Thomas building on schedule, but funding questions remain

by Bill DeGennaro

The completion of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center remains on schedule for a January 1987 opening, but funding to have the facility fully operational by then is at a standstill, according to interviews with Marist administrators this week.

"We have several proposals which are out at various funding agencies," Cernera said. "But we are still waiting for word from those agencies." While the total cost of building the Thomas center has been estimated at $4.5 million, the college has managed to raise only $2.7 million in donations. To accommodate classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, computer labs and the new teleproduction facilities, the center is expected to be overcrowded. With the original groundbreaking of the facility in May of 1983, the actual start of construction was delayed until November of 1985 after problems with its foundation were discovered.

Frank Ribaudo, director of the media and instructional technologies, said the media center will move into the new facility in late December or early January. Citing problems of transferring and installing the studios' equipment, Ribaudo said he does not expect the teleproduction facility to be full operational until the beginning of the spring semester.

"We can't do all the work by ourselves," Ribaudo said, "so we have to rely on someone else." The transferring and installing of equipment will require the work of an electrician and the maintenance staff, according to Ribaudo.

Originally, the Thomas center was also to be the new site of the Beirne Media Center. Ribaudo said due to a decision made this summer by the new Academic Vice President, Mark VanderHeyden, the Beirne Media Center will continue to operate out of the Library.

"This means we have to cover two buildings with the same staff," Ribaudo said. "It's going to be a little more difficult to provide the kind of service to the students." However, Ribaudo said leaving the Beirne Media Center in the Library may only be temporary.

"Supportedly, leaving this part of the center here is only an experiment," he said. "In six months the new academic vice president will assess the situation from the viewpoint of the media center and the Library." Ribaudo said he does not know what will become of the empty space in the Thomas center created by the decision to leave the Beirne center in the Library.

Administrators this week were unavailable to comment on the decision to keep the Beirne center in the Library and the extra space it would provide in the Thomas center.

There are still no concrete plans for the original site of the Beirne center, according to Edward Waters, vice president for administration and finance.

In April, Vice President for Student Affairs Gerald Cox said he would like the basement to house the offices of The Circle and The Reynard, and studios for WMCR and MCTV. Waters also spoke of moving certain faculty into offices of the new Thomas center by early December.

Marist gets part of money from Bennett College fund by Len Johnson

A Dutchess County judge has awarded Marist $340,000 in donations left to the now defunct Bennett College.

Dutchess County Supreme Court Justice Albert M. Rosenblatt awarded the proceeds to Marist in a decision handed down in late May, ending a lengthy battle over who the rightful recipient of the money from the fund, the Millbrook School, N.Y., college would be.

The remaining $310,000 will be divided among Bard College, Pace University, Skidmore College and the Millbrook Prep School.

Marist's money will be placed in a scholarship fund, according to Anthony Cernera, vice president for college advancement.

The Bennett funds became the center of controversy last January after the money was awarded to Bard, Pace and Millbrook, but not Marist, at a December hearing. Marist challenged the decision in court shortly thereafter on the grounds that it was not inform-
Marist Brothers begin centennial celebration

by C.M. Hietz

The Marist Brothers, who have been teaching and ministering throughout the world for 150 years, will celebrate the centennial of their foundation this year. The celebrations will include a host of events, both in the United States and abroad, to mark this significant milestone in the history of the Marist Brothers.

Marist recalls Raphael Mark

by Mike Grayeb

Last week, colleagues, students and friends of Raphael Mark recalled the former president of Marist College. Mark, 40, died July 14 after suffering a heart attack at his home in Binghamton, N.Y. He was a resident assistant for Marist in the 1960s and had worked for WEOK Broadcasting in Binghamton from 23 years ago.

"Raphael was so much more than a teacher; he was a humanitarian," said a friend of his, Michael. "He loved people and was always there to help others." He was a person with a great sense of humor, and Raphael had that.

"Raphael loved what he was doing with his life, and he wanted to help people. He was a great teacher and a great friend." He has a B.S. in education from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

"I'm going to miss him," said a friend of his, Michael. "He loved people and was always there to help others.

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Room for changes

Administrators have commented positively about the Class of 1980 being the largest in Marist history. This is certainly true and will be significant for Marist College. Their presence will add to the excitement of the campus and will also allow for a larger pool of students to choose from.

This year, the Marist College President's Office has announced plans to increase the size of the faculty and staff. This is a necessary step in order to accommodate the growing student body. The increased enrollment has put a strain on the existing facilities, and additional staff will be needed to ensure that the needs of the students are met.

In addition to the increase in faculty and staff, the college is also planning to expand its facilities. This includes new dormitories and classroom buildings. These improvements will be crucial in providing a comfortable and well-equipped environment for the students.

Overall, Marist College is taking steps to accommodate the growing student body. This includes increasing the size of the faculty and staff, as well as expanding the facilities. These efforts will be necessary in order to provide the best possible education for the students.

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Transfer student still appreciates Marist

by Donna Hood

Our evening last summer's "in another Marist student at a party mentioned something to me about Marist. This comment was especially interesting because I have been a Marist student for over 20 years.

The conversation started with her mentioning how much she enjoyed her time at Marist and how much she would miss the close-knit community that she had become a part of over the years. She went on to talk about how much she had grown and changed since she first arrived at Marist College.

Her appreciation for Marist College continues to this day. She is one of the many students who have received a scholarship to attend Marist College and has been able to continue her education.

This story illustrates the importance of having a supportive community that encourages personal growth and development. Marist College provides its students with this environment, which is one of the reasons why it is so highly regarded among current and former students.

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Marist and the arts

by Deb Keener

At Marist, the computer signifies things to come. The computer is not just a tool for students, but also a means of expression. Students are encouraged to use the computer to express themselves in a variety of ways, including through digital art, music, and video.

The computer is a powerful tool that can be used to explore and experiment. Students are encouraged to use the computer to create new things, whether it be a piece of digital art, a musical composition, or a video project.

Marist College is committed to providing its students with the tools and resources they need to express themselves creatively. The computer is just one of the many resources that Marist College offers to help students explore their creativity and express themselves in unique ways.

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The fish and other bafflements
by E. A. Murray

Somber or later, every event, regardless of time, is in favor of the "new and improved" and the harmful story in fashion. While the world becomes a better and more enlightened place, the alterations in campus culture that some of us are charged with are the ones that are pushing us over the edge.

Long before I heard the rumblings of technological change, I heard the sounds of change coming to Marist College. As a student at Marist during the 1950s, I was a part of a group of students who were making the move from the old campus to the new. It was a time of great change, and I remember the excitement of the new building and the new campus culture.

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Pat Torza resigns as head coach

by Paul Kelly

Patty Torza, the Marist College head women's basketball coach, resigned unexpectedly Sept. 1.

According to a statement released by Bob Bordas, Marist sports information director, Torza stepped down to "pursue a career outside of athletics."

Brian Colleary, athletic director at Marist, said Torza quit because she was very enthusiastic about the upcoming season, but a full-time job as a teacher in the Rhinebeck school district and would have to forfeit that job in order to assume the head coaching duties at Marist, according to Colleary.

"I'm sorry to lose a person of Patty's caliber," Colleary said. "However, she decided that this time at my in best interest. I respect her decision and wish her the best of luck in the future."

Torza could not be reached for comment. Colleary said that he had no indication of her future plans.

The search for Torza's replacement began almost immediately after her resignation was announced. Colleary said that he hoped to name a new coach in approximately two weeks. Notification of the position opening has been sent to every NCAA school and the classified section of The New York Times, according to Colleary.

Torza, a 1973 graduate of SUNY at Stony Brook Saturday at Marist.

The Marist men's and women's teams return 10 offensive starters and seven defensive starters. The team can be heard at WKIP 1440 on Saturdays.

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