

# ASCENT

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## Trip to Russia Planned

Daemen's Prof. of Foreign Languages, Richard Sokolowski, is forming another group of 14 American volunteers to teach English and basic facts about American society, in Tver, Russia, August 1 - 20. Knowledge of Russian is not necessary since all the classes and activities during the workshop will be conducted in English.

Volunteers are drawn from all walks of life and from all age groups and need not have teaching qualifications or experience. The purpose of a highly diversified American teaching team is to match Russian participants' professions, experience, interests, and age. In 1992-93 the teams included high school teachers, college professors, a minister, a nun heading the United Nations Peace Center, a postal worker, a private detective, a massage therapist, office workers, and six college students with different majors, among them two Daemen students - Mike Schroeder, in '93 and '94, and Carol Kowalik, in '94.

Russian students participating in '93-94 English workshops included public officials, factory managers, journalists, teachers, secondary school and college students, and adults in the workforce seeking to improve their situation.

Each year American volunteers prepare their own songbook as well as an updated workbook covering topics of

interest to the Russian students. Last year's topics were American family, education, traveling, religion, American political system, ethnic diversity, health care, American woman, environment, and personal finance.

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Besides conducting the two week intensive English workshop in Tver, volunteers will visit Moscow and St. Peterburg.

Volunteers pay their own travel costs and room and board expenses - \$2300 or less, depending on the quality of accommodations chosen. Those interested please contact Prof. Sokolowski 684-7581 (evenings).

**Wick Center has extended its hours till 1 am for studying only in the Snackbar.**

## Community Service Column

### Welcome Back Daemen Volunteers!

Your friends at the Community Service Department welcome you back and wish you a fun and successful spring semester. Please come visit us at your earliest convenience for information on various community service opportunities, projects, and fun events taking place both on and off campus that may be of interest to you this semester. We are located on the first floor of Canavan Hall (phone 839-8375). Thanks for your support; we look forward to seeing you soon.

#### Upcoming projects for Community Service

1. Fourth Annual Community Service Volunteer Recognition Reception, **Friday April 7, 1995, at 8 pm.** (Students, student groups, faculty, administration, and staff are encouraged to attend.)
2. Third Annual "Food-For-All" Competition to benefit the hungry through the Food Bank of WNY. **Wednesday, April 19, 1995.** (All student organizations and student dorms are encouraged to participate.)
3. American Heart Association Heart Run, **April 9, 1995.** (Volunteers needed)
4. Student volunteers needed in hospitals, nursing homes, charities, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens, etc. Flexible hours. If interested, please contact the Community Service Department at 839-8375 or visit our office in Canavan Hall.

**A Reminder:** Physical Therapy students, Social Work students, Resident Assistants, and others; please come talk to Joe about when, how, and where you can undertake your Community Service hours.

## Coming to Daemen College

# "COMBAT JOUSTING"

## Dinner

Friday, February 3, 1995  
4:30 - 7:30 pm in Wick Dining Room



(Non-residents pay only \$3.75 for the dinner, or come free at 6:30 pm.)

free entry

*"Winners take it all, losers take a fall!"*

## Daemen College Coffeehouse

presents

### Ted Lambert & Doug Yeomans

Saturday, February 18  
in Wick Snackbar  
8 pm

free admission

Complimentary desserts and refreshments including a cappuccino & specialty coffee bar

The American Red Cross and The Daemen College Student Physical Therapy Association invite you to

*Give the Gift of Life...*

## GIVE BLOOD

Wednesday, February 22  
in Wick Social Room  
10 am - 4 pm

Appointments can be made in Wick Lobby during mealtimes beginning February 13. Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for your support of this community need.



## "Thank You"

by Trent Hariaczi

"You'll never be the same again, and you'll probably be unable to walk ever again. I'm sorry." My doctor's words still continue to echo in my head.

The purpose of this letter to the editors is to thank all of you who have helped me try to get over my injury. With your encouragement and support I hope to prove all of the doctors wrong and take my first steps soon.

All of my teachers have been great in working to help catch me up and in understanding my situation. My true friends have also helped a lot, and I appreciate it.

Along with all of the support I've had, I've also had a few negative experiences since my injury. I guess in order to truly understand the problems of the handicapped, you have to be one. If my accident did anything positive, it was that I'll never forget this experience, and I'll always appreciate the needs of the handicapped.

This school has tried it's best to make everything wheelchair accessible, but as I've learned, it could never be completely done. Malls, schools, sporting events, and parking lots can all be wheelchair nightmares! It's horrible.

Along with accessibility problems, there are problems of ignorant people making comments. Being a Physical Therapy school, most people have been really understanding. However, there are those know-it-alls who think they know it all. To all of them, I have one thing to say--I didn't choose to be like this, it just happened. Also, I'm not making my injury seem worse than it is. It doesn't get much worse! When all of you can find a cure for my bad leg, then you can make those comments. Until then, appreciate the fact I'm hurt, confined to a wheelchair, and fighting like hell to get out!

Again, thanks to everyone for their help. It's made me happy to see all your support. I dedicate my first steps to you!

Daemen Dining Service  
and the  
Student Activities Office

present a  
**Valentine  
Dinner**



Tuesday, February 14  
from 4:30 to 6:00 pm  
Wick Dining Room

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

featuring  
**Joyce Beesley  
on the Harp!**

## Don't miss the February TGIF Parties

Friday, February 10  
with the sisters of  
**Sigma Omega Chi**

Friday, February 24  
with the sisters of  
**Lambda Chi Iota**

**Admission: \$1**  
*Chicken fingers, pizza,  
and other refreshments  
will be served!*  
**proper ID required**

## Daemen College's Eighth Annual Film Series Film Trips

presents  
**BADLANDS**  
(1973)

Tuesday, February 7, 1995  
7:30 pm, Schenck Hall

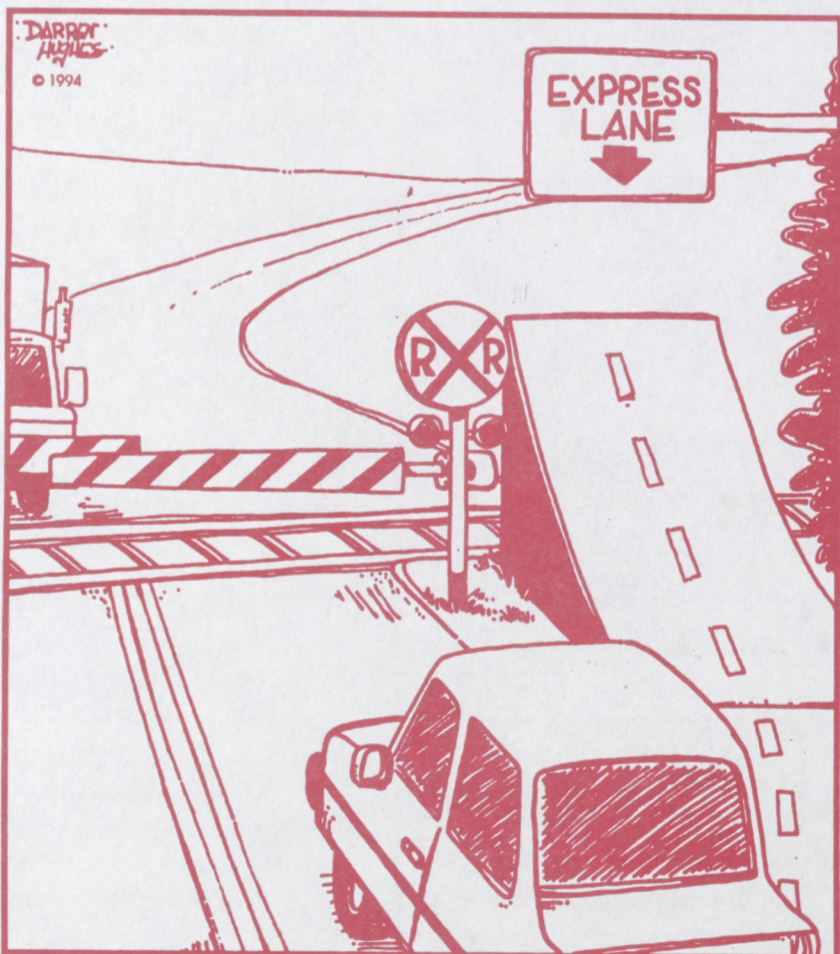
Cast: Martin Sheen, Sissy Spacek

Director: Terence Malick

Two young lovers cross the Midwest, killing as they go, in this film based on the Starkweather-Fugate murders of the 1950's. Sheen's performance may well be the definitive screen portrayal of the sociopath; Spacek is equally stunning as his unfazed girlfriend. A compelling narrative, eerily restrained and matter-of-fact.

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)

## Snorkin



## Strive for Perfection —Or Else!

*If 99.9 percent is good enough, then...*

- Two million documents will be lost by the IRS this year.
- 811,000 faulty rolls of 35 mm film will be loaded this year.
- 22,000 checks will be deducted from the wrong bank accounts in the next 60 minutes.
- 1,314 phone calls will be misplaced by telecommunication services every minute.
- 12 babies will be given to the wrong parents each day.
- 268, 500 defective tires will be shipped this year.
- 103,269 income tax returns will be processed incorrectly this year.
- 2,488,200 books will be shipped in the next 12 months with the wrong cover.
- 5,517,200 cases of soft drinks produced in the next 12 months will be flatter than a bad tire.
- Two plane landings daily at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago will be unsafe.
- 3,056 copies of tomorrow's Wall Street Journal will be missing one of the three sections.
- 18,322 pieces of mail will be mishandled in the next hour.
- 291 pacemaker operations will be performed incorrectly this year.
- 88,000 credit cards in circulation will turn out to have incorrect cardholder information on their magnetic strips.
- \$9,690 will be spent today, tomorrow, next Thursday, and every day in the future on defective, often unsafe, sporting equipment.
- 55 malfunctioning automatic teller machines will be installed in the next 12 months.
- 114,500 mismatched pairs of shoes will be shipped this year.
- \$761, 900 will be spent in the next 12 months on tapes and compact discs that won't play.
- 107 incorrect medical procedures will be performed by the end of the day today.
- 315 entries in Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language will turn out to be misspelled.

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## Lady Warriors on a Rampage!



The Lady Warrior basketball team has completed a very successful first semester by winning their last seven games to bring their record to 7-2. This included a 56-46 win over Geneva College, one of the top teams in the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference. Daemen also won first place in a tournament at Mansfield University by defeating the host team 72-60 in the final.

Chrystal Crawford was named tournament MVP and is currently the Lady Warrior's leading scorer, averaging 13.8 points per game. Dana Forti has also been a force so far this season, as she is averaging 12.9 points, 5.4 rebounds, and 5.3 assists per game. She is also shooting nearly 50% from the field. Larissa Smith is also averaging double figures in points, while getting 5.4 rebounds, 5.3 assists,

and 3.4 steals per game. Sabrina Andrysiak has been one of Daemen's most improved players and is currently leading the Lady Warriors in rebounding (7.2 per game). She is also on pace to set a team record for blocked shots in a season.

The team has been getting contributions from many other players, especially defensively, as they are once again one of the top defensive teams in the country (last year they were sixth in the nation allowing 57.7 points per game, so far this year they are allowing a mere 50.7 points per game).

The Lady Warriors look forward to continued success next semester in their drive to win a conference championship. Their next home game is Saturday, February 11, 1995, at 3 pm.

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join the Multi-Cultural Association in celebrating our diversity.

Saturday, February 4 **Cultural Food Festival**  
7 pm in Wick Social Room  
Also featuring: African dance & drum troupe  
free admission

February 10, 11 **Movie Double Header**  
8 pm each night in Alumni Lounge  
Featured films (TBA)  
free admission

Easter 1987, Age 5



Easter 1988, Age 6



Easter 1989, Age 7



Lorien Lea Denham.

Killed by a drunk driver on Good Friday, March 29, 1991, at College Park Drive and Hwy. 19 North in Meridian, Miss.

If you don't stop your friend from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

**FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.**

### DAEMEN WARRIOR Home Games schedule

FEB 7	Men	7:30
FEB 11	Ladies Men	3:00 5:00
FEB 12	Ladies	3:00
FEB 18	Ladies Men	2:00 4:00
FEB 20	Men	7:30
FEB 25	Ladies Men	5:30 7:30

### Daemen Art Gallery

January 26 - February 18  
Guest Artist

*Roberley Bell*

February 26 - March 18

*26th All-High  
Exhibition*

### CO-OP Employers Stress Communication Skills

In our role as the CO-OP administrative staff, we visit the employers of our CO-OP students each semester to discuss the students' progress. Increasingly, the employers are stressing the importance of communication skills — in particular, writing skills.

Regardless of your major and future career plans, you are going to be expected to express yourself clearly and concisely, both verbally and in written form. This does not apply only to English majors. As a college student, you have lots of opportunities to practice and hone these skills. Check out some of the writing courses offered by the English department — information gained in courses such as Professional Writing and Seminars I and II in Composition and Editing will be very valuable in your future.

Join an organization and practice your public speaking skills. In an informal survey on fears, fear of public speaking was number one on the list, ahead of fear of death! Like anything else, practice makes perfect. The more you get up in front of a group and speak, the less intimidating it will be.

Remember, when you are preparing a paper or a presentation, that you are practicing for your future — make it work for you!

### Poetry Corner

Attitudes are the seasons of life;

Peaceful, serene, complacent,  
like a warm summer day;

Changing color, fading away,  
die like the maple leaves in the fall;

To bear the storms and blizzards  
on a cold winter day;

To blossom and grow  
like flowers in the spring;

These are the choices  
you can make;

They are your reflection  
in the mirror of life.

Las Actitudes son las  
estaciones de la vida;

Placidas, serenas, complacientes,  
como un día caluroso del verano;

Colores cambiantes, desaparecen y mueren  
como las hojas del arce en el otoño;

Para soportar las tormentas  
en un día frío del invierno;

Para florecer y crecer  
como flores en la primavera

Estas son las alternativas  
que usted puede tomar;

Ellas son su imagen en el espejo  
de su vida.

by Patricia Ann Van Kay

### Daemen Theatre

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

SUMMERFARE presents

#### "Broadway 1960"

JAN 12 - FEB 5

\$15 - General Admission  
\$12 - Students & Seniors  
\$10 - Daemen Students & Staff

#### "Kathy & Mo Show"

FEB 23 - MAR 5

\$12 - General Admission  
\$10 - Students & Seniors

Performances: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 pm  
Sundays at 3 pm

call 839-8540 for information & reservations



## The Wide Grey Line

by Rick Williams

Having observed and catalogued the inhabitants of the third planet in the Sol star system, the following preliminary report is offered for initial discussion to our scholars:

The planet Earth is overflowing with living creatures of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Each species has its own agenda built upon the information granted to it through the miracle of instinct. How to survive and propagate the line is given to all living creatures. Most of their actions are predictable, have a purpose, and are, for the most part, logical in accordance with the intellectual capabilities of the particular creature. Earth's natural forces do seem to have a well-ordered house, with the exception of one animal: the human animal.

This particular creature is extremely interesting, yet paradoxical. Humans have been growing intellectually, and in numbers, very fast, especially in the last four thousand Earth years. They have gone from basic instincts to a shocking and disappointing social development. The planet Earth has suffered much deterioration due to misuse by the humans. Whole species of other animals have been completely wiped out, forced to flee their habitats because of human encroachment, and the natural resources and elements have been converted and polluted to an alarming point.

Our scholars will certainly have a difficult time determining why humans do this. Our observations have, up to now, been unable to discern a single valid reason why humans are destroying their planet. Our report also includes detailed lists of conflicts between groups of humans dating back to their first collective societies. For some reason, the humans do not consider themselves as one race, but rather, many different races. This has led to shocking large scale conflicts that have resulted in the premature deaths of countless billions of lives. In addition, if not outright killing each other due to what they see as cultural or "national" differences, the humans practice preventing one another from achieving economic and material happiness. At this time, we do not know if this is a ritualized game, or if they simply do not possess the higher qualities that have raised us (fortunately) above these puzzling creatures.

Having scanned their written languages and works, we have surprisingly found evidence of

compassion, justice, equality, and generally a great deal of common sense! Why the humans do not employ, on a large scale, what they allegedly hold so high in value is extremely baffling. We burned out two good computers trying to answer that question; therefore, we are submitting the data for our more advanced devices back home.

**"For some reason, the humans do not consider themselves as one race, but rather, many different races."**

Humans are one of a very few species here that preys upon itself, but get this; they don't necessarily prey upon each other for survival. I know it sounds incredible, but read the data for yourselves. The humans do appear to have a great deal of promise. They have, apparently for now, survived the standard Planetary Crisis Phase 4 (see attached report on archaic nuclear weapons, cross-reference with Weapons-growing-faster-than-wisdom-disorder), but, we are awaiting further social developments for a more accurate prediction of their future.

While most of Earth's creatures operate on well-defined boundaries of predictable, logical behavior, these humans go about their lives on a very wide 'grey line' (a term we observers have coined). This grey line represents the apparent paradoxes of their behavior versus their intellectual and emotional development. We believe that with continued progress, more availability of education to more humans, and a general providing of options to their current dilemma, that the Earth, and its inhabitants, may yet recover from its present damaged level.

If not, please advise the council that if the humans fail, with a little cleaning up, we may have a nice vacation spot for our people. ■

### What's your opinion?

The Student Association is presently surveying the student body's interest in raising the Student Activities Fee collected by the college (presently \$30/semester) so that they would be able to bring bigger name entertainers to campus. What's your opinion? A Student Association Suggestion Box is located behind Wick Desk.

## CHECK THIS OUT --- by Zee Billi (Adriane Williams)

### Would You Believe...

- That in the state of Florida it is illegal to fall asleep under a hairdryer?
- In North Dakota it is against the law to go to bed wearing shoes?
- A Georgia law says anyone who eavesdrops, or tries to eavesdrop, can be charged with a misdemeanor?
- It is against the law in Yonkers, New York to tie your shoes in the middle of the sidewalk?
- It is criminal to walk the streets with undone shoelaces in the state of Maine?
- Playing cards on Sunday in the state of Arkansas is unlawful?
- Tricycle riding on the sidewalk in Moscow, Idaho is illegal?

Leo Tolstoy's

## WAR and PEACE

"War and Peace" is a portrait of a vast country and her myriad people caught up in the swirling and irresistible tides of history during the Napoleonic Era, 1805 - 1812.

This is the original Russian-language film version of Leo Tolstoy's classic novel. Never in the history of filmmaking has there been a feature encompassing so much on so many levels. With a production cost of over one hundred million dollars, this is the most expensive motion picture ever made. By current inflationary standards, it would cost Hollywood over half a billion dollars to make this film today.

"War and Peace" was filmed entirely in Russia, and it took over five years of active production to complete. The enormity of this epic film is legendary, with its cast of over 100,000 soldiers, 273 sets, 2,000 different costumes and art treasures, from over 40 Russian museums.

Director Sergei Bondarchuk's stress on authenticity shows up throughout the picture. He said, "We have tried to involve the spectator in the events on the screen; to make him experience what Tolstoy's characters experienced and the atmosphere in which they lived."

Truly, "War and Peace" is in a class by itself in the history of motion picture filmmaking.

In Russian with English subtitles  
Sponsored by Buffalo-Tver Sister Cities Organization

Saturday, February 25, Schenck Hall

Part 1 9:00 - 11:20 am  
Part 2 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
Part 3 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Each part will be followed by a discussion.  
free admission

## Career Development Announces Spring 1995 Calendar of Events

With the Spring 1995 semester comes a number of Career Fairs which all Daemen College students are welcome to attend. For more information on any of the events listed below, please stop by the CO-OP/Career Development Office in Canavan Hall. We look forward to your participation!

January 11	Registration begins for Teacher Recruitment Days
February 22	Minority Career Day; 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Wick Center, Alumni Lounge
March 16	All-College Career Day; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wick Center
March 29	Sixth Annual Human Services Career Fair; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. UB Student Center
April 3 - 4	Teacher Recruitment Days; Buffalo Convention Center
April 26	Liberal Arts & Business Job Fair; 2 - 6 p.m., Medaille College, Student Center

## February MOVIE NIGHTS

- FEB 3 (TBA)  
by booga booga Beta
- FEB 10, 11, (TBA)  
by MCA
- FEB 25 (TBA)  
by Resident Council

8 pm in Alumni Lounge  
free admission

## ASCENT policies

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.