HEOP, 1969 - 1995?
by Rick Williams

Have you ever tried to fix something with the best of research and intentions, only to discover that your actions completely destroyed what you were trying to fix? That experience has been my own recently. I hung my head in embarrassment and regret for having cast my vote last November for George Pataki for Governor of New York. I may have cut my own throat.

"The HEOP program gave me an opportunity to succeed."

I am an HEOP student. For those of you who don’t know what that is, I speak of the Higher Education Opportunity Program of New York. It is a program designed to help people get a college education who could not afford it, or could not get admitted to a four-year college because of borderline grades in high school or on SAT’s. George Pataki proposes to end trying to completely eliminate the HEOP program, and I am the first person in my family to have ever graduated from college, and I hope to set an example for my children. I am an HEOP success story.

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HEOP serves thousands of students at 79 colleges across New York. The program has been around for 26 years and has graduated over 19,000 students. That’s 19,000 contributing to the tax rolls instead of taking from it. Twenty-five percent of those graduates have gone on to graduate studies. I hope to be one of them. HEOP is not just a free ride from the state. In spite of the benefits, I have still had to take out loans. Daemen, as a participating college, contributes nearly $2.50 for every dollar received by the state. There’s no profit or glory being gained here, save for graduating a student from college. If you have ever used the computers in the computer lab in Canavan Hall, you can thank the HEOP program for providing the funding for some of them, and for certain software programs.

I agree with the opinion that we must reduce the burgeoning number of people on public assistance, but we will never achieve this goal by removing the means by which disadvantaged people can better themselves. It just plain doesn’t make sense. HEOP and TAP are in very real danger right now. I urge every student and faculty member who sees this fact to please write the state government at once. There’s no profit or glory being gained here, save for graduating a student from college. If you have ever used the computers in the computer lab in Canavan Hall, you can thank the HEOP program for providing the funding for some of them, and for certain software programs.

On behalf of the Daemen College Student Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who participated in our decision to continue HEOP in New York. Thanks for your hard work, and for your attention to this important issue.

A Note: from your Student Association

"Suggestion Form" survey. The thoughts, ideas, and concerns of the campus community are an invaluable tool that helps us to pinpoint exactly what changes need to occur on campus.

Now, to bring you up-to-date on some of the issues SA will be working on for the remainder of the semester:

- state funding cuts in education
- housing concerns
- E-Mail on campus
- activity fees
- revamping the election process
- freshman parking
- Springfest and Spring Formal events

These are all extremely important topics. I believe everyone on campus is effected by these issues one way or another. Student Association will do its best to make sure the voice of the students are heard. As always, our meetings are held every Tuesday, at 11:30 am, in Wick Center, room 113-115. Stop by and find out how you can help make Daemen a more user-friendly place to be!

Very truly yours,
Michelle Schmalheiser
SA President 1994-1995

Career Day ’95
Thursday, March 16, 1995
Wick Center
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Department of CO-OP and Career Development invites you to attend and participate in "The Career Event of the Year!"

The program will include:
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Liberal Arts Employer Panel Room 113-115 Business Employer Panel Alumni Lounge
• Gather Valuable Career Information
• Discuss Current Job Market Trends
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Career Fair, Social Room • Meet with Employer Representatives to discuss professional, part-time, and summer employment opportunities.

Remember - Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 16. See you there!

Daemen College Coffeehouse presents
Glenn Tate classic/folk rock Saturday, March 18 in Wick Snackbar 8 pm Free admission
Complimentary desserts and refreshments including a cappuccino & specialty coffee bar

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Daemen College's Eighth Annual Film Series

Film Trips presents

EASY RIDER (1969)

Tuesday, March 21, 1995
7:30 pm, Schenck Hall

Cast: Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, Jack Nicholson
Director: Dennis Hopper

The quintessential road film that inspired a generation with its depiction of two bikers searching for America and finding violence and bigotry. With memorable performances by Fonda, Hopper, and Nicholson, this classic film captures the spirit of the Sixties counterculture.

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)

ATTENTION ALL WRITERS AND ARTISTS!!!
by Carol Kowalik and Kristen Burgess, editors of the A Step Ascending

Last year's A STEP ASCENDING was just released. All the copies disappeared within a few days. Many people wondered how they could have been a part of this event. Well, here is your big chance to impress your friends and professors 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 Math class while you were supposed to be listening to the lecture on the wonders of calculus? Submit it. What about that portrait of your friend on the back of your English notes? Submit it too!

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 16) at the Office of Student Housing in Canavan Hall or attend the March 16 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 23, 1995.

On Saturday, February 4, 1995, Daemen College's Multi-Cultural Association hosted a Cultural Food Fest that was free and open to the entire Daemen community. Students in the organization worked together with Daemen Dining Service to prepare and serve their ethnic dishes at the event. An impressive display of wonderful food greeted the crowd of over a hundred persons in attendance. An African American Drum and Dance Troupe also provided a stunning performance at the event.

Don't miss the March TGIF Parties

Friday, March 17 with the Multi-Cultural Association
Friday, March 24 with the sisters of Psi Xi Omicron

Admission: $1
Chicken fingers, pizza, and other refreshments

Cultural Food Fest - a success!
The Anatomy of a Student Event

by Chris Malik, Director of Student Activities

Who decides what activities happen on campus? How can I get more involved in campus life and in what’s going on at Daemen? Where does my Student Activities fee get spent?

Have you asked any of these questions? Well, hopefully, we will be able to answer a few of your questions here. If, however, we don’t address your particular concern, please stop by the Student Activities Office (located right behind the Wick Center Information Desk) with your questions. We are always happy to see you.

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Activities generate from a number of different areas of the college. Some activities are organized directly through various college offices (Student Activities Office, Community Service Office, Athletic Office, CO-OP and Career Development Office, Associate Dean’s Office, and various faculty departments). The majority of student events, however, are organized and run by Daemen College’s recognized student organizations and the Student Association (Daemen’s student government).

Daemen’s student organizations include: six Greek organizations (fraternities and four sororities), various special-interest groups (Cheerleaders, Resident Council, Commuter Council, Multi-Cultural Association, Drama Club, Ski Club, Special Olympics, Sports, Fitness & Wellness Club), three publications (A Step Ascending, Ascent, and only embellish If It’ll mean a better book perishable food donations!), and a number of clubs associated with an academic department (Accounting, Art, Business, Education, English, Humanities, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Travel & Transportation Management)

The Student Association Senate includes six executive board members (President, VP of Governing, VP of Programming, VP of Publications, Treasurer, and Secretary) who are elected to their positions by the student body every spring, and the four class presidents, who are elected to their positions every fall.

Most student events are funded by the Student Activities fee collected by the college from each student ($30/semester). This fund is managed by the Student Affairs Office who delegates authority to the Student Association to vote on how this money should be spent. Student Activities fees are spent on a whole variety of areas including: YMCA swim & racquetball passes, TGIF parties, movie nights, special events (like the Cultural Food-Fest, Halloween Party, SpringFest, Airband, Semi-Formal, Campus Picnic Lunch, etc.), the yearbook, the Ascent, entertainment shows (like the annual Dave Binder concert, Combat Jousting, Virtual Reality, Fun Flicks, Sumo Wrestling, etc.), monthly entertainment dinners, Game room equipment, monthly coffeehouses, Model UN, student art show openings, Senior Week, and so on.

Typically, the first thing a student organization planning an event needs to do is to stop by the Student Activities Office to discuss their plans (hopefully well in advance of the event). At that time, dates, location, time, room availability, and possible scheduling conflicts can all be looked into. Room reservation forms can also be filled out to reserve needed rooms. The office can also assist in obtaining or directing food service, audio-visual, or special maintenance needs. We can help the organization contact outside agencies needed for their event (bus companies, bands, DJ’s, staging, lights, rental agencies, etc.). We can also begin the paperwork necessary to request funding from the Student Activities fee ("1-2-3 Funding Request Form").

After the Student Activities Office reviews the organization’s 1-2-3 Funding form, their request goes to the Student Association Senate (they meet every Tuesday, at 11:00 am, in Wick Center, room 113-115). The Student Association then discusses the budget with the requesting organization’s student representative and votes on the budget. Once the budget has been approved, the organization needs to keep in close communication with the Student Activities Office to be sure the many details involved (contracts, payments, ordering, advertising, maintenance request, etc.) are taken care of.

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How can you get involved in all this? The best way to get involved is to join one of Daemen’s student organizations that is of interest to you (listed earlier). Each organization has a mailbox located behind Wick Desk, which is the primary way of communicating with each group. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please stop by the Student Activities Office - we can help!

You may also consider running for one of the elected positions on the Student Association Senate. The Student Association Senate is a group of dedicated students who work hard at serving the student body. Executive board elections will be held in April. If you really want to get involved, this is where the action is.

The 3rd Annual FOOD FOR ALL competition

Wednesday, April 19, 1995
Start saving your non-perishable food donations!

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and only embellish if it'll mean a better book and movie deal?

CAMPUS ISSUES and ANSWERS

The Ascent was asked by Krista Sengbush of Sigma Omega Chi to print the following letter which they sent to Dean Bruce Marzahn. The Ascent also asked Dean Marzahn if he would be willing to respond to the letter for the Ascent. He agreed.

The Letter (from Sigma Omega Chi)

We, as a fellow recognized Greek organization, would like to speak out regarding the memo to the student population from your office in reference to the Happy Hour sponsored by Phi Beta Gamma fraternity in December 1994. We were both surprised and disappointed to read that you were not in support of the Safe Sex theme that the organization had chosen for their event. It seems that in this day and age of necessary awareness to our population regarding sexual safety issues that we should be applauding the brothers of Phi Beta Gamma for stepping forward on our small campus to bring to surface these issues that are often voiced at so many large state campuses and universities.

The word around the Daemen campus following the Happy Hour was that Phi Beta Gamma handled the event’s theme very well and that both the Safe Sex information and condoms were “available for the taking” only for those people interested. Nothing was forced on people who had no desire to partake in either information, pamphlets, or preventative measures. The general consensus seems to be that the Happy Hour, both the theme and the event itself, was a success and presented in a responsible manner.

We thank you for taking time to read our memo and hope that, possibly, in the future, you may reconsider your thoughts on “where you stand” regarding current issues, both social and political, being openly voiced within our social organization population.

The Response (from Dean Marzahn)

I agree, as is stated in the second paragraph, that Phi Beta Gamma handled this sensitive theme extremely well. The concerns that I stated to them in my letter, dated December 7, about their “upcoming TGIF party”, were well taken. The event was a success and I commend the fraternity.

As I reviewed my letter, I realized my error. The letter was mistakenly addressed to all student organizations. My intention, as the text of the letter evidences, was to offer advice to Phi Beta Gamma regarding the event. There were no limitations, only cautions and suggestions. I apologize, however, that this became public.

My concern then and now is that it is risky business to mix the theme of “safe sex” and alcohol. There is overwhelming evidence that alcohol negatively influences sexual encounters, and is a contributing factor in date rapes on campuses across the nation.

Snorkin'
Roland Martin and Friends present Medieval and Renaissance Music

Monday, March 13, 1995
8 pm, Wick Social Room

Many of you may have heard of the multi-platinum-selling record called "CHANT". Soon there will be an opportunity to hear some other early music right here on Daemen's campus. On March 13, there will be a concert of Medieval and Renaissance music at 8 pm in Wick Social Room. Roland Martin, the director of Buffalo's best early music group, Speculum Musicae, will be here with some of his friends. Don't miss this exciting concert!

Free Admission

The Great Melting Pot

by Adrienne Williams (Zee Billi)

"...If everybody looked the same, we'd get tired of looking at each other. You couldn't tell the lady next door from your own dear mother..." (The Temptations)

America has been called the "Great Melting Pot", but that is and should not be the case. Why should one culture have to blend with another? Why should we all have to speak English? Why must we all attend church on Sunday? Why must we all look the same and think the same, in order to be a productive member of this society? Don't misunderstand; I would be the first to stand up and say we must learn to live and work together, to become more aware of other cultures and peoples, and be more accepting of what is different from ourselves.

Bear in mind, we, as a people, must realize that none of us have been granted exclusive membership to this planet, and that we all have rights therein: the right to sufficiently provide for ourselves and our families, to live where we are comfortable and safe, the right to healthy, and sanitary surroundings, but above all of this, the opportunity and the freedom to pursue each of our own individual dreams and desires.

Volunteers Needed!
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 trainings provided. Call Carol Armao at 886-7500, ext. 248 for further information.

Thank You!

 Sigma MOVIE NIGHT
March 25
(movie to be announced)
6 pm in Alumni Lounge

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The Daemen College Medical Technology Department presents MEDICAL LABORATORY Week

Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11 in Wick Center

Guest Speakers, Student Presentations, Exhibits, and Cholesterol Screening

CHINESE AUCTION
Coming Soon!
The Business Club and Wings Travel Club will be holding a Chinese Auction on Friday, April 28, from 11 am to 1 pm and from 6 to 9 pm.

As the event draws closer, look for announcements around campus with further information.

Welcome Bus-Trip Students
March 31 - April 2

Hope you enjoy your visit!

Let's support Cornerstone Manor because it gives hope to the homeless and domestic violence victims.

First Annual Penny Harvest sponsored by the Social Work Alliance of Daemen College

Look for penny bags at various locations around campus. (Bookstore, Wick Desk, the Patio)
March 27, 1995 is the last day to donate your pennies.

In 1993, Erie County had 10,000 homeless. In New York State, four women a week are killed as a result of domestic violence. (F.B.I.)

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GOING TO CORNERSTONE MANOR.

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