Little League champs visit Yogi Berra Stadium

By Justin Bourgeois
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After Toms River wins the Little League World Series, the team stops to visit baseball great Yogi Berra

Hall of Famer Ted Williams scheduled to appear at opening

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For the last three years, something big has been on the horizon; something that will combine America’s favorite pastime, baseball, and the benefit of learning. On October 8th, 1999, this secret will finally be revealed as the Friends of Yogi Berra unveil the Yogi Berra Museum, right here on the campus of Montclair State University.

Yogi Berra, a current resident of Montclair, is considered by many to be one of the greatest celebrities, in and out of baseball, of all time. After dropping out of high school in 9th grade, he went on to become one of the most respected players in the game of baseball, going on to set more World Series records than any other single player in baseball history with 13. Yogi has devoted his life to the education of youths and teaching valuable qualities such as integrity and the importance of principles. He was given an honorary doctorate from MSU in 1995.

He’s a celebrity without the ego.” Said the museum’s executive director, Dave Kaplan. Kaplan explains that the museum will essentially include a “slice of baseball history.” Not only will the museum serve the community, but it will also be an educational experience for those interested in baseball and its history.

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REMEMBERING A LEGEND: Helping to celebrate one of baseball’s greatest players, MSU becomes a part of sports history.

President Cole addresses faculty at welcome meeting

By Nicholas Clunn
Newspaper Editor

New University president Dr. Susan Cole addressed faculty in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday during this year’s introductory staff meeting.

Teamwork, community and communication were the three main themes that Cole discussed. She affirmed faculty that she is not entering the office with a strict agenda, but instead with an open mind to first find out what issues are most pressing.

“At my institution to be cut out on the campus,” Cole said. Although she did not take a firm stance on any particular issue, she did mention how she wanted to improve the condition of the classrooms and dormitories. She also stated that she wants to continue easy access for students who follow a traditional education plan while making the university more assessable for students that follow unorthodox schedules.

“I want to make sure that MSU is designed to serve all types of students,” Cole stated. Cole admitted that there is a lot of work to do, and she can not do it by herself. In order to improve the university, the new President urged faculty to break down all barriers between departments, supervisors and even students to enhance campus cooperation. Cole affirmed that there is nothing the university community can’t do if they put their minds to it.

“One community can make MSU what it can really be,” said Cole. Cole also thanked the MSU community for their warm reception, especially Dr. Gregory Waxers, who served as Interim President during the 1997-98 school year.

“(Gregory) has just been a prince of Interim Presidents,” Cole proclaimed. While most faculty interviewer during the post-meeting dinner seemed pleased with Cole’s opening thoughts, there was some skepticism.

Although Randy Mugleston, Technical Director of TheatreFest thought Cole’s remarks were favorable, he still felt that she seemed overly cautious.

“She has plans,” said Mugleston, “She is just afraid to say them.”

Dr. Cole ushers in 98-99 year

Dr. Susan Cole is the University’s eighth president and the first woman in history to hold the position

By Brian Pedersen
Assistant News Editor

As the newly appointed President of Montclair State University, Susan Cole appears to have grand plans and a strong vision for the institution’s future. She is quick to point out however, that she does not create the vision for the future. I think all of us would agree that we would like MSU to continue to build on its current program as well as to develop new programs in areas that would be important to the future culture and economy of the region. We would like to see improvements on the mysc.edu plant of the university and to continue the appropriate uses of technology, and also to expand the ways in which we learn and teach.

Having been chosen by the MSU Board of Trustees, Cole officially took her position on Sept. 1, 1998, replacing Dr. Irvin Reid. It is still too early to detect what specific areas she will focus on, what her long-range goals will be, or what she sees as her greatest challenge. This will appear much clearer once the months and months go by.

Several areas she does plan to focus on are the relationships between members of the MSU community, as well as the needs of the students and faculty members themselves. She would like to see a stronger, more integrated relationship between the MSU community and other cultural institutions, including business and industry.

“Community and teamwork are important concepts to me as well.” Before the speech, department chairs introduced over 60 new faculty and professional staff members to the congregation. Dr. Susan Cole, former President of Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis/St. Paul, is the University’s eighth president and the first woman ever to hold the office.
The Monclarion General Staff Meetings are being held every Monday afternoon at 3 pm in the Student Center Annex room 113. All interested students are welcome to attend.

Next Week:

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**Alcohol sold on campus over summer**

During New Jersey, J irrigation home games played at the new Yogi Berra Stadium, beer was served to attendees. Despite the impression that is often given that MSU is a "dry" campus, a breakdown of the class of 2001

Find out how the freshmen class compares to currently enrolled students and how they might affect the campus community.

**Freeman Dining facility receives facelift**

The Monclarion dining hall has undergone a renovation over the summer months. Real-world work about what new facilities the hall offers to students.

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Youth crime report continues next week! Four new people were arrested over the past week.

**SGA NEWS & NOTES**
The following is a letter from the Student Government Association, Inc.: Fellow Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students to Montclair State University on behalf of your Student Government Association. We at the Student Government Association are very excited about this academic year. It is our hope that the motto of the Montclair State Student Government Students "Students Serving Students" will be embodied in our ability to work together on issues and concerns with regard to the quality of life for students here on campus. We have many ideas and plans for the students this year and we want everyone to take part in them.

Some of you may recall that during this past election, we committed ourselves to service for the student body, which can be seen in this year's theme, "All About the SGA Express". We have wasted no time in getting to work for the students here on our campus. During the summer session we successfully conducted two Legislative Meetings to make the Legislature aware of our upcoming plans for the year. Also at these meetings we were able to swear in two new legislative members. See letter on P. 2 for the record.

**FOR THE RECORD**
The Monclarion wishes you a safe and happy Labor Day!

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**EARL APPROACHES U.S. GULF COAST**

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Earl strengthened rapidly Tuesday and was expected to become the season's third hurricane as it moved on toward the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The storm's clouds nearly filled the Gulf and one computer model projected "explosive intensification," the National Hurricane Center said.

"It's getting better organized per minute," said forecaster Lixia Avila at the hurricane center in Miami. "How intense it's going to be, I don't know. ... This is in the developing stage at the present time.

By late morning Tuesday, the storm's highest sustained winds were blowing 60 mph. At 11 a.m. EDT (1500 GMT), the center of Earl was about 350 miles south-southwest of New Orleans, at latitude 24.5 north, longitude 92.7 west, and was moving north at 6 mph, the hurricane center said.

Wildfire in Cali. burns 6,000 acres, 26 homes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A wildfire raging through the Juni­per Plains area of California's Rivi­er County has burned at least 36 structures, including 26 homes, the Department of Forestry said Tuesday.

The blaze has consumed 6,000 acres and already has caused an estimated $1 million damage, ac­cording to local officials.

At least five other fires — said to have been triggered by thunder­storms — also were burning in the county.

This year, the situation has been made worse because the re­gion saw tremendous plant growth due to the El Nino related wet­weather phase. And now, much of that thick underbrush is getting extremely dry due to searing temperatures in the 100-plus degree range.

**SOLDIERS STILL SUFFERING FROM UNKNOWN ILLNESS**

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is no evidence to support the theory that exposure to nerve gas caused the mysterious illnesses of 1994 soldiers, military doctors in the Persian Gulf War, a Senate com­mittee report has concluded.

Most leaders of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee said Tuesday they believe that despite the lack of evidence, it's still possible that limited exposure to chemical weapons may be one of the reasons some troops fell ill with a range of undiagnosed ailments.

"My judgment is that nerve gas is a contributing factor to Gulf War illnesses," said Sen. Bob Specter (R-Pennsylvania), chairman of the committee.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Clinton visits Moscow**

MOSCOW (CNN) — U.S. President Bill Clinton on Tuesday called Russia to continue its course of economic reform, saying that while the global markets pose cer­tain risks for national economies, they also hold the promise of great re­wards.

Clinton made the statements in an address at Moscow State Uni­versity.

On the first day of his summit meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

**Sexual assailant sought**

Montclair police were searching yesterday for an unidentified man who sexually assaulted at least two women walking home alone at night.

Two women separately re­ported being attacked by the same man within 20 minutes of each other on Vera Place near Watchung Plaza in Montclair and on Norwood Avenue in Upper Montclair last Thursday, said Po­lice Chief Thomas Russo.

Police released a sketch of the suspect, a 5-foot-10 white male, between the ages of 25 and 30, weighing between 185 and 190 pounds. He has a hunky build, dark brown hair and a light-complexion, police said.

The Communist-dominated lower house of parliament is oppose­ment to Yeltsin's choice of prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

**Death toll rises in Asia**

(CNN) — Death tolls rose on Tuesday in portions of Asia where natural disasters — including ty­phoons, floods and mudslides — have already killed thousands of people this summer and left mil­lions more homeless. Even where flooding has stopped, starvation and disease remain a threat to large populations.

Floodwaters raging in northern and eastern India on Tuesday,适 apparently could be seen in the world's first international court ver­dict on genocide Wednesday, in the 1944 slaughter of more than 500,000 minority Tutsis in Rwanda.

Jean-Paul Akayesu, an ethnic Hutu and former mayor of the ethnic minority Tutsis whom he had denounced his innocence on 15 counts of geno­cide, crimes against humanity, ter­ror and rape. His trial began in January 1997.

Prosecutors accuse Akayesu of ordering the killings of 2,000 people.

**NEW JERSEY**

Adopted last night by the Maplewood Township Committee. William Kowalski, township engineer, said the money would be used as part of a $10 million revi­talization project for the Spring­field Avenue business district, in­cluding brick pavers for sidewalks, ornamental and improved lighting and trees and shrubs on a new is­land to be installed in the middle of the street. The $3 million bal­ance will come from grants, loans and/or donations.

Details of the plan will be worked out in the next four months, Kowalski said. Work is not expected to begin until at least next year.
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Champs
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World Series winners playball with Jackals

Not only did they manage to make it to Montclair State University to share their fun with the Jackals, but they got a bit more of a natural high when they got to meet none other than baseball great Yogi Berra. Yogi greeted the young men with open arms in a small ceremony held at the museum.

“Always work hard; this is the best game in the world. If I had grown up with you, I would have been proud to play the game with you,” said Yogi as he talked to the team. After his speech, he presented each player with an autographed baseball and a letter. Players from Toms River will also receive a brick, which will be held in the museum, inscribed with their names and uniform numbers.

The fateful moment came for these players after coming back from a one run deficit and a tie game situation in the fourth and sixth innings. With Japan up 4-3 in the top of the fourth, Toms River launched a four run rally, led by two-run home runs from both Todd Fraizer and Casey Gaynor.

In the sixth inning, another four run rally was launched with the score tied 8-8. Pinch hitter and left fielder Chris Cardone started the attack with a two-run homerun. Third baseman Gabe Gardner (series: .278BA, 2 HR), whose two-run home run proved to be the game winning run, was launched with the score tied 8-8. Pinch hitter and left fielder Chris Cardone started the attack with a two-run single, putting the score at 12-8.

Cardone (series: .250BA, 2 HR), whose two-run home run proved to be the game winner over Japan, was still in shock. “As I watched the game on TV and saw us win, I didn’t think we won.” His advice for the team: “All you have to do is keep going like you know you can play.”

Yogi Berra had the same mentality when interviewed. “All you have to do is keep going. If you want to do it, then do it. It’s the only way to truly succeed. So many kids don’t learn that lesson early on in life. It’s good to see that these kids have and they put it to good use.”

President
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President Cole returns to area as university president

One area that she feels needs proper attention is the adequacy of classroom space, in order to make it more accessible to students. “We need to keep modernizing our facilities as our programs develop and grow so that we can be sure that they meet the needs of our academic program and the needs of our students, so that students will have access to classes when they need them,” Cole said.

As her background reveals, Cole has been chosen for the position as a result of the role that she has played in various institutions. Having started out as an Assistant Prof. of English, Cole now holds 3 degrees in English and Literature—a BA degree from Columbia University’s Barnard College and MA and Ph.D. degrees from Brandeis University. She has also been Vice President for University Administration Personnel from 1985-92.

“I have been deeply engaged in higher education, particularly public education. Most of my experience has been in the East Coast. I have always been interested in urban education, metropolitan areas and how public education can reach and serve diverse students from all backgrounds. Public education is what I have devoted my life to. It’s what I love,” she commented.

This involvement and engagement with all aspects of higher education is part of what made for a rewarding and challenging experience for the Brooklyn’s born President. Her dedication is for a position that appears tailor made for her. Whether or not the members of the MSU community will agree remains to be seen.

For now however, Susan Cole is exhilarated at being chosen President of the University. “I think it is a very exciting community. Clearly it has been growing and developing over the years. I think that the institution is posed at a wonderful time in history, when it is beginning to think about how it can further develop and expand itself for the 21st century,” she concluded.

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Motivating: President Cole encourages the faculty to work together at a staff meeting held in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday.

Major English minor had this to say regarding MSU’s first ever female President, “It should be really good for the university. I think it’s a very exciting community. Clearly it has been growing and developing over the years. I think that the institution is poised at a wonderful time in history, when it is beginning to think about how it can further develop and expand itself for the 21st century,” she concluded.

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Museum to house Berra memorabilia

only will the museum house such Yogi Berra memorabilia as baseball cards, pictures, bats and other assorted items, but it will also be a considered a timeline of baseball history and the New York Yankees. Included in the museum will be a small 100-seat theatre, which will be used as teaching grounds for many historical subjects relating to baseball.

Rose Cali, a MSU trustee and member of Friends of Yogi Berra, stated that "the topic of sports and baseball is important to expanding knowledge in other academic areas. [Yogi]'s commitment to education is a driving force in this expansion."

Planned guests for the museum include former Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams on opening day October 8th, an event exclusive to supporters of the museum and members of the press. Roberto Clemente Jr., the first Latin American player inducted into the baseball Hall-of-Fame, is scheduled to appear sometime in November, spreading the importance of Latin American history in baseball. Yogi Berra is expected to make a return to the museum in January.

HOME SWEET HOME: With shopping carts, dollys, and parents, students used all means possible to load their belongings into their dorm rooms. Freshmen and transfers moved in on Sunday while upperclassmen flocked to campus on Monday and Tuesday.

SGA welcomes new and returning students; prepares for 98-99 year

new Legislators as well as members of the Cabinet.

For the new academic year, we have also obtained a few of our objective. The Student Government was able to work with the Vice President for Campus Life and Student Development, Dr. Karen Pennington, and be successful in our fight for children to be permitted in Residence Halls. The Emergencies Medical Service, under the leadership of Chief Thomas J. Hynes, has 46 new certified trained Emergency Medical Technicians along with a new ambulance which is expected to be servicing the campus and surrounding community no later than October 1st.

Through the hard work of your SGA Treasurer, Kenyatta Montgomery, all organization budgets are fully operational and in use and all revisions to financial policies have been introduced with the intent to provide the best programming and service for the campus community. In serving on the Food Services Committee, SGA Vice-President John Griffin pushed for the extended hours we now have in the Student Center. Also as a safety precaution, Vice President Griffin in working with Vice President Hewitt, has convinced the University to extend the hours of the shuttle bus service to match the extended hours of the Student Center. Through his creative ideas, your SGA Secretary, David Pizzi has launched a publicity campaign at the beginning of this semester to arouse the interest of students in the SGA. His efforts can be seen in the Student Government’s co-sponsorship of Welcome Week with the New Student Experience.

This is just a small indication of what’s to come for the students this academic year. We hope that we can continue to be of service to the student body and the campus community. Remember this is your Student Government and no goal is unattainable and all possibilities, through working together can become realities, so “All Aboard the SGA Express.”
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Welcome Week helps make new students feel at home

By Carolyn Velchik

The office of New Student Experience held Welcome Week for all new students from August 30 to September 1. These three days consisted of many events that proved to be entertaining, while at the same time focusing on lectures and in order for the new students to learn what their first semester at Montclair State will be like.

Sunday, August 30 began with freshmen and transfer resident check in. Although the day was hot, residents were not very reluctant to move out of the lines hovering out of the Blanton/Bohn quad. Welcome bags were given out by the Orientation Work- shop Leaders (OWLs) as students checked in. Within these bags were such things as a water bottle and a stress kit. Day 1 ended with a video dance party which was held outside in the quad.

Rob Gilbert spoke during day 2 about how to be successful while at Montclair. Afterwards, the students were able to attend rotating information sessions that included register like a university student, safe place, and academic technology. After which, the new student counselors, June Guarlina, Monica Trizeary, Laura Pascal, and Ken Wolpin, were waiting to explain the nuts and bolts of academic life. Another rotating session then began with topics such as being tripled, avoiding the freshman 15, and making the grade. Night festivities included a mini carnival, a hypnotist, and casino night.

On the final day of Welcome Week the new students set up their alpha accounts, purchased their books, and picked up their ID cards. Welcome week closed with a four-hour Student Activities expo, a reggae band, and the movie “Deep Impact.”

Welcome Week activities turned out to be quite a success. The faculty felt that the planned activities really brought the students together as a group. “It was exciting to see all the new students making friends. They acquainted themselves and made a bond not only with other students, but also with the faculty and staff,” stated Ken Wolpin, new student counselor.

Welcome Week was a great experience. I felt very comfortable because of the overall faculty, especially the OWLs, like Maria and Sherif. My new student counselor, Laura Pascal, was extremely encouraging in getting me situated to my new life at Montclair State. Overall, the faculty and OWL support exceeded more than just Welcome Week,” Gab Messuti, freshman commuter.

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Like sports? Don’t forget to check out intramural sports, club teams and The Fitness Center’s boot camp by calling the Director of Campus Recreation. Athletics are a great way to meet new people and to avoid the dreaded freshman 15.

Getting a head start in your freshman year at Montclair

Kara L. Richardson
Assistant Sports Editor

Embracing the new experience that college offers, are as exciting as you are to embark on this four-year roller coaster, there is still the anxiety that comes with all the unknown. Chances are you have spent a few sleepless nights worrying about it, and will have more. The transition to Montclair State University doesn’t have to be as difficult if you take certain steps.

Personalizing your room is the first step to turning it from an echoing cell to home. Make sure to decorate your room with pictures of home, elements of what is uniquely you. Take pictures of your family and friends and put them in a collage or collection of some kind. Stop by a flower shop to pick a plant that can survive college life.

Make an effort at your abode. Is your roommate too serious, wild, athletic, pierced, or plastic? Not quite your roommate buddies from back home, right? Give your roommate a chance, chances are you aren’t going to be attached from the hip from first glance, nor do you ever have to be. Just wait, relax, and give it time. You may not have an instant best friend—maybe a comforting companion. Try to spend less time on the phone with familiar friends from back home and more time socializing with your new neighbors. At least you know that you have something in common with everyone in your freshman class, you’re new, excited, nervous, and a lot scared.

Contact your new roommate to plan what you need to feel comfortable. That first communication can eliminate problems from the start such as showing up with two mini-refrigerators and no TV. (Heavens no!) Visit some of the popular MSU hangouts to have the upper hand when it comes time to decide what to do. Talk to some upperclassmen if you get a chance to sharpen up on some MSU lingo. The Ratt is The Rathskeller, The C-Store is located in the basement of the Student Center (otherwise written as SC). Spend some time researching campus activities. The SGA is a good place to start.

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By Lynnette M. Surie
Arts & Entertainment editor

The Beauty of Miss Saigon

By Victoria Tengelics
Staff Writer

Playing at the Broadway Theatre in New York City, Miss Saigon evokes from its audiences every human emotion from laughter to tears. This musical/drama about the aftermath of the Vietnam War was written by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. Miss Saigon is not just another Vietnamese saga, it is a tale of an undying love. Instead of focusing on the war itself, the playwrights concentrated on the forgotten victims of the war, the citizens of Vietnam and the children left behind by the evacuating GIs.

The play begins in a whorehouse in Saigon where the latest Miss Saigon Beauty Pageant is being held. Kim, the new girl, has lost her whole family and is running from a marriage to a man she does not love. Chris, a GI stationed in Saigon, has been dropped there by his friend John who thinks he needs to loosen up. Even though Chris did not feel like joining in the festivities, he takes Kim upstairs out of a feeling that she should protect her. The two fall in love and, just as fate drew them together, it tears them apart.

Although the plot itself is gripping, Miss Saigon would not be as moving without its talented cast. Chloe Stewart, who played the part of Kim, was convincing as the innocent young girl who never gives up her love for Chris. Kim desires to be able to take her son, Tam, to America where she would have a chance at life. Although she was separated from Chris during the Army's retreat, she holds on to the belief that he will one day come back for her and their son. Chris was portrayed by Matt Bogart: for the most part, his performance was exceptional but he tended to overdramatize in some scenes. Anastasia Barzcc was satisfactory in her performance of Ellen. Chris's new wife. Unfortunately, I did not like the character she was portraying. Luoyong Wang's character, The Engineer, provided the comic relief for Miss Saigon. His performance was my favorite, being so genuinely witty that his mere presence was laughable. He is a scam artist who wants to come to America, the land of dreams, more than anything. His hilarious antics serve to lighten the load on your mind.

It is hard to bring the reality of film to the stage but it was accomplished with Miss Saigon. From a grandiose statue of Ho Chi Minh to a simulated helicopter landing on stage, the set contributed to the mood of this touching saga.

Miss Saigon is a play for everyone, promising to move even the hardest of hearts. This play was thought provoking, giving new insight into the trials of all the people involved in this Vietnam tragedy. If you are interested in exceptional entertainment, we definitely recommend seeing Miss Saigon.
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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

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Rent defines Play of the 90's

By Lynette Surye

Arts & Entertainment Editor

This summer I had the chance to check out the play RENT for the first time. I wanted to see it for such a long time and it was worth every penny of the ticket.

The basic plot of RENT is this...Mark, an freelance film type person (also the narrator of the play), and his roommate, Roger, a down on his luck musician, live together in a warehouse type apartment owned by their ex-roommate Collins. Follow me if you will - Collins married a rich woman and bought the warehouse where his friends live. Then he decides that he wants to turn it into a big buck business. Collins used to date Mimi, who is now dating Roger. Benny is also an ex-roommate of Mark and Roger and is dating Angel. (Wilson Cruz, Ricky from "My So Called Life"), a drag queen. To add to the plot, Mark used to date Maureen, a performance artist, who is now dating Joanne, her manager, the job which Mark used to do. If you can follow that, you must have your masters in babbling. As soon as you see the show, however, you get it right away.

RENT is the story of the 90's. It is the story of homelessness, drug addiction, HIV/AIDS and how people cope with the struggles of life. One of the biggest turning points of the play is when a beeper goes off and the whole cast chimes in "AZT break." At that point, the audience finds out which charact cr in the play is infected with HIV/AIDS. It was very touching.

The opening scene of the play takes place on Christmas Eve, it was fitting, and beautiful for a pile of junk. The theater itself was even raggedy looking for the show. I passed by the clubs, raves, and gigs that in the place in which she would be enumerated by the clubs, raves, and gigs that inspired her most. Her music is complex and influenced by an eclectic blend of techno, industrial, Swing, Big Beat, monistic, and hip hop.

Soularium is an album full of self-discovery. The first track on Soularium, "Feel My Love" immediately made me think of another soul seeking album, Ray of Light, by the ever popular Madonna. Every song on Soularium is unique. Each one brings to mind another comparable, well-known artist. Sister Soleil's sound resembles the likes of Bjork, Tori Amos, Garbage, Elastica, and just a tad of Alain's "vengeful nature."

This album is a bunch of jumbled up emotions. It will make you want to get up and dance. Sometimes it'll make you want to cry. It may make you laugh (if you have a sick sense of humor). It will definitely make you think (probably some psycho-analytic introspective thoughts), but one thing it surely will do is send you to the happy land I like to call mysticism (new age style). "From a musical standpoint, I'd always been upset with the idea that there had to be a separation between genres," Stella explains. "I never understood the idea of people putting themselves into these airtight pockets. I'm not influenced by one kind of music - my taste goes across the spectrum - so it was important to me to form a community and use different genres of music within the context of one record. I went and got all of my favorite people, each from completely different worlds to work with me. That's why there are seven different producers on the record. But with so much experimentation, there needed to be the strong melody and strong song structure - that's kept the record from becoming chaotic, "

Ok, so I have just gone on and on about how great Stella Katsioudas has made Sister Soleil. But what would the band be without...um...the band. Todd Kelsey - flute, Grey Parker - guitar, Chris Lisleholm - drums, Pete Bellino - bass, and Chris Moshier - keyboards and programming add to Soularium's backdrop. The album's producers: Robert Hill, Zlatko Hukic, Joseph Arthur, Markos Deyas, Fabio Paras and Jon Gosling help to give the album its distinct flavor. Also, as an added bonus, Peter Gabriel contributed a vocal on the track "Blind." (I suppose this is attributed to the fact that the band recorded in Box, England at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios.)

You are convinced that Soularium is an amazing debut album, aren't you? Why not? Go out and get it to see for yourself. Go Right now. Why are you still here? Go, go, go!!!
A special event is taking place at G’X Coffee Bar & Cafe. The event is titled "Live Evening Entertainment" and includes performances on 9/11, 9/12, 9/18, and 9/19. The prices range from $5.00 to $18.00. The performers include Rob Oakes (Folk/New Age on 9/11), Frankie Spear (New Age on 9/12), Rusty Iron (Comedy on 9/18), and Krimgel (Acoustic Pop on 9/19).

G’X also offers a variety of food options such as gourmet coffee and teas, specialty cakes and pastries, gourmet salads and sandwich wraps, gelato, tartufo, sorbet, and more. Show times are from 9 PM to 1 AM.

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"The Voice of Montclair State" will be a feature running every week in this section, given that enough people participate and contribute. Each week a question will be asked, usually in relation to a campus issue/event or a national/global situation. Any and all students and faculty members who wish to give their opinion on the question at hand are asked to call 973-655-7616 and leave a message on the answering machine with their comment, name, and major/year (if applicable), and phone number.

This week's question is ...

What issue do you think should be the first priority of recently appointed MSU President Susan Cole?

Once received, all comments are property of the Montclarion and may be edited for length, content, and libel.

As the Fall 1998 semester here at MSU officially begins, many returning students will notice a sizable number of changes throughout the administration, the campus and the campus community.

The most noted changes involve the recent appointment of President Susan E. Cole, formerly of Metropolitan State University in Minnesota, President Cole brings with her a wealth of experience as an administrator and a leader in community service, and the students are looking to her to become a figurehead of the campus community in a position exemplified by her formal predecessor, the visionary Dr. Reid.

The recent board of the SGA, led by President Anton Wheeler, has also been looked upon as an organization that will encourage campus growth in the coming year. Even some of the SGA's harshest critics began singing the board's praises during the hiatus between the spring and fall semesters, having seen many of the members working with other campus organizations to prepare for the coming academic year.

Other changes around campus are more immediately noticeable and started to draw attention even before the first class sessions were held. Sodexho renewed their contract with MSU as its food services provider and, in addition to the recent introduction of block meal plans and late night dining at the Student Center, renovated Freeman Dining Hall into a state-of-the-art college dining facility. Calcia Hall, once suffering from horrible structural damage, has had a new roof installed. College Hall was given a facelift with a newly administered coat of paint, stone-railed walkways and new main entrance doors, and some less skeptical students still claim that the mountains of dirt, stretches of wire fencing and random machinery behind Richardson Hall will soon enough evolve into a math and science annex. Floyd Hall Ice Arena is fully operational after grabbing state-wide attention even before the first class sessions were held. Sodexho renewed their contract with MSU as its food services provider and, in addition to the recent introduction of block meal plans and late night dining at the Student Center, renovated Freeman Dining Hall into a state-of-the-art college dining facility. Calcia Hall, once suffering from horrible structural damage, has had a new roof installed. College Hall was given a facelift with a newly administered coat of paint, stone-railed walkways and new main entrance doors, and some less skeptical students still claim that the mountains of dirt, stretches of wire fencing and random machinery behind Richardson Hall will soon enough evolve into a math and science annex. Floyd Hall Ice Arena is fully operational after grabbing state-wide attention even before the first class sessions were held.

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A Statement of Intent and Purpose for a New Year at MSU

Justin VELLUCI

I would like to express my thoughts on being a student at MSU. There are some problems at MSU. In fact, there are probably many problems at MSU.

I am here and I am thinking human being from a zombie. Many of the ones I spoke to felt the same need to be honest to the students. I had taken their advice and kept my mouth shut until I actually got a chance to prepare my words.

The purpose of the orientation program is to present the incoming freshman as much as we can about the university. The OWL Program is not here as a soapbox for its editors or a medium for its columnists alone. A university newspaper is a vehicle to justify hatred. And I would ask everyone not to bring their deadlines here at MSU who wishes to speak out or respond to an issue at hand never hesitates to do so.

As the fireworks continued I looked back at the baseball on a national level. Instead of being worried about an upcoming strike or lockout, the baseball world is on the edge of their spotlight. And just last week, a bunch of working unselfish players who pull together to achieve a common goal. What's happening down in the quarry is an incredible thing, one which MSU and the surrounding communities will be able to enjoy for a long time.
A fired OWL envisions a freshman orientation based on honesty

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There were also a few other people released for reasons that don’t seem worthy of a person to lose their job. The only thing that gives me any solace is that I am not completely alone in being fired for questionable reasons.

I am one of those persons who agree to the notion that life at MSU is indeed a unique experience. But I have observed over time that much of what is written in The Montclarion does not allow for a mature and substantive engagement, where we can bridge lines and foster a deeper awareness of class, of difference, of traditions that exist here at MSU. In other words, many dynamic issues are ignored, whereas the mores of some cultural viewed as cosmopolitan are trumpeted without recognizing the need and legitimacy of critical engagement. This fall, let us not succumb to name calling or “divism.”

Rather, let us become involved with issues and engage each other in spirit, in mind, and body. Let us become critical intellectually of issues we confront in these pages and, as might be said elsewhere, we must move beyond our lunch table mentalities and free our minds. There are many issues, not merely Monica Lewinsky or those that are flogged to death in mainstream media. We can talk about transnationalism, disease, self development, technology and so forth. Again, the challenge is to commit ourselves to critical engagement and renewal, to allow for growth. There is a need to move beyond the constraints of secularism to the lived reality of daily struggles and trials we confront. Until I write again ... let it flow.

-Troy Wills, Philosophy/Biology

A fired OWL envisions a freshman orientation based on honesty

I wholeheartedly realize that my ranting may come off as a ton of sour grapes. However, there are some real problems with the New Student Experience and I feel it is imperative that this university take notice. It is time once and for all to turn the orientation program into a situation that hogs to death in mainstream media. That leads me to my third point concerning the gross mismanagement of the Student Activities Expo. The event, which is established in order to promote campus life, was finally blocked for a two-hour time frame. Some genius decided that it would be a good idea to cut that time in half to one measly hour. Furthermore, lunch was scheduled for the exact same time as the Expo. The student’s first chance to sit down for a break also happened to be scheduled for arguably the most important segment of the entire orientation. As a direct result, the student organizations suffered from a lack of students to try to recruit. Is the NSE trying to kill student life once and for all or are they just ignorant as to the importance of student life in the continued success of this university? I was actually barked at by one of the Freshman Counselors for talking to a few freshmen about the benefits of getting involved on campus and possibly joining the Montclarion because it was 1:02 and the next program was about to start. I don’t think that looks very good for the school.

I wholeheartedly realize that my ranting may come off as a ton of sour grapes. However, there are some real problems with the New Student Experience and I feel it is imperative that this university take notice. It is time once and for all to turn the orientation program into a situation that truly prepares students for the college experience. If you don’t believe anything I’ve said, go ask an OWL. At the very least, get involved. After all, this is your school.

INTERESTED IN WRITING FOR THE OPINION PAGE SECTION OF THE MONTCLARION?

The Montclarion is always in search of new columnists and contributors for upcoming issues. Any student interested should stop by the Montclarion offices, located in the annex of the Student Center, or call x5169. Any student wishing to be considered for a column in the Opinion Pages should leave a writing sample and a list of topical interests in Justin Vellucci’s mailbox or send information via e-mail to VellucciJ@alpha.montclair.edu.
Summer Tip #35
Always use proper sunblock. Go to the beach and have someone lie on top of you. However, they have to be either A.) much bigger than you-for full coverage, or B.) Very cute.

Summer Tip #36
Do not send your child, niece, or nephew to either the Mansun Family Day Camp nor the Partridge Family Day Camp. They’ll end up as manics on psychedelics, or manics wearing psychedelics.

Summer Tip #37
If you’re eating cotton candy at a carnival, or on the boardwalk, watch what flies into you. If you don’t check your stick, you may end up with some protein in your sugar.

Summer Tip #38
For all you big, hairy guys out there who are contemplating wearing “Speedos” to the beach, we have two words for you: BIKINI WAX.
Last Gasp At Labor Day

By Teresa DeFabriocio
Humor Mistress - with sidekick Jay Selnick

Hello there, fellow Montclarion readers, and welcome back to another school year. If you haven’t noticed, we kind of went back early this year, before Labor Day, the official last-bash of summer. So, this means you have roughly five days left to enjoy all the typical summer joys. However, (there’s always a way to enjoy these next few, precious days, watch out for some of the following items, and if you’ve already encountered them — as I’m sure most of you have — don’t repeat the same mistakes!

THINGS THAT JUST MAKE THE SUMMER SUCK:

FAMILY-GET-TOGETHERS

Uncle Joe’s barbecue… a short trip with Grandma… Visiting the cousins in the Hamptons, or Long Island. All of these are healthy, natural ways of enjoying the surf, sand and sun with the people who will drive you the craziest in the least amount of time. This isn’t because they love you. Family trips can be a literal powder keg of trouble just waiting to happen. I went to my friend’s Uncle’s barbecue in July. There was yelling, screaming, rivalries, and estranged sides who wouldn’t speak to one another. This wasn’t just that in the meantime, try to keep from strangling those closest to you.

BAD SUMMER MOVIES

While I’m not that old, I can still remember two summers of my youth perfectly — 1984, and 1989. Why those years in particular? They’re the movies. For ’84, I remember “Ghostbusters,” “Footloose,” and even thought I didn’t completely understand it at the time, “Out of Africa.” In ’89, I saw “Battman” (Who didn’t) “The Little Mermaid” and “Days of Thunder” came out in late May. Yes, late May would just about qualify for a summer movie. These were absolutely great movies that made the summer a little more interesting. P.S., back then, tickets were a little more reasonably priced; when I saw “Battman” — the matinee performance was $2.50. It seems now that the tickets have gone up, and the quality way downs. For the exception of “The X-Files,” which I did like, pretty much everything else this summer, stank. “Mafia” was a waste. “Godzilla” was costly remade in hlep, ultra-tech ’90’s style, but lacked charm. “City of Angels” was perhaps one of the most predictable plots in the world, and if the end of the world is coming by meteorite, it can fall on Hollywood with its overload of destruction movies. If I’m paying $8.50 a ticket I want to see a good movie, not something that I wouldn’t rent for .99 cents at a Shop Rite seven months later.

SUNBURN

Itching, burning, peeling red skin is no fun to anyone unless you’re a boiled lobster or Idaho potato. Remember, sun block is the thing that I wouldn’t rent for. 99 cents at a rental store from the Salvation Army thirty years ago? How about where the electrical circuits short out and cause a fire — on stage? NO! Well, you’re certainly missing a great theatrical experience. However, there’s only one thing more trying than seeing a very bad company show is working for them. Thirteen-hour days, catty actors who think they are God’s gift to drama. (Then why the hell are you working a summer stock?) sets that need to be put up in ten hours, need I say any more? (For any one out there who has done this-God will bless you someday. You may never win a Tony, but there is a place for you in Heaven.)

BAD SUMMER FOOD

Attention Writers! The Humor Section is looking for MSU’s most creative, and talented funny writers and cartoonists for this year’s staff. If you think you’ve got what it takes, come on down to The Montclarion office and let us see what you can do. Call 655-5169 and ask for Teresa.

I know that it’s tradition to eat a greasy cheesesteak, or order of fries down on the boardwalk, but think about what you’re doing. Do you know where that food has been! Has the grill been cleaned in the past ten months? Is the cook wiping his nose on the bun and calling it “special sauce”? If people are getting salmonella at four star restaurants — what are you getting at Tony’s burger Shack in Seaside? Cancer? Just a friendly word of advice — don’t eat anything not cooked to a small chunk of charcoal.

Other than that, enjoy what’s left of your summer and we’ll see you next week!
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NJ Devil
Bobby Holik comes to Floyd Hall Arena

By Kara L. Richardson
Assistant Sports Editor

Skating down the ice with your idol, taking a pass from him as he compliments your style. Learning the right way to take a slap shot from someone who has rubbed elbows with the best of the best in the NHL. It’s a hockey players dream come true. Sixty kids spent the week of July 27-31 doing just that at MSU’s Floyd Hall Arena during Bobby Holik’s Summer Hockey School.

The New Jersey Devil Center, Holik instructed a hockey school that emphasized the improvement of fundamental skills. Holik enjoyed his time working with the young hockey players. “I’m here for the kids, they are not here for me,” Holik said.

The Czech native, employed many teaching techniques in his camps. “If you put the words with the picture, it is much better than just the words,” Holik worked with the players on ice for three hours a day.

“He was really good with the kids,” Floyd Hall employee and MSU student, Joe Gaccione said. “All the kids seemed really eager to learn in his presence.”

The program boasted a focus on the European finesse style of playing and an improvement of basic skills. “We have to pay attention to details,” Holik’s assistant coach for the camp Jiri Valko said, “players from the Czech Republic have to compete with the many North American players.” Valko is also a Czech native.

“Within that one week, the kids saw their own potential,” Valko said about the progress of the players involved in the program.

Having an NHL star on the premise did have its toll. Only participants of the program were given an autograph upon completion of the program. Many came to Floyd Hall Arena to get a glimpse of the power center were turned away but were assured an autograph if sent to the Devils office.

At the end of camp on July 31, Holik mentioned that he was going back to his house in Wyoming to begin his preseason training, before heading back to the NJ Devils. “For me the season starts now, its time to get ready.”

New Jersey Devil Bobby Holik address his eager players on the last day of the week long camp.
Baseball falls just short of national title

Hawks lose title game to E. Connecticut, finish impressive overall in nation

By Kevin P. Hancock

For an entire month, only one team could solve the Montclair State University Baseball team. However, that one team cost MSU the honor of being crowned national champions.

The Red Hawks were defeated by Eastern Connecticut State University 16-1 in the NCAA Division III National Championship game on May 27, dashing MSU’s hopes and ending an incredible run by the Hawks, that saw them sweep through the month of May, winning the NJAC, and Mid-Atlantic Regional titles.

There would have been one more title added to that list, however they just could not get past Eastern Connecticut State who defeated them twice in the double-elimination World Series tournament by a combined score of 27-5.

Eastern Connecticut senior center fielder Steve Remhsa went 4-5 with four RBIs and catcher Anthony Formato went 2-3 adding three RBIs leading their team to a crushing defeat over MSU. All told, the Hawks gave up 18 hits, including seven doubles in the loss. MSU’s starter, Scott Allan took the defeat which was his second of the tournament, both coming in 1990 for the Warriors. The championship game was the third all-time for the Red Hawks, having won its tow previous title-game appearances in 1987 and 1993. The loss was the worst MSU has ever suffered in the 107 NCAA post-season games it has played, and its worst loss in what was otherwise a spectacular season.

MSU ended the year with a 35-11-1 record, winning the NJAC championship with a 14-4 record in the conference. The Red Hawks swept through the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament, earning a spot in the NCAA World Series by defeating their four opponents by a combined score of 38-11. Winning the Mid-Atlantic championship continued MSU’s history of post-season excellence, claiming their 10th Regional title in the last 23 years. By the time Rowan, Allentown and the College of New Jersey, who they defeated twice, knew what hit them, MSU was off to Salem, Virginia for their tenth appearance in the NCAA Division III World Series.

Leading the way there was MSU first baseman Shawn McCorkle who led all hitters in the Mid-Atlantic Tournament with a .533 average. He was named to the All-Tournament team along with other Red Hawks EJ Sehelle and Joe Finamore. Pitcher Chris Keelin recorded two victories for MSU in the tournament.

At the World Series MSU played six games, putting up a record of 4-2 in the double elimination tournament. Their first matchup came against South Regional Champion, North Carolina Wesleyan, a game MSU won by a score of 6-3.

Montclair 4, Cortland State 2

Montclair State won its 10th game in a row overall and second in a row at World Series by downing the Cortland State Red Dragons in a game that was postponed by rain on May 24, and finished on the morning of May 25. Nevertheless, the Red Hawks won on the strength of freshman All-American Craig Conway’s game winning RBI single which gave the Hawks a 3-2 lead in the third inning that would hold up, snipping Cortland’s nation-leading 25-game win streak.

Eastern Connecticut State 11, Montclair State 4

Senior right fielder Jon Gersz was 4-5 with two RBIs and a home run for ECSU, putting the Warriors into the driver’s seat of the World Series with a convincing 11-4 victory over the Red Hawks. The victory left Eastern the only undefeated team in the tournament at 3-0 and sent MSU to elimination round matchup with Aurora University of Illinois. Eastern pounded MSU starter Scott Allan in the third inning to the tune of six runs on six hits, sending 10 men to the plate giving the Warriors a commanding 7-0 lead. The Red Hawks battled back in the bottom half of the third behind consecutive RBI singles by Shawn McCorkle and Frank Francia, cutting the lead to 7-3. However, it was not enough as the powerful Warrior offense added four more runs in the top of the ninth to give Eastern an 11-4 victory.

Montclair State 5, Aurora University 4

Sophomore Frank Francia continued his hot hitting by going 2-3 with an RBI and AJ Economou won his second game of the tournament to lead the Red Hawks over Cortland State 5-2 in the semi-final match-up. Montclair led the whole way in this one, taking a 4-0 lead in the top of the fourth. Freshman Craig Conway tripled in that inning to score Dan Wynder for a 2-0 lead. Shawn McCorkle then followed with a RBI single for 3-0 lead, and a sacrifice fly by Alex Bosco scored a fourth run. Cortland came back with two runs in the seventh, but MSU held them off to advance to the NCAA Division III championship game against Eastern Connecticut.

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