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Students reps interests conflict

by Mary Ryan
Staffwriter

Three of the five members of the Financial Committee, the board that allocates student club funds, belong to other clubs or organizations and are not required to abstain from voting when their

respective club petitions for funds, says Student Government president Joseph "Mong" Cann.

"I picked Donald Ball (Ski Club member) because he's someone I'm close to," says Cann. "I trust him to do a good job, he has a head for books and he is open-minded to everything."

"I don't believe that the Financial Committee members will be dishonest in making a decision about their particular clubs," Cann commented.

Inter-house Council president Brian Schmidt says he chose Cindy Davis (Marist College Council on Theatrical Arts because "she's got experience from being on the board last year, and because I feel she can be unbiased."

Schmidt commented that he would like to "see members 'step down' from deciding how much money their club should receive. The screening for allocations will begin this week.

Cindy Davis says that she is not going to refrain from voting when she bids for MCCTA allocations.

"I am impartial when making

decisions," Davis added.

Joe Krzys, a Sigma Phi Fraternity member, says he plans on remaining silent and will not vote when the budget allocations decision for the fraternity is discussed.

"Personally, I don't feel it's right to vote..." he says. "I don't want people coming back to me saying that the fraternity got too much because of my influence."

He also says that Cann and Schmidt should discuss the possibility of setting guidelines for board members remaining silent during the discussion of the allocations for their particular clubs.

"It could or could not" affect the overall credibility of the board, Krzys added.

Disabled gain access

by Pam Miller
Staffwriter

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

"I just want the more important things to get done first," says Perreira.

The first and second floor bathrooms in Leo Hall were remodeled to accommodate disabled students. Tactile room numbers were installed in Donnelly Hall late last spring for the blind and visually impaired. Four sets of strobe lights and bed vibrators, serving as fire alarms for deaf and hearing impaired students, were put on the sixth and seventh floors of Cham-pagnet in August.

"The major point of accessibility to be addressed yet is the campus center," Perreira commented on future improvements. "Any classes meeting there that have disabled students enrolled should, in essence, be moved. There is no way of getting a wheelchair into the classroom area unless the student comes in through the theatre and this presents a security risk," she said and added, "The estimated cost for an elevator for all three floors in the campus center is \$100,000."

"Donnelly's freight elevator, used by the handicapped, needs to be remodeled to accommodate quadriplegics. As it is now, the elevator controls require use of the upper extremities."

The Special Service improvements made at Marist are in compliance with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which states, "All facilities, organizations, and institutions receiving federal funds must be programmatically and physically accessible to the disabled by June 2, 1980."

"We have very little to do to attain programmatic accessibility," Perreira commented. Programmatic accessibility refers to nondiscrimination in admissions, prerequisites, or degree requirements.

"Most disabled people," she noted, "realize their own limitations."

Marist is "far ahead" of most other private institutions in complying with Section 504. The library and the McCann Center are fully accessible to the handicapped. "Renovating Marist," Perreira commented, "isn't difficult because it's a newer campus."

But she says that the success of the improvements really depends on the attitudes of the faculty, staff and students.

Frosh like dorm

Approximately 82 percent of 131 freshmen residents say that they are pleased with the beginning stages of the all-freshmen dormitory, according to a Circle survey.

"I love it because everybody is in the same boat," Leo resident Sheryl Bassford, said. "It's nice to know everyone else has the same problems."

"I think it's good," says Mary Gilmartin. "We get to know everyone and it keeps the class of '81 together."

"I feel like my mother is here," says Laurie Washburn about the alcohol policy

that forbids liquor in the freshman dorm from Sunday through Thursday.

"They expect us to be saints," says Dawn Sturtevant.

"We're here to work, not party," says Harry Mendez, who says he is highly in favor of the freshmen rules.

"They bombed out," Connie Rotter comments on last year's frosh class. "We're 18 and on our own."

"In one way it makes me feel alienated, and in another way it makes me feel close to my fellow freshmen," says Donna Cody.

Library gets grants

by Marisa Simone
Staffwriter

With an approximate \$120,000 from the college's budget and three grants, Dr. Vincent Toscano, assistant dean for learning resources, said he expects to upgrade the library services.

Toscano said the library received \$40,000 from the school's general budget, \$20,000 from two separate grants donated by International Business Machines (IBM), and \$60,000 from the federal government Title III grant.

"We're trying to make this facility a more active part of the educational process here at Marist," said Toscano.

The money from the Title III grant, part of \$1 million donated by the government, will be spent on more audio-visual equipment and the IBM grants will be used to buy new books, said Toscano.

A course instructing students how to use library reference materials and a "term paper clinic" are being offered this semester to help faculty, students, and

staff, said Toscano.

He said the emphasis this year will be to "involve the staff with the faculty and students."

A new computer has been purchased to help keep records of borrowed and-or overdue books plus provide instructors with lists of available materials in the library.

Toscano said he believes student complaints that the library does not always have the sufficient material for a research project may be justified. "In some cases, an instructor will recommend the use of a book which is not here. Often, the students don't know how to find what they need."

To help students find materials available in the library, which opened four years ago, the staff has been attending conferences and taking courses in library training, said Toscano.

"We're making an effort to fill the gaps," said Toscano, "and one step at a time is the only way to do it."

Cafe lacks feedback

The Food Committee will meet today, according to Brian Schmidt, Inter-House president, after school opened three weeks ago. The committee is having "communication" problems in organizing itself for this semester, says Diane Digit, last year's committee president.

Digit says things have been confusing

because the college has a new dining service and a new cafeteria manager, Don Card.

Card and Brian Schmidt, Inter-House House Council meetings or provide Seiler's the college's dining service with feedback about the food and cafeteria service.



College drinker: Hal's unsolved problem

by Christopher Hogan
Columnist

Editor's Note: This is the last of two articles concerning alcoholism and the college drinker. "Hal" is a false name for a Marist student who asked not to be identified.

The drinking problem that confronts Hal, an upperclassman who says he is an alcoholic although he does like to admit it, will remain untouched. Hal says he has

other things that take priority to his drinking.

"It's definitely a problem," Hal says with his eyes focused toward the ground. "It's a matter of getting around to getting the help a lot of people see I need."

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) is a service consisting of people who have discovered and admitted that they cannot control alcohol. There are branches in more than 90 countries which emphasize the aim to stay sober and help one another with their problems.

"I have a handle on my life and I don't drink as much as I did," says Hal after pausing to collect his thoughts. "On the other hand, that handle can slip at any time."

A.A. members try to remain sober by observing the previous successes of those involved in the program. Members try to follow the "Twenty-Four Hour Plan" which directs the problem drinker's at-

tention toward trying to stay sober for 24 hours at a time.

Hal says that he would go to help at the nearby Dutchess County Mental Health Center, but he thinks the atmosphere is "too wide open."

"There are too many people that know what's going on," he says. "I am afraid that they're (counselors) are getting a look at you the way you really are."

A.A. members say that the most important fact to confront is that "no matter how long we may be dry, we will always be alcoholics - and alcoholics, as far as we know, can never again drink socially or normally," according to a brochure entitled "This Is A.A."

Hal says that he has too many other problems to worry about besides his drinking problem. He would not elaborate on those problems.

"There's a lot of alcoholics on this campus and most of them don't even

realize it," he says. "There's plenty more with definite drinking problems."

A.A. will work for almost everyone, according to "This Is A.A." A.A. is available free of charge without obligation.

"I've been going here onto three years," Hal adds at the end of the interview. "I've seen a lot of administration complain about drinking...The focus around here is all wrong...No one has taken a look at the problem: The bottom line is that they (Administration) have not taken a good look at why they (students) drink the way they do."

Hal says that he does not know the answer to the problem. But he attributes it to either the habits of his generation, the nation, or the college itself.

"If you don't want to drink, don't," says Hal to anyone who has not started yet. "If you haven't started, don't start now."



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Same faces

To the Editors:
Once again 'tis the season for one of MCCTA's dramatic productions, i.e. "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We gladly announce that Marist College will have the pleasure of seeing the same faces, the same expressions, the mannerisms and gestures of the same actresses and actors. Despite the obvious gifts of several individuals, the overuse of their talents leaves the prospective audience somewhat unenthused.

Auditions attracted many new faces to the theatre. However, it would seem "once an MCCTA actress-actor, always an MCCTA actress-actor." For those who weren't "among the chosen" NEVER FEAR! There are always positions (however plebian) such as make-up artist, set designer-director, or props manager. Throughout the theatre world these positions are honorable, creative, and respected.

Patrons of the Arts

Hot Stuff

To the Marist Administration:
Whatever the cost, please buy a new fire alarm system for the Champagnet residents now.

Students gripe

Dear Administration,
We will make this letter as simple as possible, so there is no misinterpreting of what we are trying to say. First of all, it has come to our attention that Marist is trying to change its image, upgrade its standards, make for a better living space, and run this school the way a college ought to be run. Now we aren't out to disprove this theory. We aren't Communists! We aren't alcoholics! We are simply a few upperclassmen who have taken an interest in what is and isn't going on nearby. That is what you want, is it not? To run this school correctly you have to care about the student. Remember the students, those people who pay five thousand dollars per year to come here? If you're out to help the students then ask them what they want. Since you haven't done this yet we in House III Champagnet are going to tell you.

- 1) We want our fire alarm to work properly during fire drills.
- 2) We want the library available for the same hours on Friday and Saturday nights as during the week nights.
- 3) We only want to be told by students that our stereo is too loud on Fridays and Saturday

nights (It is understood that on week nights music should be kept at a minimum, but it's time to relax a bit on the weekends.)

- 4) We want things on the floor fixed soon after we report them to the house masters. (The sixth floor suite has had a broken window since last semester. This window overlooks the side door in Champagnet and anyone walking out that door to class is under the risk of getting their head chopped off any day now. You care so much about people throwing things out the windows, we would think you'd get right on something like that. I guess you have more important things to do like putting people on probation for having their stereos up too loud or smoking marijuana. We don't like this type of treatment. We are a respectable group of people and we don't want to be pressured into being rebellious.)
- 7) We want to wake up to hot water in our showers. If you want us to be responsible so must you be equally responsible. Why can't you try to understand the student instead of making up your own definition of what a student should be like?

Signed by 50 members of House III - Champagnet Hall

Public and Private interests

There are approximately 30 clubs and organizations vying for a piece of Student Government's \$28,000 budget, a smaller sum than last year's. Yet, the clubs will be asking for more money to meet its operating cost this year because of inflation, hopes of expansion, and intentions of refining. The money to go around will be very tight; more demands, smaller allocations.

The Financial Board has the vested trust of the Student Government, and of all students who belong to a club, to allocate money to all 30 organizations as fairly as it can. The board should always decide what is the overall good of the campus, what will benefit the college in the long run.

And when all the money is allocated, the arguments for allocating the amount of funds to certain clubs should be structurally and logically sound. There should be little room for accusations and doubting if the board performs its duties to the utmost. Public committees are always under the scrutiny of the students and the mere nature of such a board will always receive some unjustified charges. Such charges merely come from frustrated club officials who couldn't convince the board it had legitimate grounds for seeking out student activity fees. This charges can be disregarded as part of the job.

But the Financial Board, with its present members, leave themselves open to serious questions, if not charges, unless Student Government and Inter-House Council reorganize the present format of the board. Currently, board members can belong to another club while they serve on the board. In effect, they will be discussing how much their own club may receive from the Student Government budget. Board members are not

required to abstain from voting on their respective club's budget. The Student Government is opening itself to questions of fair play and political bias.

Joe Krsyz, vice-president of the college's fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, is a member of the board. He says he will refrain from voting and discussing the fraternity's proposed budget when it appears on the board's agenda. He admits, he wants no second guessing from students about his influence in appropriating money for the fraternity. Krsyz will be able to say afterward: "I had no influence towards the fraternity getting its allocation."

Don Ball, a member of the Ski Club, and Cindy Davis, member of the Theatre Arts Council, are both members of the Financial Board. They should follow Krsyz's example.

No one is saying they will unethically use their powers as board members to appropriate money for their clubs. It would be as criminal to accuse them of such an act as it would for them to misuse their voting power. But being on the board, they might be given the advantage of explaining their club's budget after all the other organizations have filed into the student government office and given their presentation. It is an advantage no club should have.

And the allocation discussions are closed. There is no safeguard against their own subjective stands which might, or might not, affect budget allocations. But to be sure, they should step down when their respective club petitions Student Government for their allocations. It would eliminate any doubt that the Financial Board might have let private feeling interfere with its public job.

Plenty of talk, no action

Students have begun complaining about the quality and selection of food that is being served at meals.

Seiler's manager Don Card says that the food will improve and the Rathskellar services will improve. Nothing can improve unless feedback is presented to Seiler's.

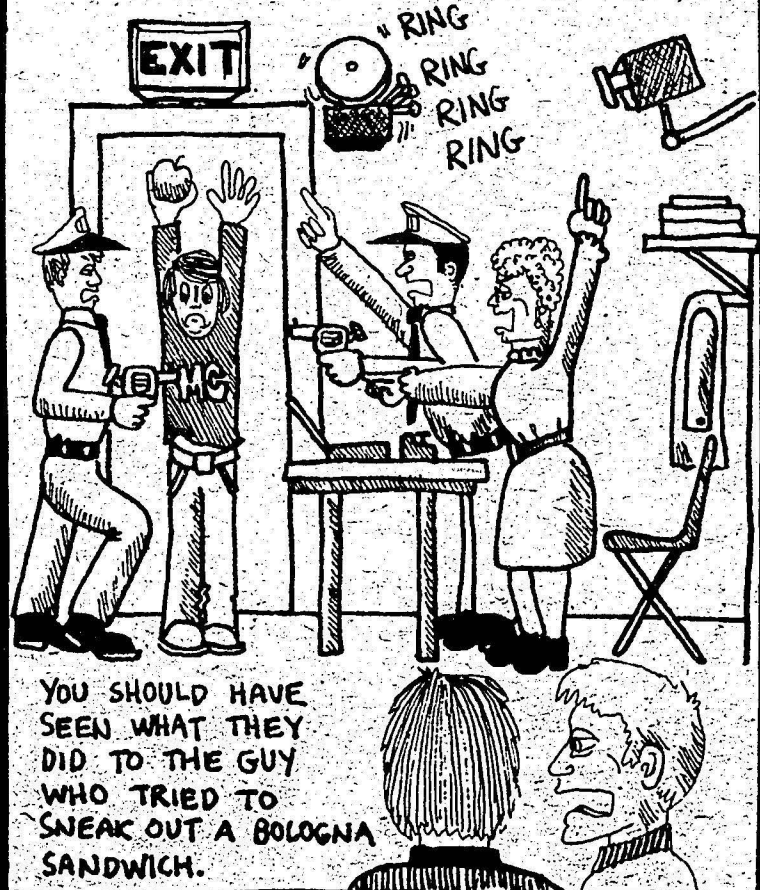
The Circle thinks that Seiler's has not

given the quality of food that students pay for. There is little variety and meals do not provide enough to fill many of the students' appetites.

Although Seiler's seems to be attempting to do the best they can, the Circle thinks that there is a great deal to be improved.

The Circle does not want the same thing to happen that occurred last year.

SPEAKING OF MARIST... R.B. Whitmore



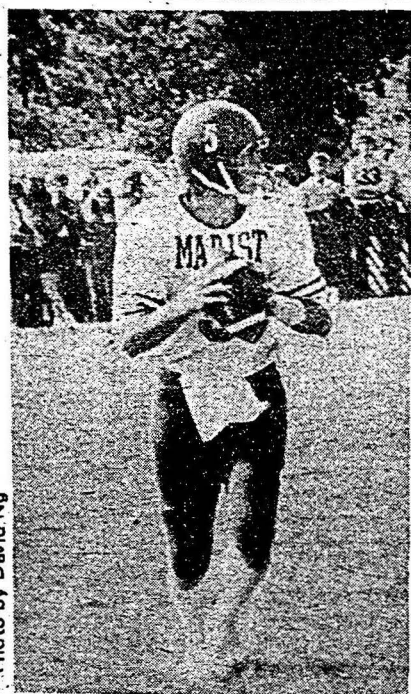


Photo by David Ng

Marist quarterback Jeff Hackett looking to pass.

Gridmen lose 15-14

by Jim Townsend
Sports editor

The Marist College football team lost their first regular season game Saturday to the State University of New York at Stony Brook 15-14.

The Red Foxes travel to Saint John's this Saturday to play their first-Metropolitan Conference game.

Malet stressed that he thought the offensive backfield of Bob Kehoe, Jim Dowd, and Tom Eisele ran well and is "optimistic" about their future. Eisele carried the ball 15 times for 69 yards while Kehoe averaged 5.5 yards a carry.

Stony Brook scored first in the second quarter and took a 7-0 lead. The lead stood until the third quarter when Marist scored twice.

The Red Foxes scored on a run by quarterback Jeff Hackett, the extra point was good and the score was tied 7-7. Marist took the lead on a touchdown pass

from Hackett to freshman Mike Spawn, the point after was good and they led 14-7.

The lead held up until Stony Brook scored with four minutes left in the game. The two point conversion was good and Stony Brook never relinquished the lead.

Stony Brook's game winning, 43 yard drive, was helped by two penalties to the Marist team.

Marist had a final chance to win the game with 00:41 left with a 35-yard field goal by Hackett but a bad snap from center prevented that.

Malet thought Hackett ran the offense well even though he only five of 13 passes for 48 yards but three passes were dropped.

Malet was impressed also with the way the team didn't quit after they were down 7-0 at halftime.

This weeks game against Saint John's is important, says Malet, because they (St. John's) has not won a game either. St. John's has a record of 0-1-1.

Netters open season

by Lisa Arcuri
Sports writer

Although he has six returning veterans from last year's team, tennis coach Joe Coogan says the team is weaker this year.

We lost our two top players from last year, says Coogan who admits they have a "tough" schedule this year which includes matches against Vassar and Fordham.

Returning veterans include Chris McGuigan, Nancy Wysong, Nancy Colagrossi, Kathy Carmody, Lisa Arcuri, and Bonnie Rinck with the only Freshman on the squad being Jackey Butler.

The teams' first home match is Friday Against Ramapo who the team has never faced but Coogan says it could be a tough match because "one of our top players, Nancy Colagrossi, is hurt."

Booters impressive

by Jim Townsend
Sports editor

"A good experience both culturally and sport-wise" was the way that Howard "Doc" Goldman described the soccer team's two games against the visiting teams from England.

Last Wednesday, the Red Foxes faced the Bristol City Club and lost 2-1. The lone Marist goal was scored by Joe Bilboa. Against the alumni, "Doc" said the

whole team played well as they won 2-0. Knut Roald scored at 40:00 in the first half to give the varsity a 1-0 lead.

At 42:45 of the second half, Joe Bilboa scored and that was the way the game ended. The second half was highlighted by a save by goaltender Andy Homola on a penalty kick at the 35:55 mark.

On Monday, Sept. 17 the Red Foxes faced the University of Southampton, England, and tied 1-1. "Of the six games that they have faced the only team they lost to was Oneonta, says Goldman who was very impressed with the team's performance.

Harriers lose two

by Chris Egan
Sports writer

The Marist cross country team suffered two defeats Saturday at Sunken Meadow Park, N.Y., dropping its record to 1-4.

Marist lost to the winner of the race, Columbia University, 15-50. C.W. Post, which finished second, beat Marist 23-32, and SUNY at Stonybrook was originally scheduled but did not compete.

Despite the poor record, coach Rich Stevens is not concerned about the team which he calls "without a doubt the best we've ever had here." Stevens says the team will probably be at or around .500 for the regular season because of the extremely tough schedule. However, he adds, the season will mean nothing until the NCAA Division II regional qualifying meet on October 21.

For the second straight week Jim DeLuanay was the top runner for Marist, completing the five mile course in 26:35 to finish tenth overall. Ron Gadziala was twelfth in 26:40, and Paul Welsh seventeenth in 27:07. Columbia's Wally Collins won the race officially with 25:57, although his teammate Paul Loomie was credited with the same time.

Stevens says the top three men for Marist, DeLuanay, Gadziala, and Welsh, did not run well, but he expects them to improve. Jerry Scholder, coming back from a cold which sidelined him last week, ran "a very decent race under the circumstances" and will give Marist "a very strong top four runners."

The next race for the Running Red Foxes is Saturday at Marist, and is the only home meet this year. It starts at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, with the five mile course starting and finishing at the south field next to the McCann Recreation Center.

Stevens says the team will be without the services of Dave Haupt, the fifth ranked runner, and possibly Tom Abrams and Mike McGuire. Co-captain Dennis Goff will be available to run after missing the first two races, and Stevens says "we need his experience."

HIGH ON SPORTS Jim Townsend

Intramurals underway

Intramurals that were not popular the past few years are being cancelled and the seasons of those that showed a lot of student participation are being lengthened, according to Susan Deer, director of intramurals.

Sports like handball and badminton are being cancelled and the seasons of five-player basketball and soccer are going to be prolonged, says Deer. In the past, five-player basketball started after the Christmas break but it will start in November and continue after the break, says Deer.

Twelve intramural sports are being offered this year with the only new sport added, being ultimate frisbee football in the spring. Football and volleyball are underway and archery, tennis, soccer, racquetball, and five-player basketball seasons are going to be played this semester. Co-ed volleyball, co-ed racquetball, floor hockey, softball and

ultimate frisbee football will be played next semester.

Deer, who works with student supervisors, Kevin Sneed and Paul Pless, says that freshman input is important in the development of the intramurals. Only one freshman team is participating in the football intramurals. Many commuter teams are also needed. In the past years the input of commuters has been very poor.

The awards that are given for each intramural champion will be, as they have been the past years, T-shirts.

Last year over 1,000 students participated in the intramural program and this year Deer hopes to have more students partake in the program.

As in all sports, Deer stressed the need for officials for the intramural program. They cannot be run unless the officials sign up.

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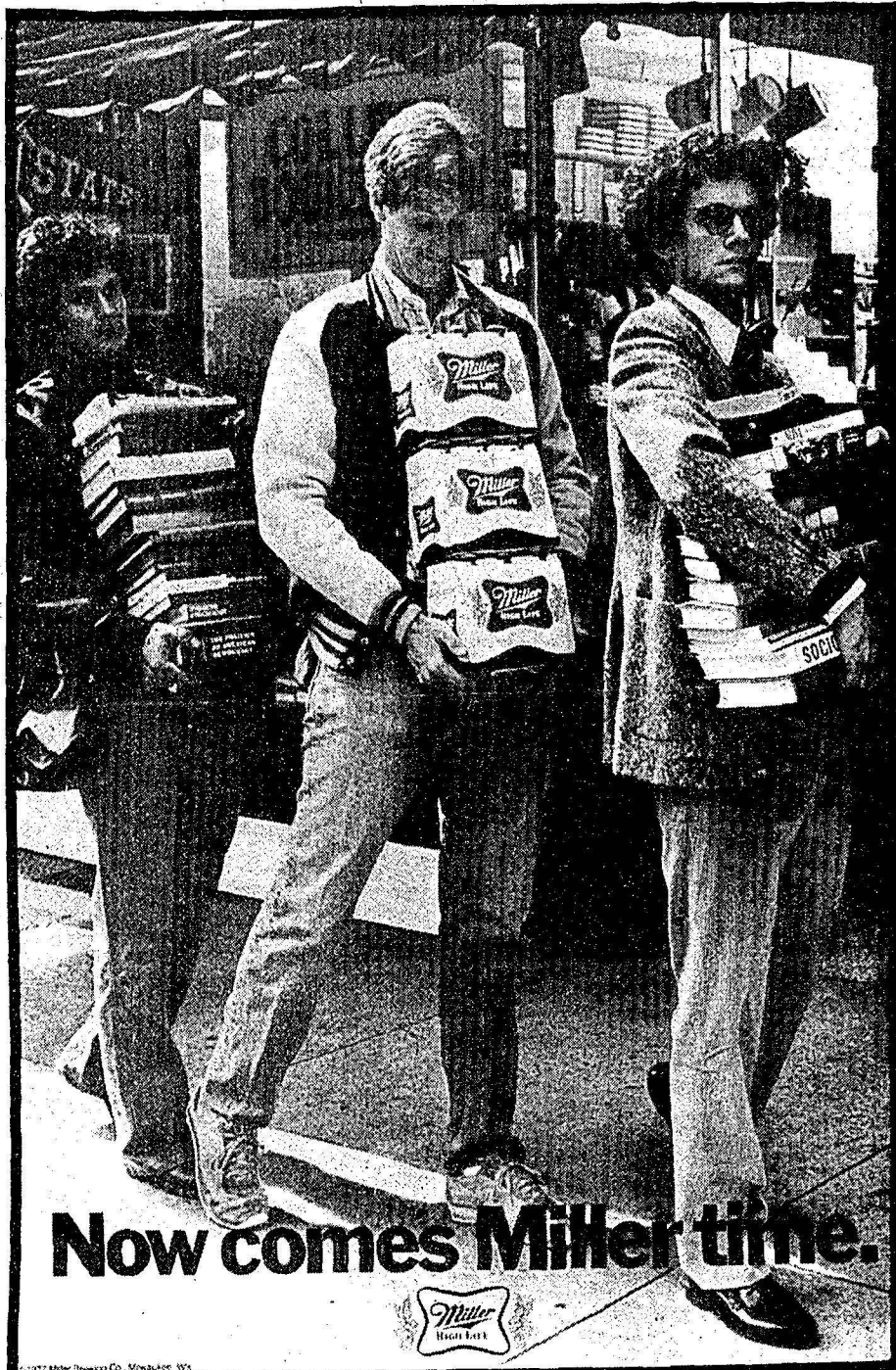
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Alarm system malfunctions

by David Ng
Co-editor

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 450 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 to do the best with the available forces I have," 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 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.



Champagnat Hall's 14-year old fire alarm system malfunctioned twice during the past week. Approximately 450 students, including some handicapped students, live in the nine-story dormitory.