 Disabled gain access

by Pam Miller

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Marist is working to make itself more accessible to its 90 handicapped students, says Director of Special Services Diane Perreira.

"If I want the most important things to get done first," says Perreira. "I feel like my mother is here," says Donna Cody.

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Readers Write:

To the Editors:

We humbly request that the Student Government change the present format of the board.

The present format has several faults. First, the votes of the members are weighted unfairly. Second, the system is undemocratic. Third, the present system gives too much power to the secretaries, who do not have the experience to advise the board. Fourth, the present system gives no opportunity for the student body to discuss issues that the board is dealing with. Fifth, the present system gives the board too much power. Sixth, the present system gives too much power to the secretaries. Seventh, the present system gives the board too much power. Eighth, the present system gives too much power to the secretaries. Ninth, the present system gives the board too much power.

We feel that the board should be elected by the student body, and the votes of the members should be weighted equally. The secretaries should have less power, and the board should be more democratic. We believe that the present system is not the best way to handle the business of the Student Government. We suggest that the Student Government change to a democratic system, with weighted votes and less power for the secretaries.

Sincerely yours,

[Student Name]

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To the Marist Administration:

We are concerned about the food service in our campus dining halls. The quality and selection of food are poor, and the prices are too high. We believe that the food service should be improved.

Signed,

[Student Name]

Boaters lose two

To Chris Stone

I am interested in the proposed Intramural Frisbee program. I believe that it would be a good way to bring the Marist community together.

Sincerely,

[Student Name]

Notors open season

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的学生们在阅读完以上内容后，可以继续讨论以下问题：

1. 为什么学生要求改变现在的学生政府形式？
2. 主要的反对意见是什么？
3. 学生们认为新的系统应该是什么样子？
4. 学生们提出的具体改变是什么？
5. 学生们对现有食品服务有何不满？
6. 学生们认为应该采取什么措施来改善食品服务？

通过讨论这些问题，学生们可以更好地理解当前的系统问题以及可能的解决方案。
Alarm system malfunctions

by David Ng

The fire alarm system in Champagnat may not work again, as it did Monday night during a fire drill, if dirt becomes trapped in the system's circuitry, according to Dick White, part-owner of Security Systems Installers which services all fire alarm systems in the dormitories.

White inspected and corrected the malfunction with the system Tuesday, and the system is now in its proper working condition, said Joseph Waters, director of safety and security.

Dirt in the electrical relay contacts prevented bells on 13 wings of the nine-story building from ringing, and warning students to evacuate the building. "The building's system also failed to work Sept. 12 during a fire drill; only one bell on the fourth floor rang leaving the remaining sections of the nine-story building un­warned, according to reports from Marist Security.

White says there is no guarantee that it could not happen again, but quickly added, a new system does not necessarily safeguard all types of malfunctions.

White describes the system as "adequate" and said he does not want to tell the college to buy a new system. However, a price quote for a new system has been left with Joseph Waters, director of the security office, said White.

Although the bells may fail to ring, the present system automatically notifies the fire department when someone pulls the handle of the emergency box.

The system only activated the bells on four floors, all on the east side of the building, during Monday night's drill. Strobe lights and bed vibrators, installed in the rooms of deaf students, also failed to work during both drills.

"It's a serious matter and we'll do everything we can," said Waters. "I think it's something that needs to be totally revamped," said Gerald Kelly, director of housing. "God forbid if there was a fire and it (the system) didn't work," he said before the system was repaired Tuesday.

According to Kelly and Waters, in the event of a fire and the system malfunctioned, Champagnat's approximately 400 residents would have to be warned verbally by either the housing staff or Marist Security personnel on duty.

From 12 midnight until 8 a.m., there would be two security guards on campus and three desk guards to warn occupants of the college's largest dormitory.

"I certainly would like to have more forces available to cover the dormitory but I have no forces available," said Waters.

He added he would expect other students to help with an emergency if one happened.

The present system is described by Waters as "fair, on the minus side" or "poor, on the plus side," on a scale of poor to outstanding.

Waters said the college will take a hard look and a keep a close check on the present system. "I think it (Champagnat) is a safe place to live but I would feel much better if he had a fire alarm system that would never malfunction."

Kelly recommended that the system be tested periodically, perhaps even daily, "until we get a certain level of consistency" that we know it is reliable.

Waters would not disclose the cost of installing a new system in Champagnat, because he said it would be unfair to contractors bidding to the college.