Montclair State has become a miniature city, as can be seen by its adoption of a one-way traffic system that is hoped to reduce the number of auto accidents.

In addition to the new traffic system, two new parking lots have been constructed, one directly behind the Student Center and the other lot in the far end of the quarry.

The part four years, now is time for someone else to take over," Hecht declared. He asserted that "I would not be as successful if we have mass resignations."

Hecht was appointed by the six-man fact finding committee was appointed by the SGA legislature to run the station until a board of governors could be elected.

Hecht and Lawrion Blanton, dean of students, asked MSC president David W.D. Dickson for permission to begin broadcasting in August. Dickson raised some questions concerning station programming. The president, Hecht stated, wanted more academic input into the station in the form of educational programming.

However, after Hecht left the meeting, Dickson informed Blanton that all station programming was to be cleared through the speech and theater chairman Karl Moll.

Blanton relayed this information to Hecht. "We felt that the president should have spoken to the station directly rather than through the dean," Hecht emphasized.

When the station brought their complaints to the SGA, SGA president Michael Masline met with the president. Masline stated that the president accepted the position that students must remain in control of all station operations.

However, Masline agreed to allow college input into the board of governors through a college representative. The original proposal called for the professional advisor as college representative, Masline mentioned. He continued that he will propose to the SGA legislature, that the agreement be amended, to make the advisor an ex officio (non-voting) member of the board.

A SEARCH is in progress for that advisor, Hecht related. He pointed out that "work is going slowly and we do not expect to be finished for about one month."

Hecht, who according to Masline, will remain in charge until elections can be held, concluded that no major decisions, including going on the air, will be made until the advisor is hired.
You are cordially invited to the first meeting of the College Life Union Board on Thursday, September 12 in the Student Center Meeting Rooms at 4 pm.

Carnival Catacomb Cinema Concerts Homecoming Lectures Recreation Special Affairs
Students Find Fewer Registration Hassles

By Ann Karen McLean and John Picinich

MSC students who attended last week's change of program saw a system more streamlined and less complicated than last semester's registration period.

TODAY, THURS., SEPT. 5

Despite long lines that have become indicative of an MSC registration period, students for the most part received greater satisfaction than in the past in obtaining the course changes they desired. Once inside the gym, the students found their change requests made in relatively little time.

THIS SENTIMENT of satisfaction expressed by the majority of students is shared by Marshall Butler, registrar.

The registrar attributes this year's successful registration period to the practice of early billing of students. Quick payment of school bills resulted in the distribution of schedules well in advance of the change of program.

The registrar noted that the cooperation of students in reporting to registration according to their priorities added to the efficiency of the procedure.

The only major problem in this semester's registration program was the availability of too few courses for the total fall enrollment figure. This problem, however, has plagued students in past semesters.

THE SIZE of the fall enrollment added to the problem of classroom space, which affects the number of courses that can conceivably be offered at any one time.

The part-time and graduate student enrollment figure reached $500,000, thus compounding the problem.

Butler intends to raise the issue of class size at the next college council meeting. However he expressed some doubt that his influence alone can do much to alleviate a problem that actually lies within the various schools of the college itself.

The registrar noted that more than 1000 of the 2700 new students at MSC did not pre-register. This caused "somewhat of a delay in the scheduling," said Butler.

Freemen and transfer students carry a program of less complicated registration complications, as in the past. The lack of experience in the workings of the college may cause some freshmen to become discouraged.

Butler said that there were a smaller number of disgruntled students during registration than there were in past registration periods.

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The resignation of Richard M. Nixon as President of the United States on Aug. 8, 1974, was certainly not a surprise to most people. Media speculation for two straight days before, pressure by congressmen, coupled with the president’s own admission earlier in the week of withholding evidence made the resignation seem almost inevitable.

There were those who gloated at the news—now Nixon really had been kicked around for the last time. Nixon’s political and personal enemies had won the last battle. But if the struggle and trial of Watergate were merely a personal vendetta against the man who won in ’72 by a record landslide, was it necessary to put the entire country through the shame of such a scandal?

There were those who rejoiced in Nixon’s resignation, claiming that at last we had proof that the democratic system which makes America, well, America, really does work. But Nixon’s resignation was not an impeachment of a president through a Senate trial—the full workings of the constitution were not put into operation. Nixon’s resignation, then, was the pressuring of a man to such an unbearable degree that he was forced to give up the highest office in the land.

There were those who sorrowed at the occurrence, terming it a tragedy for the nation. The actual resignation could not have been a tragedy; but was rather a cleansing of the system, ridding it of a dark spot and allowing the shine of openness and honesty return to the presidency. It would have been more tragic for Nixon to remain in office and pull the nation through the agony and expense of an impeachment and Senate trial.

There were those who claimed they felt sorry for Nixon, as a person, and sorry for his family. True, his family were the innocents, but then so were we who innocently paid taxes which in part went to remodeling the house of a man with a $200,000 per year salary who was illegally withholding his own tax revenues.

There are those who still feel sorry for Nixon, who feel that he has suffered enough. Which brings us to the question. It is curious that, along with the issue of pardoning the former president, the issue of amnesty for draft dodgers has also surfaced strongly. The “Equality under the law” that is supposed to be the backbone of American justice will be tested quite publicly.

If Nixon should be tried and sentenced, then so should those who fled to foreign countries as deserters or draft dodgers. By the same token, if Nixon should be left alone to face the music, then so should the White House staff members were in the public thoughts constantly because of illegal bugging tactics, break-ins and cover-ups.

At that time I stated that “I just have a hard time believing that the President knew absolutely nothing of these activities.” My personal feelings proved to be correct.

This summer, history was made. The most important event in our nation’s history since the signing of the Declaration of Independence was the resignation of a President of the United States, the resignation of Richard Milhous Nixon.

Mr. Nixon was forced out of the Presidency because of popular feeling that he was no longer to be trusted. In my opinion, the people of this great nation had to use Mr. Nixon as an example for future generations. We had to establish the fact that no one man nor group can dictate and carry out his own private law. Nixon’s abuse of power and position it now holds within the college community.

There were two basic paths that SGA can pursue. One of those paths is contentment with SGA’s current status and remain stagnant with what power and position it now holds within the college community.

Last year a member of the former SGA administration expressed the opinion that the time had come for the SGA to get off the hill. I feel we are off the hill and should begin to climb the mountain.

SGA has made several positive and significant accomplishments within the last two years. It has established its credibility and influence at MSC. The time has arrived when the students of the institution can have a more important role and identity than ever before.

PATHS

There are basically two paths that SGA can pursue. One of those paths is contentment with SGA’s current status and remain stagnant with what power and position it now holds within the college community.

However, I feel that SGA’s responsibility to MSC students demands constant awareness and innovation. We have arrived at a point when we can continue to expand our scope of responsibility, concern and influence on the campus.

Our presence and power can also be further extended to areas outside the campus. Issues that affect students as citizens are set of concern to the SGA and denote our involvement in these events. I contend that the SGA pursue and fulfill the second path.

EFFECTS

We have to concentrate our efforts on encompassing and serving as many student problems and issues as may exist. SGA must continue to make itself available and accessible to every channel, avenue and means of opportunity for each student. Of course this direction is neither easy nor uncomplicated. It is probably the most challenging and rewarding decision ever undertaken by the SGA.

When the choice is whether to remain where we are, not grow and adjust, as opposed to attempting to innovate and change, the choice is obviously for us to grow and confront our responsibilities as they arise. Change has never occurred in our system the way we would like it to. It takes time and effort.

One thing you can be sure of is that SGA will not remain inimical or immovable in the coming year. The direction we should take should always be of a positive and decisive nature. I am sure that this year’s SGA will be positive and decisive in every action it undertakes.

The MONTCLARION reserves the right to edit all letters for style and brevity.
MSC Reaction Varies to Nixon’s Resignation

By Joan Hekkerzak

For the first time in the 194-year history of the United States, a president resigned the highest office in the land; but certainly not for the first time in American history did the population express varying viewpoints on an issue.

Reacting to Richard Nixon’s resignation and Gerald Ford’s assumption of the presidency were likewise mixed at Montclair State College, ranging from ‘sad’ to ‘very pleased.’

BOTH WAYS

MSC’s President, Dr. David Dickson, explained that he felt “both sad and yet satisfied. Sad about the plight of a family and satisfied because I felt a horrendous situation about the health of the government was ended.”

Dickson remarked that the “government was immobilized” and that the domestic problems of the economy, transportation and ecological concerns went by the wayside as Nixon “was getting increasingly defensive.”

DISAPPOINTED

“Sad about the plight of a family and satisfied because I felt a horrendous situation about the health of the government was ended.”

Dickson did state that he “was more impressed than I expected to be with the judiciary committee hearings.” Dickson expressed a similar reaction, emphasizing that he felt a new sense of respect for the intelligence and integrity of the members of the committee.

Dickson commented that he felt a feeling of buoyancy in the knowledge that “the (democratic) system did work remarkably well.” However, the MSC president stressed that “We’re not going to solve the problems of crime in the streets by making any scapegoats while white collar crimes are being committed.”

REPORTAGE

Even Computers Need A Vacation Sometimes

By Michael Hatem

I had been looking forward to my senior year at MSC with the usual blend of anxiety and anticipation. I had told myself that the worst was behind me; now things were going to go my way.

But as soon as my schedule arrived in the mail, complete with eight credits, I realized that I had been suffering from delusions of grandeur. The registrar’s office, or someone or thing directly related, had most likely thrown the wrench into my plans.

REASON

Certainly there is a reason for the yearly confusion concerning fall registration. After all, everyone takes at least a few days off to head for the beaches and lakes, especially the computer programmers. Perhaps even the computer goes along.

And inevitably, the air conditioning breaks down at least once, resulting in sweat damage to many of the already misguided keypunch cards. Certainly the registrar’s office is off the hook, since the computer operations are farmed out. And now run the machine with all the new, fresh folders.

But whatever the ultimate reason, someone (or thing) did it again. Judging by the lines on both days that I was at the annual picnic called “change of program,” plenty of other derelicts were in the same boat.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Newcomers to the MSC family were surprised to discover that the old registration sickness, hangovers and sweat damage to orange drink. It’s as good an explanation as I’ve heard for both phenomena.

Well, some things always seem to change: prices, textbooks for the same course when you’re trying to sell books and the length of the trip in your pants. Other things, such as registration deadlines, hangovers and the locations of the rest rooms, all remain the same.

Mike Messina, SGA president, reflected a stronger viewpoint. “It (resignation) was the best thing he (Nixon) could have done.”

A BIT LESS

Eam voiced a contrary opinion when he called the speech “less than candid and less than complete.” But, the bespectacled administrator added, “the fact that he made the speech itself” was meaningful.

Eam did state that he “was more impressed than I expected to be with the judiciary committee hearings.” Dickson acknowledged that “President Ford has enormous problems both at home and abroad.” Concerning Ford’s assaults on inflation, Dickson commented, “I thought it was one of the most sincere and one of the best speeches he ever made.”

However, he felt that there are “still some kinks to be ironed out” of the machinery. “When you spend 15 times more for defense than education, you’ve got to consider the priorities,” he stressed.

PROBLEMS

Dickson acknowledged that “President Ford has enormous problems both at home and abroad.” Concerning Ford’s assault on inflation, Dickson commented, “I think he’s doing right, but I’m not sure he’s doing enough.”

Having resided in Michigan for more than 20 years, Dickson spoke of Ford’s image in his home state. He’s a traditional, unimaginative, party worker; not a philosophical intellectual.” The MSC president described Ford as “a likable guy” and “a stable man,” as opposed to the showoff of his predecessor.

Messina remarked concerning the nomination of former New York governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to the vice-presidency. Messina noted that “both of these men know exactly what they’re doing in politics.” He also felt that the Ford-Rockefeller combination portrayed two large representative sections of the American people.

SURPRISED

Messina said that the choice of Rockefeller surprised him. “Rocky had been involved in too many things in New York. I think the movement now is towards honesty and integrity and Rocky just doesn’t fit the bill.” Messina said with a shake of his head.

Houston G. Elam, dean of the School of Professional Arts and Sciences, echoed Messina’s sentiments. In an interview last week, Elam stated that he was “very pleased” and that the former president’s actions “showed good sense on his part.”

“I knew with all that was going on that either he would have been forced to fall or resigned,” claimed SGA vice-president Manny Menendez. “It is a wise thing to do would be to resign.”

Menendez had praise for the nationally televised resignation speech. “I felt it was one of the most sincere and one of the best speeches he ever made,” the vice-president explained. “It was the first time we saw President Nixon as a regular person.”

Montclairion/Thurs., Sept. 5, 1974
By Mike Finnegan

Paul Zindel's "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" is a precariously balanced wisp of a play. In its current production, Players makes of it a teetering balancing act.

As MATILDA, Esther Blackford comes off last because of her sincere interpretation of a sensitive child. Her inherent love for her mother is always obvious, although her supposed exhilaration at the marvelous line "Aton...stom...what a beautiful word!" seems curiously hollow.

Ray Dooley's lighting effects do not always accentuate the characters and their emotions.

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" will be performed tonight through Saturday at 8 pm in Memorial Auditorium and often, as perhaps in this case, balancing acts derive more suspense from teetering near-misses than from smooth-going.

Beware 'Terminal Man'

Beware films, especially science-fiction epics, that get caught up in their own self-importance. They end up as dull and disappointing as Mike Hodges' film version of Michael Crichton's novel "The Terminal Man."

The book, merely a suspense thriller with a touch of Crichton's medical expertise, contained none of the self-indulgent touches that writer-producer-director Hodges employs to make the movie adaptation a pretentious warning against encroaching mind control.

SCIENTIST HARRY Benson (George Segal) suffers from mental blackouts during which he becomes violent and homicidal. However, the computer electrodes implanted in his brain to curb these tendencies unexpectedly amplify them to the point that he becomes a murderous automaton.

After the operation, Benson conveniently murders his fiancée, giving Hodges the excuse to film a gory, slow-motion stabbing on a rumbling waterbed. Benson also bumps off a priest, allowing Hodges to show a scene of the fugitive ripping off the altar linens while staggering out of the church vestry. The film's most trite touch finds Benson being cornered and killed in an open grave into which he has stumbled. (Due to dust, right? The metaphors simply slay you.)

The performances of Segal and Joan Hackett as the token girl-Friday scientist opposed to the token girl-Friday scientist opposed to the operation are as antiseptic and listless as the script. (If anything, the book possessed a tight, breakneck pace.) Segal must have been fighting off hysterics when Hodges told him to smash up a machine in robot-like fashion while shouting in an automatic whine "Let it stop! Let it stop!"

In this age of too many glossy-and-doom, cynically clinical and overly self-important sci-fi flicks, Hodges should have listened. —Finnegan

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FOOTBALL - All interested candidates for freshman football should contact coach Clay Anderson in the athletic office as soon as possible.

WOMEN'S TENNIS - New coach Lynda Galante will welcome any MSC females to the team's tryout sessions, today and tomorrow, Sept. 5, 6, in Panther Gym at 4 pm.

BASKETBALL - Anyone interested in women's basketball is welcome to attend the organizational meeting on Tues., Sept. 10, in Panther Gym.

WEIGHTLIFTING - Anyone interested in olympic or power lifting, general conditioning can attend the first meeting of the weightlifting club on Wed., Sept. 11, in Panther Gym Room 4B at 4 pm. Those who can't make it can see Barry Hennis.

FIELD HOCKEY - The Squaws hold their organizational meeting for all candidates for sub-varsity and varsity teams on Fri., Sept. 6, at 3:30 pm, in the Panther Gym lobby.

SILC Worms into Season

By John Delery

People (freshmen or otherwise) who spend their spare time just searching anywhere for a party, may be interested in what the Student Intramural and Leisure Council (SILC) has to offer. With a wide variety of activities ranging from football to pinochle they have just about everything to suit anyone's taste.

SILC is one of the country's few student run and student controlled intramural programs. The ruling body or SILC Council, decides and plans all the intramural activities on this campus. Along with the executive branch led by senior president Stu Richter, it is responsible for running leagues in football, basketball, softball, bowling, volleyball and more. The list is so numerous that it is almost as long as the number of Westgate conspirators.

APPLICATIONS ARE on hand right now for a tennis tournament, a touch football league (coed and men's), and a bowling league. The third annual tennis tournament will be played on Sept. 14 and 18 at the MSC court with the rain date set for one week later. Categories include men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles.

A coed and men's bowling league will also begin on Mon., Sept. 10 at 4 pm. Teams consist of four people at a cost of $8 per person a week. The league will split into two divisions. The first will include those teams with an average of 550 or more while Division II consists those teams with an average of 549 and less.

ALL TEAMS will be put under a handicap system to level off the competition. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each division and to the men's and women's high game, average, and series. The leading team in each division will have their name engraved on SILC's All Campus Trophy.

Beginning on Sept. 23 for every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the season, Bohn Hall Field and Fielder Field will be used by members of the coed and men's football league. A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 players will constitute a team with six members playing at a time.

Some rule differences occur in the coed league. Teams have to announce the numbers before the snap of the ball and no kicking is allowed. All other men's rules apply.

APPLICATIONS ARE also being received for both basketball leagues (three men and five men), a badminton tournament, a pinochle league and a Roller Skating Night. All take place some time in October.

Applications for these and all SILC events can be picked up at either the SILC office on the fourth floor of the Student Center, the Intramural office in the basement of College High or at the Student Center Information desk.

But besides running activities for the students the SILC office also offers job opportunities at either game officials or scorekeepers. Applying for such takes only a few minutes with Richter, the head official, passing a short rules quiz and a floor test. If accepted, both positions earn $3 a game which is paid by check every two weeks.

And as soon as the staff is organized the gym will be opened on nights and weekends with equipment provided for use by any student with a valid MSC ID card.

The first meeting of SILC will be on Tues., Sept. 10 at 3 pm, in the Purple Conference room on the fourth floor of the Center. So as Richter says, "Come in and see what Intramurals are all about."