

Mount Union Builds Habitat for Humanity House



Members of the Mount Union College community have geared themselves with siding, nails and shingles, in an attempt to help an Alliance family into a new home — through Habitat for Humanity International.

The idea to sponsor the project began with Harold Hall, former director of international students at the College and crew chief of the project. He and Steve Kramer, professor of psychology, started planning the project two years ago. With the help of Chaplain Marty CashBurless, they began to raise funds and collect volunteers to get the project under way.

The site of the house, a 1,040 square foot plot located on S. Seneca Avenue, was officially dedicated on October 2.

Habitat for Humanity International is a Christian housing project which strives to eliminate poverty housing from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. According to CashBurless, in-

volvement has been overwhelming among the campus and Alliance communities.

"We've had a good number of people from the Alliance community," CashBurless said. "They're very excited about the work we're doing. We've also had a number of students, both individually and in organizations, as well as faculty, staff and even spouses."

CashBurless said that the local Habitat for Humanity Board — comprised of Mount Union and Alliance community members — has been tremendously helpful in setting up the College group with a family, securing the property and providing volunteers to guide in the building of the new home.

In addition, CashBurless explained that the members of the family for whom the house is being built have begun to put in their "sweat equity hours." The family is required to put in 250 sweat equity hours. "They've been helping with the house and also helped at the spaghetti dinner fund raiser," CashBurless said. "It's been

fun for us to work together."

According to Kramer, the spaghetti dinner which was held November 9 raised approximately \$900 for the project. The dinner was sponsored by students enrolled in the College's economics classes taught by Dr. Thomas Botzman, associate professor of business administration. Although the funds raised were substantial, more will be needed to complete the project.

"Although we've received about \$10,000 so far, we still have a long way to go," Kramer said.

A portion of the funds raised was in the form of a geothermal heating system donated by the Ohio Edison Company. CashBurless said that the system will provide heat inside the house while people work construction throughout the winter months.

"We are aiming for a spring completion date — which will depend on the weather," Kramer said. "We hope to have a dedication ceremony before commencement in May."

Professor Named to Cunningham Chair

Dr. Patricia C. Matthews, professor of business administration, was named the recipient of the Nolen A. and Thelma I. Cunningham Chair in Business.

Endowed chairs are established to recognize and support the continuation of a prestigious teaching position.

A member of the Mount Union faculty since 1975, Matthews is also a 1973 graduate of the College. She earned an M.A. degree and D.B.A. degree from Kent State University in 1975 and 1979 respectively.

Matthews is a member of the Midwest Finance Association, American Finance Association, Midwest Business Administration Association and Financial Management Association.

"Dr. Matthews' dedication to teaching and training business administration majors has been notable," said President Harold M. Kolenbrander. "Our graduates in this field can be found at the best firms in the country. Her interest in students is exemplary and worthy of this honor."

