After leading Daemen College for the last 21 years, Dr. Robert S. Marshall, the third president of Daemen, has announced his retirement, effective January 1, 1996.

Throughout his tenure the college maintained its core philosophy, “founded with a vision of excellence, in the conviction that the individual can make a difference in the world.” Dr. Marshall encouraged this spirit, seeking to instill a love for knowledge in each student, while also exposing them to the value of contributing to the common good — the idea that a student’s education should include a significant amount of community service.

His commitment to the College, over the many years, is seen by those who knew and worked with him to have been one of Daemen’s greatest assets. The Ascent has selected several quotes (from DAEMEN TODAY) to reprint here which reflect on President Marshall, “as others saw him”.

“If there is one word I could use to describe Bob Marshall, it would be “focused.” What Bob has set his sights on he has accomplished — everything from the financial stability of Daemen, to the creation of highly successful academic and professional programs on the campus, even to his golf game and his aircraft pilot training. His accomplishments are amazing, particularly as they have positioned Daemen for a successful and exciting future well into the next century. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve Daemen with such a fine man, one who has been great for Daemen, great for Western New York, and great to his many friends.”

Peter F. Hunt
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Daemen College

“Robert S. Marshall stands out prominently from all the people I have ever known — in government, the military, education, and other walks of life. Bob is an active pilot, highly intelligent, a great president, and an inspiration to all who have known — in government, the military, education, and other walks of life. Bob is an active pilot, highly intelligent, a great president, and an inspiration to all who have known — in government, the military, education, and other walks of life. Bob is an active pilot, highly intelligent, a great president, and an inspiration to all who have known — in government, the military, education, and other walks of life.”

Benjamin O. Davis
Lt. General U.S. Air Force (Retired)

“In the fifteen years I worked with Dr. Marshall, he never ceased to amaze me with his total comprehension and retention of subject matter that he is not involved with on a day-to-day basis. You would tell him something about the financial statements, budgeting process or bookstore and he would not only understand the concepts, but remember and discuss the information years later.”

Frank A. Balcerzak
Daemen College Vice President, Business Affairs, & Treasurer

“President Marshall has truly been a “man of all seasons.” His leadership and vision have, from his beginning as president of Daemen College, served and preserved Daemen for future generations. His dedication led to upgrading of both the academic instruction and the physical plant to serve the higher education needs of the students and the Western New York community. Dr. Marshall leaves a legacy of hope and opportunity for others that few will ever achieve in education, and has done so with everlasting friendship and class.”

Henry J. Nowak
Daemen College Board of Trustees

“Over the years that I served as a Trustee, I got to know the professionalism of Dr. Robert S. Marshall extremely well. With his imaginative student recruiting, faculty development and retention programs, constantly improved academic curricula, cost containment and other successful administrative practices, Daemen College prospered and flourished, always on a sound fiscal basis. I regard my tenure as a Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Daemen College as one of the highlights of my career, made all the more memorable by my association with Bob Marshall, whom I not only respect as an outstanding administrator, but as a tried and true personal friend.”

Charles L. Lumsden
Former Chair, Daemen College Board of Trustees

The Ascent joins the Daemen community of students, faculty, and staff in wishing Dr. Marshall the very best in his retirement and future endeavors.
Poetry Corner

Roses are red
Viollts are blue
My poetry's lousy
I need some from YOU!

Please send your submissions for the ASCENT to Chris Malik in the Student Activities Office.

Psychology Club NEWS update

The Psychology Club is once again planning to attend a conference of the Eastern Psychological Association, this year being held in Philadelphia, PA, on March 29-31, 1996. An invitation to attend is being extended to all Daemen College students. A sign-up sheet will soon be posted in the Psychology Department for all those interested in attending. However, it is strongly recommended that all interested students make themselves known by attending some, if not all, upcoming Psychology Club meetings. They are usually held every other Thursday, at 11:30 am, in DS 227.

We will soon be sponsoring some fundraisers in order to raise money for our upcoming trip (yet another reason for all interested students to join us at our meetings -- we need your help!). Hopefully, we will also be having a speaker come to address the Daemen community. Watch for details! Also, a great big thank you to all those who supported our candy bar sale and 50/50 raffle!

If there are any questions, contact any of the Psychology Club members through their mailbox behind Wick Desk.

Daemen Dining Service and the Student Activities Office present an Old Fashioned Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 11
from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
in Wick Dining Room
(Non-residents pay only $4)
Featuring songs of the Season!

GENTS
Mark you calendars!
Resident Council is planning a Bachelor Bid-Off
Friday, January 19, 1996
8 pm, Wick Social Room
More information to be posted in Wick Lobby.

Snorkin

During the night Snorkin was visited by the Guilt Fairy.

Full Circle

St. Petersburg, Florida, entrepreneur Sherry Sacino is so excited about the year 2000 that she plans to herald its arrival not once, but twice. She realized that if you cross the international date line, you can be both the first and last to celebrate the New Year. For an estimated $5000, her First Flight company offers participants a chance to ring in the new millennium in Fiji and then do it again 24 hours later in Western Samoa.

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T R A D I T I O N

The Annual D A V E B I N D E R CONCERT

Saturday, December 2
9 pm, Wick Social Room

This year, Dave will be performing his "Best Of" show, with, of course, a heavy dose of James Taylor.

Admission: $1 (free refreshments also served.)

Sponsored by the Student Association & Booga Booga Beta
This past summer, I attended the 46th International Summer School at University College Dublin on a scholarship from Daemen College sponsored by the Diocese of Buffalo. The class was entitled "Ireland Culture and Politics". There were 54 people in the class representing 14 countries. The countries that had the most participants in the class were Spain and Italy. There were only two other people from America in the class, and for the first time ever, there were representatives from Japan. I had the opportunity to stay with a family while in Ireland, along with three other people in my class. Two Japanese students stayed with me, and my third housemate was from Russia.

Life in Ireland is not quite the same as in the United States. The first unique experience I encountered was when I arrived at the airport and met Margaret, our hostess. When I got into Margaret's car I saw the steering wheel on the right-hand side of the car, and sat in "our" version of the driver's seat, but I wasn't driving. It also amazed me to ride in the right-hand side of the road.

Another unique experience of "Irish life" was the fact that many places closed early every night. In the city of Dublin, Grafton street and Henry street are dedicated to shopping, street entertainment, restaurants, and specialty tourist shops. Ironically, almost every place on those streets closed at 6 pm, not just on Sundays, but everyday! It seemed very unusual that one could not go to the mall in the evening.

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Life seems a bit more relaxed in Ireland than here in the USA. In class we were told "the buses and lecturers were not punctual, and that the Irish people drink to warm up and drink to cool down." For the most part, as I was told by the director of the program, Americans are always on the go and have exact starting times, but in Ireland, professors are much more relaxed about the issue of time. This was my view of American college life, and it seemed quite accurate to me. While I was there, I traveled on "lovely" green, double decker buses, the main mode of public transportation in that area. I don't think one bus was ever on time. That was definitely an aspect of Irish college life that was very frustrating.

Another aspect of life in Ireland that shocked me was the exchange rate. I was astonished when I gave the bank 100 American dollars, and received (sometimes) 58 pounds in return. I am more familiar with the Canadian/American exchange in which one gets more for the American dollar.

Many people are familiar with the green pastures of Ireland, but what most people don't know is that Ireland's technology is growing. In an economics class, I was surprised to learn that Ireland is involved with the computer industry.

We were told that the computers we have most likely have a chip that was produced in Ireland. So much for the view of Ireland as a "poor" country. Through education, the Irish are becoming aware of the needs of modern society. They are also capitalizing on the tourist industry and discovering new ways to increase income in that respect. Ireland has come a long way from the view of the Celtic world and age of the Potato Famine.

Ireland is very involved with the arts. In fact, our class attended two plays, a historic play and a modern play. We were also given a lecture on the history of Temple Bar, an area in Dublin dedicated to art. The Irish Transport Authority wanted to make a railway through the area and neighborhood people saved it by circulating petitions. They are currently in the process of building a children's cultural center and other buildings dedicated to local artisans. The government is also involved in sponsoring some arts-related tourist attractions in Temple Bar.

Some of the aspects of social life in Ireland are much different from American customs. For example, in Ireland, the main meal is at noon, and their evening meal is called tea. Also, there are two pubs located on the campus of University College Dublin. They are very fond of Guiness. In fact, I went on a tour of the Guiness Hop Store, dedicated to the history of the company and the "stout-making" process. No one other than employees are admitted to the Guiness brewery, Dublin's largest industry. They produce 2.5 million pints a day.

I was also able to attend the R.E.M. concert at Slane Castle in the Boyne Valley. The entire town closed down for that day because of the concert. There were approximately 68,000 R.E.M. fans at the concert. This was R.E.M.'s biggest concert on the tour, and ironically, it was in the smallest country on their tour.

I would like to express special thanks to the scholarship committee, the Diocese of Buffalo, and to all who spoke on my behalf in my application for the award. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life.
Sad Time For The Peacemakers
by Jody Starr

It is rare in the annals of time that an individual takes a stand for an ideal, knowing full well in advance, that his voice of consciousness could be quieted by disquieting means. This past month, the world lost two more of those rare and important people called peacemakers: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Nigerian environmentalist Ken Saro-Wiwa. These two men, for two different reasons, but whose goals were the same, were killed, because they believed more in peace, than in war.

Yitzhak Rabin was a man whose life was a mosaic of irony and contrast. For much of the 20th century, it was Rabin’s mission to exterminate (in his mind) the enemies of Israel, who range from Nazis to the Arabs. But then in 1992, a miracle was born; Rabin, among others, sued the Palestinians for peace, hoping to end the eternal conflict between Arab and Jew. But the resonance of peace would be punctuated by the bullets of evil. Rabin, having just given a speech at a peace rally, was gunned down. His battle-scarred body, now 73 years old, was not able to defend itself against the intrusions of indifference and hate. The peacemaker was gone, no longer able to take a stand against the insanity of war.

But the abyss for the peacemakers was not yet over. Ken Saro-Wiwa was a Nigerian activist who was killed, because he believed more in peace, than in war. Mission to exterminate the enemy of the Nigerian people, who range from foreign oil companies to the military junta falsely accused Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other MOSOP supporters of the crimes the military actually committed. In the end, Wiwa and eight other MOSOP supporters were executed in the name of "Justice".

These two great men, Rabin and Wiwa, sacrificed everything from seeing their children grow up, to not being able to enjoy life in all its infinite riches. These very, very rare members of the human race are a beacon of light in the darkness of humanity. What other peacemakers out there, in the universe of humanity, have chosen to question authority, instead of taking the easy way out and following the herd? Sometimes, it is easy to be cynical about people and their evil intentions, but, the irony of these two murders is that it reminds us that there are still people who believe in something. As Wiwa said, moments before his body went limp from being hung from a tree, "Lord, take my soul, but the struggle continues".

BOOBAR Winners!

Pictured here are the winners of the "best group" category in the costume contest at this year’s BOOBAR Halloween Costume Party held on Saturday, October 28, 1995. From left to right are scouts Patrick Forgett, Brett Vecsey, and an unidentified tenderfoot scout. These guys really got into character, and were a sight to be seen. They really had to be experienced to be appreciated, but this photo gives you a clue.