Final Semester for President Marshall

In the spring of 1995, Dr. Robert S. Marshall, president of Daemen College, announced his retirement, effective January 1, 1996, ending 21 years of outstanding leadership.

In 1974, Daemen College (formerly Rosary Hill College), was at the brink of bankruptcy and faced an uncertain future. New leadership was needed, and Dr. Marshall, who was then Associate Director for Academic Affairs at the Division of Biological Sciences at Cornell University, was chosen as President of Daemen College. His challenge would be to bring the college into financial stability, while building a solid academic program for the future.

Through sound management practices, effective cost containment, and aggressive development efforts, President Marshall moved the college in a new direction. Strengthening its financial situation allowed the college to recruit first-rate faculty from outstanding schools which include Harvard, Oxford, Notre Dame, Columbia, and University of California at Berkeley.

Daemen College introduced a Physical Therapy major in 1975, and through new courses, equipment, and exceptional faculty, has developed the program into one of the largest and best of its kind in the nation.

In 1979, authorization was received from the New York State Board of Regents to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. The uniqueness of this program, which offers the degree to registered nurses who have previously studied in two or three year programs has decreased. The college has met this challenge through new courses, equipment, and university enrollments nationwide have steadily increased at a time when college and university enrollments nationwide have decreased. The college has met this steady growth in enrollment with a major expansion of facilities. In 1983, ground was broken for the athletic facility and in 1992, Schneck Hall, a state-of-the-art science building, was completed. The college is nearing completion of its new business and commerce building, which is expected to open in the fall of 1995.

In 1993, Daemen College expanded its academic horizons by introducing its first masters program, a post-licensure Master of Science degree in Physical Therapy. This fall, a new page is being added to Daemen’s dynamic history, as the college introduces its Physician Assist-ant Program.

The past two decades have been very successful for Daemen College, due in no small measure to the vision and leadership provided by President Marshall. The Ascent joins the Daemen community of students, faculty, administration, and staff in expressing appreciation to President Robert S. Marshall for a job well done.

Ciao E Buona Fortuna!

The Annual Sleep Out for the Homeless

Friday, September 8
Beginning at 9 pm, in back of Wick Center

Live music by guitarist Steve Spain!

Bring your sleeping bags and cardboard boxes.

Orientation Events Kick Off New Year!

The Student Activities Office would like to welcome all new students to Daemen. We anticipate a great semester full of a wide variety of activities, and hope you get involved in what’s happening on campus. An exciting weekend of events is planned for Orientation to kick off the year and welcome all our new students into student life here at Daemen.

Comedy Cafe
Orientation weekend begins with an evening of comedy entertainment on Friday, August 25, featuring Star Search Semi-Finalist Rob Magnotti at 8 pm, in the Wick Social Room with a warm-up performance by Daemen’s own campus comedian, Corey Ross! Don’t miss this night of laughs. Complimentary desserts and refreshments will be served, including a cappuccino bar. Free admission.

Outdoor Games
Saturday, between 2:30 and 4:30 pm, come on out for an afternoon full of outdoor games, prizes, music and fun, on the front lawn of the college. This will be followed by a picnic dinner beginning at 5 pm.

Beach Party
Saturday night, wear your shorts or swimwear to the best Beach Party in town. (8 pm in Wick Social Room). Get your Hawaiian lei at the door, and just don’t say “no” for the rest of the night (or you’ll lose your leis). Prizes given to the guy and girl getting the most leis. Free admission, eats, and fun!

Student Activities Fair
A Student Activities Fair is scheduled for Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Social Room. This fair gives new students a chance to meet some of our returning students, and find out about the various student clubs and organizations that exist on campus. Stop by and make a few new friends.

Welcome Back Party
Immediately following the Student Activities Fair will be the annual “Welcome Back Party” from 9 pm to midnight in the Social Room. This is a traditional event for new and returning students. Beer will be served to those of legal age (21 years or older). Bring proper ID. This year we will be featuring live music by the band Party Squad!

PARKING STICKERS
Students, faculty and staff: Don’t forget to pick up your 1995-96 parking permit stickers at Wick Desk. You’ll need to bring your car registration for each vehicle for which you need a sticker, and your currently validated ID.

Drive Safely!

Students, Faculty, and Staff: Don’t miss the First Annual Fairfest Picnic

Saturday, September 9th
4:30 - 7:30 pm
In back of Wick Center

Live music by Danny & the Blues Revue!

The entire Daemen community is invited to attend the picnic dinner (4:30 - 5:30 pm) compliments of the Student Association and Student Activities Office.

Come join us!

In back of Wick Center
THE FACTS OF COLLEGE LIFE

Academic Information for Freshmen

WHEN: Wednesday, September 6, 4 - 6 pm
WHERE: DUNS SCOTUS HALL, 2nd Floor
WHY: To help you succeed in college!

Don't miss this opportunity to obtain valuable information on study strategies, effective interaction with college faculty, and Daemen College policies and procedures that every student needs to know. Don't wait for your first year at Daemen or not, plan to take the CO-OP Prep Seminar, this four session, non-credit course is recommended for all Daemen students who want to learn how to write a resume, prepare for a job interview, and conduct a job search. So whether you plan to do a CO-OP sometime during your time here at Daemen or not, plan to take the CO-OP Prep Seminar. Two sessions are still open for fall registration:

Session A: Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 13, 18 & 20, 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.
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Physician Assistants are highly trained healthcare providers who work with the supervision of a physician. PAs perform such tasks as taking patient histories and performing physical exams, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, and prescribing treatment plans.

Students, Faculty, Staff, and Community!
You are Cordially Invited to Celebrate
NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DAY

Date: October 6, 1995
Time: 8 am to Noon
Place: Wick Social Room

Come and learn about Daemen's newest program and the Physician Assistant profession!

LECTURE, SLIDE SHOWS, REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Class Rings

The ArtCarved Ring Representative will be in the Bookstore October 5 and 6, 1995. (9 am to 3 pm)

The sisters of Delta Phi Mu would like to welcome back all returning students and all new freshman and transfers to our campus!!!

Good luck this semester!

Don't miss the September TGIF Parties

Friday, September 1 with the sisters of Delta Phi Mu

Friday, September 15 with the Multi-Cultural Association

Friday, September 29 with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Admission: $1
Great food & drink will be served!

BILLS TICKETS

The Student Activities Office has purchased tickets to three great games this year:

- Buffalo Bills vs Carolina Panthers
  (on September 10)
- Buffalo Bills vs Indianapolis Colts
  (on September 17)
- Buffalo Bills vs NY Jets
  (on October 8)

Ticket sales begin September 5th for each game.

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Physician Assistants are also actively involved in family and patient education, focusing on strategies to prevent injury and disease. Over 25,000 PAs across America provide quality, cost-effective healthcare in every arena of medicine: primary care, surgery, pediatrics, geriatrics, OB/GYN, and psychiatry; and opportunities for employment continue to grow.

The Program Director, Paul F. Jacques, RPA-C, brings with him many years of clinical and educational experience. He has been employed as a Physician Assistant Program Director on Long Island, and has over 18 years in clinical experience as a Primary Care Physician Assistant. Mr. Jacques has been actively involved in the affairs of the profession through state and national organizations and has also served on numerous committees. Additionally, he was the President of the New York State Society of Physician Assistants (NYSAPA) in 1988. He currently works one day a week at Sisters of Charity Hospital in the emergency room.

Dianne L. Stadtmiller, RPA-C, the newest faculty member of the Daemen PA Program, loves to teach PA students. She has practiced clinically since 1989 in Occupational Medicine and Otolaryngology, and has several years of instructional experience at two Physician Assistant programs in New York. She has also served as Secretary for the New York State Society of Physician Assistants.

The PA Program Secretary, Karen Wise, has been with the program since November 1994, and enjoys working with students.

"Given the rigor of the curriculum and the quality of the admitted students, we expect the Daemen PA Program to produce some of the best PAs in the country," said PA Program Director, Paul Jacques.

We invite you to call 839-8551 or drop by to speak with a member of the Physician Assistant Program, if you would like to learn more about the curriculum or the PA profession.
"Welcome to Daemen College" from the Student Association

This may be the first time you’ve stumbled through the Ascent. This may be the fifteenth hundred copies you’ve seen. Either way, I’m happy. You just made a step into campus life at Daemen College - you picked up our newspaper.

This feat may not seem too incredible to some. Sure enough, I’ve seen people skimming through the paper during lunches or in class. But what I’d really like to see is for you to tell us what you think. What sticks and what doesn’t. What you like and what you don’t. Use the Ascent to your advantage as a sounding board for campus problems and ideas for solutions.

We live in a society where freedom of the press is a highly valued privilege and right (even if it does get terminally weird - case in point: OJ!). Believe it or not, this even applies to Daemen College. Don’t be afraid to speak your mind. No one’s going to point you at the halls, but you, or make you wear a red, ‘A’. We are a bunch of friendly people here, only seeking constructive criticism.

Regarding new technological advances on campus, I am very pleased to announce that Daemen is on the internet!!! We’re hooked and we’ve got e-mail (this should help many phone bills decrease!!!). When you get a chance, stop by the Academic Computing Center in Caravan Hall and set up an account for yourself.

Class President elections will be held within the next few weeks. This is a prime way for you to see just what the inner workings of the Daemen College Student Association are like. Sharon Certo, vice president of governing, will have information posted very shortly and can answer any questions you may have. As well, this is the perfect time to join that organization you’ve always been interested in, or start your own that you’ve always wanted to see exist. If not now, when?

No “welcome back” or “welcome to” letter would be complete without mention of the Student Association meeting time and place: Tuesday, at 11:30 am, room 113-115, Wick Center. The Executive Board’s office hours will be posted within the next two weeks, so keep a lookout for that too!

Good luck this year, and try to make the most out of Daemen that you can. Anything can be groovy if you want it to be.

Very truly yours,
Michelle Schimelhaar
Student Association President, 1995-1996

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Front lawn of Daemen College

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Bring a blanket or your favorite "lawn sitting jeans" and join in this Daemen tradition.

Welcome New and Old Students
It’s school time once again and we must all prepare ourselves for the hard work ahead of us. We must also never forget to have fun when class time is over.

If you would like to take part in planning events for this year, join the planning board. For more information, leave your name and number in the V.P. of Programming mailbox (located right behind Wick Desk). Don’t forget that it is your sixty dollars a year that we use to plan events, so help us plan to use it wisely.

Thank you,
Tracy Donald
Student Association VP of Programming

USED BOOK BUYBACK
A representative from Missouri Book Service will be here Tuesday and Wednesday, August 29th and 30th, to buy used books.

If you missed the buyback in May or June, bring your books to Room 7 (DS) between 9 am & 4 pm. Next buyback is scheduled for exam week in December.

Free Campus Trial Packs
Distributed in the Bookstore beginning August 21 until they’re gone! Just sign your name and receive a trial pack with free products and coupons.

(ONE PER CUSTOMER, PLEASE)

"What are your hours?"

Bookstore
MON-THU 8 am to 6 pm
FRI 8 am to 4 pm
SAT & SUN (hours as posted)

Library
MON-THU 8 am to midnight
FRI 8 am to 9 pm
SAT 10 am to 5 pm
SUN 1 pm to midnight

Dining Room
MON-FRI Breakfast 7:15 am - 9 am
Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Dinner 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
(Dinner closes at 6 pm on Fridays.)

SAT, SUN, Holidays
Brunch 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Dinner 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Computing Center
MON-THU 8:30 am - midnight
FRI 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
SAT 12 pm to 5 pm
SUN 12 pm to midnight

The ASCENT needs you!
- Do you have a knack for writing?
- Do you want to get involved in what’s happening on campus?
- Are you interested in reporting, graphics and design, journalism, or even poetry?

Why not join the staff that brings you the monthly edition of the student newspaper, ASCENT? If you’re interested in finding out more, stop by Wick Center and talk to the Director of Student Activities, Chris Malik.

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

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Academic Advisement Welcomes New Students
by Dr. C. Eric Zinnertrom

The Academic Advisement Office's personnel would like to extend a hearty "Welcome!" to the students of the Class of '99, as well as to say "Hi!" to all of our returning Daemen students. We hope the 1995-96 academic year will be a year of personal successes for everyone at Daemen.

To facilitate your academic efforts, we would encourage you to remember that professional education is an important aspect of your collegiate success. Additionally, be prepared for all of your classes. When given an assignment for class, reflect on its value to your professional goals. Generate questions that you believe to be relevant to the concepts/ideas being brought out in class. Then read to answer the questions you have generated. Remember, avoid procrastination. Complete all your reading assignments and homework problems. Always go to your classes prepared to actively participate and you will find that understanding and mastery of the content will follow.

Should you encounter problems or have concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Academic Advisement (DS 111). We are eager and willing to assist you in drawing meaningful focus to the myriad concerns you may have related to college. We will endeavor to help you deal with the many important decisions that might be affecting your professional development. Furthermore, we will help you plan a meaningful course schedule each semester that will aid you in the attainment of your educational aspirations.

"You are here to prepare for your future..."

It is critical, however, that you appreciate where the ultimate responsibility lies regarding your success in college. The responsibility rests with you. You must plan for success. When problems arise, you must actively seek assistance. Remember, there are many qualified people at Daemen to help you achieve your goal(s). But you must meet with them and pursue their suggestions if you are to succeed.

College requires many individual sacrifices. However, the sacrifices you make today should lead you to the success you desire for your future. Do not be distracted from why you are here. You are here to prepare for your future.

We encourage you to always put academics first. College is an expensive undertaking. It demands that we put our academic responsibilities above our desire to experiment with newfound freedoms. Too frequently, our desire to be accepted may lead to situations where our priorities become somewhat clouded.

Social experiences often seem to take precedence over academic responsibilities. We hope you choose your friends wisely and avoid the many trappings of getting involved with a "partying" mentality.

Admittedly, college is a time for you to develop new friendships and experience new undertakings. We ask you to choose your experiences with great care. As this issue of the Ascent points out, there are many positive ways you can get involved on this campus. We encourage involvement that will lead to new personal insights and new friends. Involvement that results in making a contribution to your professional growth, to others, and to this campus will always be a credit to you.

We wish you success in the upcoming year. Remember, the Office of Academic Advisement exists for you. Our office is located in room 111 in DS Scucus, extension 8228. Our goal is to assist students regarding the interpretation of college policies and procedures; in meeting departmental and institutional requirements specified for graduation; and in becoming self-directed and independent learners. It is a place where you can discuss in total confidentiality your concern(s). A place where you will find people who want to listen to you and offer assistance intended to resolve your concerns or problem(s).

Please do not be a stranger. Our door is always open. Stop by and make an appointment to speak with us. Let's get to know one another this semester.

In closing, attend all of your classes; plan your work, then proactively work your plan; avoid procrastination; and embrace positive expectations related to your level of performance. If a problem should arise, seek assistance immediately. Never forget, we are here to help you.

Class Officer Elections Coming Soon!

Every fall, the Student Association Executive Board holds elections for class officers (the president of each class). The four class officers along with the executive board constitute the Student Association Senate, which meets weekly to discuss campus life and activities, and recommend Student Activities fee expenditures.

If you're interested in running for a class officer position, start putting together a "letter of intent" which lists your past experiences and pertinent skills, and tells the student body who you should be its representative.

Early in September the Student Association will be asking for letters of intent to be submitted to Wick Desk (look for a banner in the lobby and listen to the mid-time PA announcements).

Even if you're not interested in running for one of these positions, please make sure you get involved by taking a few moments to vote for your class representative!

A.S.A.P.
Awareness, Safety, Action Programs

The Student Affairs Office will again be sponsoring a series of short informative programs dealing with critical issues of importance to all students. The program series is scheduled for every Thursday in September, beginning at 5:15 pm in Alumni Lounge. The programs are approximately 30 minutes in length.

September 7 DATE RAPE
One out of every four female students at a typical college or university has been the victim of a rape or attempted rape. Of the students who were raped, 84% knew their attacker, and 57% of the rapes occurred on dates. (Citizens Committee On Rape, Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse, Inc.) This program will feature a 20 minute video entitled "Campus Rape" hosted by L.A. Law stars Corbin Bensens and Susan Day. This important video is directed at both college women and men.

September 14 AIDS
Dr. Larry Wright of the Campus Ministry Office will be presenting an honest and straightforward look at AIDS. Dr. Wright's insights into this terrible disease come from both his spiritual counseling experience and his clinical experience in dentistry. Take a few minutes to listen to Dr. Wright. It could change your life.

September 21 EATING DISORDERS
Many of us know someone who is afflicted with an eating disorder. Sometimes we're aware of the problem, and sometimes we're not. What can you do? What should you do? Where can you go for help? The Anorexia Bulimia Buffalo Association will be here to answer some of these questions, and any other you may have.

September 28 LESS STRESS IS BEST
Take a few moments before you get into mid-terms to lighten your load, and share a laugh and a smile with Dr. Larry Wright. Bring your sense of fun, leave your troubles at the door, and leave with a fresh perspective on the hardships of stress in college.

Daemen College Health Services

Welcome, new students and welcome back, friendly and familiar faces! We, in the Health Services Office, are hoping each of you has a happy, healthy, and successful academic year.

Hope as we might that three square meals a day, plenty of rest, time for work, as well as time for play, will keep you healthy; we know there will still be times that you may become ill.

There have been a lot of changes over the summer in the Health Services Office to ensure high-quality care for each of you in the event that you need medical attention.

For those of you who are not covered by your own health insurance, we offer the Daemen College Student Health and Accident Insurance Program. The 1995/1996 premium will be $290 annually per student. Spouse and dependent-child coverage is also available at the rate of an additional $425 per covered individual.

A new, comprehensive health care facility, The Sisters Amherst Health Center, located at 4949 Harlem Road, is just minutes from the Daemen campus (under a mile away). The health center is where you should call in the event of sickness or minor injury. Students who are covered by their parent's or other private insurance may also use the facility. Use of the center is not limited to students who have enrolled in the Daemen insurance program; the center will file claims with all insurance companies that have no stipulations about the need to see specific doctors. Located directly across the street from the center is CVS Pharmacy for your prescription needs.

In the event of illness or injury, free transportation to the center will be provided for you.

If you have any questions about insurance, need information, or just want to talk about a health issue, or need a copy of your immunizations for an affiliation, stop in the Health Services Office in Wick Center. We both look forward to meeting you.

Susan Allen
Cheryl Roberson

Phi Beta Gamma
fraternity
Invites you to RUSH 95
September 7 & 8