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"LIVING WITH AIDS"

From The Associated Press

On Tuesday, October 11, brother and sister team Henry and Jennifer Nicols will present one of the most important lectures available today: "Living With AIDS." This will be a Green Card event, and will be held at The Loft beginning at 8 p.m.

Henry was infected with HIV, from a blood transfusion, when he was 10 years old. He has had full blown AIDS for more than three years.

When Henry was diagnosed as HIV positive in 1985, he and his family were frightened by the hysteria and discrimination other children with AIDS and HIV around the country had faced. They decided that in order to protect their family, they would keep Henry's diagnosis a secret from everyone. For more than five years the Nicols family kept their secret, seeking no support from friends, relatives, or even Henry's doctors.



During his senior year in high school Henry tired of keeping secrets. He was feeling alienated from his friends, worried about his future, and tired of lining a lie. Henry decided to break the silence. In March of 1991 Henry started a campaign, with the help of his sister Jennifer, to educate others about AIDS.

Henry and Jennifer have met with President Bush and President and Mrs. Clinton to discuss issues affecting people living with AIDS. They have testified before the United States Congress about the impact of AIDS related legislation on people with HIV. They have delivered a keynote address at the Health and Human Services national conference on AIDS in 1992, and lectured at the National



FBI Headquarters.

In February 1993, they traveled to Japan to establish support groups for people with AIDS and to attend governmental hearings about HIV infection of the Japanese blood supply. While in Japan, they gave dozens of press conferences, interviews, and TV appearances urging compassion and understanding for people with AIDS and HIV.

They bring to their lectures a national and international perspective on the political aspects of the AIDS crisis, and an understanding of how and what goes on "behind the scenes" influences decision making.

Henry is a source of inspiration to everyone he meets. "I can't change the fact that I have AIDS. I can choose how I live with the disease. I'm going to live my life the best way I can. I'm not going to let AIDS beat me," says Henry. Included in the lecture is a slide presentation that shows that while Henry is a typical young adult in many ways, he is also an exceptional role model who refuses to let his life-threatening disease slow him down. Students are amazed to see pictures of Henry water skiing, competing in karate, and conquering mountain around the world as he battles AIDS.

"Living With AIDS" is a unique lecture not only because of the social, emotional, and political insights that Henry and Jennifer bring to the talk, but also because as young adults, Henry and Jennifer are able to relate to college audiences and their concerns as only peers can.

THE INFAMOUS GREEN CARD

By Rhonda Baity

Most students know that Green Card events, also known as Community Life events, are a part of the Community Life Program in which all Mars Hill College students are required to participate. However, many students do not know the rationale behind the program, and others are not certain about the exact requirements of the program.

The purposes of the program as stated in the 1994-95 MHC Catalog are: "to promote student involvement in co-curricular activities, to heighten student awareness of a wide range of timely issues and concerns, and to enhance student appreciation of the performing arts."

In other words, the committee which designed the program acknowledged that there are many important things students need exposure to as part of a well-rounded college education that cannot be found in the classroom alone.

Additionally, the program is an effort to help students identify with the college community, as well as the world as a community so as to fulfill a portion of Mars Hill College's Statement of Institutional Purpose (found on page four of the 1994-94 MHC Catalog).

The 1994-95 Catalog also states: "The [Community Life] program includes only college-sponsored activities such as convocations and community meetings, chapel, guest lectures, concerts, and plays. A list of approved activities is distributed

at fall and spring registrations."

Participation is a graduation requirement, for which students receive credit. Students must attend a minimum of 40 events to meet the requirement. (The number is pro-rated for transfer students.) Upon completion of the program upper class transfers receive one hour of credit, and all others receive two hours. For many students, obtaining Community Life Green Cards is troublesome, while for others, it seems to come naturally.

Students can submit suggestions for possible events to the Student Government Association (SGA), which in turn, can submit them to the committee which approves and coordinates Community Life Events. Dr. Larry Stern presides over this committee.