Access to townhouses sets off controversy

by Bernadette Grey

The new college townhouses, open little more than two weeks, have become the subject of Marist's first major controversy, involving questions about the structure's accessibility for students in wheelchairs.

According to Linda Glass, a junior in a wheelchair, the townhouses fail to adequately accommodate wheelchair students. Glass was assigned a room in Townhouse C-1 but will not move in until changes are made, she said. She is currently living in Champagnat Hall.

Dean Cox, vice president for administration and finance, said that Townhouse B-7 and C-1 went all accessibility standards. "I spent the last two days reading, and rerereading to make sure we were within the guidelines — and we are," he said.

The issue here is agreeing on the definition of adequate accessibility, Gerald Carr, director of special services, said.

"I define it one way, the designer sometimes defines it another way," he said.

Glass is dissatisfied with the path leading down the ramp of Townhouse C to the downstair level of C-1 but will not move in until changes are made, she said. She is currently living in Champagnat Hall.

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Periera, agrees. "I define it one way; the townhouses (may) be technically or legally inadequate," he said. "But that really is not the point."

"We are ideology versus a lack of knowledge," Waters added. "We are dealing with accessibility for handicapped persons, states, "in a multi-story building, elevators are essential to the successful functioning of physically disabled individuals."".

According to Waters, Marist has no intention of installing an elevator in any of the townhouses. ANSI Standards require alterations "to the maximum extent feasible," he said.

The architect did not design the townhouses using ANSI Standards, Periera said. "But to my knowledge, Linda was never told that the townhouses would be made totally accessible," he said.

Dean Cox said Champagnat Hall is better suited for wheelchair students. "(The townhouses) may be technically or legally inadequate," he said. "But that really is not the point."

Waters agrees. Glass had the choice of Marist's first major controversy, involving questions about the structure's accessibility for students in wheelchairs.

"We should be more lenient," he said. "We are there for the handicapped."

Glass, a Marist student who uses a wheelchair and wants to live in the townhouses, said. "I'll do everything I can to get the path widened if that is the problem," he said.

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New frosh check out college life

by Carol Lane

In a recent survey taken of a sampling of the first-year class, students voiced their approval of the people at Marist, while citing discontent with the drinking norms and the cafeteria food.

When asked what they liked about living at Marist, the freshmen sampled responded that the people here were a definite asset. Overall, the students were impressed with the fraternities and the social life. Alison Schwab agreed, adding, "We all take care of each other.

The most common complaint was dissatisfaction with the path leading down the path and. I almost fell out of my chair," she said.

Dean Cox told Glass he would make sure there is wider access if that is the problem, she said. "I'll do everything I can to get the path widened if that is the problem," he said.

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 readers write

Ray Wells

Dear Editor:

The lack of liveliness in our English classes this spring semester really concerns me. As we spend our time listening to our professor recite passages from English literature, I feel like we are losing touch with the exciting lives of the students in our English department.

Sincerely,

Maxine Banks

Students vs. Reanagomics

To the Editor:

As I attempt to reorder this fall, some of your staff from the Business Office are giving me a hard time. They insist that I should pay my fees in full, even though I have only one class this semester.

Sincerely,

John Smith

A search with no point

To the Editor:

I have been searching for a job, but so far I have not found any. I am confident in my abilities, but I am not sure what I am doing wrong.

Sincerely,

Mary Johnson

Bowman — a long road to Rd job

By Michael Bowman

Michael Bowman is traveling around the world with a bachelor’s degree in drama from Marist College. He is currently a production assistant at the Simon Bolivar Chorus, which features international choruses from 15 different countries.

“Marist College has provided me with the support and resources to make my dream a reality,” said Bowman. “I am excited to be able to put my acting experience to work and to share my passion for the arts.”

Marist College to host Simon Bolivar Chorus

Marist College will host the Simon Bolivar Chorus from Caracas, Venezuela for the “Chromes of the World.” The choruses will perform in the Lound at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30.

The choruses will perform a variety of songs from different countries, including Venezuela, Mexico, and Peru. The concert will also feature a performance by the Marist College Chorale, directed by Dr. Adrienne Ryan.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the Marist College website.
Feeding a Hungry World: Challenges & Opportunities

by Tony Cermin

Food is held to human beings. Where there is no food there is no life. And for hundreds of millions of today, hunger and malnutrition are the daily, life-threatening horrors of human existence. It is not surprising that hunger is the daily and deadly companion of poverty and hunger among human beings who are the least of God's creation. Hunger is the daily, life-threatening horror of human existence. It is not surprising that hunger is a daily, life-threatening horror of human existence. It is not surprising that hunger is a daily, life-threatening horror of human existence. It is not surprising that hunger is a daily, life-threatening horror of human existence.
World Hunger

The economic and social structures of our society, what kinds of opinions do we share? What must should we believe? What should we do? Where should we organize our individual lives and our communal lives? I would like to suggest:

(1) To be human is a state of being and not of having. My value and dignity are not based on what I have but on who I am. Ultimately, this fact of my being is revealed in God’s love and activity and in his love for me, a love that simply speaks of what he values. “You are precious in my sight and I love you. I have called you by name and you are mine,” says Isaiah. Such a principle would affirm creative activity as more important than profit. It would affirm people as more important than things and principles.

(2) The second signpost that I would propose is the organization of society around the principle of the common good. Such a principle would affirm creative activity as more important than profit. It would affirm people as more important than things and principles.

(3) A third signpost on this journey toward human fulfillment is that we need to mean to be in relationship with others. In the Old Testament, we are given a good model of this. My self is its deepest and most real level is a being in community. That is our true self. When I reach out to the other in love, I have called you by name and you are mine. My self-life is my life of community. I need to be in community with the other.

(4) The fourth value has two dimensions which are intrinsically connected/remembering the past and radical dreaming are critical human activities which we are journeying. Remembering and dreaming are central human activities especially when the remembering and dreaming are done in community. My self-life is my life of community. I need to be in community with the other.

(5) The fifth value is love. Love is the principle of the common good. Such a principle would affirm creative activity as more important than profit. It would affirm people as more important than things and principles.

First, our lives need to reflect and express our faith and our values. We need to organize our individual lives and our communal lives around the principles that we believe. We need to mean to be in relationship with others. We need to remember the past and dream for the future. And we need to love.

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Rowers face the unknown in 'rebuilding year'

by John Petesch

While most people are still sound asleep at 6 a.m., a certain group of people quietly make their way down to the Hudson where they'll meet, and for the next couple of hours, experience more than most of us do for an entire day. Who are these river dwellers? They're the Marist crew team, which begins its grueling nine month campaign this week. This is strictly a rebuilding year, and the tenacity and attitude of the rowers are major factors in the outcome of our season," explains second-year Coach Larry Davis.

With only 20 rowers returning last year's squad, Davis expects a large turnout, of freshmen and transfers to help fill the boats for Marist this year.

"This is a novice squad," says Davis, "but the potential is there."

"We need a growth and expansion of our talent pool this year because we don't have a lot of experienced people," he says. "If we can accomplish that this year, we'll be all, half, or none of our races, which will be that much better for next year," he said.

On a crew team, there is really no one member who stands out and has a total team effort, according to Davis. If two members of a boat are rowing better than the other six, the boat will not win the race.

"Your companions have to support your effort," says Davis, "and you have to support your companions' effort." If one person is dogging it, the boat has lost that man.

According to Davis, crew is probably the most demanding athletic sport there is, and rowing fast will conflict with the faster rowers of the team. Davis says the chances of making the team, even if one has never rowed before, are better than any other sport.

Right now, the team is looking for anyone who has some interest in the sport and would like to try for the team. Practices are at 6 a.m. at the boathouse, and if you can survive the walk down there through the dark, you have a good chance of making the team. You can survive the season and come out in much better shape next year," he said.


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