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A petition bearing the names of over 600 students demanding the funding of the MONTCLARION for the remainder of the school year has been presented to Thomas Benitz, SGA president. Included was a separate petition from class one organization presidents asking the legislature to reconsider its decision to halt the MONTCLARION from printing for the rest of the semester. Both petitions, drawn up by Donna Meade, chairman of the Council on International and National Affairs, were presented to Benitz by MONTCLARION Editor-in-Chief Tom Pendley at an emergency meeting of the Faculty-Student Coop. The meeting was called to grant or loan the MONTCLARION the funds needed for the remainder of the semester.

No decision was reached, because the Coop passed a resolution that they would not loan to any organization if repayment were not certain. SGA President Benitz pointed out that the budgets for next year had not yet been passed, and that it is possible that the MONTCLARION might not receive funds next year.

The petition signed by class one president read in part: "We believe the MONTCLARION's services are very important and that they are even more valuable to the student body." The petition was signed by the presidents of CINA, Inter-Fraternity Council, Inter-Sorority Council, Players, Montclair Athletic Commission, G Humphry, Quarterly, La Campana, the Black Organization for Success in Society and the senior, junior and sophomore classes. It was also signed by former Music Organizations Committees president, Richard Calvin, in the absence of the current MDC president, Ken Cicerale. Signing for the Voice of Montclair Slate were Bill English, VMS vice-chairman, and Charles Boyce, FM station manager. Dawn Sova, current SGA Treasurer, also signed.

A LITTLE BIT OF SOUL: It looks like a lot more than a little, as the drummer in Nina Simone's group hits the congas during Miss Simone's concert during Black Weekend.
EDITORIALS

Strangulation Won't Work

The recent Thomas Benitz-inspired attempt at strangulation of the MONTCLARION didn’t quite work out. Benitz, in one of his last flings as SGA president, used all his influence in trying to convince the SGA legislature not to give the paper any more money to publish. This is another failure for the outgoing president. The MONTCLARION will continue to fulfill its obligations to the students of Montclair State College no matter who stands in the way of freedom of the press. We will continue to publish on a weekly basis for the duration of the semester, be it in our regular format (such as today) or a series of five mimeographed sheets of paper.

We thank all our readers and friends who rallied to our sides in this crisis. Several people offered to take money out of their own bank accounts and give it to use. Some students have volunteered to work with us overnight while we print the next day’s edition in the industrial arts building. This show of strength is fantastic. And we appreciate all the aid members of the SGA legislature have given us, as well as that given by some kind faculty members.

The moment of truth will take place Tuesday when SGA, in a legislative vote, decides to give us money. And if the bill should pass, there’s always a chance that Benitz will veto the bill in an attempt to wallow in his own sense of absurd glory. Strangulation will not work.

Obnoxious Millitants

The planned bunching up of the federal government by Mayday leaders didn’t come off as well as expected. Some 8000 or so antiwar demonstrators were tossed into Washington’s Kennedy stadium for obstructing traffic and for being generally obnoxious. This type of action initiated by Mayday militants turned off a lot of America’s middle-class antiwar sympathizers who, thru the protests of Vietnam veterans a week earlier, began to seriously look at the horrid Vietnam war.

The Viet veterans, of course, gave a certain mass-appeal to the protest. Along with some 250,000 Washington demonstrators, two New Jersey senators coigned the Vietnam Disengagement Act, an effort to completely halt our role as Vietnamese cop.

This, of course, is the most significant thing to come out of antiwar activities. We sincerely hope the Vietnam Disengagement Act, of which Sen. Case and Williams are cosigners, will get the push it needs. While we believe President Nixon has made a sincere effort to scale down the war, stronger legal action is necessary to end this horrid war. The views of the returning Viet veterans, we hope, will be far more credible in the eyes of Congress than those of the militants.

Songs, Flags and Chants

On the Road to the Draft Board

Several hundred Montclair State students began the long trek to Montclair’s draft board. We walked slowly, talking among ourselves, following students waving flags bearing peace signs.

The crowd periodically broke into song, singing “Give Peace a Chance” or “Power to the People.” A voice from the crowd yelled, “What do we want?” “Peace!” was the shouted reply. “When do we want it?” he yelled. “Now!” we yelled back.

PEOPLE SAT on their porches, stood on their front lawns and passed in their cars. They flashed peace signs, raised clenched fists, smiled or scowled. The students chanted to them: “Come on, join us, Come on.”

Soda bottles were passed around; blue-jeaned boys strolled back and forth offering water from metal containers. Students walked next to the procession saying, “Walk a little faster. Come on. Close up the gap.”

We finally reached Montclair and after gathering in front of the draft board, we peered up at the people who were peering down at us. Then someone threw an egg and the building assumed an abandoned air.

“HELL NO, we won’t go!” yelled the students at the closed doors. “Does anyone have draft records in here?” It is legal to enter the building to look at your draft records. Several students were allowed to enter, one by one, by the policemen at the door.

Vietnam veterans rose and told of their war experiences. Massacres, like the one at My Lai, are everyday occurrences, said one. People still believe what the government tells them and we must educate them, he said.

“We must be patient,” someone said. “We’ve been patient for 10 years, man,” someone yelled back at him.

AFTER THE speeches, everyone joined hands and sang. Petitions were passed around and change was dropped into tin cans to help pay for the peace demonstrations. Then the crowd broke up and started trickling back towards MSC.

—Susan Kelly.
Students Repay Aid

$2000 State Rebate Threatened

By Susan Kelly
Staff Writer

The idea of getting a higher education in New Jersey may be hindered by as much as $2000, according to a bill now being examined by the Education Committee of the state's Higher Education department.

The proposal, introduced before the state legislature by Assemblyman James M. Turner (R-Gloucester, Camden) on April 22, requires students to repay 25% of the state subsidization of their education.

ALL FULL-TIME students of the state and county colleges, as well as Rutgers University students, will be affected by this bill, according to Joseph O'Neill, assistant director of state colleges. The bill provides for payment of the additional costs on either an annual or deferred basis. The costs, under the deferred plan, must be paid within 15 years from the date of departure or graduation from the institution.

Vincent B. Caballero, vice-president of business and finance, explained that the state pays a considerable amount of money in curriculum costs toward each student's education. In 1972, he noted, "we found that the state will cost the state $1345 beyond the amount paid in tuition and fees.

The curriculum costs cover the expense of "educating a student in a particular area," O'Neill explained. Therefore, it costs more to educate an operatic career, he was described as a "famous, six-foot Texan" and "a tall and personable figure." One critic called him a "musician of great distinction and methodical talent" and praised his "voice of unusual purity and musicality".

In 1963-64, Wilkes served as music department chairman. "It's a great responsibility," he said. "You must be available at all times and be aware of all events."

"Of course, my teaching experience has been wonderful," he continued. "I love to teach, I enjoy it and I feel I do it best. I have received much more fulfillment from teaching than from performing."
Next Tuesday, 4 p.m.

$360,000 Gets Split at Budget Meet

Over $360,000 in student funds will be split up between classes and organizations at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting, 4 p.m., College High auditorium.

Two thirds of the attending legislators must pass the budget. Preliminary hearings on some organization's budgets took place on last Tuesday, and the budgets for Players, Quarterly, Campana, MONTCLARION, and Montclair Athletic Commission, $113,375; Music Organizations Commission, $32,900; Voice of Montclair State (WVMS), $8070; Players, $14,700. Quarterly, $7730; La Campana, $36,071; MONTCLARION, $30,050; Galumph, $7039.80. All of the organizations' requests total $385,445.80. Since the total to be received from M.S.C.'s students' activity fee is only $360,000, some $25,000 will have to be cut from various organizations.

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'Fantasticks' Bows Tonight

"The Fantasticks," America's longest running musical, based on a Romeo and Juliet theme, will be performed tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the studio theater.

The production is the independent study project of Christine Leona, junior speech arts major, and another senior speech arts major, coordinated the music for it.

LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Elections for seats in the SGA Legislature and class officerships will be held next Wednesday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Memorial auditorium lobby. Students must bring their SGA cards.

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