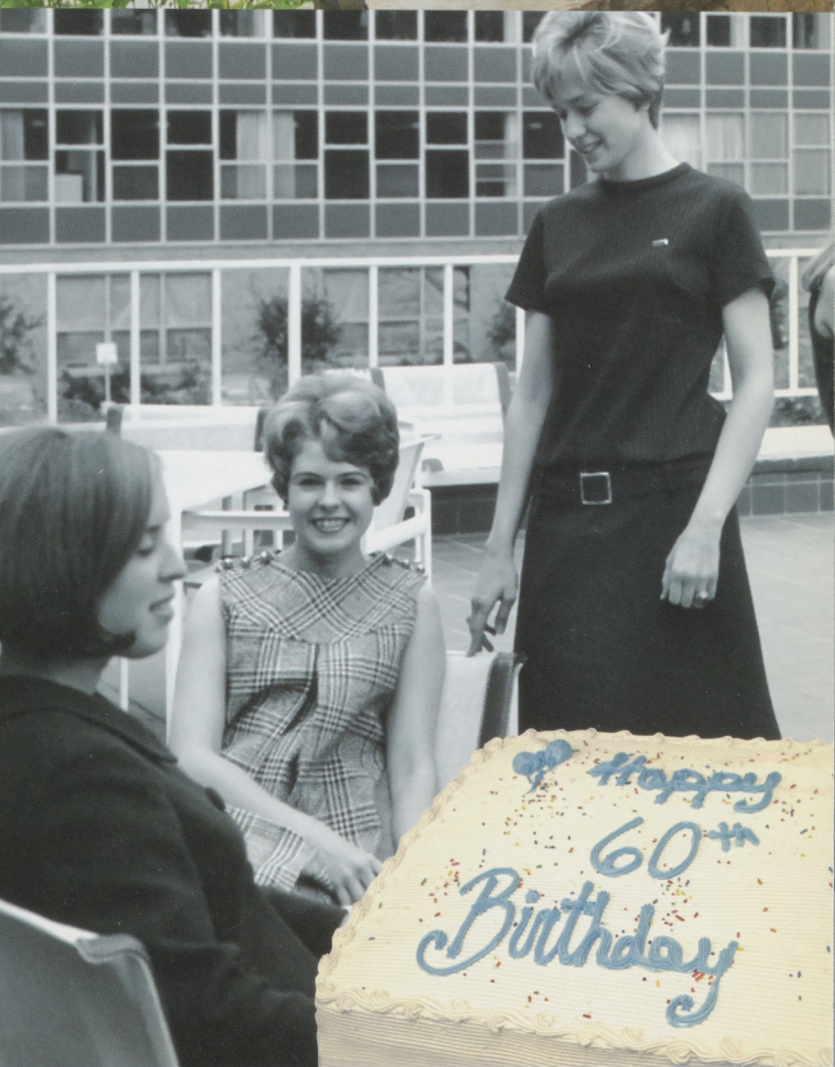




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It doesn't seem that long ago that we were observing the 50th Anniversary of Daemen and Rosary Hill. The College has, of course, changed in many ways since its founding by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1947.

We are, certainly, larger, and have a more diverse student body, now, in our 60th year. We have a stronger international focus than we have ever had – a point which, I believe, is essential for our graduates to succeed in the ever more globalized future. We have

expanded our curriculum to include new programs, such as environmental studies. In health care we are providing innovative opportunities for Daemen students to include wellness studies, among other fields, as well as non-traditional treatments, such as those practiced today in China, to keep Daemen graduates at the forefront of health care practices.

We have also expanded programs that have been traditional strengths of the College: namely, the liberal arts. Daemen College, and Rosary Hill, have always regarded excellence in teaching and learning to be the College's Mission at its most basic. As we celebrate our 60th year, we are combining the best of our traditional strengths with the changes and innovation necessary for continued success over the next 60 years. Happy 60th Anniversary!

*Martin J. Anisman*

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President

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# 60th Anniversary Brings Out Heartfelt Comments of Pride

By Paul Chimera

## The year was 1947... and what a year it was!

*Aviator Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier. India and Pakistan won independence from Great Britain. The transistor was invented. And Jackie Robinson was the first African-American to play in modern major league baseball.*

*It was also the year Rosary Hill College was founded by the Sisters of St. Francis. The new educational institution would go on to produce – under its founding name, and later with the change to Daemen College – some of the best and brightest students and community leaders, and a legacy of selfless community service.*

Six decades have seen huge changes, advances, victories and innovations – and has spawned indelible memories among the tight-knit Rosary Hill/Daemen community of alumni, supporters, and friends. Some of them reflected for *Daemen Today* on their individual connections to the school, and what it all means for today and tomorrow.

“One of our goals has been to get graduates reinvigorated about the College, and we have,” says Daemen’s president, Dr. Martin J. Anisman. Although alumni giving to their alma mater is just one criteria for judging affinity with it, Dr. Anisman reports that, during his tenure – which will be 12 years come March 1 – the rate of alumni giving has gone up 400 percent.

Dr. Anisman emphasizes his pride in the nuns and the days when the College was known as Rosary Hill, and recalls a number of tangible indications of the institution’s growth – physically and academically. Examples are the addition of the second-floor office space to Wick Center; construction of the Campus Drive apartments; the Tom Reynolds Center for Special Education Studies; and, of course, the ongoing construction of the new Center for Information, Research and Community Programs (CIRCP).

“There was virtually no research and grant money when I came here,” says Dr. Anisman. Now, he proudly notes, more than \$10 million has been acquired over the past 10-plus years.



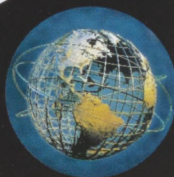
President Dr. Martin Anisman smiling as Director of Orientation and Student Leadership Development Kim Pagano serves up one of hundreds of slices of cake celebrating Daemen’s 60th Anniversary in September.

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60 Years*

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## Funding Surprise

A major effort – which yielded a pleasant surprise – was the crafting of a grant intended to procure funding from the prestigious Kresge Foundation in Michigan for the actual brick-and-mortar building of the CIRCP. “We asked for \$750 thousand and received \$900 thousand,” Dr. Anisman notes. “That’s almost unheard of. It’s a feather in the cap of the College – and our capital campaign leadership.”

He adds the College’s sense of pride over the LEED Certification for the forthcoming Center for Information, Research and Community Programs – a designation requiring the successful meeting of a number of rigorous criteria, attesting to the environmentally conscious, “green” nature of the new facility.

President Anisman cites other successful grants, including those that helped make possible the Tom Reynolds Center, the Seneca-Babcock initiative, and the College’s pioneering work in wound therapy, dealing specifically with the serious issue of bed sores, also known as pressure sores or – more technically – decubitus ulcers.

In addition, Daemen’s president points to programming innovations, owing much to the work of Dr. Edwin G. Clausen, Vice President for Academic Affairs, as another reason for his pride in considering Daemen’s 60th anniversary. One example is the Core Curriculum instituted some years ago, based on

outcomes – a student’s ability to perform critical thinking and navigate through certain technologies, for example. “We were one of the leaders in this,” says Anisman, reasoning that most people change careers several times in their lifetimes, and consequently having such core competencies can be extremely useful when one changes from one field to another.

Other program initiatives – service learning experiences; the requirement that students have some form of international experience; the Canadian Scholars program that brings 300 Canadian students to campus on weekends; and two programs in New York City, designed for orthodox Jewish women to earn a master’s in special education – round out the educational growth and scope of the college.

## Enrollment Is Up

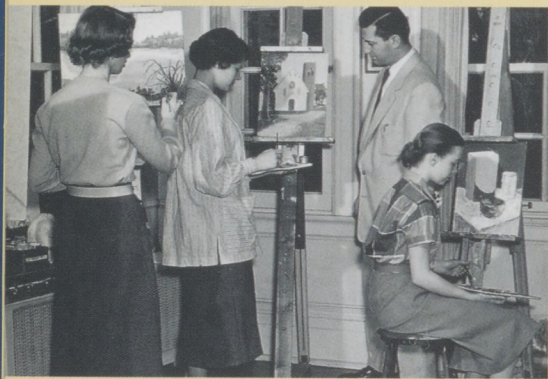
Noting that overall enrollment is up at Daemen, Dr. Anisman adds that Daemen’s well-known physical therapy program was expanded several years ago to include what at the time was one of only two or three doctorate programs in PT offered by independent colleges in the state.

Daemen English professor Dr. Robert A. Morace, who has been at Daemen for nearly 30 years, came to the College when a few of the Sisters of St. Francis were still part of the faculty. Dr. Morace cites the Honors Program brought to life by Dr. James A. Moran, professor of philosophy and religious studies, who, he notes, also did the same for the Monday movie series on campus.

“Until his retirement – and in a similarly self-effacing way – (music professor) Chet Mais directed a music series.” Dr. Morace relates that two of his best memories of Daemen are student productions of the *Three Penny Opera* and *Marat/Sade*, both directed by Christopher F. Wilson, now director of academic computing



The Main Street entrance, 1970s.



“The art department has adapted to the times and is thriving once again... I look at James Kuo’s work, on exhibit right now, and realize – because we’re all often in danger of forgetting – just how good Daemen has been and is. What a revelation – a bit like reading *Cardinal Numbers*, a collection by Hob Broun (Hayward Hale Broun’s son) and seeing Daemen featured in one of the stories – disguised as ‘Rose Hill College for Women,’ but recognizable nonetheless.”

Finally, Dr. Morace nods to the late John Masterson, former member of the English Department, who came to Rosary Hill in 1947. Says Morace: “He used to pepper his talk with literary quotations and Latin. He was more a wickedly funny curmudgeon than outright cynic; hard to think of Daemen/Rosary Hill and not think of John.”

### Witness to Major Growth

Sister DeSales Hattenberger, selected as a Distinguished Alumna in 2006, recalls how she had the opportunity to watch the College grow. “When I came, there was one building, the library, during the presidency of Sister Canavan,” she remembers. “I watched these people, the Sisters and lay people together, build Duns Scotus Hall, Wick, the dormitory, so I was here during the growth of the College. It came from nothing much to a fairly well-situated campus.”

Sister DeSales served as the first admissions director in 1957, and recalls setting up the financial aid office. She had the opportunity to deal with foreign students, physically challenged students, and “all categories of student needs,” she says. “I was responsible for meeting these new kinds of people, welcoming them, and working with other administrators. Those were very challenging – and enjoyable – days.”



Left: The Book Store has come a long way in 60 years!

Fine arts class in Rosary Hall, 1940’s.

Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Brenda Young (center), Environmental Studies Program.

Student Sister from St. Mary of Angels meets Governor Nelson Rockefeller on his visit to Rosary Hill, 1958.

Dolores Attea, Moving Up Day Queen, 1952.

Above: Students march for civil rights in Buffalo, 1960’s.

Dr. Martin Anisman presents an Honorary Doctorate to then CBS News Anchor Dan Rather following Rather’s address to the Daemen 2005 Commencement.

Students on the former sun deck of Wick Center, 1960’s.

Right: Dr. Martin Anisman and Executive Assistant Sherrie Gustas attended one of three simultaneous cake-cuttings held on campus for the College’s Anniversary.

Famed film director Spike Lee, spoke to a crowd of over 1,000 at Daemen in April, 2004.

The College’s tradition of service learning continues to expand with initiatives around the globe, including the Dominican Republic, Africa, and, soon, Laos.

What's more, she adds, meeting people during her degree studies at Rosary Hill (English, '59) "was a broadening experience for me," as people from various walks of life shared their background with her.

## Well Prepared for Career

Daemen was a life-changing experience for Karen Cuddy-Miller ('87), too, now principal of Ohio Street School in North Tonawanda. "I enjoyed the close-knit opportunity to build relationships through my education," she states. "The teachers knew you and you knew them. They were incredibly well qualified and did a fabulous job preparing me for the world of education."

Cuddy-Miller taught 18 years in special education and says she felt from the start that she received "a solid grounding – ethically, professionally, personally, academically" at Daemen. "I was fully prepared to hit the ground running. I credit my Daemen professors for some very high expectations and understanding of the pedagogy of education and their ability to convey that. They were top notch in that area."

She adds that, when she accepts student teachers at her school, Daemen student teachers are among the best. When Cuddy-Miller was associated with the Williamsville Central School District, she wore many hats as a special education teacher and had the opportunity to participate in various leadership roles. "That led me to the track I'm on now," she explains, "and Daemen contributed to that. Daemen enabled me to be successful."

It wasn't all hitting the books for Cuddy-Miller, however. There was the social and emotional dimension to her years on campus. "College creates a well-roundedness of a person," she notes. "I have fond memories of the

campus itself, the opportunity for social interaction. It all helps you understand how the world works, that transition between high school and the real world."

## "A Passion for Things"

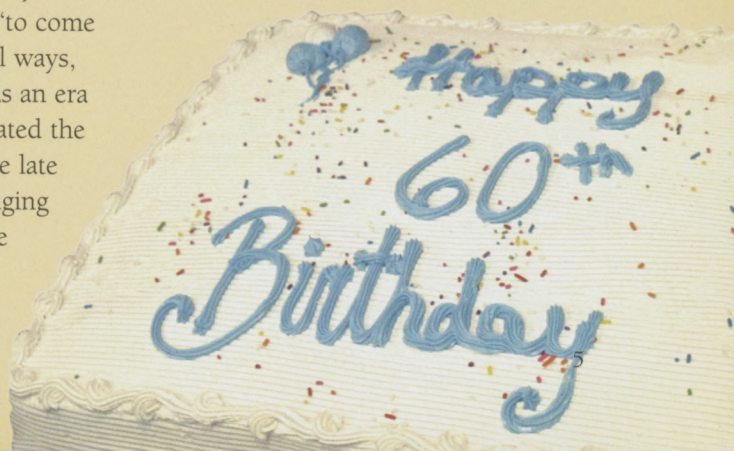
Another terrific Daemen alumnus with whom *Daemen Today* caught up on the occasion of the college's 60th anniversary is Mary Bauer, class of '72. Readers may recall the story on Mary and her group of six Rosary Hill alumni, who have stayed in touch over 25-plus years – "25 Years and Going Strong" – in our fall, 2005 issue.

Having just returned from her first trip to Ireland, Bauer was especially jubilant in discussing a "yesterday and today" look at her alma mater. "It was a great learning and academic atmosphere, during the Vietnam era and Kent State, plus a wonderful environment for great women in particular to become lifelong friends," she says.

A sociology major who went on to become director of human resources for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, Bauer recalls how Daemen fostered plenty of opportunity for students "to come forward in non-traditional ways, particularly women. It was an era where women weren't treated the same as men. This was the late '60s and early '70s, a changing time in our society and the same on campus.



"Rosary Hill allowed me to develop a passion for things," she declares. "If I had to do it all over again, I would still study sociology and would still go to Daemen. Those four years were wonderful."





## Administration

**Linda Koller** has been appointed to the position of Director of Marketing. Koller came to Daemen in the Summer of 2006 as a marketing consultant in the Admissions Department. A Florida



State University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Koller brings a wealth of marketing and advertising experience to Daemen. Prior to joining

Daemen, Koller spent time as an account executive in radio working for Entercom, WBUF and WBEN. She held a similar position at David Laurence Publications, publisher of *Buffalo Spree* magazine.

**Dr. Susan Ross** has been named Executive Director of Global Studies. Dr. Ross received her Ph.D. in Communication from Penn State



University. She also has an MA in German language & literature from the University of Maryland in College Park, and a BA in German and English from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Most recently, prior to coming to Daemen College, she worked as Assistant Dean for the School of European and Latin American Languages at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA. Before that, she worked at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C., as an Educational and Cultural Exchange Officer for Southeastern Europe and studied

Croatian language for 44 weeks. She has taught communication courses at Muhlenberg College, Hamilton College, Canisius College, and Texas State University. She has had two Fulbright grants: as a student in West Germany in 1985-1986, and one as a Lecturer in Pune, India in 2000.

**Dr. Patricia Ruppert Brown** has been named Vice President for Enrollment



Management. Dr. Brown had been Dean for Enrollment Management since joining the College administration in 2002. Dr. Brown's experience in higher education combines

experience in both academic and student affairs. She holds a Ph.D. in political science/public administration from Northern Arizona University. Her Master of Arts and Bachelor's degrees are in U.S. History; both degrees are from the State University of New York at Oswego.

**Donna Shaffner** has been named Dean of Admissions. Shaffner joined the Daemen Admissions Office in 2005 as Director of Admissions. Prior to joining Daemen, she was Director of Admissions for Sacred Heart



Academy, and Director of Development and Marketing. Shaffner holds a Bachelor of Arts, Fine Arts, from Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and an Elementary

Education Certification from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

**Danielle Woodman**, Daemen Director of Grants Administration, was selected



by The John R. Oishei Foundation as one of 20 outstanding young leaders in Western New York. The Foundation chose each individual on the basis of their commitment to the future of

the betterment of life in Western New York, through their energy, ideas, and dedication to the region. The John R. Oishei Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for Buffalo area residents by supporting education, healthcare, scientific research and the cultural, social, civic and other charitable needs of the community. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation.

## Faculty

**Michelle Flint, C.P.A.**, has been named Assistant Professor of Accounting /MIS.



She holds an MBA from St. Bonaventure, and a Bachelor of Science from Utica College of Syracuse University. Prior to her appointment to Daemen, Flint was most recently a part-

time financial advisor for Sagemark Consulting, Flint Advisory Services in Williamsville, NY. Before this, she served as a graduate assistant in the St. Bonaventure M.B.A., Management Leadership, and Education Programs.





**Greg Ford**, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, was an invited



Teacher at BUCM Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM), and, as a result, has several Chinese students interested in coming to Daemen. Ford holds a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree, as well as a Master of Science, and a Bachelor of Science. All three degrees are from Daemen College.

**Marybeth Fortune** has been named Assistant professor of Education for



Canadian Scholars. Fortune holds several degrees: a Master of Education from the University of Toronto; a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts, in mathematics and English, from Trent University, in Peterborough, Ontario; and a Bachelor of Education from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She expects to complete her Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Toronto. Fortune has, most recently, taught several courses in the Daemen Canadian Scholars program.



**Kim Fleischman**, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, had a book, *Sheep Hill Community Tree*, accepted in the "365: American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Annual Design

Competitions 28" under the category of "50 Book/50 Covers." In addition, it received the "Social Relevance Award." The competition is about design excellence and is the result of a process involving creativity, inspiration, skill, experience, intuition and discipline, and is widely recognized as the most selective statement on design excellence today.

**Zena Hyman**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, completed her Ph.D. in Nursing at the State University of New York at Buffalo.



Dr. Hyman's expertise in the area of addictions has been nationally recognized in numerous publications and presentations. Dr. Hyman also holds a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree. Both degrees are from the University at Buffalo.

**Shawn Kelley**, Associate Professor of Philosophy/Religious Studies, presented his book, *Racializing Jesus: Race, Ideology, and the Formation of Modern Biblical Scholarship* (Routledge, 2002) to a symposium, "Race, Aesthetics, and Gospel Scholarship: Embracing and Subverting the Aesthetic Ideology," in March, 2007, at the Conference, Race and Ethnicity in New Testament and Early Christian Studies, at the Harvard University Divinity School.

**Robert Morace**, Professor of English, has had a new book published this fall. Dr. Morace hosted a signing reception in Rosary Hall in September in conjunction with the English Department, for the book, *Irvine Welsh*. Irvine Welsh



provides students with an introduction to Welsh's work that places his fiction in historical and theoretical context. It explores Welsh's biography, his impact on contemporary

Scottish fiction and the cultural relevance of the "Irvine Welsh phenomenon," including a timeline of key dates. *Irvine Welsh* offers an accessible reading of Welsh's work and an overview of the varied critical reception this has provoked.



**Dr. Paulette M. Niewczyk**, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Health Care Studies. Niewczyk holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology, University

at Buffalo; she holds a Master of Public Health from the School of Public Health, University at Buffalo; and a Bachelor of Science degree, in psychology, from Buffalo State College. Prior to coming to Daemen, Dr. Niewczyk served as a research analyst for Uniform Data Systems for Medical Rehabilitation, at the University of Buffalo Foundation.

**Dr. Diane Ramos** has joined Daemen as Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences. She holds a Ph.D. in biology, a Master of Science in biology, and a Bachelor of Arts, also in biology. All three degrees are from the University at





Buffalo. Prior to her Daemen appointment, Dr. Ramos was an instructor in the Biology Department at Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, Michigan.

**Brent Robbins**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, is the recipient of the 2008 Harmi Carari Early Career Award for Inquiry by Division 32 of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Robbins' award was granted for his research



in humanistic psychology. He will accept the award at next year's American Psychological Association conference in Boston.

Dr. Robbins' Ph.D. and Master of Arts

Degrees are from Duquesne University. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Webster University.

**Dr. Joseph Sankoh** recently visited China with a Political Science Delegation from over 80 Universities and Colleges in the U.S., sponsored by the People to People Ambassadors Program and American Political Science Association.

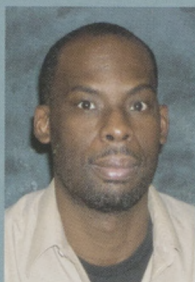
The delegation visited various universities



and other institutions in China, discussing a range of topics, including Sino-US Relations; foreign policy issues; economic issues; democracy for China; current Chinese

economic growth/modernization and sustainable development; China as a potential world power; China-3rd world strategic relations; local government policies of China; and how US & China can better work together in the 21st century & beyond.

**Dr. G. E. Washington** has been named Assistant Professor of Art Education. Dr. Washington's Ph.D. and



Master of Science, in art education, are from Pennsylvania State University; his Bachelor of Science Degree, in Secondary Science Education, is from West Virginia

University. Prior to his Daemen appointment, Dr. Washington served as Visiting Scholar of Art Education in the School of Art at the University of Arizona. He has also served as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Education.

**Dr. Donald Wheeler** is Assistant Professor of Education for Canadian Scholars. Dr. Wheeler holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, and an Ed.D. from Syracuse University; he holds an M.S. in Education, from Nazareth College. His Bachelor of Arts, in political science is from St. John Fisher College. Dr. Wheeler also holds a CAS in Instructional Design, development, and Evaluation, and a second CAS in English Education from Syracuse University. Prior to coming to Daemen, he taught as an Assistant professor of Literacy at the State University of New York College at Cortland.

## Famed Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi Speaks At Daemen



### Bestseller, “Reclaiming History” Reinforces Conclusions of Warren Commission Report on JFK Assassination

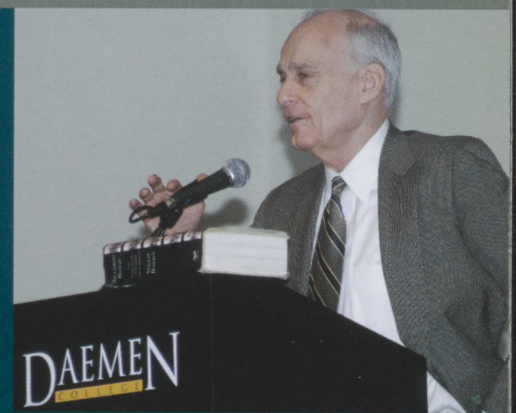
“One point regarding the Kennedy assassination that both sides agree on – those who believe there was a conspiracy and those who do not – is that Lee Harvey Oswald did, in fact, shoot President Kennedy. Those who think there was a conspiracy believe someone put him up to it. But in my book, I knock down every one of their arguments. There simply was no conspiracy.”

That was the central point made by famed prosecutor and best-selling author Vincent Bugliosi on November 6, 2007, on the Daemen campus. Bugliosi discussed the John F. Kennedy assassination at length,

and his new 1600-page best-seller, *Reclaiming History*, supporting the conclusions of the Warren Commission investigation.

Requiring twenty years to research and write, *Reclaiming History* began when Bugliosi participated in a 1986 London television production, in which he prosecuted Lee Harvey Oswald in a make believe trial presided over by a real federal judge and jury members taken from the rolls in Dallas’ District Court.

“What I learned, in preparing for that trial, was that those who believe there was a conspiracy behind the





Kennedy assassination have been accusing the Warren Commission of distortions in its report, suppressing evidence. It absolutely captivated me, and I found that there was – and is – a great story to be told there. In fact, there is no other story like it in our country’s history. Nothing comes close.”

Bugliosi entertained a lengthy question-and-answer session following his talk, and remained afterwards to sign copies of his many books—especially his most famous trial, the Charles Manson case, which became the basis of his classic, *Helter Skelter*, the biggest selling true-crime book in publishing history. Two of Bugliosi’s other true crime books – *And the Sea Will Tell*, and *Outrage* - also reached #1 on the New York Times hardcover bestseller list.



Vincent Bugliosi signing books for audience members after his appearance.

## Former Rosary Hill Professor and Wife Establish Endowed Scholarship at Daemen for Study Abroad



While we live on an ever-shrinking planet, which makes an international education much more important to the success of today's and tomorrow's students, international education turned out to be quite significant to the lives of a former Rosary Hill history professor and his wife, many years ago. So significant, in fact, that they have established an endowed scholarship at Daemen: **Dr. Charles A. and Marjorie A. Gliozzo Endowed Scholarship for Study Abroad.**

From 1958-1966, Charles was an Assistant Professor of European History at Rosary Hill College, now Daemen College. Charles and Marjorie first met on a student ship in the summer of 1960, as group leaders of college and high school students going to Italy and Spain for the Experiment in International Living. The impact of this experience led them in the summer of 1961 to lead other groups to Costa Rica and Switzerland.

Since 1960, Charles and Marjorie continued their involvement in inter-

national activities. Marjorie was a high school Spanish teacher at Kenmore West High School in Kenmore, New York. Subsequently, she was an English Language teacher for twelve years for the Haslett School District in East Lansing/Haslett teaching adult spouses of Michigan State University graduate students.

Charles went on to Michigan State University, where he was a Professor, Humanities and History, and Director of the Office of Overseas Study from 1973-1993. He served as a Fulbrighter to France (1962) and Germany (1982), and was a national leader in NAFSA: Association of International Educators; author of articles and monographs in international education; as well as a recipient of international education grants, and assistant to the Dean of International Studies and Programs.

From these experiences, both Charles and Marjorie, now residents of East Lansing, Michigan, realized the importance of study abroad as intrinsic to a student's education. They hope that this endowment will be a formidable step in enhancing student excellence in learning other cultures and languages at Daemen. Another prime motivation for Charles was his years teaching as Assistant Professor of European History at Rosary Hill.

"The recollection of those years was memorable and enjoyable in spite of the burden of teaching three

courses a semester and studying for a Ph.D. degree at the State University of Buffalo," he recalls. "And one semester, I gained administrative experience, with an appointment as interim Chair of the History Department when Sister Urban was on leave.

"The Rosary Hill central administration, the Franciscan nuns and my colleagues were very helpful in allowing me some flexibility in selecting a variety of courses and encouraged me to complete my Ph.D. requirements by giving me a leave of absence." One of those courses was "Geopolitics" that was a highlight for me and my students. Similarly, the Rosary Hill students cannot be underestimated. They were quick to learn, were attentive, and had good communication and writing skills. Rosary Hill College was my first teaching job on a college level and I very definitely learned a great deal from this initial experience."

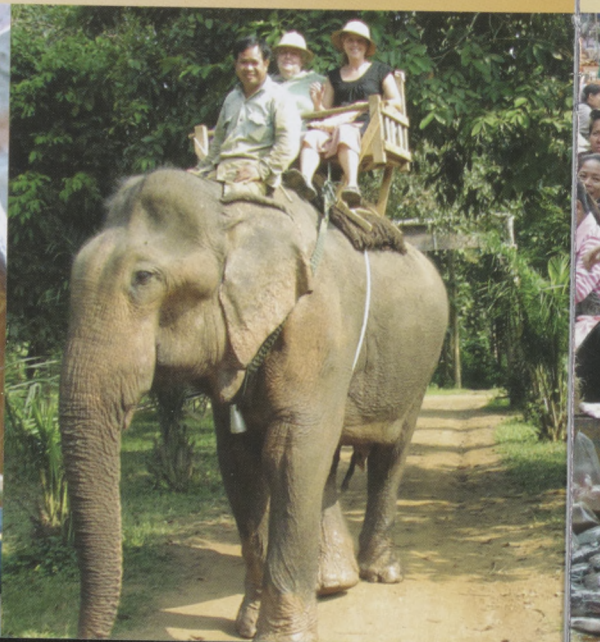


During the January Term, Daemen students visit the Pyramid of the Sun, Teotihuacan, Mexico.



(L-R) Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Ed Clausen; Director of Health Care Studies Justine Tutuska; Lars Hallstrom (St. Francis University); Dean of Health and Human Services Dr. Michael Brogan; Quinn Owen (University of Wisconsin); and Tommaso Cavalli-Sforza, Rep. from WPRO, WHO.

**Daemen Team Travels to Laos, PDR, with  
Interdisciplinary Consortium for Global Health, to Begin  
“Silk Homes Project”**

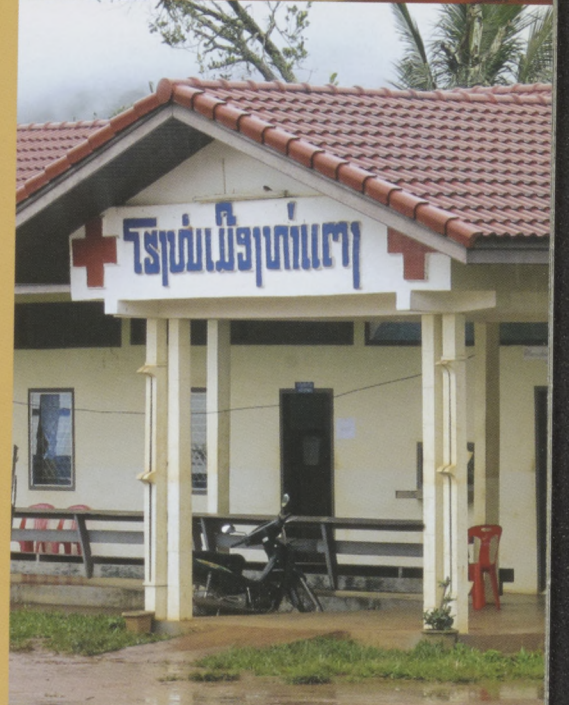


During the fall 2007 semester, a team of Daemen representatives, together with members of The Interdisciplinary Consortium for Global Health (ICGH), met with the Laotian Minister of Health, Dr. Ponmek Dalalay, in Laos, PDR. The Daemen team consisted of Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Ed Clausen; Dean of Health and Human Services Dr. Michael Brogan; and Daemen Director of Health Care Studies Justine Tutuska.

The ICGH, which includes Daemen College as a member institution, is working in partnership with the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the \$19 million dollar “Silk Homes Project” in Laos, PDR. The project will bring an integrated approach to much-needed improvements in the health and economic lives of local residents in that region.

The “Silk Homes” project will focus on creating a maternity waiting home initiative – a place for safe delivery to women coming from remote locations in Laos, where medical services are not available. The project will also provide health education and skill-based training (i.e. silk, handmade paper, bamboo production). In addition, women will be taught skills in areas such as silk weaving and papermaking, with the hope that they will be better able to support their families and transfer the skills to their communities.

Members of the ICGH who traveled to Laos included Quinn Owen (University of Wisconsin); Giovanni Deodato (Director of the Silk Homes Project); Lars Hallstrom (St. Francis University) and Laurie Chan (University of Northern British Columbia).



Border photos: Scenes from Laos, taken during the Daemen team's fall, 2007 trip.



# Western New York Service Learning Coalition Awarded Grant of \$485,654 from the John R. Oishei Foundation

## For Large-Scale Collaboration to Promote Student Engagement in the Community

The Western New York Service-Learning Coalition (WNYSLC) has been awarded a three-year grant of \$485,654 from The John R. Oishei Foundation. Established in 2001, at the initiative of Daemen College in collaboration with Niagara University, the WNYSLC is a highly active collaboration of colleges, universities and non-profit and community-based organizations committed to sharing resources and practices related to engaging students in the community.

With this grant, they will hire staff, develop a region-wide database, and support collaborative events and projects to coordinate the placement of undergraduate students in service-learning positions in the Western New York community. Housed at Daemen College, the WNYSLC is comprised of representatives from higher education institutions representing a combined undergraduate enrollment of 52,000+ students.

“Daemen College is extremely grateful for the generosity and support of The John R. Oishei Foundation,” stated Daemen President Dr. Martin J. Anisman. “Many non-profit organizations are already strapped for time and resources. Through our participation in the Western New York Service

Learning Coalition, we will be able to continue to provide much-needed assistance to community organizations that need it most. This generous funding will enable the Coalition to strengthen the foundation and infrastructure of the organization, allowing us to develop effective, lasting projects and take this collaboration to the next level.”

Dr. Edwin Clausen, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Daemen College, founded the Coalition in 2001 with representatives from Niagara University. He serves as a steering committee member of the Western New York Service Learning Coalition. “The WNYSLC is a collaboration that is significant in scope and has already demonstrated itself as a model nationally for collaboration between and among private and public institutions and non-profit and community-based organizations. This investment will significantly enhance the Coalition’s capacity to streamline practices, reduce duplication, and to engage multiple constituents strategically and thoughtfully in efforts to improve our region.

“Service learning is an educational experience that goes beyond volunteering – it connects students to the community by integrating academic curriculum with active participation in

service. These placements are mutually beneficial to students, the organizations, and the community as a whole.”

The John R. Oishei Foundation’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for Buffalo area residents by supporting education, healthcare, scientific research and the cultural, social, civic and other charitable needs of the community. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation.

For more information about the WNYSLC, visit [www.wnyslc.org](http://www.wnyslc.org)





# Women's Basketball Finds A Young Team With Old-Fashioned Victory on Their Minds!

By Paul Chimera

"It's the biggest unknown I've dealt with as coach since the 1993/94 season," declares Dave Skolen, coach of the Daemen women's basketball team, now in his 16th year of coaching the Wildcats.

Skolen was referring to the big change-over – the fact that, this year, the team is playing in the wake of having lost five seniors after last year's exceptional season. In fact, there's not a single senior on this year's team.

What's more, the team has lost "a ton of talent," in Skolen's words, "that is impossible to replace." He's referring to last year's season, which just happened to go down in the record books as the most successful in the team's history.

Undaunted and optimistic, Skolen describes the new 28-game season as promising to be "an interesting year." Returning are Mary Kate Wilson, a junior from East Aurora and Third-Team All-Conference last year. The forward "should be one of the best in the conference," coach Skolen predicts.

Also coming back is Sarah Bogardus, a junior forward, who won Honorable Mention All-Conference last year.

Back this season as well is Daemen junior Haleigh Van Fleet, starting point guard, who Skolen noted was looking especially good in pre-season play. "She's quick," he says.

There are also five solid freshmen on this year's team.

"No seniors on our team. It's a very young team and it might be a rough start," Skolen acknowledges. "But we're expecting to win the American Mid-East Conference."

That kind of confidence is what you'd expect from a great coach like Dave Skolen. We'll all be watching for great things from the Lady Wildcats, too.



Mary Kate Wilson

Sarah Bogardus

Haleigh Van Fleet

# Without Injury, Men's Basketball Team Forecast to Soar

By Paul Chimera

"Barring any serious injuries or unforeseen setbacks," says coach Don Silveri of the Daemen men's basketball team, "we should be one of the top teams in our division."

No one had a crystal ball as this story was being prepared in late October, but Silveri says some returning players, and several transfers, should help guide the Wildcats to some serious competitive athletics.

Returning player Dewan Stroud was Third-Team All-American last year, and First-Team All-Conference. He was a newcomer last year and is a senior this year – having transferred here last season from Erie Community College. The standout 6 ft. 2 in. guard and small forward "has a chance of being the best player in the conference," Silveri predicts.

Another returning powerhouse is Jonathan Smith, senior point guard who started with the team last year – he's from City Honors High School – and was the team's defensive player of the year last season.

Freshman Steve Kozaczka, a center from Lackawanna, towers at 6 ft. 9 in. He was injured last year, tearing his shoulder in the third game of the season, and didn't play after that. He doesn't lose eligibility, though – and is expected to help the team win big this season, which spans a Nov. 9 to Feb. 21 window of play.

Four transfers help paint the picture of what this year's team is all about. One is Devon Dawson from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, where he was First-Team All-Western New York. The freshman is 6 ft. 3 in. tall.

Ryan Henry from Rochester has transferred here from Finger Lakes Community College. He was First-Team All-Region at Finger Lakes, averaging 21 points per game. The junior can dunk the basketball, despite his height of 5 ft., 8 in.

Pete Loney is a bit taller – at 6 ft. 5 in. – and has transferred in from Erie Community College, originally from Byron Bergen High School in Rochester.

He's a junior at Daemen.

And standing 6 ft. 6 in. and weighing 260 pounds is big, bad Rob Jacobs, who transferred here from Loeb Institute in Manhattan and is now in his sophomore year. Jacobs has averaged 12 points and 9 rebounds per game, and is expected to join his teammates in presenting a formidable basketball team that others are going to want to beat, but which coach Silveri vows will be difficult if not impossible to conquer.

"A highlight of our season," Silveri adds, "is that we've been invited to play in the Disney Challenge in Orlando, Florida, beginning December 20. We'll be down there for four days, playing two games. There will be teams from all over. It's sponsored by the NAIA, our governing body, and we could get national recognition out of it."

Big time recognition, or just the admiration of the local cheering section, Daemen's men's basketball team is taking to the court in a big way, looking for another hot season of top-flight collegiate basketball.



Dewan Stroud

Jonathan Smith

Steve Kozaczka

Devon Dawson

Ryan Henry

Pete Loney



## A Message to Our Alumni

Recently the new Board of Governors of Daemen College/Rosary Hill had its initial meeting. We are most fortunate that a group of talented and accomplished men and women have agreed to serve the college in this way. We met just before the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner and then we went on to see the vice president of the Board of Governors, Kathleen McCarthy, named a Distinguished Alumnae.

The Constitution of the Board of Governors was recently revised and a new position was added – Nominations Chair/Chapter Coordinator. Mary Bauer of Rochester has assumed that position. Naming Mary to that position is an excellent fit, since she is Director of Human Resources for the Diocese of Rochester. This position was added because one of the tasks of the Board of Governors is to oversee all Alumni groups. There are strong clusters of alumni in many areas. The Board of Governors, working with the Alumni Office, will help to strengthen these groups.

The task of the Board of Governors and the chapters is to strengthen the ties of alumni to the College. The Buffalo Chapter, under the leadership of Joanne Szwejbka and her fine board serve as an example of how this is done. While including many of the traditional activities of the chapter, new activities such as a Film Series have been added.

In short, in this first letter from me as chair of the Board of Governors of Daemen College/Rosary Hill, I have shared our goals for this year – Strengthening Chapters and groups and helping to make the tie to the College stronger for our alumni. I hope that many of you will be able to join us in accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,  
Judy Weidemann  
Chair, Board of Governors  
Daemen College/Rosary Hill Alumni Association

# 60 Years of Giving: Bringing

**G**reat learning institutions such as Daemen College don't get to be great, and continue to grow and help make a difference in the world, without the financial support of alumni and friends.

Why people give to their alma mater is at once tied to a shared bond with the college experience that made them what they are today – and yet highly individualistic at the same time.

Dea McKenna McAuliffe, Class of 1958 – who wrote a 50th anniversary history book on Daemen College – says, “Like many who graduated in the early Rosary Hill years, I feel tremendous pride in Daemen today.

“Our College’s cup truly overflows with excellence,” she comments. “It’s apparent in so many outstanding programs and departments, and in Daemen’s respected place in the Western New York community and beyond. I have to smile when I recall that same push for excellence from the start. Those of us who did quite well academically in high school, quickly learned that much more was demanded of us in order to capture an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ at Rosary Hill. It’s heartening to see this has continued to be the norm through the years.”


## “How Could We Not Say ‘Thank You?’”

McAuliffe says giving back is a once-a-year gesture that simply isn’t an option to overlook. She explains how grateful she is for the preparation she had at Daemen for her teaching

career – “a career I loved. How could we not turn around and say ‘thank you’, once a year, to the College that made our lifelong careers possible? I hope that all alums include Daemen’s annual fundraising efforts on their contribution list each year.”

A more recent graduate, Mike Patane, class of 2005, works as a physician’s assistant in Fulton, New York, near Syracuse. He acknowledges the scholarship he was offered to attend Daemen made a big difference in his life, and now, through his medical services, in the lives of his patients – people from his community. “Daemen was giving something to me, and it was a wonderful experience, living on campus, going to classes. I can’t say enough about how much I got from the College and being involved with the teachers, the administrators – everybody.”

Patane, who works as a PA in a surgical department, notes that his first year at Daemen was his first year living alone – a key element in his personal growth. “It literally is your family at Daemen.”

  
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*Dea McKenna McAuliffe, Class of 1958*



Highly involved in the Student Association, and serving as Vice President of Collegiate Affairs one year, then Vice President of Governing and President of the Student Association, Patane was also involved in the student alumni ambassador program. It all made a difference to him.

## Leadership Possibilities

“The potential for leadership development was great. The sky was the limit. You could do anything you wanted, if you wanted to create clubs or be involved at any level you desired. It was an opportunity to find yourself. The leadership possibilities were there to help hone yourself as a person. Daemen helped create who I am, and I’ll continue to give back to Daemen College the rest of my life.”

David A. Cristantello, Ph.D., Daemen’s Vice President for External Relations and Institutional Advancement, shares an interestingly pragmatic perspective on the important and greatly appreciated area of donating to Daemen.

Often, Cristantello explains, colleges are actually judged in certain arenas on the level of donations alumni make to their alma mater, including when colleges apply for grants. “Private foundations often ask that question, as well as high-end individuals, concerned about how a college’s own alumni are supporting it.”

Even colleges’ ranking in *U.S. News & World Report* is determined, to some measure, by the level of alumni financial participation. Trustees’ contribution patterns can

# Out the Best in Daemen Alumni

By Paul Chimera

also be a factor. “They’re looking for how the people closest to you are supporting the institution,” says Cristantello, “and we’ve built that.”

He came to Daemen College in 2000, when alumni participation was at about 5%. Now it’s at 12%, with the national average at 19% or 20% – a level Cristantello says seems reasonable to achieve by the year 2012, and “we’re moving in the right direction.”

## “Truly Exciting Things Happening”

Former President Bill Clinton’s book, *Giving*, is giving direction to Judy Weidemann, class of ’58, an English major, now a retired school principal. “He says it’s the obligation for us who live in abundance,” Weidemann notes. “Besides, it makes us feel very good.”

Weidemann reflects on why she feels it’s important for her to give to causes she considers important. “Of course, it goes back to my family. My great aunt was a very charitable woman. Framed on her wall was a 1919 letter from Father Baker, and his signed check, thanking my Aunt Julie for her \$100 contribution to buy four baby cribs for the orphans at Father Baker’s.”

Weidemann notes that over the years – and especially now, since she became president of the Board of Governors at Daemen – she has seen “truly exciting things that are happening. I’ve been learning from Dr. Ed Clausen about the study abroad programs. It makes me know that the college is moving ahead in the 21st century.

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*Judy Weidemann, Class of ’58*

“I give because I feel I received a truly exceptional education at Daemen. The kind of education I received has stood me so well most of my professional and personal life.” She adds that giving is her way of honoring the nuns: “They surely helped me as a young woman.” And she praises Daemen’s focus on community service. “It sets a lifetime habit,” Weidemann believes.

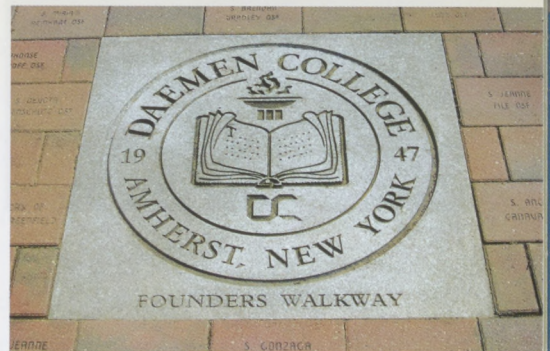
A “habit” of giving was instilled early on for Mimi Cuddy-Mierzwa, who graduated in 1985 with a B.S. in accounting. Her father is Edward J. Cuddy, history

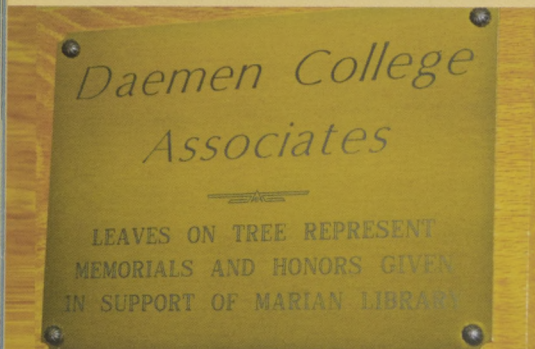
Top: Daemen’s Schenck Science Hall, made possible by a donation of over \$1 million.

Charles J. Wick, whose support made Wick Center possible, completed in 1967.

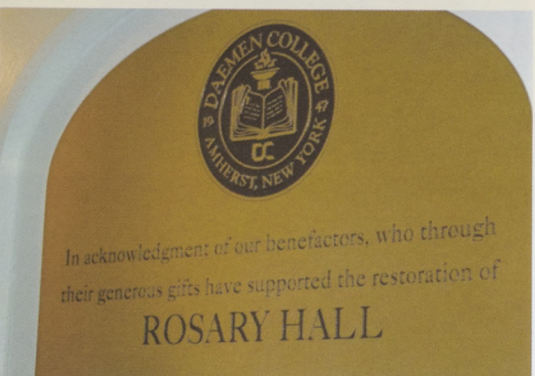
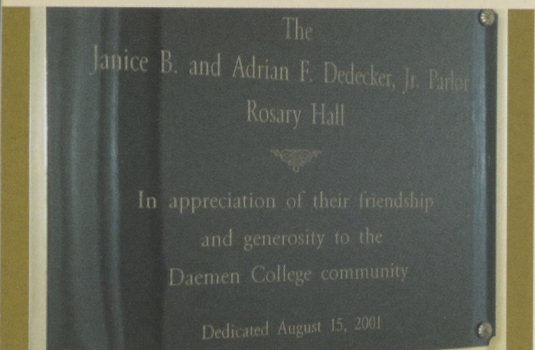
Each of the brass leaves of the tree in the main lobby of Marian Library represents a gift by a member of the Daemen Associates.

Central stone in Founders Walkway, outside Rosary Hall. Walkway bricks commemorate the names of donors, and friends and family of the College.





### Charles L. & Gloria B. Lumsden Gymnasium



and government professor, so she in effect grew up on the college campus when it was Rosary Hill.

### Importance of Being Well-Rounded

“We’d go to mass there on Sunday at Duns Scotus,” says Cuddy-Mierzwa. “It was a strong part of our family foundation. When I went to college there, it was very much a campus community, and I really felt it benefited me in terms of the academic excellence. I feel tremendously strong about giving back to the community at every opportunity. It’s part of my personal doctrine – especially giving to Daemen.”

Now living in Laurel, Maryland, Cuddy-Mierzwa says her years on campus taught her discipline and “the importance of having a well-rounded background versus a narrow focus. A variety of courses were offered, all going into putting together a broad, well-rounded package.

“I get tremendous personal satisfaction in knowing you’re partaking in the building of a legacy – making and creating the same opportunity that you had for the future,” she continued. “It’s critical that, if you feel strongly about an institution, to give thanks. It’s your obligation to do your part to afford someone else the same opportunity.”

Mary Bauer, class of ’72, says she’s been “very fortunate in my career, due to the education and development from the college and the Sisters of St. Francis. Donating money is, for me, one way to express appreciation for the opportunities I’ve been afforded.”

Cristantello echoes that thinking. “This hits home with people, because in many cases they were the beneficiary of such support when they were students. The vast majority of the alumni I speak



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*Mary Bauer, Class of ’72*



to think positively of their Daemen experience.”

Cristantello explains that 90 percent of Daemen College students receive some form of financial aid, consistent with a long history of the Sisters always endeavoring to find funds for talented and deserving students if they couldn’t afford to attend.

A substantial use of donated funds to the college is the use of unrestricted funds that get applied to scholarship support, Cristantello notes. Much of the financial aid is in the form of institutional grants.

“We use alumni support in particular to help with that initiative.... We try to encourage our alumni to participate in the annual fund, specifically,” explains Cristantello. “It doesn’t matter what size the gift. What matters is that they’ve chosen to include the College in their philanthropy.”

Top: Plaque identifying the Daemen Associates Memory Tree in the main lobby of Daemen’s Marian Library.

Daemen’s athletic center, named in honor of former Chairman of the Board of Trustees Charles L. Lumsden, and his wife, Gloria.

Plaque commemorating the Janice B. & Adrian F. Dedecker, Jr. Parlor in Rosary Hall.

Rosary Hall recognizes restoration gifts and support for this iconic campus building.

## Class of 1955 Display Cabinet Dedication



Members of the Class of 1955 gathered this October to dedicate a display cabinet gifted to the college by the class. The cabinet is located in Rosary Hall's lobby and contains memorabilia from their undergraduate years.

Left to right: Carol Granville Lafferty, Catherine Bauman Staff, Carmella Bongiovanni Schroeder, Ann Connelly Scherer, and Carol Gabriel Tato.

## eBay Sellers can donate proceeds to Daemen through Mission Fish


### *Attention eBay users!*



Daemen College is now registered with Mission Fish, a non-profit organization specializing in online charitable auctions that developed Giving Works for eBay.

eBay sellers can now donate from 10 to 100 percent of the final sale of any item to Daemen College. This service is free, and it is an easy and fun way to make a contribution to Daemen College.

In addition, every donation made from an eBay Giving Works listing is completely tax deductible. MissionFish collects your donation, delivers it to the non-profit and provides you with a tax receipt.

This icon  sets your eBay Giving Works item apart on eBay as an authentic charity item, and the giving bar tells buyers how much you're giving away.

Daemen alumna and employee Danielle Woodman sells on eBay as a hobby. She said, "It is really easy for existing sellers to register with Mission Fish and then choose in the listing to give a part or all of the proceeds to Daemen College. For those interested in learning more about eBay, this is a fun way to get started."

For more information, visit <http://www.missionfish.org/>



*Class of 1957 Reunion*

This September, Rosary Hill Class of 1957 held their 50th Anniversary Reunion in Rosary Hall. We were pleased to host alumnae from as far as Oregon for this very special Celebration.

Many thanks to Eileen Regan Kirchgraber, Ann Littlefield Bradley, Elizabeth Liotti Wakefield, Ann Salter, Sylvia Glenski Szumigala, and Mary Lou Orlando Riso for all their hard work.



*Class of 1967 Reunion*

Class of 1967 Reunion held their 40th Reunion during homecoming weekend on November 3rd. Classmate gathered to share memories and attend a special performance of MusicalFare's *History of White Music*.



*alumni section*



Alumni from the Executive Leadership & Change program met with Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown to discuss leadership as part of their newly formed alumni chapter.



*Buffalo Chapter*


The Buffalo Chapter hosted a poetry reading by Peter Siedlecki at Café Allegro, owned by Marie Alessi Buchanan '73. Peter read works from his recently published book of poetry, *Voyeur Poems from 1980-2000*.



CLASS NOTES



60s

 **Alice Spidle Garvey, '61, Education**, was married on July 1, 2006 to Bill Garvey. Combined, they have nine children, fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

70s

**Joanne Capone, '72, History & Government**, was elected to serve on the Board of New York State Democrats for Life.

**Jeanette Spina, '73, Art**, retired from the Utica City School District in June 2005 after 35 years as an Art instructor. Jeanette was named Educator of the Month in September 2003.

**Gene Morreale, '79, Medical Records**, was appointed Chief Executive Officer by the Oneida Healthcare Center Board of Trustees.

**Paula Joy Reinhold, '79, Art**, was recently honored by Buffalo State College. Paula is the chair of the capital campaign for the Burchfield-

Penney Art Center New Museum Project. Under her leadership, more than \$32 million has been raised for the museum on the campus of Buffalo State.

**Ellen Klausman Koessler, '59, Art**, was nominated by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas as their Distinguished Honoree. She is a very active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. She volunteers her time cooking for the Loaves and Fishes Dining Room, serves as Chairperson of the Sisters of Mercy Development Council, member of the 21st Century Club, Legacy Society and founding member of the Many Faces of Mercy Giving Circle. She most recently received the Cure of Ars Award from Christ the King Seminary. Ellen has 5 children and 18 grandchildren.

80s

**Don Hogan, '80, Social Work**, recently celebrated 20 years of service as Director of Forensic Mental Health Services for County of Rensselaer and 19 years as Varsity Football Coach at Watervliet High School. Don resides in Watervliet with his wife Patti and his daughters, Meaghan, 14 years old and Bridget, 10 years old.

**Ron Kozlowski, '84, Business**, was named Supervisor of the Year by the Buffalo Federal Executive Board in its annual Excellence in government Awards for his work and leadership.



**Jill Debus Brown, '86, Physical Therapy**, and her husband Theodore welcomed their third child,

Annaliese Elizabeth on April 2, 2007. She joins older sisters Laurel and Melissa.

**Karen Cuddy-Miller, '87, Special Education**, has been hired as the new principal of Ohio Street Elementary School in North Tonawanda, NY.



**Laura Pisarcik, '89, Special Education**, gave birth to a son, Stephen Michael, on November 21, 2006.

90s

**Ann Vecchio, '93, Transportation & Travel Management**, received her Master's Degree in Student Personnel Administration from Buffalo State College in May 2007. Ann is a student representative at ITT Technical Institute and started there in October 2007.



**Todd Hoeffs, '94, Art Education**, and his wife Jennifer announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Lily Ellyn, born August 28, 2007. She joins her two brothers, Jonah (5) and Nick (4), who were adopted at birth from African exchange students.

**Mark Kosak, '94, Physical Therapy**, was a recent recipient of the 40 Under 40 Awards of Fairfield County, CT.

Brian Conly, '95, Physical Therapy, and Debbie Roth Conly, '99, Physical Therapy, are working in the outpatient physical therapy clinic in North Carolina, which they both own.



Maria Balzer McKendry, '96, Physical Therapy, welcomed her third child on August 14, 2007. Grace Elizabeth joins her siblings, Emily Rose and Brendan Thomas.



Amy Winnicki Lupejkis, '96, Psychology, announced the birth of her second child, Ian Christopher, on September 27, 2007.



Amber Palermo Turner, '96, Nursing, and her husband Matthew welcomed their second child on August 8, 2007. Margot Evelyn weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. She has an older sister named Eleanor.



Jennifer Rickard Pachol, '99, Physical Therapy, and husband Eric announce the birth of their son, Keilan Michael, born on January 18, 2007.



Brian Pettit, '99, Physical Therapy, and Jaime Erskine Pettit, '00, Physician Assistant, announce the birth of their second child, Delany Rose, born March 24, 2007. She joins her big brother, Trevor Rex, who is two years old.

00s



Kristen Arent Klyczek, '00, Physical Therapy, and husband Mark are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Allison Mackenzie, born on April 18, 2007.



Rebecca Zak Kasinski, '00, Elementary Education, and her husband John announce the birth of their son, Charles Thomas, born on October 15, 2007. He joins his sister, Claire, who is 3 years old.



Lora Mazzaferro DeNero, '01, Special Education, and James DeNero were married on November 4, 2006. After the wedding, the couple departed for a honeymoon trip to Aruba. Lora is employed as a special education teacher for the Wheatland-Chili School District. James is a police officer for the Brighton Police Department, Rochester.



Robert Kordylewski, '01, Physical Therapy, married Dawn Pendolino in May 2007. Robert is currently working as a staff physical therapist for the McGuire Rehabilitation Center at Autumnview H.C.F. He completed the Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2004 and became a credentialed clinical instructor of students in 2006.



Jim Tempest, '01, Physical Therapy, and Caterina Caiazza were married on August 4, 2007.



Amanda Bishop Coburn, '02, Psychology, was married to Brandon Coburn on July 9, 2005 and they had their first child, Tobias Michael, in February 2007.



Angela Cimato Hawkins, '02, Physician Assistant, and Hubert Hawkins IV announce the birth of their son, Hubert William Hawkins V, born on June 5, 2007.



Stacey Kraft Kalenik, '02, English, and her husband Peter announce the birth of twins, Jack Anthony and Sarah Renee, on August 9, 2007.

Timothy Musielak, '02, Psychology, and Pia Baldo Musielak, '03, Physician Assistant, both ran and completed 26.2 miles in the Erie Marathon on September 9, 2007. The marathon was held at Presque Isle State Park in Erie, PA.



Amanda Staniszewski Smith, '02, Physical Therapy, and husband Jeffrey announce the birth of twins, Ella Claire and Jacob Ethan, born on June 23, 2007.



Melissa Couchman, '03, Business, announces her engagement to Tom Donofrio. An October 2008 wedding is planned.



You, too, can be listed in the Class Notes of the next issue of *Daemen Today!*

Keep your classmates informed of major life changes – engagements, marriages, children, career changes, promotions, educational achievements / certifications / licenses, etc.

Send your non-returnable 35mm photograph indicating your name (including name while attending the College), class year, and what the picture indicates so that we can properly identify it in *Daemen Today*.

Digital photos may be acceptable quality if they are originally shot at maximum camera resolution or scanned from 35mm prints at a resolution of 300 ppi (pixels-per-inch).

Jpeg file format is recommended. Jpeg photos can be sent as an e-mail attachment to: [pjustin@daemen.edu](mailto:pjustin@daemen.edu), along with appropriate identification and announcement text.

If we notice your listing in the newspaper, we will send you a notice congratulating you and asking if you wish your news to be announced in the next issue of *Daemen Today*. Your response will allow us to share your good news with your fellow alumni.



**Dawn Dolan, '03, Physician Assistant,** announces the birth of baby Griffin Oscar Dolan Trabold on May 6, 2007.



**Carrie Ann Spinelli Janora, '03, Humanities,** and Leonard Janora were married July 14, 2007. Carrie Ann works as an Assistant Director at Brierwood Child Care Center in Orchard Park, NY. Leonard works as a Corrections Officer for the State of New York. The couple made their home in Cheektowaga, NY after a trip to Aruba.



**Andrew Chatt, '04, Physical Therapy, and Heather Bak, '04, Physical Therapy,** are engaged to be married. A September 6, 2008 wedding is planned. They are both employed by CORA Rehabilitation Clinic and reside in Dunedin, FL.



**Mark Hall, '04, Graphic Design, and Valerie Johnson Hall, '03, Natural Science,** became husband and wife on September 8, 2007.



**Jason Sabo, '04, Physical Therapy, Julina Seeley, '06, Physical Therapy,** announce their engagement. A July 26, 2008 wedding is planned. Both live in Westlake, OH and work at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital in Cleveland, OH as Physical Therapists.



**Jeffrey Sommer, '04, Physical Therapy, and Lauren Cavallere, '03, Biology,** were

married on July 8, 2006 and currently reside in East Hanover, NJ. Jeffrey is a physical therapist at St. Barnabus Ambulatory Care Center. Lauren is an eighth grade science teacher at West Essex Junior High School in North Caldwell.



**Laurie Stahr Trzepacz, '04, Graphic Design,** and Thomas Trzepacz were united in marriage on July 21, 2007. The couple will be at home in Lancaster, NY after a wedding trip to the Bahamas.



**Angela Balling, '05, Elementary/Special Education,** announces her engagement to Jeremiah Barrett. An August 2008 wedding is planned.

**Linda Chatah, '05, Nursing,** is currently working in a Florida hospital as an operating room nurse. She also works for Dr. Clifford Clark, a plastic surgeon, at Orlando Aesthetic Institute.



**Stephanie Bysiek Damodar, '05, Physician Assistant,** and her husband, Dr. Damodar, announce the birth of their son, Jay, born on May 1, 2007.



**James Felicita, '05, Political Science, and Bethany Sick, '05, Psychology,** announce their engagement. A January 2008 wedding is planned. James is employed as a police officer for the New York State Office of Mental Health. Bethany is employed as a crisis specialist for the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program at Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic.



**Ross Michalovic, '05, Accounting**, married Jennifer Scheuler May 27, 2007. The couple honeymooned at Disney World, where they were engaged, and stayed in the same Disney hotel as the bride's parents did on their honeymoon in 1980.



**Arica Morrill, '05, Physician Assistant**, and husband, David, are proud to announce the birth of a little girl, Alexandra Lyn on October 31, 2006.



**Kristen Polakiewicz, '05, Elementary/Special Education**, announces her engagement to Joseph Meier, a manager at Home Depot. A June 28, 2008 wedding is being planned by the happy couple. Kristen is a teacher in the Alden Central School District.



**Rachel Wistner, '05, Education**, is engaged to Nicolas Reed. The couple is planning an August 2008 wedding.



**Rivka Pepper Basch, '06, Education**, announces the birth of her son, Robert, born on February 14, 2007.



**Faigie Rosen, '06, Education**, proudly announces the birth of a daughter, Zissie, born on February 28, 2007.



**Leticia Parra Venegas, '06/'08, Natural Science/Physical Therapy**, announces the birth of Lola Marissa on July 9, 2007.



**Kelly Barton White, '06, Health Care Studies**, was married to Brenton White on June 15, 2007.

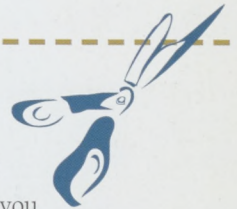


**Sara Agugliaro, '07, Physician Assistant**, and Angelo Tasca Jr. are engaged to be married and are planning a September 6, 2008 wedding.



**James Breitwieser Jr., '07, Nursing**, and Jennifer Kush Breitwieser, '02, Nursing, are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Brenna Adele, on February 1, 2007.

## Keep us informed! You can appear in the next Class Notes!



The Alumni Relations Office wants to keep in touch with you, our Alumni. Your input allows us to provide you with better services. Fill out the form below on both sides and drop it in the mail to us; we look forward to hearing from you. Send to: Alumni Relations Office, 4380 Main Street, Amherst NY 14226 (You may also do this online at [www.daemen.edu/alumni](http://www.daemen.edu/alumni)).

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**Job News** – announce that promotion or job change (including retirement) that you have worked so hard to earn. Let your classmates and fellow alum know of your achievements. \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Memoriam**

**Rosalie Andolina Calucci, '57, Music**, passed away April 26, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Ermanno; daughters, Gina and Carla; son, Tony; grandchildren, Erik, Carla, Francesca, Arianna, and Nina; great-grandmother of Aiden.

**Mary Valente Kiefer, '66, French**, died October 10, 2007. She is survived by two sons, Brendan and Andrew; two daughters, Amy and Betsy; her brother, John; and her former husband, Philip.

**Shirley Lord, '68, Sociology**, died in her home on July 30, 2007. She is survived by her mother, Agnes, a brother, the Rev. Ronald and two sisters, Sr. Donna and Patricia.

**Audrey Rose Komroy Devine, '71, Art**, died July 14, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; three sisters, Carolyn, Melanie, and Pamela; and a brother, Richard.

**Matthew Karns, '02, Physical Therapy**, passed away June 11, 2007 due to injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in San Antonio, TX. Survivors include his parents, Alan and Joan Karns; his brothers, Scott, Steven, and Michael; his grandparents, John and Jean Karns and Betty Purdy; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**Ellen Aquino, '04, Special Education**, died suddenly June 16, 2007 as a result of a motor vehicle accident. She leaves her parents, John and Lauri Aquino; twin sister,

Kate; grandparents, Barbara and Lucius Hall, Lois Aquino; great-great aunt, Ann Bennett; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins.



**Phyllis Krathaus, '98, Business Administration; '03, MS - Global Business**

It is with great sadness we note the sudden passing of Phyllis Krathaus on November 28, 2007.

Phyllis was a longtime, and valued member of the Daemen community. Ms. Krathaus was the College Bursar. She was, more importantly, also a true friend and dear colleague to all of us. She will be truly missed.

**Marriages** – we are honored to announce the marriages of our alumni – many alum are marrying each other! \_\_\_\_\_

**Births** – your child(ren) can join our Baby Bear Club if you tell us when they were born. We'll send the child a letter and a Daemen College Baby Bear. \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorials** – tell us of the recent death of an alum or friend of the college. \_\_\_\_\_

**Change of Address** – let us know where you are – we reconnect many friends to rekindle old friendships, help reunite sororities/fraternities, social clubs, etc. We can't put your old friends in touch with you if we can't find you! \_\_\_\_\_

**Fond Memories** – one event (or many) which you remember from your College experience. Send a message out to your friends! \_\_\_\_\_



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*Happy Holidays to All!*

## Daemen Team Travels to Southeast Asia



Daemen College representatives traveled to Laos, PDR, during the fall, 2007 semester, to begin a project aimed at providing health education and skilled-based training to residents of remote locations in that country. The \$19 million *Silk Homes Project* brings Daemen together with collegiate members of The Interdisciplinary Consortium for Global Health (ICGH), and the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Seen in Laos are (L-R) Dr. Laurie Chan (University of Northern British Columbia); Daemen Dean of Health and Human Services Dr. Michael Brogan; Dr. Nouanta Maniphousay, Ministry of Health, Laos PDR; Giovanni Deodato (Director of the Silk Homes Project); and Daemen Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Ed Clausen (additional story inside, page 13).

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