

Seasons Greetings!

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Daemen College's Annual Concert by

DAVE BINDEER

Saturday, December 6
9 pm, Wick Social Room



A Nostalgic Sojourn through 20 years of James Taylor's most memorable music.

Daemen Dining Service
and the
Student Activities Office
present an

Old Fashioned Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 15
from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
in Wick Dining Room

Commuter students (with Daemen ID)
pay only: \$4.25

All others pay only: \$5.25



*Featuring songs
of the Season!*

Some Early Christmas Shopping

by Robin Anne Hill

Saturday, November 8, 1997 was a day unlike any other. There was a distinctness in the air that set it apart from most days. The destination, for some community service volunteers at Daemen College was the McKinley Mall in Hamburg, NY.

A full day of early Christmas shopping had been planned with our friends from The Fellowship of the Disabled. Our friends, who eagerly awaited our arrival at the McKinley Mall, anticipated a day of adventure, which would indeed, prove true as our day proceeded.

Approaching the noon hour we set off on our shopping trip. I accompanied a woman named Michelle. Michelle has been a member of The Fellowship of the Disabled for some ten years now. Her son, who tagged along to the McKinley Mall with the Fellowship, walked around to the different stores and bought a few tapes. Michelle and I browsed in quite a few stores. Some stores we went to were: Hallmark, the Bon-Ton, Spencers, the World of Science, and Rite-Aid. We got quite a few Christmas ideas.

Later on, we headed back to the food court and sat down for lunch. The menu today for Michelle would be two roast beef sandwiches from Arby's, and for me it would be a Whopper value meal at Burger King. Lunch was good. Afterwards, Michelle and I headed to a few other stores and then returned to meet the others.

"The hours had passed by so quickly, I guess time does really fly when you're having fun."

My mother, Anna L. Hill, soon arrived and had lunch where she also met the members of The Fellowship of the Disabled which included: Woody, who is

the President of this organization, Cheryl, who is vice-president, Michelle, Florence, Virginia, Juliana, Maggie, Betty, and Rose. Seeing the smiles on everyone's face made it complete. The hours had passed by so quickly, I guess time does really fly when you're having fun.

We had accomplished a full day of adventure with our friends who we are surely going to have many encounters with in the future. The Daemen College, Community Service volunteers included, the director of Community Service at Daemen College, Joseph Sankoh, along with Laura Coleman, Nate Beach, Mary Dudzic, Mark Collins, and Robin Hill.

The Community Service Department is always recruiting new volunteers and it is a great way to meet new people and to help out the community. To get involved contact Joe Sankoh at 839-8375.



Holiday Carolling

Sunday, December 14
5:45 pm, meet in Wick Lobby

Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to join the Campus Ministry Office in a trip to Bassett Manor for some holiday Christmas carolling. For those of you study conscious students, the trip is planned to take no longer than approximately 90 minutes. Take a break and join us for fun, fellowship, and sharing of holiday cheer.

Are you doing all you can to prepare for

FINALS?

After you have read, studied, met with instructors, study groups, and tutors, etc., you might **also** want to attend the following FORUMS:

PREPARING FOR THE TEST

Tuesday, December 9
11:30 - 12:30, DS Room 34

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

Tuesday, December 16
11:30 - 12:30, DS Room 9

Do ALL you can do to be successful!

Sponsored by the HEOP Learning and Tutorial Center

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday Worship

Catholic Mass 4 PM in Alumni Lounge
 Faith Fellowship 5:30 PM in Oddy Lounge



Office Hours

Reverend John Wetherwax Monday - Thursday, 11:30 - 1 PM
 Joanne Stiller Thursdays, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
 Sundays, 2 - 5:30 PM

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

Campus Ministry Staff

Father A. Mark Illig, Director of Campus Ministry
 Reverend John Wetherwax, Campus Minister
 Dr. Larry Wright, Campus Minister Emeritus
 Joanne Stiller, Campus Ministry Associate

Mr and Miss Daemen

COMPETITION

Friday, December 5
 9 pm, Wick Social Room



Cash Prizes!
JUDGING ON:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
| Beach Wear | Career Wear |
| Talent | Talent |
| Evening Wear | Evening Wear |

Fun for all!
 Admission: \$1

WICK CENTER

Exam Week

From December 16 to 20, Wick Center will remain open **24 hours** a day for student studying. Wick Dining Room will also be open for studying from 8 pm to 3 am, during this week.
Good luck with those exams!!!

Exam Snacks

Daemen Dining Service will be serving exam snacks in Wick Dining Room:

TUE-11pm **Ice Your Own Cupcakes**
 WED-11pm **Fruit Bar**
 THU-10 pm **PIZZA!**
 FRI-11pm **Cookie Bar**

All students are welcome to attend.

A Day Out on the Town!

Sunday, December 7
 (meet in Wick at 9:30 am)

10 am **Pancake House**

Noon **Malls Shop till you drop!**

7 pm **Festival of Lights**

Space is limited.
 Sign up at Wick Desk.

Sponsored by Resident Council

Thank You!

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Special Thanks to:
 Amherst Police Department
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Dedication to the Senior PT Class

Here I am,
Sitting in a college classroom.
Some good friend sitting around me,
Some clowns sitting over my right shoulder in the back of the classroom.
Some strangers share this room with me,
I know their names but that is all.
I have ideas about what they are like,
But that is all, just ideas.
I don't know what things they like or dislike,
I don't know the secrets they keep inside,
I just know the name that goes with the face.
I sit here in a room with all of these people,
Sitting at desks like trained children.
We listen, we write,
If we have time, we may even think.
One person stands at the front of the room,
Speaking about something that is very important to them,
And probably to us,
But we are too tired,
Physically and mentally,
Too tired to learn what this person speaks.
The clock continues to stare back at us,
With its hands moving slowly over its blank face.
Can't its hands move any faster?
Doesn't it know we have much more to do tonight?
More reading, more studying,
Some TV and maybe a phone call.
So much to do, so much to learn,
So much money needed to make.
But here I sit,
Thinking of everything I have to do.
Not able to leave or do what I need to do.
My mind wanders, but not on what it is supposed to,
Just left, right, and around in circles.
Waiting, patiently at times,
Impatiently at most.
Waiting with strangers, friends, and clowns,
For the clock to tell the right time,
So I can leave and go to...
Another class,
To sit and wait again,
Until the end,
Until then!!

by Alisha Owen

They Are Sweeping Away the W's

by Geoffrey Gatzka

Have you heard the news . . .
Can you believe it . . .
It is really true . . .

It is before congress right now
A bill to renew,
reform, and rework
Our wonderful Alphabet.
They swear it will be
easier to use —

We vow to downsize the present
system,
To a workable, well-balanced,
scaled down, Alphabet !
The shrewish lawmaker wrote.

The word on the street is —
that those wily senators
reviewed the budget
and found that there was not enough
money to allow for the whole
asymmetrical system
so something had to give.

The News anchor from WWXR
confirmed it last night.
The sound-bite swears
the twenty six characters
of our current alphabet —
in our unwavering view —
are wasteful! With rising cost
for the conservation & upkeep
wallowing around the lowly W.
It is wise to consider
deleting the overbearing W
and move forward into the year 2000
with a new, swifter alphabet of twenty
five!
In other words, We can no longer
sustain such a costly letter.
Afterward we were all
wizened, and wobbly.

Twenty Five will remain;
continuing on without the W.
Yes — it is easy to divide;
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The Real World Awaits!

It's not too late to plan a CO-OP experience for the spring semester! What is a CO-OP?

The Cooperative Education (CO-OP) Program offers you a unique opportunity to combine classroom experience with practical work experience while gaining academic credit. Over 500 firms, agencies, industries and institutions employ more than 100 Daemen students each school year.

What majors are eligible for a CO-OP experience?

A student in any major can complete a CO-OP experience. For example, if you are an English major, you may CO-OP with the press and see the value of an introductory computer science course. Or you may sharpen your writing, editing and speaking skills in a "real world" experience.

If you are a Physical Therapy major, you might CO-OP in a hospital, or in a private practice. You can explore your desire to work with adults or children.

What are the requirements for CO-OP?

1. Completion of your freshman year of study. Transfer students must complete one semester at Daemen.
2. Successful completion of the CO-OP Preparation Seminar, a four-week, non-credit course.
3. Maintain good academic standing (2.0 cumulative average or above; 2.5 Division of Business & Commerce).

What are the benefits of CO-OP?

There are many benefits of completing a CO-OP experience. A CO-OP can help you gain relevant work experience and an education at the same time. You will be able to establish practical, realistic career goals. A CO-OP will add valuable work experience to your resume. You will meet and work with professionals in your career field. You will also be ready and available for any permanent job opening that may become available with a CO-OP employer.

How can I find out more about CO-OP?

Contact the CO-OP and Career Development Office, Canavan Hall, 839-8334. We look forward to meeting you!

Welcome

On November 17, Kimberlyn Hardy joined the Learning Center staff as secretary. Upon completion of an Associate Degree from State University College at Alfred in 1993, Kim worked with the EOP office at Buffalo State College. More recently, Kim was a senior clerk stenographer at

the Buffalo Board of Education. Kimberlyn looks forward to interacting with the college community and helping the Learning Center grow in supporting all Daemen College students. Please stop by the Learning Center in Canavan Hall and say "hello" to Kimberlyn.

*Don't miss
a holiday*

TGIF Party

Friday, December 12
with the brothers of
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Time: 4:30 - 7 pm
Place: Wick Center SnackBar
Admission: \$1



Movie Nights

Friday, December 5
The Preachers Wife

Saturday, December 13
Scream

8 pm in Alumni Lounge
Free admission and snacks!

it is not the unnatural 26
We grew up with —
now the letters endowed,
from A to Z follow:

W Five gliding vowel sounds
W Twenty conforming consonants
W and one wanting W
— a woeful prisoner of war;

The poor wretched thing.
W will wither away
within weeks!

What a downer . . .
What a blow . . .
How wacky . . .

They are going to withdraw
The Letter-W . . .
It is amazing I tell you,
It is a sign of the times!
Squandered character.
The death warrant for the
Capital W is written!

How would they do such a vile thing;
With all the worthless spending that
goes on — and all that we give up
to operate this renowned country —
it is wearisome to digest . Why ?

I watch the debates,
I hear the problem,
I witness what they are doing,
But I don't see how it could
W Create more jobs
W Generate less paper-waste
W Bulk up the literacy rate
W Build a healthier economy
and you know — it is all for the
children.

* * *
Well it is going into effect
This afternoon,
The law passed,
and the newspaper
headline wore

NO MORE W

Several groups tried,
unsuccessfully
to block the amendment,
it is noteworthy to witness —
The powerful always prevail.
The stalwart & brawny won,

The minority dwindled and
collapsed and cowed upon itself
W labeled as radicals
W labeled as re-activists

They were branded
"a disruptive element"
because they wanted a W

Another group tried
to compromise.
Named themselves
Make Peace not _AR
or M.P.N _
(or "Mipen-blank" for short)
just another acrimonious acronym
for the hip & trendy agitator

They vowed to bring forward
a less expensive, Tax free,
expandable letter to use
in place of the W

These fools conceived an idea,
To make all parties happy,
to replace our beloved W.
They came up with the
exponential U
since a double U too was costly.
Their motto became
"just square it"
U2

Imagine this statement:
U2 alt U2 hitman U2 rote raU2
U2 ords

Yes this is what it came to —
the democratic system fails again
two parties fought, tooth and nail,
the compromisers worked to
meet halfway, however
the wickedness of the majority
weakened the whole.

And many did not care
And many would not participate.
With Thoreau-like charm they
showed moxy in the midst of a sham.

However, I would dwell on —
and wait for the new edition of
U2 alden, or "Life in the U2 oods"

This whimsical controversy
was put to rest, much to the dismay
of the M.P.N _
Their leader tendered

a statement to the press
after their downfall
"It's was time to take a stand
and we tried —
we were overwhelmed,
but now we must work with it . . .
this sort of thing
is business as usual!!"

The poor guy — His name was
Wally William Winston III
and in two hours his friends
will call him . . . Ally.

So time passed on,
and as all good citizens,
in a democracy do —
they went with the crowd
and focused their attention to the
Summer's blockbuster film
and various sporting events
and surprisingly everyone
carried on as they did —
not realizing, or caring
what was going on.

* * *
It has happened
the la is in effect no
no more _
only an empty sound
anting to be employed on the palate

e aived our _
and the alphabet anes
in the ind.
Ords ander about the page —
arping and eakening
the ell-knon authors
ho heedled and edged
their ay into our hearts.
Their orks suffer, and readers
endure this himsical hirlind.

This is the beginning
Or_ellian "ne_speak"
No is the tilight
of venomous poer,
saggering — seltering
in the inter sno
of izedened old la.

Hy did this occur again —
ill e ever be the same
on't you miss the _

I have heard hispers

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DECEMBER

WARRIORS

Warriors Home Games:

December 3 vs Humber 7:30 pm
 December 6 vs Centennial 3:00 pm

Lady Warriors Home Game:

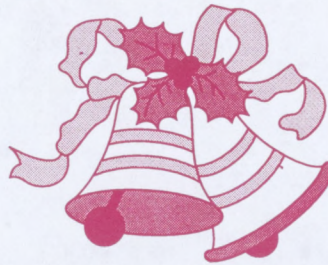
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Holiday Cake Decorating Contest

The Student Affairs Office is sponsoring a holiday cake decorating contest in Wick Lobby on Friday, December 5, 1997, from noon to 3 pm. Student organizations will be putting on aprons and hats and demonstrating their artistic abilities (or lack thereof!). The decorated cakes will be judged, boxed, and immediately taken to a local food shelter the same day. Winners will also be announced at dinner on that Friday.

There is no cost to participate for student organizations, but we have asked that groups sign up in the Student

Activities Office, so appropriate amount of cakes and decorating materials could be ordered. Stop by Wick Lobby on December 5, to see the culinary creations made by our students. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.



BOOKSTORE NOTICE:

COMMENCEMENT -- It's time for graduating seniors to place orders for academic attire for May. Seniors who will be off campus for the Spring semester or finished with degree requirements in December should stop in the Bookstore to order attire **now!!!**

HOLIDAY SALE -- Look for the SALE in the Bookstore on selected holiday items beginning December 1st. We also have a wide selection of gift books that make great presents.

USED BOOK BUYBACK-- The Bookstore buys back every day, but now that we're getting closer to the end of the semester, you may want to wait for finals to get half price for re-adopted titles! Look for a new buyback area in the back of the store this year.

RAFFLE TICKETS -- The Bookstore will be selling raffle tickets for the Lady Warriors Basketball Team Trip.

of a right ing movement
 forming in the est
 to arn us of the sorro
 caused by the ealthy
 and icked.

I ill join the movement,
 and start up a hole
 crusade to bring our _
 back —
 age ar for our _

Maybe e could start:
 a grass roots effort
 an ad campaign
 a preservation society
 educate the masses
 photo shoots of hat a _ as
 pamphlets and fliers
 _ rallies
 ednesday tea parties

But I ould figure that if
 no one cared hen they
 clear-cut the _ from our language
 My assumption ould be
 that no one ill be moved
 to reinstate the lost letter.

* * *

And there you have it
 an absurd poem,
 an absurd idea,
 an absurd series of events,
 an absurd world that would lose
 its language because of the cost!

And you laugh
 at the concept that I raised
 And you laugh
 at the words without a W
 And you laugh
 at the proposed laws
 And you laugh
 at the rhetoric used
 And you laugh
 at the preposterous Senators
 And you laugh
 at the radical activists
 And you laugh
 at the compromising groups
 And you laugh
 at the proposed Band-Aid —
 the U2
 And you laugh
 And you laugh
 And you laugh | | | | | | | | | | ■



Christmas Craft Show

*Sponsored by the Sisters of
Psi Xi Omicron*

Sunday, December 7, 1997
9am - 3pm

*at Daemen College Wick Social Hall
4380 Main Street in Amherst
Near Harlem Road*

**Admission: Canned Good or
50 cents at the door**

