Holy Cross enters “The Real World”

Yet another season of the “reality TV” show that started it all

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The 11th season of the hit MTV show, “The Real World,” began last week. The seven newest strangers, Aneesa, Cara, Chris, Keri, Kyle, Theo, and Tonya - are clumped together in a stylish Chicago home. The interaction between the seven strangers has intrigued teenage audiences throughout the nation, and compelled several Holy Cross students to change the channel to MTV on Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

Ali Blum ’05 commented, “Of all “The Real World” series, the newest is my favorite. The cast is very good-looking, and so far, this season looks promising.” Pat Hart ’05 agrees with Blum about the show being promising, although he is a little skeptical about the authenticity of it: “While ‘The Real World’ obviously isn’t real, it can still be pretty entertaining to watch the lives of people our age on TV.”

Drew Bigda ’05 also questioned the show’s authenticity. “It is a great show, but somewhat jaded. The drama they portray is either a result of television editing or the fact that MTV finds the most versatile people and throws them into one big melting pot. I also feel that people live vicariously through the fantasy lives that ‘The Real World’ cast lives.”

Molly Kerns ’05 finds “The Real World” to be enjoyable, but did have one complaint: “The show is fun to watch but definitely needs more hot guys!” Aimee Alati ’04 also had a complaint about the show. “I think that the fat girl should keep her clothes on.”

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Another freshman commented, “‘The Real World’ is basically for people who live at Cambridge.” He, understandably, would like to remain anonymous. Freshman Christina Mucci was also not too enthusiastic about the show. “The only good thing about the show is the city that it is in!”

As of right now, the newest series of “The Real World” has only aired one episode. All of the viewers and fans are left in the dark and guessing about the events to come. One freshman here at Holy Cross has somewhat of an inside scoop on some of them: “Cara went to my high school, which is in Weston MA, a little outside of Boston. She graduated the year before I was there, but my sister was a year younger then her. Since the show was taped last summer, I think she is back in Boston and supposedly has told her friends that she hooked up with 25 guys over the course of the show, but none of the castmates. And she doesn’t consider herself promiscuous. During the show, she admits that she has always had a boyfriend, but cheated on all of them. For example, she went out with one of my friend’s older brothers who is a twin, and cheated on him in a club where the other twin was and witnessed what happened.”

The freshman girls of Lehy three had much to say about the cast of “The Real World.” Catt Hughes commented, “Except for Aneesa, the girls of the cast are all super-skinny and blonde. It is sort of unreal. And the guy that goes to Princeton is so hot. It is such a good-looking cast. Oh, and Aneesa is such a tease, she is definitely playing Theo.” Catt then added, “I absolutely love watching the show!” When asked to comment on “The Real World,” Maggie Cerow and Holly Shea immediately shouted, “The Princeton guy is so hot!” Yet Jeannine Laux has her eye on another one of “The Real World” boys. “It’s really too bad that the cute guy is gay. He is so hot! ‘The Real World’ should really stop casting gorgeous gay guys because it isn’t fair to us straight girls.”

“The Real World” is a controversial and liberal show that has, in the last 10 years, made “reality TV” popular through its blunt portrayal of people who look like movie stars but act like mental patients. It is a show that both attracted and repulsed several of the Holy Cross students I spoke to. The only way, however, to know what all the commotion is about is to watch the show yourself!