rick Williams

The ever changing face of world politics and power often leaves distinctive marks on the generation that had the most awareness of it. In today's fluid international scene it seems prudent to stop, look at what is happening, judge whether it may lead to something undesirable, then act carefully upon it. The theme I point out here is this; there can be no turning back once an event occurs. If I may quote a sign that hung over the People's Temple camp in Guyana in 1979, "Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it." That was the motto Jim Jones left to posterity as rescue workers removed the bodies of close to 900 of his followers who committed ritual suicide.

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As a US Army soldier in the mid 1970's, I performed duty patrolling what was known as the "Iron Curtain", the fortified frontier fence and wall that was eastern Europe's communist legacy. My job was to keep watch on the Russian and East German troops on the other side and to assist anyone who tried to escape to our side. I can say proudly that I did assist several successful escapes. I must also say with sadness that I also watched several unsuccessful attempts. I will never be able to forget the image of a

middle-aged man lying just a few scant yards from the demarcation line, shot down by communist guards.

We all have a freedom here that many take for granted, and many more don't even consider that much. In a time when violence is being scrutinized in increasingly complex ways and any deployment of troops is viewed as a violation of the civil rights of a soldier, we must remember the past while working towards the future. Simply because communism has "fallen" in Europe, we must remember that it is human leaders, not faceless ideologies that create crisis. So very many people have given their lives so that we may enjoy what we have today. This past Veteran's Day is just another day of frustration that many veterans feel. Veterans Day is just a holiday for some, an excuse for a parade for others.

If you want to really appreciate what you have, visit a veterans cemetery on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, and read the names of those who rest forever so that you may rest easy. Visit the Naval & Serviceman's Park to experience what soldiers, sailors, and airmen lived in and through. Go to the Wall in Washington and watch a man touch a name and weep.

Remember, those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it.

Ground Breaking for New Building



The President of Daemen College, Robert S. Marshall (third from left) presided over the ground breaking ceremony for Daemen's planned new business building on

October 28, 1994. The two story, 24,780 square foot structure will house classrooms, a Business computer lab, and a student lounge. No date has yet been set for completion of the building.

Come see the Daemen Warriors

in their only Home Game this December!

Saturday, December 10, 1994

Ladies play at 5:30 pm vs Geneva
Men play at 7:30 pm vs Geneva
free admission

Be a part of the action!

Daemen College's Annual Film Series

Film Trips

presents

It Happened One Night

(1934)

Tuesday, December 6, 1994

7:30 pm, Schenck Hall

Cast: Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert Director: Frank Capra

Spoiled heiress on the run meets cynical newsman in this madcap comedy. In the course of their misadventures on the road, the mismatched travelers eventually fall in love. With hilarious performances by both Gable and Colbert, this classic film achieved the cinematic first of winning all four major Academy Awards.

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR CO-OP!

You have just registered for your Spring 1995 classes, and if you forgot to register for the CO-OP Prep Seminar or CO-OP Field Experience, it's not too late!

The CO-OP Prep Seminar (CFE:97) will be offered three times in the Spring (January, March, and April). It consists of four, fifty-minute classes in which you'll learn to write your resume, go on an interview, and conduct a job search. Even if you don't have an opportunity to participate in a CO-OP while you're at Daemen, the Prep Seminar will provide you with some valuable career information.

If you're interested in getting some experience in your area of study, CO-OP Field Placement is for you. The prerequisites are simple: the Prep Seminar (which can be taken concurrently) and a 2.0 cumulative QPA (2.5 for Business majors). This is a great way to get some relevant experience for your resume. Employers tell us that the **first thing they look for** on the resume of a new college graduate is a CO-OP or internship experience. The process is simple, and your time commitment can be as little as 50 hours a semester.

If you would like more information on the CO-OP program, please stop by the office on the first floor of Canavan, or call us at 839-8334.

Psychology Club Seeks New Membership (NOT ONLY PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS)

Upcoming Meetings:

December 1, 1994
December 8, 1994
January 12, 1995
January 26, 1995

All meetings are held at 11:30 am in DS 227

Anyone who would be interested in attending a Psychological Conference sponsored by the Eastern Psychological Association to be held March 29 - April 2, 1995, in Boston, please sign up in the Psychology Department.

Additional events are also being planned for Spring '95. Bring your ideas and help us out! All students are welcome!

BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS NEEDED

Take a little time to make a difference. Call the Be-A-Friend Big Brother/Big Sister Program at 878-4337 for more information.

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Submissions to the Ascent are due by the 15th day of the month preceding the issue. Send all submissions to the Student Activities Office.

Opinions expressed by writers in the Ascent are not necessarily those of the Ascent or of Daemen College.

Ascent policy is to only print articles which include a by-line.

Physical Therapy Class of 1995



"Good Luck" on your affiliations!