Raise of 15% proposed for service workers

by Larry Striegel

A 15 percent wage hike, increased medical benefits and greater assurance of job security for the college's approximately 55 full-time maintenance and cafeteria employees, are among contract proposals being discussed today in negotiations between Marist College and Local 300 of the Service Employees International Union, according to Brian Bercraft, area director of the union.

Today's meeting, the second between the groups, is the result of a vote taken June 30 by maintenance and cafeteria workers to unionize. A vote of 29 for and 17 against with four challenge votes made the workers the first group to adopt a union in the 23 year history of the college.

At the first meeting the groups of 31, four maintenance employees led by custodian John Hemmesky presented Marist negotiators Edward L. Becraft, personnel director, and Ann Haggerty, personnel officer, with a list of about 49 proposals for their contract. According to Bercraft other proposals made by the workers for their contract include increased vacation and holiday time, provisions for grievances and arbitration, and increased life insurance benefits.

The most important of the issues, according to Hemmesky, concerns job security. He says while Marist has expanded since the formation of the maintenance staff has not been enlarged and has even decreased due to attrition. Because of this, as well as many other works, the union has been given increased duties and have been forced to cut corners to get their jobs done. He says eventually the cut corners will build up and will cause workers to fear for their jobs because all of the work is not being completed.

According to Personnel Officer Ann Haggerty, those fears are unfounded. "We've tried to communicate (to the workers) that things would be done less effectively. We accept the fact a man can only do so much in so many hours," she said. "It is up to their supervisors to set priorities and take care of their problems."

Financial board
studying budgets

Overcrowding declines; some triples remain

by David Ng

There are no longer any triple occupancy rooms, except in dorms where students have requested one, and students who paid for a single occupancy room last spring but live in doubles will be refunded $5 each, according to housing clerk Claire Burke.

Those students who live in a triple for an entire semester will be rebuffed $35 each, according to housing clerk Claire Burke.

According to Fred Gainer, the Champagnat residence director, the triples in the campus largest dormitory dwindled because of students who left Marist or moved off campus. He also said once students chose their roommates and others were reassigned, the triples were eliminated.

Gainer said the triples in Champagnat began to decrease the first 10 days of school and the last triple was phased out last week.

Administrators say the school is now overcrowded but "within a very safe space" as Mr. Burke said.

Fred Lamberti, director of housing, and Assistant Dean of Student Mr. Burke has "been very comfortable with two floors of singles (first and second floor rooms)."

The conversation of the single occupancy to doubles created room for 48 more students, 32 on the first floor and 16 on the second.

Besides the changes in Leo, the resident advisor's lounge area, and basement rooms in Sheahan have been converted into dormitory facilities.

Good Problem

Most administrators believe the large influx of resident students, last year's student population being 784 to this year's approximately 800, is a "good problem."

"I would have to concur," says the president, Edward Waters, who led the negotiations to interfere the former Bennett College programs into the Marist program, said he rather see 100 beds filled than 150 empty beds. He also added that in the long run it will help keep tuition down.

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Students hurry up and wait

by Gerry McNulty

Although crowding in dormitories on the campus has decreased, students continue to face the problem of overcrowding and waiting on long lines in the cafeteria. The problem exists mainly during dinner meals Monday through Thursday when large numbers of students line up at front door of the cafeteria prior to meal starting time of five p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 19, only 10 minutes of the meal were gone and nearly 300 students had entered the dining hall. The students had to wait and wait as their line stretched from the service area front to the hall's front door and more than half of the 800 or so students fed by the Dining Service passed the checkers at the front door of the cafeteria. The service feeds 150 more students this year than last, according to its director.

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Alcohol policy set by Kathleen Norton

"The policy toward alcohol as a substance was developed after the decision to leave Lambert, resulting many years of training and development," Lambert said. "It involves a combination of punishment and education. The aim is to either encourage students to abstain from alcohol or to use it responsibly."

In the past, Lambert said, alcohol was a part of college life, but now it is being treated as a serious issue. "It is not something to be taken lightly," she said. "It is a dangerous and addictive drug."

The policy includes strict penalties for those caught with alcohol, such as fines and suspension. "We want to send a message that alcohol is not acceptable," Lambert said. "We want to show that we are serious about this issue."

The policy was developed after several years of discussion and debate. "It was a long process," Lambert said. "We wanted to make sure that we had the right policy in place."

The policy is designed to be fair and just, Lambert said. "We want to make sure that everyone is treated equally."

The policy is currently in place and will be enforced. "We are committed to enforcing it," Lambert said. "We want to make sure that everyone knows what the rules are."

Math dept. revamps by Maria Trasina

"A very interesting person." He was described as such by the students who knew him. "It was a pleasure to have him as a teacher."

For the past 20 years, he taught math courses at the University of Michigan. "He was a great teacher," said one of his former students. "He made the subject interesting and accessible."

He was known for his passion for the subject and his ability to communicate it to others. "He was able to make complex concepts easy to understand," said another student. "He was a great help when I was struggling with a concept."

His teaching style was described as engaging and dynamic. "He was able to keep students interested and involved in the class," said one of his colleagues. "He was a great teacher."
Personalities of the week
The youngest campus residents

By David Ng

When Friday night comes around and your friends start coming to your dorm room to discuss the "townies resident staff" (read: David and his friends who want to go "townies" someday) for the first time, you may feel a little nervous. But don't worry, there's no need to be scared. David and his friends are just a few of the many residents who will be coming to your dorm room this weekend. They may bring some favorite drinks, but they will never make you feel uncomfortable.

If you're one of these "townies" residents, you may enjoy the company of David and his friends. They are friendly and easy to talk to. They will not only make you feel important, but they will also show you how to enjoy your time on campus.

Werenko plans changes

By Gerald Reuder

Werenko has many plans for the new school year. He wants to bring more attention to the field of Contemporary sculpture. He feels that the artists will be displayed in a more "indoor artists," which means that the work of Mrs. Fischer will be displayed in the gallery as well.

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The lighter side II

High school violence

My high school was so tough that you couldn't go to the bathroom unless you had a dollar or a railroad spike. You needed the money if you wanted to use the bathroom. We had about two fights a week in my high school. Most of them ended with some exchange of verbal threats and nothing more than that. But it was a tough place to be.

Now that I look back on it, I can see that some things were going on that I didn't understand. The problems in the school were caused by the teachers and the administration. They were not doing their job. Some of the teachers were not teaching in a way that was effective. They were not inspiring their students. They were not motivating them to learn. The administration was not providing the resources that were needed.

In the end, the school was not providing a safe and healthy environment for its students. This is not acceptable. Schools need to be places where students can learn and grow. They need to be safe and healthy places. The teachers need to be effective and inspiring. The administration needs to be providing the resources that are needed. We need to work together to make sure that our schools are places where students can learn and grow.
Marist's Mike Ragusa is about to sack Plattsburg quarterback. Play prevented a conversion, and helped the Vikings salvage a tie.

Ron Clarke and Mike Ragusa have been named Marist Athletes of the week for the week ending Sept. 19. Clarke and Ragusa helped the Vikings salvage a 14-14 tie Sunday with Pittsburgh State. The pair made 15 tackles each, while Ragusa sacked the Cardinal quarterback to prevent what turned out to be a key conversion attempt, and Clarke made the fourth quarter interception which led to the Viking's touchdown and conversion.

Marist Viking Mike Laffin looks to bring the ball upfield during game with Pittsburgh Sunday. (photo by Paul Nunziata)

By John Mayer

The Running Red Foxes were again plagued by high humidity, in their second meet of the year on Saturday as they dropped decisions to host Albany St. and the Coast Guard Academy by the same score of 25-31. A third team, Hartwick College, failed to show up.

The Marist squad was upset despite the first place finish of quarterback Jeff Budka on a two point conversion try. The defense. For the first score defensive tackle John Herman recovered a Plattsburg fumble that led to Brannigan's touch- 

CGA and Albany rout Red Foxes

The Red Fox booters will play the Cambridge United Soccer Club of Dublin, Ireland Sunday on Leonidoff Field. The exhibition game is part of the Dublin amateur club's American collegiate tour.

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Clarke, the all-Met 8 linbacker and the Conference's player of the year in 1976, is a senior from Hyde Park. Ragusa is a junior from Port Washington, N.Y.

The Marist Swim Club, in its first full year of competition, will begin practices Oct. 10. Head Coach and Aquatic Director Larry VanWagner says his tentative petition, will begin practices Oct. 10. Head Coach and Aquatic Director Larry VanWagner says his tentative.