News Briefs

Officers Elected

The freshman class met to elect their class officers during activity period September 18. Elected were: David Edwards, president; Margi Santen, vice president; Charlottetown, secretary; and Ken Daly, treasurer.

Wednesday, September 24, the senior class elected Bill Ober, president; Gerry Hausler, vice president; Charlotte Kaplan, secretary, and Jeff Lind, treasurer. Officers chosen by the sophomore class Thursday, September 25, were Larry Full, president; Sara Boosoff, vice president; Ani Shahinian, secretary, and John Polydouris, treasurer.

SENIORS TO COMPETE

Seniors will be taking the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test, Wednesday, October 8. Some 1939 Regents Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic performance on the examination and financial need.

Sophis Plan Dance

Tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 10, is an all-school dance to be sponsored by the sophomore class. The dance is planned for Bruhacker Hall and a band will be featured.

Commendation for Four

Four Milne seniors pictured from left below: Ralph Benko, Patricia Hr, Kathy Souls, and Larry Patent, were selected by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to receive letters of commendation for their performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They were the only members of the senior class to score above 123 on the test, the necessary score for receiving an award.

Latin Speakers Ahead

The Latin Club held its first meeting on Thursday, September 25. Speakers to talk on mythology and archaeology have been planned for future meetings.

New Teachers Add to Milne Diversity

From Dr. William G. Short, whose extensive studies have taken him to institutions of learning throughout the United States and to Madrid, to Miss Barbara Brown, a novice teacher, Milne students have six new teachers to become acquainted with.

Dr. Short, Modern Foreign Language Education Coordinator, would like to make the study of foreign languages at Milne “pleasant as possible for the student.” Prior to coming to Milne, Dr. Short held the post of foreign language department chairman of Central High School District No. 3. He is impressed by the students at Milne and feels that here one finds “the ideal number of students” for teaching purposes.

Dr. Short has recently received his Ph.D. with a specialization in the Romance languages of groups in America at the Seminary of American Studies of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madrid. His dissertation dealt with the linguistic and economic problems of the southwest United States with emphasis on the Navajo tribe.

Dr. Short wrote his first book in recent work, El Pueblo Navajo, which was published this year. Another book is to be published either this or next year.

Mr. Richard Oleniczak, the new science supervisor, replacing Mr. Brian, who is on leave while he is being regularly taught at Linton High School in Schenectady where he is teaching supervised a motorcycle club.

Mr. Oleniczak received his B.A. and M.A. from S.U.N.Y. at Albany, and student-taught at Milne. At Milne he finds Milne more relaxed and noisy than Linton, but he attributes the noise to the fact that Milne has both junior and senior high students while Linton is strictly a high school.

“Fall sports, especially football,” are what he misses most at Milne, and he admits he still follows Linton’s football team closely. He also misses the opportunity to teach classes and to get to know the students.

Mrs. Barbara Schermerhorn, a new biology supervisor at Milne, attended Utica College, the State University of New York at Oneonta, Hartwick College, and the Graduate School of the University of New York at Albany. She received her bachelors degree in Chemistry and her masters in Biology.

Before coming to Milne, Mrs. Schermerhorn taught at Richmondville Central School. When asked her thoughts after teaching at Milne for a few weeks she replied that she found Milne’s system of teaching “compact.”

Also entering the Milne scene is Miss Anne Loucks who is taking the place of retired Milne librarian, Miss Mabel Jackman. Miss Loucks, who has been a teacher for 20 years, did her undergraduate work at Skidmore College and her graduate work at SUNY. Miss Loucks thinks Milne are well mannered, intelligent and well dressed.

Prior to coming here, Miss Loucks taught at Hackett Junior High School, Albany.

Mr. James Brush is taking over for Mr. William Herold, who is on sabbatical for this year. Mr. Brush went to college at SUNY. He thinks teaching at Milne is an “honor.” He feels Milne is “a great place” and thinks Milne students average far above average people.” Mr. Brush, formerly taught at Central Park J.H.S., and Oneida in Schenectady.

To Miss Brown, of Milne girls’ physical education department, the students are “wonderful, very cooperative and very friendly.” She finds Milne girls’ attitude toward all sports programs last year as well as to add others, and wishes that more girls would participate in intramural sports.

A member of the class of 1969 of East Stroudsburg State College, Pennsylvania, she received her B.S. in health as well as physical education. When asked the importance of physical education to girls, she replied, “Girls have just as great a need to be physically fit as boys do.”

She believes that in developing their habits, shapes, and cooperation with team members, physical education is of indispensable importance to the teen-aged girl.

To Inform Parents

By Sandy Levitz

Senior Parents’ Night will be Monday, October 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss such subjects as the Regents Scholarship Exam, college admissions procedures, and the nature of colleges of various types. Senior privileges and ceremonies are also on the agenda for discussion. A career opportunity program will be outlined for interested seniors.

It is hoped that this meeting will provide parents an opportunity to clear up any questions they may have. Mr. Pessinko, Mr. Bur, Dr. Short, and Miss Murray will be present to provide information and answer any questions presented by the parents. Seniors are requested to urge their parents to attend.

Back by Popular Demand

By Ralph Benko

With the return of Mr. Weeks, the Milne Drama Club recommenced its 1969-70 year in high gear.

The thespian society, which is open to all students in the senior high school, will present its last play in conjunction with the senior class, entitled A Thumper Carnival, Saturday, November 22. All students in grades 7 through 12 are encouraged to audition. Rehearsal will commence on October 15.

Mr. Weeks also mentioned the fact that, as Richardson little theatre now belongs to the club, the Drama Club will probably use it for some original short plays later in the year.

In addition to the more immediate plans, a trip to New York City and to Stratford, Connecticut are tentatively scheduled.

Hockey to Soccer

By Kathy Souls

Page Field, in addition to everything else, is now the sight of girls’ sports intramurals. Open to seventh and eighth graders, practice is on Mondays and Fridays. Older girls may possibly be admitted.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thurs­days intramural hockey is furnished with the assistance of Miss Gloria Mazur, a junior at S.U.N.Y. A Girls’ who want to take part in intramural matches should attend all three practices each week.

Saturday, September 27, Milne girls in grades nine through twelve attended a hockey clinic at Scotia-Glenville High School where they learned new hockey skills and had the opportunity of playing many different teams.

Field hockey and soccer games are scheduled at Lansingburgh and Voorheesville, October 15 and 21 respectively.
Portrait of a Principal

Upon walking into the office of the principal, one gets the impression of wide open spaces and happiness. The headquarters of the new warden of Milne bespeaks the change with which we are all so familiar.

The freshly painted walls of the desk, the new furniture and the sense of cleanliness that it will be difficult to administer punishment here, due to the cheerfulness of the surroundings.

And the man behind the desk, smiling in a characteristic manner is Mr. Bowler. Mr. Bowler is doing a repeat performance as principal, having substituted for a year when Dr. Fossiek was on leave. This was three years ago.

About that time, there have been many changes at Milne, the most obvious being the more casual manner of dress. While not enthusiastic about the new fashions, Mr. Bowler states that he doesn't mind the long hair and dressing prints on his clothes.

Before coming to the Milne school, he was a district principal for 19 years, so playing "second fiddle" is something of a new experience for him. He reports that the staff and students are taking it far too easy.