Would you like to be involved in helping to decide and organize, the different activities that occur at Daemen?

Student activities on campus generate from a number of different areas of the college. Some activities are organized directly through various college offices (Student Activities Office, Campus Ministry Office, Community Service Office, Athletic Office, Career Development Office, Associate Dean's Office, and various faculty departments). Many of our student activities, 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 (two fraternities and four sororities), various special-interest groups (Indoor Soccer Club, Resident Council, Commuter Council, Multi-Cultural Association, Cheerleaders, Drama Club, Ski Club, Special Olympics, Daemen Athletic Club), three publications (A Step Ascending, Ascent, Summit), and a number of clubs associated with an academic department (Accounting, Art, Business, Education, English, Humanities, Physician Assistant, 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 (election coming soon - read on!), 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 (presently, $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 Foodfest, Halloween Party, Springfest, Airband, Semi-Formal, Campus Picnic Lunch, Gospel Extravaganza, Indoor Rock Climbing, Fallfest, etc.), the yearbook, the Ascent, entertainment shows (like the Blizzard of Bucks, the annual Dave Binder concert, Combat Jousting, You Laugh You Lose Game Show, Fun Flicks, Sumo Wrestling, etc.), monthly entertainment dinners, gameroom equipment, monthly coffeehouses, Model UN, various trips, student art show openings, Senior Week, and so on.

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 works hard at serving the student body. If you really want to get involved, this is where the action is.

Election Coming...

The election for the 1997-98 Student Association Executive Board will be held in Wick Lobby on April 1. To become a candidate for one of the positions on the board you must submit a Letter of Intent to the Student Association Vice President of Governing (mailbox located behind Wick Desk) by March 21, 1997.

Your Letter of Intent should be limited to one page and include:
- your name
- the position you are running for
- your past experience
- what positive attributes you possess
- the reason why you would be a good officer of the organization

All candidates must be in good academic standing at Daemen College, and be able to meet weekly for Student Association meetings on Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the fall of 1997. Candidates for the position of President must also have served on the Student Association Senate for at least one year.
Daemen Dining Service and the Student Activities Office present an

Irish Celebration

Monday, March 17
from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
in Wick Dining Room

(Non-residents pay only $4)

Featuring:
Joe Head Irish Trio

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE

Sunday Worship

Catholic Mass:
Sundays and holy days at 4 pm in Alumni Lounge.

Ecumenical Evening Service:
Sundays at 5:30 pm, now in Oddy Lounge (the room right next to Alumni Lounge) Everyone welcome!

Office Hours

MON-THU 11:30 am - 1 pm
(Reverend John Wetherwax)

THURSDAYS 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
(Joanne Stiller)

SUNDAYS 2 - 5:30 pm
(Joanne Stiller)

The Campus Ministry Office is located in the Charles Wick Center, across from the gameroom. Phone: 839-8237

Daemen College Community Service Department announces their sixth annual Volunteer Recognition Reception

Friday, April 4, 1997
Wick Center Alumni Lounge, 8 - 9:30 PM

Keynote Speakers: Ms. Karen Foti, Director of Volunteers at Weinberg Campus and Vice President of Volunteer Administrators of WNY, and Mr. Josemar Almanzar, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Daemen College.

All members of the Daemen Community are invited and encouraged to attend.

Female Support Group

My name is Amanda Bernardine, and I am a freshman at Daemen College. I am interested in organizing a female support group on campus. My purpose in doing so is to get the entire female student body together, and to also help people talk about either their personal problems, or any other problems of concern to women. I have put together this survey so that I can get some feedback (negative or positive) about this idea. Let me know your thoughts and opinions.

1. Would you be interested in seeing a female support group on campus? (YES) (NO)

2. How often would you like to see meetings held? (once a week) (twice a week) (once a month)

3. Where on campus do you think the meetings should be held?

4. What types of activities would you like to participate in?

5. Do you think that an organization like this could benefit the students of Daemen College? (YES) (NO)

6. Do you think that along with group discussions there should also be one-on-one discussions? (YES) (NO)

Cut out and send this survey to Amanda Bernardine, Mailbox #19. You can also contact me with any questions at: abernard@daemen.edu
Tri Beta & Student Association invite you to a
Daemen Coffeehouse

featuring:
Tom Sartori

Saturday, March 15
8 - 9:30 pm
Wick Snackbar
complimentary desserts and specialty coffees served
free admission

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 application (after March 14) at the Office of Student Housing in Canavan Hall, or attend the March 14 interest meeting in Wick Center Alumni Lounge at 6:30 p.m. All applications are due to the Office of Student Housing by March 27, 1997.

Semi-Formal in April
The entire Daemen community is invited to the annual Semi-Formal. It will be held this year on Friday, April 18, 1997, in Wick Center.

Tickets will be sold through the Bookstore in April.

Food-For-All in April
The annual Food-For-All campus competition will be held on Wednesday, April 16, this year. As has been done in the past, a competition to raise the greatest amount of food will take place between student organizations and also between the campus dorms.

Third Annual Penny Harvest
The Social Work Alliance's third annual Penny Harvest is underway! The proceeds are going to benefit Compass House.

Compass House is an emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth. They offer shelter, food, and clothing, counselling, referral services to other private and public agencies, and advocacy work. Your pennies will enable the kids of Compass House to enjoy the things that we take for granted.

Daemen College Tuesday Night Film Series
Tuesday, March 25, 1997
7:30 pm, Alumni Lounge

Welcome to the Dollhouse
(1996) Director: Todd Solondz

Heather Matarazzo plays a hapless New Jersey seventh-grader in this near-perfect depiction of the trials and humiliations suffered by teenage "nerds."

Commentator: Ellen Banks, Professor of Psychology at Daemen College.
Dr. Banks specializes in developmental psychology, including the psychology of adolescence.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE---------THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME
Q: What’s New in the World of Resume Writing?
A: Electronic Scanning.

“Make it stand out!” is the advice given to people creating resumes. Developing a memorable resume traditionally means using underline, bold, italics, graphics and unusual font styles. But in this age of technology, is that really the best way? Perhaps not, if the organizations to whom you send your resume use automated resume processing and applicant tracking systems. If your fancy resume is scanned electronically and stored in these databases, all those fonts and graphics may not serve you well.

Electronic Scanning
Scanners convert graphic images into text and are not sophisticated enough to read elaborate typefaces and graphics. If a computer reads a resume, plainer is better. If a human reads a resume, visually pleasing extras are generally better. So what’s a confused applicant to do? A good solution is having two different resumes: one “plain vanilla” version that is computer-friendly, and one eye-catching version that is human-friendly.

Creating a Computer-Friendly Resume: (from the National Association of Colleges and Employers)

➤ Use a standard resume style with headings. Do not use a two-column or newspaper format.
➤ Use simple typefaces such as Arial, Helvetica, Futura, Optima, Univers, Times, Palatino, New Century Schoolbook, or Courier. Font size should be between 10 and 14 points. Avoid Times 10 point.
➤ Use boldface or all capital letters for section headings, making sure letters do not touch each other.
➤ Avoid anything fancy—no italics, underlining, horizontal or vertical lines, boxes, or graphics.
➤ Make sure your name is at the top of every page on its own line.
➤ Use a standard address format, with each line appearing below your name.
➤ If including two phone numbers, list each on a separate line.
➤ Print your resume and cover letter on a laser printer if possible. High quality photocopies will also work well. Use light-colored, smooth-textured paper.
➤ When mailing your information, do not fold or staple it. Place the resume and cover letter in a flat envelope and paper clip them together.

(Adapted from Career Horizons, Manchester College, Indiana, February 1996)

Check It Out

Check any statement(s) that apply to you:

☐ I have an interest in gaining practical work experience through a college class.

☐ I would like to learn how to write a resume and other important job search correspondence.

☐ I want to learn more about interviewing for jobs.

☐ I need to know how to look for available or potential jobs.

If you marked any of the statements above, then you should check out the CO-OP Prep Seminar, or in technical registration terms, CFE 97.

The CO-OP Prep Seminar is a four session, non-credit bearing class that covers all of the issues above and more. Two new sessions are currently open for registration:

Session B will meet Tuesday, March 11, Thursday, March 13, Tuesday, March 18 & Thursday, March 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

Session C will meet Tuesday, April 8, Thursday, April 10, Tuesday, April 15 & Thursday, April 17 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

If you would like more information on these sessions, please contact the Department of Cooperative Education and Career Development at 839-8334.
STUDENT EDITORIAL

Make Your Own Happiness

I

n response to reading the

two recent articles on the

treatment of ALANA

students, I felt compelled
to write my feelings on
the subject. Now maybe
some will feel that I have
no understanding of what
ALANA students are
feeling, but we all have one thing in
common, being here at Daemen College.

When I first read the article titled
"Daemen's lack of ALANA Students"; I
felt personally affected by some of the
harshness portrayed about Daemen's
unfair treatment of ALANA students,
and not the lack there of. It was stated that
TGIF parties and other Daemen events
did not seem to be activities for all of the
students and that the music being played
was enjoyed by "the white students", but
didn't include that music tastes of ALANA
students. First of all, I don't even like the
music played at most of the events, but is
this really about different music interests?
To be honest with you, I go to Daemen
events for: 1) the free food, 2) to get a
break from the monotony of studying,
and 3) to relax with my friends and have
a good time. I think that you make your
own happiness, and if you are bored, then
it's your own fault.

I agree with a lot of what
Christine Johnson, Asst. Director of
HEOP, said about complaining about
problems without doing anything to
correct them. I also feel that many of the
events at Daemen are not geared for me
and my personal likes, but I try to make
the best of them because I'm not at Daemen
for the social life; I'm here to get a degree.
I wouldn't have come here for anything
other than Daemen's academic reputation,
and so if I'm sacrificing four or five years
of my social life; in the big picture... SO
WHAT!

Now concerning ALANA
students wishing to have activities which
would speak of their heritage: I am
American, with an ethnic background of
Italian, Polish, English, and Native
American, and I can honestly say that I've
never been to an event at Daemen that
spoke of my heritage. Those students
who would like an event teaching them of
their heritage should then plan the event
themselves, not complain about it.

If students want changes to be
made at Daemen, then they should take
some action and get involved in planning
those activities, not just sit around
complaining about how boring they are
and how they are only fun for certain
Daemen students.

I really have been frustrated, as
I'm sure have many, about all of the racial
problems of Daemen and in America. I
wish people could look at me the way I
see them, for the person they are and
their actions, not just the color of their
skin. I wish that I could be referred to as
just a student, or female, or just a person,
but as we all know, the problems of today
and yesterday will not be solved just by a
student who wishes it could be that way.
All I can do is to treat everyone as an
individual and by how they act towards
me, not by the stereotypes of their
particular racial group or ethnicity.

The only advice that I can give
to Daemen students is to not expect others
to make your happiness, make it for
yourself.

by Shelley A. Carpenter

Keep your thoughts coming!
The Ascent is here to help you
share your thoughts and ideas,
discuss issues, as well as be a
resource for campus information.
Become a part of college life!
A Summer of Magic

by Kristen Arent

When I accepted a summer position working for Walt Disney World, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I expected a summer of playful work, gaining nothing but a fun summer vacation memory. What I got however, was totally different!

I applied to be part of the Walt Disney College Program - a program designed for college students of all majors in which they live, work, and learn in Walt Disney World. A seminar and three interview later, I was accepted. Though I was filled with fears about spending my summer far away from home, not knowing anyone, I anxiously awaited Vista Way - an all college student apartment complex, and meeting my new boss - Mickey Mouse!

I quickly learned how much fun 1500 college students can have with no parents and no classes, but I also learned the responsibilities of living on my own. These included budgeting, cooking, shopping, cleaning - there are a lot of responsibilities!

Before starting at Typhoon Lagoon, a Disney Water Park, and my summer work place, I went through a program called Traditions which taught me all about the Disney philosophies, styles, and quality. I then met my co-workers and started my job. Though it was only an entry level position, it taught me a lot. I was able to strengthen my people, leadership, and speaking skills while dealing with the thousands of people who entered the park daily. I also learned that it is my job - always - to give my "guests" more than they deserve, that guest satisfaction is number one, and that everything must be done with a Disney smile. I realized that I was part of the huge team that worked to keep the Disney quality that guests expect, and that a flaw in my appearance or actions could ruin things for the whole team.

Being part of the College Program, I had to take part in weekly seminars. I chose Human Resources and Communication for my program. These business style seminars helped me learn about life in the business world from one of the best and biggest companies in the world - the Walt Disney Company.

My summer wasn't only work - it was a lot of play too! Disney employees receive free park admission as well as other benefits. Days off usually included time at Vista Way - choosing from basketball, volleyball, tennis, racquetball, swimming, or working out. As if that wasn't enough, I also played a tourist in the parks and other places "on property". Finding people to do things with was never a problem, and I had the unique opportunity of making friends with people from all over the world. In addition, I had opportunities to volunteer with terminally ill children or teenage mothers, as well as plenty of chances to network and work toward obtaining a permanent spot in the company.

Saying good-bye to the summer was extremely difficult. After spending so much time in the magical, fantastical world, it was hard to come back to "reality". However, what could be more realistic and beneficial than three months learning and growing, and having fun while doing it? It was a great experience - one I'll always remember as my "summer of magic".

For more information on the Walt Disney College Program, contact the Cooperative Education Office or Kristen Arent at 839-7219

Make The World Your Stage:
Internationalize Yourself Without Changing Majors

by Linda Kuechler

The distinction between the domestic and the international is disappearing. The United States is connected with the distant people as never before by economics, politics, transportation, and telecommunication networks, and, as a result, a host of issues and problems - disease, hunger, military conflict, environmental degradation - transcend national and regional borders.

Globalization is here to stay, and its pace in the foreseeable future will only accelerate. The United States with its geographical isolation, self-sufficiency in natural resources, and abundant internal markets have made us uncommonly independent, and as a nation, have been slow to recognize and respond to the increasing interconnectedness of the world we find ourselves facing. The challenge to higher education in the United States is to develop the human capital necessary to take advantage of the emerging opportunities in the new global economy.

Daemen College has responded to this challenge by developing a number of degrees, minors, and certificate programs that will provide its students with the competitive advantage necessary in the new global economy. Two of these programs will be highlighted at a reception and informational session on April 3. The International Studies Certificate and the Environmental Studies Minor provide the means to enhance any student's competitive advantage in the global marketplace without changing majors. If you are interested in increasing your value in the job market after graduation, please join us on Thursday, April 3, 1997 in the Alumni Lounge between 11 AM - 1 PM. A world of opportunity awaits you.
Women's History Month

Celebrate Women's History Month in March with the Bookstore! We've put together a great assortment of new releases and classics, both fiction and non-fiction, by women authors. You will also find a nice assortment of books for St. Patrick's Day and Easter books for children, as well as an assortment of books that are popular on college campuses nationwide.

MUGS on SALE!
March is MUG MONTH in the Bookstore! All through March every mug in stock will be on sale.

Graduation Announcements

SENIORS!!! Graduation announcements have arrived in the Bookstore, giving you plenty of time to order personalized name cards to insert in your announcements. Order forms are available in the Bookstore NOW! Name cards can be ordered in quantities of 50 ($14.85 plus 8% tax) or 100 ($17.10 plus 8% tax). Orders will be shipped directly to your home. Extra announcements are available free of charge.

Bookstore Study Aids

Studying for exams and need a little extra help? The Bookstore has quite a variety of study aids - from flash cards to Cliff Notes, and test preps to tutorial videos. We also have new "Crash Course" CD-ROM software for statistics and calculus that "turns your Windows PC into a virtual university" (system requirements are listed on the package for Windows and Macintosh).

Graduation Attire

Graduating seniors - if you haven't placed your order for graduation attire, please do so as soon as possible.

Don't miss the March T.G.I.F. Parties!

March 14 with the sisters of Psi Xi Omicron
March 21 with MCA
5 - 8 pm Wick Snackbar

Good Food! Good Friends! Good Times!

Admission: $1

Poetry Corner

Raptor's Dance

Soaring through the sky
Riding the wind
With a sharp eye
And wings strategically positioned

A movement below
The creature’s heart begins to race
Fear of what he does not know
Terror on its small face

The raptor circles high above the ground
Swooping down and then up again
Making not a sound
His intent is clearly plain

With a screech it drives
Snatching its prey
Thus it thrives
And slowly flies away

by Ann Peck
MAR 10  Theological Lecture: "Jews and Christians in Galilee"
Sponsored by Religion & Philosophy Department.  1:30 pm  Alumni Lounge

MAR 12  Lecture: "Voices from the Field"
Sponsored by Social Work Department.

MAR 13  Career Fair ’97
Sponsored by Career Development Office

MAR 14  Student Production: "Origami"
Sponsored by Theater Department.

MAR 14  TGIF Party!
Presented by Psi Xi Omicron.  5 - 8 pm  Snackbar

MAR 14  Movie Night (TBA)
Presented by Wings Transportation and Travel Management club.

MAR 15  Student Production: "Origami"
Sponsored by Theater Department.

MAR 15  Daemen Coffeehouse
Featuring: Tom Sartori  Free admission, specialty coffees, and desserts!
Presented by Tri-Beta.

MAR 17  Irish Celebration for St. Patty's Day!
Featuring: Joe Head Irish Trio  (non-residents pay only $4 for the buffet dinner)

MAR 18  Faculty Lecture Series: "Making of Story or Mythopoesis" by Dr. Peter Siedlecki, English Dept.
Sponsored by Faculty Senate  7:30 pm  Alumni Lounge

MAR 21  Deadline: Springfest T-Shirt design contest
Submit to the Art Club mailbox (behind Wick Desk)

MAR 21  Deadline: Letters of Intent for Student Association Election (see page 1)
Submit to the VP of Governing mailbox (behind Wick Desk)

MAR 21  TGIF Party!
Presented by Multi-Cultural Association.  5 - 8 pm  Snackbar

MAR 22  Movie Night
Presented by Psychology Club.  Free admission and movie snacks.

MAR 23  Campus Easter Egg Hunt
Presented by the Campus Ministry Office.

MAR 25  Film Series: "Welcome to the Dollhouse"
Commentator: Ellen Banks, Psychology Department

MAR 26  "Musicale"
Sponsored by Music Department

MAR 28  Movie Night (TBA)

APR 1  Student Association Election  (during lunch and dinner)  Wick Lobby