Two Day Orientation
Activities Scheduled

By Carol Giordano
Staff Writer

"I hope that we can arouse everyone's interest so that they will participate in college activities, either within the academic departments or in extracurricular areas," commented Kathy Ragan, chairwoman of this fall's New Student Orientation program.

Highlights of today's orientation schedule include school and departmental meetings, assemblies and Players' production of "Come Blow Your Horn" at 8 pm in Memorial Auditorium. At 2 pm there will be an activities fair on the Life Hall mall during which new students can become acquainted with campus clubs and organizations.

Tomorrow's program will consist of Student Government Association assemblies at 9, 20 and 11 am; a State Symphony Orchestra concert at noon on the east patio of the Student Center; a picnic at 1:30 pm and the All College Unity Dance at 8 pm in the Student Center. Identification card photographs will be taken throughout the day.

MUSIC ON GRIDIRON

The orientation program will conclude on Saturday evening with a football scrimmage at 8 pm followed by a concert featuring folk singer Don Crawford in Panzer Gym at 9:30 pm, sponsored by the College Life Union Board (CLUB).

"We are trying to make the new students aware of what the college offers and to get them to respond to it," Ragan explained.

Sam Crane, Student Government Association president, will explain the workings of that organization during tomorrow's SGA assemblies. According to Ragan, he will discuss "what the SGA is, what it does and what it will try to do." Following these assemblies, there will be an open house on the fourth floor of the Student Center so that the new students can see the various campus organizations at work.

Ragan explained that the purposes of today's departmental "rap" sessions are to get the students to meet the deans and faculty members and to provide answers to academic questions the students may have.

Approximately 150 upperclassmen volunteered to work as student hosts during orientation. This is fewer than was hoped for, Ragan said.

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Code-a-phone
For a recorded message, changed daily, that lists the time and place of many campus events, dial 893-9115.

Center Hours
The Student Center's facilities, including the sweet shoppe, cafeteria, game room, bookstore and gas station, will be in operation the following hours during New Student Orientation and the first week of classes:

- 7:30 am to 11:30 pm Monday through Friday
- 9 am to 11:30 pm Saturday
- Noon to 11:30 pm Sunday

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An Old Challenge

Welcome to the campus community.

A challenge awaits the freshmen—as it did their predecessors and no doubt those who follow. It is whether or not they are intent upon getting simply a diploma or a college education.

Over the next four years you will be exposed to new—and sometimes strange—situations. Concepts and ideas will be heard that may spark action or involvement.

College is the final stop for most of us, a last station before entering into the real world. Spend as much time in the academic and extracurricular areas as possible.

Experience the fullness of college life. Don’t hide behind a steering wheel or sleep in the lounges. Don’t let shyness deny the pleasure of involvement.

The way the Class of ’76 responds to the challenge will determine whether the documents they hold in four years will signify a true education or be a meaningless scrap of paper.

Greetings to new students:

You are now a member of an institution with six distinct schools with a well prepared and highly talented faculty. Your fellow students are among the best prepared in the state of New Jersey.

It is important that you understand something of your college’s history and a lot about its present structure if you are to take full advantage of the opportunities available to you. The schools of the college are each in their own way unique. The quality and the personality of the students and faculties vary from school to school in obvious and subtle ways. You must decide what you are looking for in your college education and then find the way that your goals can be reached most effectively through the school to which you belong and with the help of faculty or other schools who will also be contributing to your education.

Learn about the curriculum of your school, the politics of your school and the social life of your school. Make it your business to get to know as many faculty members as possible. Some of the teachers will be reaching out to you to try to help. Others will be waiting for you to contact them. If your education comes from books and lectures only, it will not be complete—you must also come to know teachers and fellow students.

Dr. Thomas H. Richardson

Understand to Learn

Over the last few years, it has become apparent that hippies are here to stay. Hippies are in, in order to help make the change-over from Straight to Hippie painless as possible, we offer this, the first in the series: HOW TO BECOME A HIPPIE.

Part I: PREPARATION

We needs ONE MOJO BOY (A) (so you may can say "But you used to be a hippie?" with imagination) (B) some pain thing to pop, (C) some racial attitudes to pop, (D) also a little skill in Valley of Drugs, and (E) some knowledge of the following books: (Contrary to what popular belief, hippies must have; you gotta get a WHOLE NEW BOOKS AND ETC, SO GET THE BREAD, SO RIP OFF A CHARITY IF YOU HAVE TO). OKAY, WE'RE READY TO MOVE ON TO PART II: LOOKING LIKE A HIPPIE.

Datebook is a summary of activities occurring on the Montclair State campus, published every issue. Submit Datebook items to the MONTCLARION, fourth floor, Student Center.

TODAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION. Meetings all day on campus as scheduled.

FOREIGN STUDENT ORGANIZATION. Meeting at 9 am in Life Hall cafeteria.

"COME BLOW YOUR HORN." Players performs the comedy at 8:30 pm in Memorial Auditorium.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION. SGA assembly at 9 am, Memorial Auditorium.

STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Concert at noon on the east patio of the Student Center.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION. Meetings all day on campus as scheduled.

COFFEE HOUSE. Coffee House social at 8 pm in Life Hall.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING. Beginner and Intermediate lessons at 7:30 pm in Life Hall cafeteria. Admission .50 for students, free refreshments.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

FOOTBALL. Scrimmage between MSC and Nassau Community College at home at 8 pm.

"COME BLOW YOUR HORN." 8:30 pm Memorial Auditorium.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

BASEBALL. MSC vs. Lafayette College at 1 pm in Pennsylvania.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING. Beginner and Intermediate lessons at 7:30 pm in Life Hall cafeteria. Admission .50 for students, free refreshments.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

STUDENTS FOR McGOVERN. Organizational meeting in the fourth floor meeting room of the Student Center at 4 pm.

BASEBALL. MSC vs. Manhattan College at 3:30 pm in Manhattan.

COFFEE HOUSE. Coffee House social at 8 pm in Life Hall.

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BY CARLA CAPIZZI
STAFF WRITER

Foreign forces, nearly 3000 strong, have again swarmed onto the Montclair State campus. Reportedly, these forces are not armed, except for assorted pieces of paper said to resemble maps and schedules. They appear friendly but somewhat dazed. According to rumor, some have been spotted wearing red and white caps.

Administrative sources have stressed that there is no need for alarm among the campus community, stating that they have the situation under control. The officials explain that the 'invaders' storm the campus at this time of year and actually are quite harmless.

Communications from the public information office estimate that the invading forces number total 2500. These fresh forces bolster MSC's overall troop strength to 14,000, an increase of nearly 2000 over last year's figures. Only about half of this force are on-duty full-time, however. Approximately 1600 are green recruits on their first assignment. Only a small group of these 'boots'—about 15—were prepared to receive this onslaught, although they hit some snags while registering the recruits.

Faculty ranks have been boosted from 428 to 500, with several changes in command. Dr. Ercell Watson replaces retired Dr. Ralph Walter as dean of the School of Educational and Community Services. In the School of Fine and Performing Arts, Dr. Donald Mintz takes over the post formerly manned by Dr. Samuel Pratt, who has returned to teaching.

Dr. Ludwik Kowalski has been assigned to chair the physics-geoscience department while Dr. James Stoddard has been appointed mathematics department chairman. The Spanish-Italian department also has commissioned a new chairman, Dr. Norman Fulton.

However, the real pros in the force—some 1500 strong—are experienced veterans of previous campaigns, toughened by at least four years under fire.

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The speech and development programs for the entire student body. The only control or real influence the SGA has had is in the disbursement of its huge budget. This does not have to remain so.

This year we are charting a new course for student government and for all student organizations on campus.
Indians Stitch Up Team

With graduation cutting large holes in both the offensive and defensive units, Montclair State's football team will have its work cut out to live up to its past reputation.

Head coach Clary Anderson, who has led the Indians to marks of 8-2, 9-1 and 7-2 over the past three seasons, has never had a losing season in 30 years.

ANDERSON'S TALENTS, plus those of his four-man varsity staff, Don MacKay, Tom Testa, Tim Sullivan and the latest addition, McKinley Boston, a former N.Y. Giant, will be put to the test this coming year.

The Indians will face a tough 10-game schedule, adding C.W. Post and Cortland State since last season. Following Saturday's scrimmage with Nassau Community College, at Sprague field at 8:30 pm, the Indians first three games, Kutztown State, East Stroudsburg State and C.W. Post, will all be at home.

Eight key players will be sorely missed from the defensive unit that was nationally ranked over the last three seasons. The front five of Mike Van Zile, Bob Davis, Tom Rothacker, Tom D'Onofrio and Bob Rusignuolo along with linebackers Pete Contaldir, a second team Little All-American pick and Bob Jensen have graduated.

IN THE defensive backfield veteran safetyman Alex Kaplanovich, who intercepted 14 passes over his three-year varsity career, also has graduated.

Returnees are cornerback Parker Snare and Bill Samartine and safetyman Bruce Cooper.

While the losses on the offense are not as heavy, there is little doubt that they are major. Veteran quarterback Bob Brewster and halfback Glen Morschauser, holders of nine all-time Indian offensive records, have graduated.

ON THE offensive line, Anderson will have to find replacements for four positions including tackle Jim Magnatta, guards Jules Geftic and Jerry Caputo and standout center Ernie Jones.

In most cases there will be a wide open battle for all positions, even those being manned by veterans.

The Indians will have a number of fine runners led by two-year veteran Al Thompson at fullback and junior sensation Franklin Walker at one halfback position.

BACKING UP this duo will be two real speed merchants, Bob Hermanni, a junior, and Paul Pignatello, a sophomore.

Another sophomore, Fred Caruso, and transfer Gary Shenton are also top ball carriers.

Four players will be battling it out for the starting quarterback slot left open by the graduation of Brewster. In this group are Jim Wassel, who saw limited duty last year, plus three sophomores, Gary Acker, Craig Hugger and John Marotta.

THE INDIANS do appear to be well stocked at ends with Little All-American candidate Don Whiteman and Pete Martin back to handle the win posts. The other line veteran will be tackle Steve Burdulis.
RICHARDSON RESIGNS

By M.J. Smith
Staff Writer

In a general faculty meeting Friday, President Thomas H. Richardson announced his resignation, effective August 31, 1973.

As faculty members filed into the multi-purpose room of the Student Center, the meeting appeared to be an ordinary one. However, as Richardson called the meeting to order, six members of the nine-member MSC Board of Trustees entered the room and took their places on the top tier of seats at the head of the room.

After Dr. Walter L. Heilbronner, vice-president for academic affairs, introduced the two new deans, Dr. Ercell I. Watson of the School of Educational and Community Services and Dr. Donald M. Mintz of the School of Fine and Performing Arts, Richardson took the podium.

Expressing his discomfort at reading previously prepared statements, he proceeded to inform the faculty that he would be resigning at the end of next summer. Shocked glances and quiet exclamations punctuated the first lines of his text.

STANDING OVATION

With his voice cracking at intervals, Richardson completed the statement and left the room, threading his way through faculty members who remained standing-and applauding—even after he had disappeared.

Dr. W. Lincoln Hawkins, chairman of the MSC board, then introduced the members of the board that were present and then read a statement outlining the board's role in supporting the remainder of Richardson's term and the procedure for choosing a new president.

The meeting had been included on the general orientation agenda circulated by Heilbronner's office. Before addressing the faculty meeting, Richardson had held a 9:15 am meeting in his office to inform various campus administrators of his resignation.

Among those attending were the deans of the six schools; Lawton W. Blanton, dean of students; the two vice-presidents, Heilbronner and Vincent Calabrese, vice-president of business and finance; Barbara A. Wolf, president of the MSC Alumni Association and Sam Crane, president of the Student Government Association.

According to Crane, only the Board of Trustees, Richardson's family and his two administrative assistants knew of Richardson's decision.

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Richardson - - Damn Good

As the faculty filed out of the general meeting Friday, someone commented that Dr. Thomas H. Richardson was a good president.

He was-and still is-a damn good president, the best Montclair State has ever had.

Richardson has represented MSC for over nine years. He has fought for this school, planned for its future and cared about its students.

During the May 1970 shutdown, one of the things that seemed to impress most students was the fact that Richardson was always available. All a student had to do was walk in and make an appointment. The president was there-an into the night listening to both sides of the issue.

For over nine years, Richardson has fought against Trenton for the good of Montclair. He has risked his own career to ensure our academic freedom and resist the damaging edicts of the NJ Board of Higher Education.

In his speech, Richardson made the comment that "some influential people are tired of hearing" his comments on higher education. If the politicians in Trenton are tired of us fighting for Montclair State, then it is time to fight.

Richardson has said that his decision is unalterable and irreversible. So now it is up to the students and the faculty of Montclair State to represent MSC for over nine years. He has represented Montclair to the Trenton politicians.

Now we are the ones who are going to have to fight for our academic freedom-and we are the ones who will now represent Montclair to the Trenton politicians.

And we must represent it in a way that will make Richardson proud of us-and ensure the future of our college.

Conference Crucial

Before he announced his resignation at Friday's faculty meeting, President Richardson also affirmed the rescheduling of the Montclair State all-college conference, which has included the Tuxedo Park Conference in May 1967 and the Clifton Conference in November 1968. These earlier conferences were planning sessions that proved invaluable in developing a consensus among the college community for the reorganization of the institution into its current structure.

Contrast to these earlier conferences, the upcoming conference will have as its central purpose an evaluation of the effectiveness of the new school organization with special attention to the concept of "schoolness" and its psychological and social components.

The concept of the college conference has been discussed with representatives of the Student Government Association and the Montclair State College Faculty Association and with the All-College Coordinating Committee. Each group has voiced support for the concept of a college conference. Representatives of each group, together with representatives of each school senate, will be asked to serve on a committee during September and early October to develop an agenda and slate of representatives to the November conference.

School Conference Set

The November 1972 conference will be held Nov. 1 and 2 to discuss MSC's progress under school organization. It will be held at the New Jersey School of Conservation at Stokes State Forrest, Branchville. The announcement was made at the Friday meeting of the general faculty meeting in the multi-purpose room of the Student Center.

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Richardson

"I Have Decided to Resign..."

The following is the complete text of President Thomas H. Richardson's resignation speech made at the faculty meeting Fri., Sept 8, 1972.

I have decided to resign from the presidency of our college at the end of next summer and to return to full-time teaching. This was a difficult decision to make but it is firm and irrevocable. I have felt and I now feel successful, but in this current era, nine years is a long tenure for a college president and I am convinced that my decision is in the best interest of the college and myself.

In my comments to you now I would like to do three things:

- Give the reasons for this decision
- Describe this next year as the last one of my administration
- Make some personal requests

In explaining my resignation, let me first make clear what it is not. I did not resign because of any dissatisfaction with any locally created situation. I have immense respect for our college officers, committees, faculty and students. Dr. Hawkins, the chairman of the board, and all of the Trustees have been supportive, generous with their time and completely dedicated to our college. Our students have been a pleasure to work with—indispensable, intelligent and always reasonable (with the possible exception of May 1970 which was a nightmare). Through the years I have felt a part of the faculty and believed that you had my support. For the encouragement you gave me at crucial times, I will be eternally grateful. Indeed, without a belief that I had the backing of all three groups, I could not have carried on this long.

REASONS FOR RESIGNATION

I take your time to describe the reasons for my resignation because I know that some of you care as friends and because many of you see a direct relationship between the functioning of the president's office and your work at the college. We also know that rumors will provide reasons if I do not. I cannot list the causes in priority, but I will describe four:

- I like teaching and I prepared for a career in college teaching. Through the years I have allowed myself to be intermittently diverted into various administrative tasks. I would like to again return to teaching.
- As a college, we have made tremendous changes—physically, organizationally and philosophically. It is now time for work on consolidation and evaluation. I think new, fresh leadership could do a more effective and better job at this.
- Reasons three and four are related to each other and more complex, so let me make some introductory comments.

The idea of an academic community, like the idea of a democracy (to which it is related), is a beautiful ideal. Many of us have worked hard through the years to try to develop Montclair State College into a community of scholars—students who want to plan curriculum, structure, goals and standards. But major change which has occurred resulted from extensive involvement. Our Board of Trustees, representing the people of New Jersey, has encouraged us in this development.

I see strong forces impeding our progress toward academic community and I will describe two of these as further explanation of my decision to resign:

- A conflict between the forces of local versus central control. I have been a significant element in the development of Higher Education in New Jersey for many years. Feeling that a college, if it is to be good, must have a reasonable control over its own development, I have taken a leadership role in this conflict. On many issues our college had defended itself against what it thought was excessive and illegal central control—such issues as (a) the imposition of detailed program approval procedures, (b) the elimination of all state college graduate programs and (c) the control of colleges through a budgetary performance agreement. But the forces for central control have ultimately been too strong and tenacious and through increased efficiency they will become even more difficult to resist. For example, we are now faced with a faculty work load study which will provide a tool so that the Department of Higher Education or the Budget Bureau could monitor or control every aspect of a faculty member's assignment and, indeed, the entire academic program of the college.

We cannot grow into a truly viable academic community if we are a small unit in a large and remote bureaucratic structure, so the pursuit of the solution to this problem must be continued. But the time has come when a new approach is required or at least new people are needed to try to solve the problem. I have said what I have to say on this issue many times and I am sure that some influential people are tired of hearing it; I also find that I am repeating myself and this is a futile process.

- Conditions which are bigger than all of us, some of which I just mentioned, are forcing you to the desires of this academic community's great resources into defining itself and deciding its own fate. I was willing to be put into the role of protagonist and to bargain with agencies of the state, outside communities and agencies outside of the college, if it is to be good, must have a reasonable control over its own development, I have taken a leadership role in this conflict. On many issues our college had defended itself against what it thought was excessive and illegal central control—such issues as (a) the imposition of detailed program approval procedures, (b) the elimination of all state college graduate programs and (c) the control of colleges through a budgetary performance agreement. But the forces for central control have ultimately been too strong and tenacious and through increased efficiency they will become even more difficult to resist. For example, we are now faced with a faculty work load study which will provide a tool so that the Department of Higher Education or the Budget Bureau could monitor or control every aspect of a faculty member's assignment and, indeed, the entire academic program of the college.

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This part of my statement is not a criticism of our faculty leaders, for I am sure that they are sincere dedicated people with high ideals. They, like myself, may be caught in a strong social movement. They have told me that even in the new climate they will try to retain the best aspects of the "academic community" ideal.

But the fact remains that present conditions are forcing faculty and administration to opposite sides of the table—I refuse to stay there.

So much for the reasons for my resignation—now let me talk about this college year.

THIS COLLEGE YEAR

Because of the Board of Trustees' need for a comprehensive search with extensive involvement (faculty, students, alumni, etc.) it takes time to select a new college president; but there are also dangers for an institution with a lame duck president. You may know of a college where the president was resigned, yet the chair of the Board of Trustees was still holding the chair of authority. The administrative vacuum can lead to the collapse of internal struggle for power—jockeying for position—alleiances and vendettas. Under present conditions any sign of administrative weakness or equivoication at Montclair State College could also cause an increase in the attempts at interference from individuals and agencies outside of the college.

I do not want to be the cause of our college suffering because of weak leadership—even for a year. So I hope, therefore, that you will understand what I am going to tell you and that you will begin to recognize the spirit in which I say it.

I will be the President of Montclair State College until August 31, 1973 and I will vigorously fulfill all of the responsibilities of that office until that date. I will tell you: I have no attitude of laissez-faire, no drifting, no procrastination. I will act as though I was to be here forever, until the day I leave.

NOTE

Even though my decision to resign from the presidency is now firm and final, it was a difficult decision to make and I will not enjoy discussing it. I certainly do not want to spend the year talking about the resignation request, then, is to you, my friends and colleagues whom I have come to know well and at the risk of being presumptuous, let me get a further personal preference on the record so I can forget about it. I do not want any ceremony or testimonial during or at the end of the year. Let my administration, about which I am proud, be evaluated in ten or fifteen years from now.

In case my previous comments seem depressing, let me say again as I have said many times—out is a splendid college and I am optimistic about its future. The obstacles facing us are not unique and I am completely confident of Montclair State College's capacity to survive and prosper.

Because these are my last words on this subject, let me conclude by again expressing my regard, gratitude and affection for the staff, students, faculty and governing board of Montclair State College.
Montclair State Shocked

By Sudden Resignation News

By James D. Hille
Staff Writer

"He is one helluva man," commented Sam Crane, Student Government Association president.

It was typical of the reaction students expressed to the resignation last Friday of Dr. Thomas H. Richardson as president of Montclair State College.

Crane was not happy with Richardson’s decision but did accept it. "No one, not even Bloustein (Rutgers University president) can hold a candle next to him," Dr. Richardson is the best in the state," Crane stated.

Candy Joseph, editor of Quarterly, MSC's literary magazine, expressed concern for the future of MSC with Richardson gone. "I don't know what will happen—but I fear that Trenton might gain control," she said.

A similar view was held by Carol Fryczynski, vice chairman of the Council on International and National Affairs. Besides being shocked by the announcement, Fryczynski thought Richardson had stepped on important toes in Trenton and that this was partially responsible for the decision.

TRENTON OPPONENT

During the spring semester, Richardson opposed a tuition hike favored by Ralph Dungan, chancellor of higher education. The MSC president had also been active in the fight against a state proposal to centralize all graduate studies.

Wendy Gillespie, former SGA treasurer and Carol Hutton, managing editor of La Campagna, the college yearbook, summed up their beliefs in a brief interview. "He was a wonderful president who has taken a lot of harassment. His decision is understandable," Gillespie said.

Hutton praised Richardson’s handling of the 1970 spring strike. "He was excellent, the situation was explosive yet he was able to avoid violence," she said. The strike came in the wake of the Cambodian incursion and Kent State killings and led the closing of the college.

"It is a very great loss," both concluded.

He (Richardson) has made it clear that he will not be a lame duck president and we want to make it clear that this board will not take a lame duck attitude during this period," the statement concluded. "With Dr. Richardson's leadership and guidance, the college will move forward during the coming year."