New Volleyball Court

If you haven't been by the back of Wick Center lately, check out the new sand volleyball court the college installed during the summertime. The Daemen Athletic Club ("DAC") made the request for the court to the college in the springtime, and the island behind Wick Center was deemed most suitable by all the parties involved. To give it a try, pick up a volleyball at Wick Desk (all you need to do is leave your Daemen ID) and go for it.

"DAC" has also petitioned the Student Association for some new aerobic equipment in the gym. Purchased this summer was an additional Stairmaster, and more equipment may be on the way if the Student Association can budget for it in the coming year.

"DAC" is always looking for new members interested in getting involved in organizing various athletic activities. Come to one of their interest meetings; notices indicating the time and location of meetings are posted in Wick Center. "DAC" is planning to bring a Nutrition & Training Workshop on campus September 28th. Look for more details.
Sigma Phi Epsilon & the Student Association
invite you to a
Daemen Coffeehouse

featuring: Jackson Rohm

Saturday, August 31
8 - 9:30 pm
Wick Snackbar
complimentary desserts and specialty coffees served
free admission

Daemen College Liberty Partnership Program
by Traci Howard

Daemen, Buffalo State, Geneseo, Alfred, St. Lawrence, Potsdam, Erie Community College, St. Bonaventure, Indiana State, SUNY at Morrisville, Brockport, and RIT. All these colleges have accepted Liberty Partnership high school students. This is a real achievement because each and every one of our Liberty Partnership Program participants are identified as being in real danger of dropping out of school. What made the difference? What changed potential dropouts into high school graduates? For these young people the Daemen College Liberty Partnership Program (DCLPP) was the answer.

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Daemen College, as part of its ongoing efforts to address societal concerns, works in partnership with South Park High School #33 Bilingual Center School in the Buffalo Public School System. The program, now in its seventh year of operation, is funded by the State Education Department's Bureau of College, School, and Community Collaboration, and provides services to 180 high school and middle school students and their families (90 at South Park High and 90 at School #33). Sixth through twelfth graders make up the student population.

The DCLPP is designed to facilitate and enhance the education of our youth at-risk. The program's goals are to increase academic performance levels, enhance the students' self-image, and increase school attendance.

The DCLPP has several components. The academic component takes the form of tutoring (both individual and group), and homework assistance, with a focus on core curriculum areas. Beyond academic support, at-risk students require additional personal and social support services to enable them to stay in school.

Career awareness is also a component of the program, and provides opportunities for students to obtain an increased understanding of the world of work. Career workshops, individual discussions, in-school college search seminars, interactions with role models and tours of business sites facilitate this objective.

One of the most important goals of the program is to build self-esteem and character. Daemen College Liberty Partnership program staff work hard to instill in the students a sense of pride in self. Before any student can successfully compete for a job or a place in a college's freshman class, he/she has to believe in him/herself and his/her abilities to achieve.

Stop by and say "hello"!

The DCLPP is located in Office #7 in Canavan Hall. Traci Jackson is the Director of the Program, Alex Navaro and Frank Armstead are Field Site-Coordinators, and Maria Rose is the Secretary/Administrative Assistant.
Daemen's first Presidential Inauguration in 21 years will take place Thursday, October 10, in the College athletic facility. Dr. Martin J. Anisman will officially become the fourth president of the College during ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m.

The Inauguration will mark the beginning of a series of events commemorating the 50th anniversary of Daemen and Rosary Hill College. Invitations will be extended to the entire campus community, alumni, representatives of colleges and universities from across the state, business and community leaders, state and local elected officials, and many others.

Everyone attending the inauguration will be welcome at a reception following the ceremonies.

Exercise your citizenship, your right, your responsibility. Register to vote at the Wick Center information desk, throughout the month of September.

Daemen Dining Service Hires New Workers!

Actually, the personnel pictured here are volunteers temporarily self-assigned to "serving" student needs in a different capacity. Members of the Daemen College Administration (L to R), Mr. Frank Balcerzak (Vice President for Business Affairs), Dr. Martin J. Anisman (President of Daemen College), and Dr. Charles Reedy (Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College) all came out one evening during finals week in May to serve "breakfast" to late night "studyers" in Wick Center.

Though the team performed exceptionally well behind the counter, the next morning administrative duties beckoned their return to the business of running the college.
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.

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 1996/1997 premium will be $485 per student. Spouse and dependent-child coverage is also available at the rate of an additional $728 per covered individual.

A 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 parents' 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 and other medication 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 health services information, or just want to talk about a health issue, or need a copy of your immunizations for an affiliation or volunteer community service, stop in the Health Services Office in Wick Center. We look forward to meeting you.

NEW WORK STUDY POSITION

The Student Activities Office has a new Work Study position for an office assistant who will be responsible for making daily PA announcements at meal times, hanging banners in Wick Lobby, distributing flyers and table tents, making phone calls, maintaining gameroom equipment, and generally assisting the Director of Student Activities.

Candidates should have a clear speaking voice (for PA announcements), the ability to use a ladder (for hanging banners), and a happy, positive personality. Eligible Work Study students should interview with the Director of Student Activities.

The YMCA (across Main St. from Daemen) has SWIMMING & RACQUETBALL PASSES available for currently registered Daemen students. Just take your ID and use the facilities free of charge.

Want To Be A Campus DJ?

Do you have a good collection of CD's? Would you be interested in making a little extra cash? The Student Activities Office is looking for an extra student (or possibly two) to add to our list of DJ's certified to use the Student Association sound system at parties. If you're interested, stop by the Student Activities Office for more information.

Lambda Chi Iota presents The Annual Bike-A-Thon to benefit The Blind Association September 21, Wick Center (time: TBA)

Come join the fun and support this good cause!
Psi Xi Omicron & the Student Association
invite you to a
Daemen Coffeehouse

featuring: 
Lady Fire

Saturday, September 21
8 - 9:30 pm
Wick Snackbar
complimentary desserts and specialty coffees served

free admission

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, plan 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 why 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 mealtime 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!

The Daemen College Physician Assistant Student Society presents Speaker Series
September 6, 1996
4 pm, in Alumni Lounge
1985 Nobel Prize winner
Dr. Herbert Hauptman

In October, the topic will be Pain Management by Thomas Sist
(date and time: TBA)

PARKING STICKERS
Students, faculty and staff:
Don't forget to pick up your 1996-97 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!

Watch Your Favorite Movies In the Privacy of Your Own Room

Wick Desk has several video cassette players for overnight loan to Daemen students, free of charge.

- VCR's are for OVERNIGHT loan only.
- VCR's may be picked up at Wick Desk, Mon-Fri between 1 pm & 4 pm.
- VCR's are due back to Wick Desk by NOON the following day.
- VCR's have a $5/day late fee
- A $10 cash deposit is required when the VCR is signed out.
- You may reserve a VCR for a date in advance (one date at a time).

Drive Safely!
The Academic Advisement Office’s personnel would like to extend a hearty “Welcome!” to the students of the Class of 2000, as well as to say “Hi!” to all of our returning Daemen students. We hope the 1996-97 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 proper time management 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 of 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 Dunc Scotus, 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.

The Annual
CAMPUS PICNIC LUNCH
Tuesday, September 17th
(reindate: 18th, 19th, or 20th)
11 am - 1 pm
Front lawn of Daemen College

The entire Daemen College community is invited to this annual complimentary Picnic Lunch sponsored by the Student Association and Daemen Dining Service.

Bring a blanket or your favorite “lawn sitting jeans” and join in this Daemen tradition.
The Annual
Homeless Awareness Night
Friday, September 6
Beginning at 9 pm,
in back of Wick Center
Join your fellow members of
the Daemen College community
in an evening of remembering
the less fortunate.
Live music
and refreshments!

Poetry Corner
"Welcome"
I bid welcome
To all Daemen students
Wherever you hail from
Welcome ladies and gents
A year full of fun
New friends to make
Also papers to be done
And tests to take
There’s lots to do
For seniors and freshmen alike
And so a fond welcome to you
In a Daemen fashion you’ll like
by Ann Peck

Don't miss the fun of
TGIF Parties

John Murphy and Mike Rozanski chowing down.

Friday, August 30
with the sisters of
Psi Xi Omicron
Time: 5 - 8 pm
Place: Wick Center Snackbar
Admission: $1
Great food & drink
will be served!
(Just ask John and Mike!)

Friday, September 13
with the sisters of
Sigma Omega Chi

Friday, September 27
with the members of
MCA

Health-Related Career Day
Tuesday, September 17, 1996
10 am - Noon, Wick Social Room
♦ Learn about career opportunities in the health profession.
♦ Discuss employment and scholarship opportunities with local
and national hospitals and organizations.
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
NURSING
PHYSICAL THERAPY
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
Students & Alumni Are Invited!
Sponsored by Cooperative Education/Career Development Department
Bookstore Gets Bigger

The first thing you'll notice when you head to the Bookstore is that there are some new lockers outside the door. These are coin-operated. You'll need a quarter to get the key to lock the door, but you'll get your quarter back when you put the key back to get your belongings. These lockers are for use only when shopping in the Bookstore. No bookbags or backpacks will be allowed in the Bookstore on the floor by the door or anywhere else in the store. Regular lockers are still available for commuters (sign these out at Wick Desk).

Orientation Hours

The Bookstore hours for Orientation Weekend will be:

- Friday, Aug. 23rd 8 am - 5 pm
- Saturday, Aug. 24th 9 am - 5 pm
- Sunday, Aug. 25th 9 am - 5 pm

Free Bookstore Drawing

Students, put your name in the "BACK TO SCHOOL" drawing in the Bookstore for a Royal Electronic Personal Organizer: features include calculator, telephone and memo memories, scheduler and schedule alarms.

Those of you who were here during the summer may have noticed something strange going on in the Bookstore. First of all, we had the summer books in the store where you could pick out the ones you wanted. Remarks ranged from "Cool!" to "You mean I have to get them myself?" Then in June, a big plastic sheet was hanging over the Art Supply Department, because the cement block wall was knocked out between the store and Room 8. Sorry, you'll never be able to study in there again, unless you're studying the books we have for sale!

The new area has been turned into the Textbook Department. You'll see a lower ceiling, new lighting, carpeting, and lots of shelves with all those books. For the first few weeks of the semester, you will be able to get your textbooks at the counter in the new area, look them over, decide which ones you want, and take them to the cash register to pay for them. After the first few weeks are over and you need a book, you will be able to go right to the Textbook Department and find what you need. We'll be there to help you find things, but please, be patient if we have trouble finding something because it will be new for us too!

You'll see other improvements as well, and some will be happening throughout the school year. Visit us often and watch the changes taking shape!

BILLS TICKETS

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

- Buffalo Bills vs Indianapolis Colts
  (on October 6)

- Buffalo Bills vs New York Jets
  (on November 24)

- tickets will be sold through the Bookstore; limit of 2/person
- transportation will not be provided to these games
- ticket quantities are limited, so get your tickets early!

Ticket sales begin September 16th for each game.
Welcome, To All New and Returning Students

The Department of Cooperative Education and Career Development would like to welcome all new and returning students. Did you know that Daemen College is one of the few local colleges which offers you the opportunity to get real-world work experience. In fact, our department placed over seventy students like yourself in CO-OP field experience placements last year. These students gained work experience that enhanced their resume and gave them contacts with professionals in the employment community. They worked anywhere from 3-4 hours a week to as many as 20-25, depending on their class schedules and credit needs.

Did you also know that we reviewed over 500 student resumes and job search letters last year. We also brought over 100 employers to campus, and another 190 regional and national employers within student contact. In addition, the Department received one thousand two hundred eighty-four full-time, professional opportunities for students to review, and over two hundred twenty-seven part-time jobs.

If you would like to know some other interesting facts about how our CO-OP, career development, and job search services can help you specifically, please call 839-8334, or stop by our office in Canavan Hall. Best wishes for a successful semester.

Students, Faculty, and Staff: Don't miss the Second Annual Fallfest Picnic

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

* Picnic Dinner: 4:30 - 5:30
After Dinner Party: 5:30 - 7:30

The entire Daemen community is invited to attend compliments of the Student Association.

Live reggae music by DeRiff

Marian Library Hours Fall Semester 1996
(When Classes are in Session)

MON - THU 8 AM - MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY 8 AM - 9 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM - 5 PM
SUNDAY 1 PM - MIDNIGHT

Holiday and Vacation Hours Are Posted at Library Entrances

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 byline.
Student Helping Students

Dear Students:

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation. As you know, it is time to start a new semester with a positive attitude. I am Markel D. Harrison, and I will be serving as your 1996-97 Student Association President. This year's theme is Student Helping Students. I am very pleased to be working with the rest of the executive board. They are committed, and they will contribute to our successful year.

My plans as SA President include increasing the visibility of the SA board. We want our office to be open to any student that has any suggestions, concerns, comments, or just wants to hang out. On Friday's, we will be serving coffee and doughnuts. Hope to see you there!

This summer Chris Malik, Director of Student Activities, and I worked diligently on preparing an operating budget for the 1996-97 school year, and revising the chart of accounts to better plan and budget for the entire year. There will be copies of the budget available at Wick Desk for students to review. I think it is very important for the student body to know how it's Student Activity Fee is being spent. We also moved SA's office out of the smaller Student Publications Office, and back into the larger office we occupied prior to the spring semester.

Student Association meetings will be held every Tuesday, at 11:30 am, in Wick Center. Old faces, new faces, we'd love to see them all.

Sincerely,

Markel D. Harrison

The Multi-Cultural Association
presents
YOU LAUGH YOU LOSE
comedy game show

The ultimate in audience participation 3 comedians Free t-shirts for contestants!

Date: Friday, September 20th
Time: 8 pm
Place: Wick Social Room

Survive one minute of comedy without laughing and spin the cash wheel to win up to $200

Dr. Wright Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

On Saturday, July 13, 1996, Dr. Laurence C. Wright was honored at an Alumni Dinner at Daemen College, being awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award, presented each year to a person who is outstanding in his or her field; attains seemingly impossible goals, and, in general, serves as a role model for others.

In 1980, having established himself as an outstanding orthodontist, he was called into religious service. At the age of 52, he returned to college and earned three degrees: BA in Religion, Master of Ministry and a Ph.D. in Church Management. In 1984 he joined the Campus Ministry team at Daemen College, serving as Director from 1987 to 1995. For the past six years, he has published The Good News Rainbow Letter, which now enjoys a readership of over 4,000.

Dr. Wright also established the Wright Scholarship Fund in 1987, which has benefited nearly 150 students. In addition, he has volunteered his time as a member of countless boards and committees such as the YMCA, Rotary Club, and Amherst Community Church.

Dr. Wright has been married to his wife Joan for 45 years, and has four sons and thirteen grandchildren. He continues in his orthodontist practice and as a campus minister at Daemen College on a part-time basis.
Orientation "Fun Stuff"

**Thursday, August 22**

**Movie Night**
8 pm
Alumni Lounge

Nachos & Cheese, soda, popcorn, candy
Free admission and free snacks!

**Movie Feature: TBA**

**Friday, August 23**

"Murder On Cue" Mystery Show
9 pm
Wick Social Room

Be it a testimonial to a faded horror film star or a romance novel competition, a cold blooded killer will strike, and you will have the opportunity to track the culprit down. You will mingle with your fellow guests, and our specially trained company of wacky thespians have the opportunity to have a "corpse" fall at your feet, and then spend the evening with the killer. Become both sleuth and suspect, question and be questioned, and have a lot of laughs, while unraveling clues to determine WHODUNIT!

**Saturday, August 24**

"Singled Out" and Outdoor Games
2:30 - 4:30 pm
Front Lawn

Come out and join in the outdoor fun in front of the college. Along with some "just-for-fun" activities, there'll be games and prizes, a DJ, and free soda and snacks.

The Daemen College Phi Beta Gamma fraternity will also be running their version of the popular MTV game, "Singled Out", with a prize of dinner for two at a local eatery.

**Comedy Coffeehouse**
8 pm
Social Room

Don’t miss the comedy show the Comix Cafe will be presenting here at Daemen. They’re sure to keep you rolling in the aisles. As always, the Daemen Coffeehouse is free admission, and complimentary cappuccino, hot chocolate, specialty coffees, and desserts will be served.

**Sunday, August 25**

Salubrious Sunday Afternoon
1:30 pm
Wick Backyard

Relax in back of Wick Center to the music of The Last Lemming, while you grab a frisbee with a friend or join a pick up game of volleyball in the college's new sand court. Lemonade, cider, and assorted "healthful" fruit snacks will be served.

**Student Activities Fair**
7 pm
Wick Social Room

This fair gives new students a chance to meet some representatives from many of our student clubs and organizations. Stop by, talk to a few students, and check out what they’re all about.

**Welcome Back Party**
9 pm
Wick Social Room

This is a traditional event for new and returning students. Beer will be served to only those of legal age (21 years or older). Bring proper ID.

Daemen College September Events 1996

AUG 25

Student Activities Fair
Come meet student representatives from many of our student clubs and organizations.

AUG 25

Welcome Back Party
Free Admission  Music by High Voltage Audio.
Pizza, Wings, Nachos, Veggies...

AUG 30

TGIF Party!
Sponsored by Psi Xi Omicron  Admission: $1
Snackbar

AUG 31

Daemen Coffeehouse
free admission---complimentary refreshments
Sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon  Featuring: Jackson Rohm
Wick Snackbar

SEP 6

Guest Speaker
1985 Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Herbert Hauptman
Presented by the Daemen College Physician Assistant Student Society
Alumni Lounge

SEP 6

Homeless Awareness Night
With live music by guitarist Steven Spain!
Refreshments served.
Wick Center

SEP 7

Fallfest Picnic Dinner
Live reggae music by DeRiff.  (After Dinner Party till 7:30 pm)
The whole Daemen community invited, free of charge!
In Back of Wick

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TGIF Party!
Sponsored by Sigma Omega Chi  Admission: $1
Snackbar

SEP 16

Buffalo Bills Tickets go on sale in the Bookstore.  (See ASCENT ad in this issue for more information)

SEP 17

Health-Related Career Day
Learn about career, employment, and scholarship opportunities in the health profession.
Social Room

SEP 17

Campus Picnic Lunch
The whole Daemen community invited free of charge.  (Rain date: 18th, 19th, or 20th)
Front Lawn

SEP 20

You Laugh You Lose!
Sponsored by Multi-Cultural Association
Challenge three professional comedians to win cash and prizes!
Social Room

SEP 21

"Bike-A-Thon" to benefit the Blind Association
Sponsored by Lambda Chi Iota
In Back of Wick

SEP 21

Daemen Coffeehouse
free admission---complimentary refreshments
Sponsored by Psi Xi Omicron  Featuring: Ladyfire
Wick Snackbar

SEP 27

TGIF Party!
Sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Association  Admission: $1
Snackbar

SEP 28

Sound Bodies Workshop
Sponsored by Daemen Athletic Club
Social Room