**IND 101: Freshmen Speak Out**

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**New Additions on Wick**

By Antoinette DelBel

Starting early Dec., ADF Construction, the same company that built the Student Residence Halls in 2001, will be expanding the Wick Student Center in an attempt to utilize space for offices that now occupy the first floor in Canavan Residence Hall.

The south half of Canavan will be renovated, after the completion of Wick, to make more dormitory space for incoming freshmen. Twenty-five beds will be put in the existing office space.

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**Plans For A Bigger Library**

By Michelle Murphy

The new library is to make it possible for students to be able to go into the library with their assignments and leave with a completed copy. All academic resources that students need will be at their fingertips; no longer will students have to walk from building to building for the help they desire. These services will include the Learning Center, the Teacher Resource Center, and a computer lab. The new library will also be environmentally friendly and will support recycling.

The new library plans consist of students' requests. A survey last year, which 154 students answered allowed them to voice their opinions. The survey was left blank so they could add their own requests without limitations. The suggestions that were most often voiced will be included in the plans. Some of the most requested ideas were 24-hour access, a secure late night study area, more books and journals, and more shelving. Also students wanted more group study areas where they could have group discussions.

Glen Woike, the head librarian, says, "It will be more student-centered, which was the intent for Wick and the same for Canavan." He added, "We're using the buildings for what they were designed for." Although change can be good, for winter months. Dr. Joseph Sankoh, director of academic service learning, says that by moving these offices into Wick, it will be more convenient for the students.

"It is cumbersome for the students to go to different halls for information," Sankoh said. "Wick Center is one centralized place where you go to eat, engage in activities, therefore it makes it easier for the students to get all their information in one building."

Beiswanger agrees. "The offices will be more student-centered, which was the intent for Wick and the same for Canavan," he said. "We're using the buildings for what they were designed for." Although change can be good, for
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However, this project will not take away from existing green space. Driving from Main Street and looking at Duns Scotus may cause you to cringe at the large outdated building. The new library will be placed very tightly in front of Duns Scotus. The building will enhance and change the appearance of our school from Main Street, making our college look all the more up to date.

You may be saying to yourself, "Well this sounds wonderful, how much will this cost? Who is going to fund this? Will my tuition be increased?"

Don't worry! It's not too good to be true. You and your tuition is not going to increase.

The cost for this project is estimated around $10 million. To fund this hefty investment, Daemen will take part in its first ever capital campaign to help with the funding. Six and a half million dollars is hoped to be gained through private sector through the capital campaign; and three million from public sector though the state, local and federal government. The college will only have to come up with $500,000. They are also hoping to gain scholarship funds. You may be wondering why you have not heard of this yet. Daemen is in the silent phases right now, but the project is no secret. They will be going public about a year from now.

Daemen College has made great advancements in the last few years; the new library was the second advancement in a master plan. Number one was the new Residence Halls.

Many of us here will never be able to use this great new library, since it is not expected to be in use until 2006-2007. However, for us soon-to-be alumni, it will be open for us to use in our future and make our old college even better than it is today. This project did not happen without a lot of hard work and dedication.

Dav Cristantello, vice president for external relations, states that "All the credit in the world goes to Glen Wolke. He has been at the center of this project with ideas that have been brought to agreement by many different groups of people to make this project possible. Glen has done such an efficient job making plans that when we are ready to break ground the architects will have a clear image of the goals.

This is a very exciting time for Daemen. These plans have been underway for quite some time and are now making great progress. This time is not only very exciting for the college, but also us as the students. Our voice has been heard by the creators of the new library and even though some of us may only use it as alumni, we should be proud to bring such great contributions to our school that will be appreciated by all that come after us.!!

Barenaked Ladies Review

By Nina Zehr

Barenaked Ladies
Everything To Everyone
Reprise Records
2003

I must admit my shameful tendency to over-play albums that I really like until I'm sick of them. I've created an only-play-it-once-a-day rule as a result, and the newest offering from Barenaked Ladies, Everything To Everyone, has forced me to implement this practice.

In their first new album since 2000's Maroon, Barenaked Ladies once again displays astonishing musical talent and versatility with an incredible variety of songs. The lyrics range from poetical eloquence on such tracks as "War on Drugs," ("On behalf of humanity/I will fight for your sanity/How profound such profanity can be, ") to silly nonsense in "Shopping," ("It's always lalaalalalalalalalalalalalalalalalalala.") In context with its title, the album's diversity truly provides a little bit of everything that can appeal to anyone.

In fact, at times the songs seem like they should come from two different records. A few of the faster-paced songs range from chiming acoustic tracks, and a collector's edition that successfully achieve, and one that Barenaked Ladies consistently pull off. Everything To Everyone is available now in both a limited edition that contains three acoustic tracks, and a collector's edition that includes the acoustic tracks and a DVD.

Charles McDougald Memorial 5K Walk & Run

By Amanda Moen

If you were driving down Main Street on Saturday, Nov. 1, the Daemen community would have appeared to have been in a bustle as runners and walkers began to prepare for the 7th annual Charles McDougald Run.

This memorial walk and run benefits the scholarship program at Daemen College. The scholarship is meant for a city of Buffalo resident pursuing a degree at Daemen. This year's race was raised $6,500.

Daemen started this race in 1997 after Officer Charles McDougald, a Daemen alumni, lost his life in the line of duty. After being with the Buffalo Police Department for nine years, McDougald was one of the first Buffalo officers to be killed in the line of duty in 20 years. Officer McDougald is survived by his wife, Sylvia, and four children.

Through the efforts of Dr. Charles Sabatino, Daemen College and Sylvia McDougald, the Charles McDougald Memorial 5K Walk and Run was initiated to benefit the students of Daemen College. In 2001, Daemen decided to include an additional event to the memorial in hopes of bringing more families to campus. The Daemen Dash for Kids, a children's dash, was brought into existence with a goal of aiming more family-oriented events, and promote wellness and exposure to the College. Children ranging from ages three to nine participated in the dash as well as the activities that followed the dash. Daemen's Education Club headed up the fun and activities with the kids after this year's dash.

In comparison to previous years, runners were blessed with a beautiful day. "Mother nature was a big help!" said Peter Brodie, Director of Alumni Relations.

Since the weather was such a positive contributor, people from all around decided to come out and take part in this beneficial event. With a large number of walk-in runners, this year's event had a grand total of 329 participants. To break things down, there were 268 runners and 61 walkers. After completing the race, racers were welcomed in the Daemen gymnasium with refreshments and awards.

This year's McDougald Run has been in planning since June, but it wouldn't have turned out as great as it did without the help of so many volunteers. With a joint effort from 150 volunteers including faculty, staff, students and Buffalo Police Officers, this year's event was a hit.

"The amazing cooperation of the college community really helped to make the memorial a big success," said Brodie.

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The Tree That Binds the Worlds
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By Dan Croft

...After several seconds I called out to them. "Hello!" I called. At this, both men turned about, regarding me closely. For a time, they stood perplexed. To register someone who calls at you from a tree takes a minute or two.

"Good sirs," I continued. "I'm a little lost, could you give me some help? They said nothing, standing in silence.

"Please," I continued. At this, both men glanced at one another in confusion. I could see that they were talking to one another at this point, though I could not make out what they were saying. I waited patiently, until both men began to approach me slowly and cautiously. While advancing, one of these individuals, the red-bearded one, addressed me. I am sorry to say that I could not understand a word of what he said to me. His tongue was strange, and quite brutal, if you ask me. I could not even figure out what language it was, for it sounded like nothing I had ever heard. At first, I thought it might have been German. When he spoke again, Polish came to mind.

Whatever language I was hearing, one thing was certain: I was at a loss. For when I tried to communicate with them, I quickly learned that they could understand me no better than I could understand them. I began to rub my arms, in an attempt to make them realize that I was cold. When this didn't work, I began to make a shouting sound with my teeth. I shivered as well. And they seemed to catch on to what I was trying to do.

They began to approach me, and so I emerged from the tree into the frigid cold.

The next half-hour or so found me journeying through the frozen wasteland, shuffling a large, felt mink, behind the man with the black-gray beard. He had given me a cloth with which to wrap myself, as he was apparently well accustomed to the cold. We had been traveling for quite some time when it began to snow, lightly at first, and then with increasing fury.

By the time it had begun to blizzard, we reached a small, round, brick-and-straw constructed dwelling built into the wall of what appeared to be a miniature cliff. It looked comfortable enough. A small aperture was visible atop the roof, out of which the hearth smoke must emit. The entrance was covered by a large ox-hide, pummeled now by the rising wind. The two men who had guarded the entrance addressed me, and I could see that they lived together in this humble dwelling. Within the hour, the hearth fire was burning brightly, and my hosts were preparing some kind of broth. They would converse in their own tongue, and I knew their conversation to focus entirely upon me by the subtle gestures each man kept making.

As to the setup of the interior, there is not much I can say. The floor was blanketed with straw, and two bear skin mats lay before the hearth. I later learned that these were the sleeping mats my hosts used at night. I would sleep in a small alcove built into the left end of the dwelling, covered by sheepskin. Despite my communication, my hosts did not ostracize me. They saw to it that I was comfortable, and tried to make my dinner satisfying, although it was not; and yet I didn't dare comment on it. In truth, to this day, I still don't know what it was.

I did not sleep well that night. One does not simply relax after finding oneself in such a situation as the one in which I found myself. I was forced to accept the sad fact that I was lost in a strange land, and that I was completely alone. There were no modern conveniences anywhere in sight, and I could not communicate with anyone. On top of all of this, I could not conceive of a way to get home.

By Heather Lee, Tanya General, Elizabeth Clark: Students of Dr. Sankoh's Third World Development Class

Before your next class, you swing by the vending machine, place four quarters into the slot, and purchase the beverage of your choice. Within minutes your thirst is quenched, and that once valuable container is tossed into the trash, soon to be buried in a landfill. When put into a larger perspective, you can imagine the effects that non-recycled materials have on our environment. By using recycled materials instead of materials gathered from the earth such as trees, metal ores, minerals, oil, and other raw materials, recycling-based manufacturing conserves the world's scarce natural resources. Therefore, this conservation reduces the pressure to expand forest cutting and mining operations that is prevalent in third world countries.

Recently, the Third World Development class has been learning about the importance of sustainability and the positive effects of recycling on our environment. In hopes to increase environmental awareness, the class will be holding our own can-drive. All of the deposits collected will benefit the local La Casa Refuge Service Center in Buffalo.

The drive started the week of Oct. 26, and will end Dec. 19. Decorative Boxes have been placed on each floor of Canavan Hall, as well as in the main lobby of the Wick Center. All are encouraged to participate in order to sustain our environment. The next time you dispose of a beverage container, make a difference by tossing it in one of the boxes instead of the garbage can!
by Natalie Dumas

Daemen College’s Education Club has added a new branch especially for Early Childhood Education majors. This new branch of the club has become more efficient and allows for a specific group of students to focus on projects dealing with younger children. Each Childhood Education generally is designed for children from birth to age eight. Education Club is now able to get twice as many projects done, thus impacting the lives of more children.

As new as the Early Childhood branch is, there has already been several accomplishments by the steadily growing group. Their first activity was a cookie sale fund-raiser that took place in Wick. The money raised has helped pay for outreach activities, and makes planning future programs possible. Future fund-raisers are being planned, and you will soon be able to help support the activities of this group.

The majority of money raised in the cookie sale was used to cover the shipping costs from their Operation Christmas Child project. The group purchased toys and personal care items, used to fill shoe boxes that will be sent to children in need located around the world. The group was able to fill fifteen shoe boxes!

The Early Childhood branch’s next project is a baby food and care item drive. Everything collected will be donated to local shelters and food banks. The group is also looking into providing Christmas gifts for a family in need.

You may see members of the group wearing their new navy blue hoodies designed by the group. Feel free to talk to anyone of them to find out more information about the group and the next meeting time.

A Letter to Prof. Edward Cuddy:

Please allow me to comment on the position you took at Daemen’s Nov. 11 discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I was alarmed and discouraged to hear such things from a man who teaches history to our future generation of leaders.

In the past three years, nearly 1,000 Israelis (mostly civilians, and the population equivalent of 25,000 Americans) have been targeted and murdered by Palestinians. Thousands more were maimed for life. Most of these killings were done in ways that mark their perpetrators, who boast of their actions, as beyond the pale of humanity. Yet, while you condemned these atrocities, you “understood” the frustrations and indignities that led people to commit these acts.

Allow me to say that such acts are understandable under no conditions. Worse, the accusations against Israel on which your understanding of these acts depends are baseless. Available space prohibits my relating all of these cases, but let me cite just a few examples. Under International Law, the West Bank and Gaza Strip are not occupied territory. They were never recognized as anything but the part of the British Mandate that was seized and held by Jordan and Egypt in their 1948 invasion of Israel. Further, Israel has controlled this land for twice as long as its previous “occupiers.” As an historian, you know quite well that UN Resolution 242 does not “demand that Israel withdraw to its 1967 borders.” Even so, Israel offered to relinquish these lands for peace immediately after its defensive 1967 war. The official and unanimous Arab response was “No negotiations, no recognition, no peace.” You never explained the “acid test,” Arafat’s rejection of virtually all the land he’d demanded at Camp David, and his subsequent unleashing of violent horrors against Israeli civilians.

Several times you cited polls of Palestinian attitude. You claimed that they initially favored living at peace with Israel, but that continued expansion of settlements, and Israeli military actions, led to more hostile attitudes (and no doubt the current strong majority favoring suicide bombings). Yet, you should be aware of two things: First, the Oslo agreement did not prohibit natural growth of Israeli settlements during negotiations, and Palestinians have been expanding their settled areas at the same time. Second, Palestinian political and military activity were and are determined not by public opinion, but by Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Arafat’s own Fatah, which have declared their goal to be the ultimate eradication of Israel.

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