Little League champs visit Yogi Berra Stadium

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

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Hall of Famer Ted Williams scheduled to appear at opening

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Yogi Berra Museum slated to open next month

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President Cole addresses faculty at welcome meeting

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Dr. Cole ushers in 98-99 year

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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 President Cole 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 in the pre-scare 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. Irving 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 weeks 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 in

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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.

“It is my intention to be 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 usability for students who follow a traditional education plan while making the university more assessable for students that follow unorthodox schedules.

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Cole admitted that there is a lot of work to do, and she can not do it 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.

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The New Jersey Jackals, a baseball team from Toms River, New Jersey did when they defeated the team from Kashima, Japan, 12-9 in the world championship of the 1998 Little League World Series, a game that featured 11 home runs.

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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.

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 Student Government Students Serving Students will be emboldened in our ability to work together on issues and concerns with regards 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 worked so little in time to get 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 the new Legislative Council.

For The Record

The Monclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think that we have made a mistake in a story please call Editor-in-Chief, Kevin P. Hancok at 973-655-5230.

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 Lixion 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 at 60 mph. At 11 a.m. EDT (1600 GMT), the center of Earl was about 350 miles south-southwest of New Orleans, at latitude

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — A U.S. soldier who fought in the Persian Gulf War, a Senate committee report has concluded.

“… he is a contributing factor to Gulf War illness, said Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania), chairman of the committee.

“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 wet weather phase. And now, much of that thick underbrush is getting extremely dry due to scaring 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 of war in the Persian Gulf War, a Senate committee report has concluded.

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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. I’d 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 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, 12 assists) ended Toms River’s scoring 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 still didn’t think we won." His advice for players 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."

Yogi Berra had the same mentality when he talked to the team. "As I 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.

Yogi Berra, a baseball hero of yesteryear, meets the Toms River East Little League Baseball Team, tomorrow's superstars, at their induction into the Yogi Berra Museum.

President
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President Cole returns to area as university president dusty.

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 1980-92.

"I have been deeply engaged in higher education, particularly public education. Most of my experience has been 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 contemplated.

This involvement and engagement with all aspects of higher education is part of what could make for a rewarding and challenging experience for the Brooklyl 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.

Adrienne Howell a Communication
Museum

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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 Call, a MSU trustee and member 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.

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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 Emergency 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, Kenya Montgomery, all organizations 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 box 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
Assistant Sports Editor

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 to help the new students learn what their first semester at MSU 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 links bustling out of the Blanton/Bohn quad. Welcome bags were given out by the Orientation Workshop 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.

Robert spoke during day 2 about how to be successful while at MSU. After wards, the students were able to attend rotating information sessions that included register time course registration, safe place, and academic technology. After which, the new student counselors, June Guirlanda, Monica Trivrazy, Laura Pascual, 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.

This was the first year for Welcome Week activities. The object was to bring separate groups of newcomers together as one diverse group. One freshman believed that the faculty and staff were successful in reaching this goal.

“Welcome Week was a great experience. I felt very comfortable because of the overall, especially the OWLS, like Maria and Sheriff. My new student counselor, Laura Pascual, 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 Messuri, freshman commuter.

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Don’t Gamble With Your Life

By Dr. Rob Gilbert, Ph.D.

College is a gamble. Basically, you’re betting that all the time, effort, and money that you’re going to spend here at Montclair State University over the next three, four, or five years will yield a big payoff over the next 30, 40, or 50 years of your life.

Do you want to make a safe bet? Your commitment to your academic work will transform this gamble into an incredibly lucrative investment.

Here’s the key question. Are you committed to your future?

As a student, being committed means:

* Doing what you have to do (going to class, paying attention, doing your assignments)
* Being on time for class and appointments, getting your assignments in on time

* Rising above the “I-don’t-feel-like-it” syndrome, whether you like it or not
* Taking all means necessary

If you can get committed and stay committed to your courses, the odds on a big return on your investment will be stacked in your favor. If you want to hear Dr. Gilbert’s motivational message of the day, call Success Hotline at (973) 743-4600.

Get a head start in your freshman year at Montclair

By Karen Richardson
Assistant Sports Editor

Embarking on the new experience that is college can be scary. As strong as you are, as excited as you are to embark on this four-year roller coaster, there is still the anxiety of 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 that 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 bosom 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—but 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 Rathskellar, 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. There are many special interest organizations and activities. Extra curricular activities can even further your career goals with things such as the Marketing Association or just be for fun like the Japanimation Lovers meetings. With about 10,000 other students on campus you are bound to find some people who are into what you are, no matter how strange.

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

Call or meet with your advisor and other academic personnel whenever you have a question. Getting into positive academic habits from the start will help you in the long run.
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The new Arts Editor is a Wench...

By Lynnette M. Surie

Arts & Entertainment editor

O

k, before the feminist front starts writing lines, there is a perfectly goo d explanation for this title. During this summer, I, the new Arts and Entertainment editor, realized that it was time for me to get a real job. Being the darin-
ging person I am, I decided to apply to Medi-
eval Times in Lyndhurst. Low and behold I got a job at the bar and claimed my new title as Bar Wench. The title is amusing being that drinking is not my forte in life and I now know how to make over 400 drinks. Party time!

Working there, I met and befriended many interesting people with whom I have gone to numerous concerts, clubs, bars, and ran-
dom weird places. I had so much fun with my co-wench that I decided to write this column to showcase the fun and funky things we do. Perhaps it may sound like something you would want to do too, so every week or so, depending on how you all like the column, I will scour the Medieval world for cool tunes, reads, and, if you’re lucky, even some marvelous places to wish away your worries.

For right now, however, I have to tell you all a little bit about my summer fun.

Summer started off a little slow with the new job and all, so I didn’t have a lot of time to discover new things. I was too busy getting in the groove of the wench show. So May was boring. June picked up, as I got to know my Co-wenches better, I found out just how strange they all were. We went out to The Tunnel, Vanity, Twilos, and other random hole-in-the-wall clubs in Manhattan. I would have never realized that there were so many weird fetish outfits out there. (People wanting to eat other people’s finger-nail clippings, if the funky bunch had not dragged me to this club. I don’t think it was chance to go down to the MTV summer show in Seaside, and if you didn’t get a chance to see it for yourself, I feel for you. I think the people were really short or the house was crowded. While I was down there I tried out for Wanna-Be-a-Spicegirl. Even though I love (note the sarcasm) Spice Girls and sing and dance like them all the time in my room late at night wearing Britsh flag hot pants, I didn’t make it to the final. Awkward... They had the chance to brand me Deadhead Spice, though, since I showed up looking like a Native American bi-

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 Alan Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. Miss Saigon is not just another Vietnam saga. It is a tale of an undying love. Instead of focus-
ing on the war it self, the playwrights concentrated on the for-gotten vic
tims of the war, the citi-
zens of Vietnam and the children left behind by the evacuat-
ing GIs.

The play begins in a whore house in Saigon in which 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 dragged there by his friend John who thinks he needs to know up. Even though Chris did not feel like joining in the festivities, he takes Kim upstairs out of a feeling that he 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 he would have a chance at life. Although she left 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 Mattfggurt, for the most part, his performance was exceptional but he tended to overdramatize some scenes. Anastasia Barzee was satisfactory in her performance of Ellen, Chris’s new wife. Unfortunately, I did not like the character she was portraying. Lucyyong Wang’s character, The Engineer, provided the comic relief for Miss Saigon. His perform-

ance was my favorite, being so genu-

inely wry 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 mood on your mind.

It is hard to bring the reality of film to the stage but it was accomplished with Miss Saigon. From a grand scale 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 lives of all the people involved in this Vietnam District. If you are interested in exceptional entertainment, you definitely want to recommend seeing Miss Saigon.

Two words for you-Beastie Boys. I had the greatest time! The concert was totally awesome. I also got the chance to do some of my other summer time regulars like going down to “Sleaze” Side and checking out the ripped bodies and rip-
tides. Speaking of ripped, I went into the city to the grand opening of the new Virgin Megastore, and had the chance to meet the band InSinc. I never actually spoke to them, but I did get close enough to see that they were still pretty ripped for teen-

agers. My last hurrah was Great Adventure. If you get the chance go before it closes this year, check out Daredevil Flying - I was bouncing out the walls from adrenaline for a week.

But the fun is just beginning! Summer may be over but Autumn and Winter bring many new CD releases, book signings, and theater extravaganzas. I really can’t wait to send my writers out into the world of cool. There you may find concert tickets free CD’s, and perhaps interviews with really cool people all for the price of a well-writ-
ten article! Come on in to the Montclairian office and see me for more information, or call X4160.

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Rent defines Play of the 90's

By Lynette Surie
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 price.

The basic plot of RENT is this: Mark, an aspiring film director (also the narrator of the show), 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").

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 character or in the play is infected with HIV/AIDS. It was very touching.

The songs totally made the show. I personally couldn’t get "Light My Candle" and "Season Of Love" out of my head for days. The tears were pouring free in the theater. The first time in the Nederland Theater, Angel’s words were simple, but one could place the entire piece of each piece of scenery and each flat. Everything was used to the max. Everything was simple, but the greatest piece of the set was the giant scrap junk Christmas tree. Since 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 raggled looking for the show. I took the paint pealing walls and the plaster ceiling to reflect the poverty of the play, or it could have just been the condition of the rather small and aging theater. I was fortunate enough to witness Wilson Cruz as Angel. He was my favorite character of the whole show. He originally created the role in the California production and just recently came back to New York to work with this cast. Luther Creek, who played Roger, was absolutely wonderful. He invoked such emotion and energy into his role. Scott Hunt, the understudy for the original Mark, did a beautiful job. I would not have even realized that he was not chosen as number one for that part. I thoroughly enjoyed Mimi Marquez, played by Marcy Harrell. She was exuberant and so completely trusting through most of the show that I was in awe of her. She was an outrageously sexual and complicated character.

Overall, I loved the show with all my heart. I have seen many Broadway productions and this one was top notch. I think you have to see it again and splurge for front row tickets and then stay late again and get to meet the entire cast. But for now I have to use my money to pay my RENT.

Sister Soleil: a bold fusion of sound, spirit, and soul

By Jill Hutchinson
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

When Lynette handed me Soularium by Sister Soleil my first impression was wow this chick on the cover is really scary looking! It turns out that the so-called scary chick is Stella Katsoudas, Sister Soleil’s bandleader. As I flipped the album over to the back cover, I was more impressed looking Stella. The pictures of Stella parallel the music in which is held inside: hard beats and sincere words. Apparent in her music, Stella believes in openness, honesty, empowerment, catharsis and communications. After her dreams of becoming a ballerina were shattered, Stella was turned to music by way of her brother who was in a band at the time. Soon after, Stella found herself intrigued by this new form of self-expression. So she headed off to London, the place in which she would be encompassed 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, monastic, and hip hop.

Soularium is an album full of self-discovery. The first track on Soularium, "Feel My Love" immediately reminded me of another soul seeking album, Ray of Light, by the ever popular Madonna. Every song on the album is unique. Each one brings to mind another comparable, well-known artist. Sister Soleil’s sound resembles the likes of Bjork, Amos, Garbage, Elastica, and just a tad of Alani’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 Katsoudas has made Sister Soleil. But what would the band be without... um... the band, Todd Kelsey - flute, Grey Parker - guitar, Chris Lifedolli - drums, Pete Bellino - bass, and Chris Mosher - keyboards and programming add to Soularium’s backdrop. The album’s producers: Robert Hill, Zlatko Hukic, Joseph Arthur, Markos Deavas, Fabio Paras and Jon Gosling help to give the album it’s 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 awesome debut album, aren’t you? Why not? Go out and get it for yourself. Go Right now. Why are you still here? Go, go, go!!!
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The Voice of Montclair State

In the tradition of last year’s “Students Speak Out!,” the Opinion Page section of the Montclarion is introducing “The Voice of Montclair State.”

“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?

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Recent Changes at MSU
Create A Sense of Hope

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. Sodexo 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. Calcula 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. Sodexo 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. Calcula 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 after a ground-breaking ceremony led by Governor Whitman, and a minor league baseball team now calls Yogi Berra Stadium its home. The list apparently goes on and on and one cannot help but wonder if these material and cosmetic improvements will lead to greater steps and greater degrees of change on an educational level.

With such improvements quite evident, it is difficult to not view the coming year with a certain degree of hope. Many times the voice of the Montclarion has been a cynical one, pointing to the flaws and faults of administrators and bureaucratic educators. As we shuffle into our precious parking spaces, we cross our fingers and hope that these changes continue and that our goals for the future of MSU are fulfilled.
**VIEWPOINT**

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

Justin VELLucci

I welcome students with differing opinions and backgrounds to meet within and argue on behalf of their opinions. I welcome letters to the editor (With the possible exception of "mystery gifts" from the Unahombor or someone who is joining the Montclarion will publish his/her 1,000,000 word manifesto on the decay of society and so on). I want that people read these pages and, with an eager sense of anticipation and I plan on giving America an all new look at the all of the credit that they deserve. In the larger frame, I plan to show the public that President Clinton's overzealous genitals or his ability, in my opinion, his way out of committing perjury. Everyone still knows what perjury is, right? Good. Sometimes, when someone speaks of Clinton in a positive light, I begin to wonder.

In this newsletter, you will find students with differing opinions and backgrounds in every issue. In the future, this will be a permanent fixture of the Montclarion and you will see fresh faces every week, as we report on the issues of the week. There will be no more "race games" and, if anybody asks me to give my honest opinions when it came to expressing those views to the faculty or student body, I am not here to make you happy, I am here to speak their minds and guarantee that others are given the freedom to speak theirs. If everyone responds to an issue at hand never hesitates to speak out or to get people to come the opinions of any one thing, Citizen #2 has just as much of a right to express his/her opinion as Citizen #1. However, I do not think that my release came about a week before the first New Student Orientation started. It was an opportunity to present the incoming freshman as much as we could in their freshman year. Were these players good you were rather than how much fun you were having. Instead of hearing about who had the best chance to win the pennant, the evening sports news was filled with stories about players who had big salaries and even bigger egos, jumping from team to team to team more concerned about their own negotiations than their slump-battting average. Strikes, lockouts, teams moving? This was all balsphemy. All I had believed in was gone.

The new Opinion Page Editor of the Montclarion, there are a few words that I feel need to be written. The newspaper on these pages begins to stain the eyes of the campus community. There were several issues that surfaced throughout the last year of publication that I would like to express my thoughts on before any of these issues rise again.

A university newspaper is a voice for all of the university. In the coming weeks, the appearance of the Opinion Pages will change and evolve, with new faces integrated and old faces restored. The formats are always flexible and I hope that new ideas are constantly appearing.

There is a universe of issues waiting for us all. MSU is a world onto itself, but it is also a portrait that exists within a national and global frame. We will be speaking about more than MSU’s parking problems in the future. The Montclarion is fantastic for pointing to past failures of the SGA, but the newspaper has an eager sense of anticipation and I plan on giving America an all new look at the all of the credit that they deserve. In the larger frame, I plan to show the public that President Clinton’s overzealous genitals or his ability, in my opinion, his way out of committing perjury. Everyone still knows what perjury is, right? Good. Sometimes, when someone speaks of Clinton in a positive light, I begin to wonder.

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A fired OWL envisions a freshman orientation based on honesty

Table. However, the powers that be in the New Student Experience decided to kick out the fraternity and extend the punishment for another summer. Doesn’t that seem a bit harsh? Just because a few individuals make a mistake that gets overlooked every time the administration does it, an entire organization is punished for two years. Needless to say, as president of the fraternity, Buffer wasn’t favored among the dictators of the NSE. Shortly after the first orientation, when he refused to force his brothers to leave, he was fired over allegations that students were going up to his room. He wasn’t expected to do. I now have this old familiar urge to go home again and have a catch with my dad, or see how many houses away I can hit a tennis ball from my back yard. That’s certainly better than worrying about life’s trivial little worries, that far too often take up all of the time in our lives. Just maybe, baseball can help some of us recapture the child inside of us, and take us back to a simpler time after all, even if just for a little while.

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to MSU and the pages of The Montclarion for what I’m sure will be another exciting year. We are all looking forward to getting back to serving as a watchdog for the students of MSU, and keeping you informed of the world around you. Our doors are always open for new members, and new suggestions. Just remember, we’re not perfect, just students like you. Good luck to all of you with your classes this year, and keep reading!

I, as president Buffer, believe that the orientation this year was a total failure. Because it was shortened and there was so much to accomplish, the orientation got crowded and time constraints became a much bigger factor than they should have been. Imagine the difficulties you might encounter if you tried to squeeze three days worth of activities into a day and a half. Not only would everything be tight, but also you would burn out all of the students involved because they don’t get a chance to breathe.

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 originally 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 agree 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.

Some of the OWLs complained about me. I will not apologize for trying to be a leader and opposing NSE’s view-points for the sake of keeping one ideology from dominating the orientation. I have a big problem with adults who claim to be students and占地 all their time on people instead of approaching them in order to work out differences. Without any knowledge that people had problems with my attitude, I was unable to accommodate them. Also, I was unable to defend myself when the NSE representative charged with firing confronted me with this situation.

I’d like to change the focus of this essay for a moment to discuss some of the problems that I had with the orientation this year. First, every incoming student, regardless of whether or not they actually attended the orientation program, was charged a $100 orientation fee. In years past, only students who attended were charged. To me it only makes sense that you should only get charged for a service you actually receive.

Second, the program was shortened from three days to two. Because it was shortened and there was so much to accomplish, the orientation got crowded and time constraints became a much bigger factor than they should have been. Imagine the difficulties you might encounter if you tried to squeeze three days worth of activities into a day and a half. Not only would everything be tight, but also you would burn out all of the students involved because
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 Manson Family Day Camp nor the Partridge Family Day Camp. They’ll end up as maniacs on psychedelics, or maniacs 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.
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 however) while enjoying 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-GATHERINGS

Uncle Joe’s barbecue ... a shore trip with Grandma ... Visiting the cousins in the Hampton’s, or Long Island. All of these are healthy, natural ways of enjoying the surf, sand and sun with the people who will drive you crazier in the least amount of time—though I promise you, 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 a mild friction, but a relatively significant drift. This wasn’t “we’re going to the ocean in August” or “we’re going to a shore trip in July.” This was a shore trip with Grandma. Visiting the cousins in the Hampton’s, or Long Island. We were thirty years away from each other, but it was like we hadn’t seen each other in months. It kept getting chippier and chippier. We were closer than ever, but there was no love lost. And when they said “we’re going to the ocean in August,” we promised them that it would just be a “family BBQ with the cousins.” Little did we know that it would turn into “a shore trip with Grandma.”

SUNBURN

Itching, burning, pealing red skin is no fun to anyone unless you’re a boiled lobster or Idaho potato. Remember, suntan block is your friend, use it frequently.

SUMMERSTOCK

You’ve heard me rant about the movie field, so I think it only fair to give any other entertainment field the same critique. Have you ever been to a really bad summer stock company? It’s like the sunburn, but accentuated. The movies. For ’84, I remember “Ghostbusters.” “Footloose,” and even thought I didn’t completely understand what it was about, I was elated to see a movie that I wasn’t allowed to watch. The movie was 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 “Batman”, 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 wasted, “Godzilla” was coolly remade in hep, 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.

BAD SUMMER FOOD

You’ve been too busy to eat dinner this summer—so I think it only fair to give any other food field the same critique. Have you ever been to a really bad summer stock company? It’s like the sunburn, but accentuated. The movies. For ’84, I remember “Ghostbusters.” “Footloose, 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!

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.
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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. “I’m very pleased with the improvement of the players.”

“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 finesses 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.”

Holik demonstrated at full force to the young hockey players.

New Jersey Devil Bobby Holik address his eager players on the last day of the week long camp.

Bobby Holik with kids at his camp.

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Baseball falls just short of national title

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

By Kevin P. Hancock
Editor-in-Chief

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 Rembisz 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 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 Lee Finanmore. Pitcher Chris Keelin recorded two victories for MSU in the tourney.

At the World Series MSU played six games, putting up a record of 4-2 in the double-elimination tournament. Their first match-up came against South Region Champion, North Carolina Wesleyan, a game MSU won by a score of 8-3.

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 due to 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, snapping 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 match-up 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 Warrior 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 6, Aurora University 5

Sophomore Frank Francia laced a one-out single over a drawn-in infield to score the tying and go-ahead runs in the seventh inning, and MSU rode the relief pitching of freshman Steve Trongone for a thrilling 6-5 victory over Aurora on Tuesday, May 26. The Hawks rallied from a 5-3 deficit in the seventh inning to take the lead on Francia’s single and a double by Shawn McCorkle that cut the deficit to one. Trongone, who came on with one out in the sixth to give up three straight hits to lose MSU’s 3-1 lead, but then settled down to hold on to a 6-5 victory.

Montclair State 5, Cortland State 2

Sophomore Frank Francia continued his hot hitting by going 2-3 with an RBI and A.J. 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 Wyders for a 2-0 lead. Shawn McCorkle then followed with a RBI single for 3-0 lead, and a sacrifice fly by Alex Bosch 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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